**WPTI Announces Two New Board Members**

*Workforce Professionals Training Institute (WPTI) Board of Directors appointed new members to provide strategic oversight and guidance as the organization looks to accomplish its vision for the future.*

**New York, NY** – WPTI announces the appointment of two new Board members.

Joining the Board of Directors are Colin Mincy and Naadia Quader. The two new members bring unique expertise, experience and skills in nonprofit human resources, business to business marketing, and philanthropy - valuable competences that will help WPTI accomplish its mission.

*“Year after year I’m astounded at the level of experience we’re able to access with our board” said Sharon Sewell-Fairman, Executive Director of WPTI. “We have a very strong leadership foundation in place and we couldn’t be more pleased with these appointments. Each of these individuals’ deep professional backgrounds and passionate commitment to helping low-income individuals will bring talent, experience and insightful perspectives to our organization. We are very fortunate to have them by our side as we continue to strengthen the workforce development system to serve job seekers and employers.”*

**Colin Mincy is Senior Manager/Head of HR Operations, Open Society Foundations.**Colin is responsible for the HR Operations functions for the Open Society Foundations based out of the US and serves on the Foundation’s global HR leadership team. Colin oversees the implementation and compliance of human resources policies and procedures, and oversees payroll, benefits, labor relations, mobility in the US. He also serves as a strategic HR Partner for US Programs, Strategy, Global Drug Enforcement, Women’s Rights Groups, and International Migration Initiative. Colin’s previous work includes Regional HR Director (US & Europe Headquarters) for the International Rescue Committee, HR Business Partner Consultant at Credit Suisse, and Global Head of Human Resources at Tracx. He also served on the Board of Directors for Rising Stars Youth Foundation in New York and also chaired their External Relations and Strategic Partnerships. Colin is a proud alum of INROADS New York/New Jersey and now volunteers with INROADS New York/New Jersey as a workshop facilitator and mentor.

**Naadia Quader is Head of Product and Operations for Bloomberg Media Distribution, where she oversees**B2B technology products, content, licensing and services to Bloomberg's media clients.  Naadia has over 15 years of in depth experience in Product Lifecycle management across multiple industries which include Information Technology, FinTech, Media and Publishing. She has a proven track record of developing product and commercial strategies, leading cross functional teams, and implementing B2B as well as B2C digital experiences and capabilities. Her experience spans across digital strategy, design, analytics and production of digital experiences working across diverse companies such as Fidelity eBusiness, Fitch Ratings Products and Solutions, S&P Capital IQ, Bloomberg Media distribution - developing end to end strategies that grow new & established products and platforms.

*“Our organization continued its substantial growth under Blake’s Leadership in the past six years,”* ***Paul Ortega, Chair of WPTI Board of Directors, National Director of Training & Organizational Development, Swiss Post Solutions****. “She’s been an unbelievable asset to WPTI in regard to her knowledge and support of the workforce development field.” “It is also a pleasure to welcome Colin and Naadia to the Board of Directors. They are accomplished business leaders and experienced both in the private and non-profit sectors,” said Paul. “We are confident that they will add great value to our Board of Directors and that we will benefit from their insights, judgement and counsel as the Board work with staff to achieve our strategic goals.”*

**ABOUT WPTI**— Founded in 2004, Workforce Professionals Training Institute’s (WPTI) mission is to increase the effectiveness of people, programs, and organizations that are committed to generating pathways out of poverty through employment. WPTI’s comprehensive approach to strengthening the workforce development system provides professional development and training opportunities for program staff and managers and technical assistance and consulting services to organizations and develops resources and tools for local workforce systems. As a result, WPTI has built the skills and capacity of over 9,000 professionals and over 350 programs in order to prepare workers for high growth careers, and to expand and strengthen our workforce, workplaces, and economy.

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