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## Professionals Attend the Inaugural Tri-State Veterans Summit

On November 6, 2015, the Tri-State Diversity Council held its Inaugural Veterans Summit in New York City, New York. The Veterans Summit is targeted towards business leaders and strives to teach organizational representatives how to develop best practices that cater to veterans in the workplace.



The event opened with a welcome from Event Chair Andrew Gaudy, Sergeant, USMC '01-'07. Attendees then heard from Keynote Speaker Damien Bertolo, NYC Program Director for Four Block, an organization that bridges the gap between capable veterans and meaningful careers. During his keynote address, Bertolo shared his personal passion to help veterans in their transition from military to civilian life, as well as strategies for veteran recruitment and retention within organizations.

The Summit included an executive panel featuring topics such as “How to Develop & Launch a Veterans Program within an Organization,” “Recruitment Best Practices: How to Become a Leader in the Veteran Recruiting Community,” “Career Progression & Advancement: How to Capitalize on Veterans’ Leadership Skills in the Workplace,” and “The Veteran Transition to Business: A Personal Perspective.” Business representatives from some of the most notable civilian, government, and educational organizations in the Tri-State area served as panelists for these important topics and shared their valuable insights and experiences.

The Tri-State Diversity Council would like to thank the event sponsors which helped make the Inaugural Veterans Summit possible: National Grid, FordHarrison, SMBC, and Verizon. The summit speakers, moderators, volunteers, and attendees also played an integral role in making this event a great success.

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