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I was born in Cape Verde and came to Boston when I was nine years old. Cape Verde is a place where you go on vacation to relax, but in Boston, the pace was so much faster. In high school, I never failed any of my classes, but I was mostly an average student. I tried a community college in Boston, but it didn't fit me, and so I left. I knew I needed more education to get a good job, but I had my job at a grocery store. It was good enough. I was fine.

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My big brother in the Big Brothers program told me about Year Up, and it was there that I changed the way I thought about myself. I learned how to dress professionally, work at a quick pace, write a proper email, move from a low-end job to a career. In short, I learned how to excel — and I enjoyed it. I had perfect points at Year Up, not a single infraction. One day I was almost late. The train broke down, 5 minutes, 10 minutes, then 20. Finally, I got out and ran the last few blocks to Year Up. I wasn't going to be late. I knew I had become my own success story.

I was the first Year Up intern at American Tower and now there are Year Up grads throughout the company. I had great coworkers teach me what I needed to know and now I've been there for over six years with plenty of authority and control.

At American Tower, they said, “We will pay for you to go to college, but you have to go to college.” So, I went to NSCC. It was a great fit for me, and I was a lot more motivated because of Year Up and my job. I liked the night and online classes because I worked full-time, and I took operating systems, security, LINUX, web design, and databases all online. My advisors helped me choose

my electives so that I could get my computer networking certificate on my way to my degree. The certificate gave me credibility and was a great thing to be able to put on my resume.

Even today, I'm still learning. American Tower is paying me to learn about Apple devices and I'm looking to start at UMass Lowell in the fall. Their IT major is all online, which is perfect for me, and I can transfer almost all of my credits over. Year Up and NSCC will get you in the door, and from there you can follow your path.

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# SHAMIR MURAD

SUPPORT ENGINEER, CYBERARK  
NORTH SHORE COMMUNITY COLLEGE CLASS OF 2015  
YEAR UP CLASS OF JANUARY 2016



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Sometimes, my life feels like a movie. Five years ago, I was working at a Hertz rental place cleaning and driving cars all day. It was great to be outside and it paid enough for me to go to North Shore Community College.



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I went to NSCC because I had a little too much fun in high school and college. NSCC was a make-or-break moment for me and I wasn't going to miss another opportunity. I studied so much that my friends thought I'd disappeared. I started in 2012 and finished in 2014. I really learned a lot in two years and I'm still in touch with two of my NSCC professors.

I studied computers because I've loved them ever since I was a kid. My mom would always ask me to help her with her computer and if I didn't know how to solve it, I would use Google to find the answer. In college, cyber hacking was really interesting to me, but I couldn't find the job I wanted with an Associate degree. I needed more training and more experience.

I joined Year Up because the firm I wanted to work for suggested I go there first. If you knew me at Year Up, you'd remember the 800-page CCNA certification book I carried with me everywhere. I'd read the book every day at lunch; I'd find a small room, shut the door, and read. But Year Up also taught me to step out of my comfort zone. I was raised in the south, so I knew etiquette was important, but Year Up taught me professional business etiquette. I learned to speak in public and build connections. I never would have gotten my job after Year Up if it weren't for those connections. They were priceless, honestly.

At my internship with American Tower, my manager encouraged me to go to the Northeastern Jobs Fair. That's where I learned about CyberArk. The people there



knew I had the will and potential to learn. During my interview, they asked me networking questions related to the CCNA, and I answered every single one.

Doing a job that you love and are fluent in is what it feels like for me at CyberArk. We sell our products to Fortune 100 companies and industrial power plants that protect privileged accounts. If they have an issue with our product, they call me. I'm a support engineer and am now able to work with level 3 cases. My next step is to use my knowledge from Year Up to build relationships and transfer to the customer success team.



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graduado de  
Year Up 2017

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