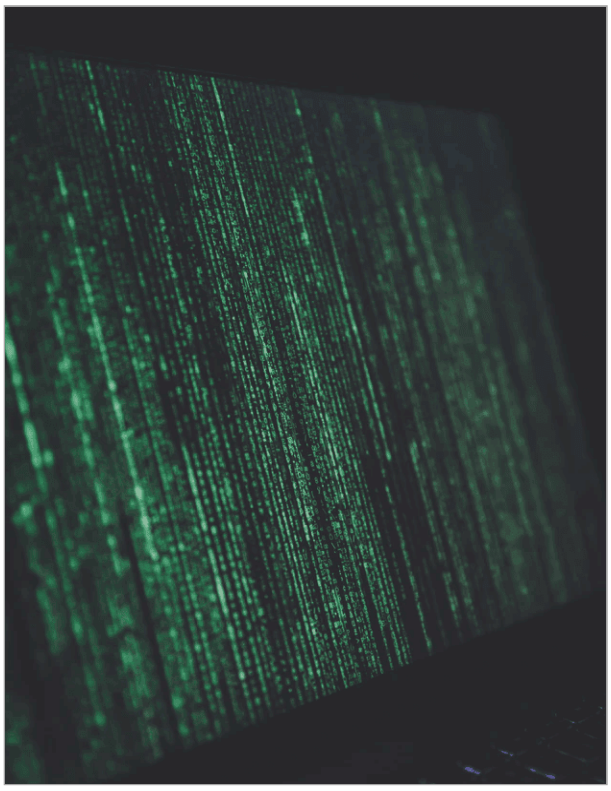


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NYC tech jobs for all types: Improve education across the board

In this Daily News op-ed, CUF Executive Director Jonathan Bowles and Tech:NYC Executive Director Julie Samuels call on city leaders to commit to a bold, long-term agenda to expand and improve the tech skills-building ecosystem.

by Jonathan Bowles and Julie Samuels

New York City's growing tech industry has become the city's most reliable source of new good-paying jobs. But despite major strides, many low-income New Yorkers don't have access to the education and training they need to land these jobs. In this op-ed for the *New York Daily News*, CUF Executive Director Jonathan Bowles and Tech:NYC Executive Director Julie Samuels call on city leaders to commit to a bold, long-term agenda to expand and improve New York's tech skills-building ecosystem, starting with K–12 computing education. They also urge policymakers to expand postsecondary tech education and in-depth tech workforce training programs that can make a tech career accessible to more low-income New Yorkers and help grow a more diverse and inclusive tech workforce.

Read the op-ed in the Daily News.

This op-ed builds on the Center for an Urban Future's extensive research on expanding access to tech careers, including the recent report *Plugging In: Building NYC's Tech Education & Training Ecosystem*, which was written in partnership with **Tech:NYC** and generously supported by the **Robin Hood Learning + Technology Fund**, **Google**, **Bloomberg**, and **Verizon**.

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