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## Ford Partners with Banner West to Teach Students Work Skills

**CHICAGO-** Rep. La Shawn K Ford, D-Chicago, is partnering with Banner West High School through Chicago Public School's Attendance Grant. The grant allots \$29,700 to fund 20 workforce development positions from February 2015-June 2015. Through this partnership, students will learn community coordinating and logistical skills.

Banner West High School Principal Byron Stingily applauded Representative Ford and Chicago Public Schools (CPS) for the great opportunity. "The Banner Academy community is very grateful for the positive career pathways both Rep. Ford and CPS are providing our students," Stingily said. "This will enable them to "learn as they earn". We appreciate the additional care and support. This will contribute to our student's future success as they work to develop the necessary habits for achievement."

Students will learn the basic work that goes into community coordinating, such as establishing and maintaining relationships, how to navigate and post through community calendars, when and how to use media contacts, preparing research and Excel spreadsheets, and how to present oneself professionally.

"I am excited for Banner West students to get a head start on job and life skills," Ford said. "I believe we can show our youth how to work with the community on issues that are important to all. I hope this experience will give the students the necessary tools to be our future community leaders."

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