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Making Dreams a Reality: Synchrony Teams Up with Future 5 to Empower Students in Stamford

STAMFORD, Conn., June 11, 2025 /PRNewswire/ -- Synchrony (NYSE: <u>SYF</u>), a premier consumer financial services company headquartered in Stamford, this week joined students and community leaders to celebrate the opening of the new <u>Future 5</u> hub. Located in the heart of downtown, the hub is just one facet of Synchrony's partnership with Future 5 and will be a space for disconnected Stamford High School students to link with their community, peers, and coaches to work toward college, careers, and future success.



A 2023 <u>report</u> highlighted that approximately 1 in 5 young people aged 14 to 26 in Connecticut were disconnected or at risk of disconnection from employment and education institutions. Synchrony's funding and collaboration with Future 5 for the last four years aims to bridge that gap through skills building and education. This year, 65 high school seniors in the Future 5 program received more than 400 college acceptances to 117+ different colleges and universities.

In an effort to prepare students for the skills and careers of the future, Future5 is also a <u>Synchrony Skills Academy</u> partner. Students participate in the after-school Tech Accelerator Program, offered in partnership with <u>District Arts and Education (DAE</u>), to develop new skills in digital content creation, full-stack engineering, STEM, robotics, Gen AI and 3D printing. Located at the Synchrony headquarters in Stamford, students also gain real-world corporate office exposure. A handful of participants have even been hired by Synchrony as full-time employees.

"My journey at Future 5 has had an incredible impact on my life and my future. Not only have I found a community to belong to, but I've also made strong friendships and important connections along the way," said Nico Ortiz, Future 5 Student from Westhill High School and entering Freshman at Quinnipiac University. "Our new space has made my experience at Future 5 even more enjoyable, and I am grateful to Synchrony for helping to make our new house a home."

"Synchrony supports hundreds of thousands of American businesses in reaching their dreams through financing opportunities, and here in our home state, we're committed to giving students access to educational opportunities to achieve their dreams," said Sue Bishop, Chief Corporate Affairs Officer, Synchrony. "Future success for so many Stamford students starts here, and we're thrilled to be a part of so many assets of Future 5's growth."

This month, Synchrony is also supporting Future 5 with a group of cross-functional volunteers as part of its Business Leadership Program's month of service. During this unique experience, employees take a fully-paid month away from their desks to work side by side with local nonprofits to develop long-lasting solutions that leave an impact on the community.

For more information about Synchrony's impact in Connecticut and beyond, visit: <u>https://synchronyimpact.com</u>.

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