



# Hutch Tech JROTC



**July, 2019 – Hutch Tech JROTC Summer 2019** By: Cadets *Azhane Bridges & Kinja Bagalwa*



The Hutch Tech Army JROTC Summer Character Development Program is off to another amazing start! Learning does not stop during the summer for JROTC cadets! It continues through various summer learning programs. Establishing and building relationships and trust is paramount to a strong foundation in any organization. Our summer program began the last week of June with a 4 day trip to the JROTC Cadet Leadership Challenge (JCLC) held at Camp Pioneer, in Angola NY. Here the cadets joined 7 other schools from NY and participated in events such as, zip lining, rappelling, land navigation, swimming, and leadership reaction course. The purpose of camp was for the cadets to build their leadership & life skills.

After JCLC the Hutch Tech JROTC hosted a three week Junior Leadership Course (JLC) for incoming freshmen. The three weeks included: An overview of the JROTC program. The core principles of leadership, communication, and the importance of physical wellness. In addition to this students had an opportunity to meet their future classmates and participate in team building activities. The freshmen become familiar with the Hutch Tech building, normal class activities, and the Hutch Tech standards that will prepare them for their first year in their new high school. Partnering with the Mayor's Summer Youth Program upper level cadets taught lessons on character development, physical fitness, and establishing personal goals. Mentoring played a huge role in building individual bonds between the incoming freshmen and the cadets.



The month of August is packed with other opportunities for cadets. We have partnered up with UNYTS and the cadets will facilitate a summer blood drive on August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The Cadets have a STEM field trip scheduled for August 14<sup>th</sup>, at Thermo Fisher Scientific, in Grand Island NY. The Cadets also have a week long team/relationship building event Aug 19-23. That includes a trip to Holiday Valley Sky High Adventure Park, and another 3 day team building event back at Camp Pioneer in Angola NY. Cadets will also assist in the facilitation of the Hutch Tech Freshmen Academy. The cadets will work with incoming freshmen as part of a reception and integration program; facilitating icebreakers, team building and inclusion activities, tours of the building, and offering insight on how to be successful at Hutch Tech. As part of the SY 19/20 service learning project, select cadets will participate in a historical staff ride/STEM field trip. Cadets will tours sites at Lexington and Concord, and Historical Boston MA areas Aug 25-28. The STEM portion of the trip will include a tour of MIT Lincoln Laboratories in Lexington MA.

More than 100 students will participate over the summer. Twenty of these as employees of the Mayor Summer



Youth program who served as the primary facilitators, while also managing the operational, logistical, and administrative aspects of the program. These twenty and all the cadets that help are instrumental in building a solid foundation of unity, inclusion, respect, as we established and built upon strong relationships for the upcoming school year! The ultimate goal is to establish and strengthen new relationships among the returning cadets and incoming freshmen before the start of new school year.

***We would like to thank all the cadets who are participating in the events and have challenged themselves through our summer programs!***

***"Learning to Lead"***