



## **Robin Partners with CUNY's Guttman Community College providing Future Educators with On-the-job SEL Training**

**Tuesday, September 12, NYC** - Robin is pleased to announce a new Fieldwork Internship Program with Stella and Charles Guttman Community College, a part of the City University of New York (CUNY). In its inaugural year, Robin will welcome an intern to the team for the 2023/2024 academic year. The student will earn credit as part of their Human Services Field Study Program, which integrates class and field work.

"I am very excited to welcome our first Guttman CUNY intern to the Robin team! My own experience transitioning from the career services office at Guttman to Robin has been seamless in that both teams have been so supportive and encouraging," said Ahiela Watson, Client Connection Manager at Robin and the Fieldwork Internship Program supervisor. "I look forward to bringing that energy to our schools in NYC both in English and in Spanish."

Student interns will have the opportunity to take their learning in the classroom and apply it to a real-world professional experience. This will allow them to explore potential career paths in education, broaden their perspectives and acquire on-the-job skills necessary to succeed in the field. The interns will assist Robin Coaches in NYC Public Schools to implement Robin's unique coach-practice framework for connecting and improving the mental, social and emotional well-being of everyone in the school community. This comprehensive intern program aims to encourage and provide opportunities for more students, and particularly students of color, to enter the field of education.

"Robin's mission to help build more connected, supportive and compassionate school communities starts with developing skills to build healthy relationships. These skills can be coached and practiced through an intentional social-emotional curriculum for students, educators and families," said Linda Thompson, VP of Product and Customer Success. "Our partnership with Guttman Community College is the first step in building our Future Educators Initiative, which introduces students who are interested in education to the power of connection in the school community, and helps them learn and teach social-emotional skill-building as part of the internship process."

### **About Guttman Community College**

Stella and Charles Guttman Community College was CUNY's first new community college in more than forty years. Reimagining what community college could be, Guttman opened its doors in Manhattan in August 2012 to create a research-based, innovative model focused on moving students efficiently toward graduation. Offering associate degree programs in a nurturing environment, the College's three-year graduation rate consistently surpasses the national average, and most graduates transfer to senior colleges. Guttman is federally designated as a Hispanic-serving institution and minority-serving institution with more than 85% of the student population identifying as Latine or Black/African American. The College was named the best community college in America in 2020 and the top community college in New York State for 2020, 2021 and 2022 by Niche.com and other ranking agencies. Visit [guttman.cuny.edu](https://guttman.cuny.edu) for more information.

### **About Robin**

Robin is the mental well-being solution that starts with building connection. Healthy relationships are critical to creating a culture of belonging where everyone can thrive. Reflecting the diverse group of school communities we serve, Robin coaches connect with students, educators, school staff and families through an integrated program that features group coaching and real-world curriculum. This unique approach strengthens the entire community by teaching critical life skills such as conflict resolution, perspective-taking and healthy social media use. To learn more or schedule a time to connect, please visit us at [www.my-robin.com](https://www.my-robin.com).

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