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UNDER HER OWN S.T.E.A.M.

Adah Steward has fond memories of growing up in Newark, New Jersey—plays at Symphony Hall, art at Newark Museum, fashion shows at the Robert Treat hotel—but one memory that has really stuck with the HR consultant for Workforce Analytics at PSEG was watching her grandmother and parents feed and provide clothes for strangers and offer words of encouragement.

“We didn’t have much, but my parents and grandmother always taught me to give whatever I had to offer to someone in need,” said Steward.

Her family’s commitment to the community played a big part in her own commitment to help children succeed in life.

As a child, Steward experimented with lab kits and loved Popular Mechanics magazine. Her interest in technology and affinity for computers led her to volunteer with Girls Who Code, an organization that helps to close the gender gap in the technology industry by exposing teen girls to computer coding.

Steward has taken her volunteerism one step further by starting her own nonprofit, E.S.T.E.A.M. Kidz, to help students learn basic math, science and technology concepts.

Empowering Students To Excel and Achieve More is an afterschool enrichment program that focuses on student empowerment by using art to expose students to science, technology, engineering and math fundamentals.

“I believe there is greatness in Newark’s youth, and it’s my responsibility to give back and encourage more students to get involved in building better futures for themselves and their community. These students might even end up being engineers at PSEG, helping to maintain and build the electric and gas systems needed to power New Jersey,” said Steward.

Steward with North Star Academy–Clinton Hill students participating in Girls Who Code, an organization committed to closing the gender gap in technology careers.