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Quote of the Month:



*“Education is the most powerful
weapon which you can use to
change the world.”*

~ Nelson Mandela

Your Voice Matters!

Please take a moment to complete
our brief **Strategic Plan Survey**.



*Your input is invaluable toward shaping
our future direction, particularly during
these uncertain times.*

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First Virtual Lean Six Sigma Workshop

JROTC cadets from multiple high schools participated in our first virtual Lean Six Sigma White Belt Workshop. Thank you to **Major Thomas Johnson** and **Colonel Kenneth Green** for requesting this partnership with SIM to help students gain new skills and prepare for their future careers. The student engagement and feedback was outstanding!



“The video workshop with Dr. Posner was an amazing experience.”

*“Lean Six Sigma has made me re-evaluate the way I organize myself,
especially since we students are having online classes.”*

*“It was very much needed, in order to open your eyes, especially at a very
young age. I am thinking about becoming a yellow belt.”*

SIM Ambassador Spotlight



Kudos to **Mr. Robert Ballou**, Director of Economic Development and Diversity Compliance, and **Dr. Ernesto De La Hoz**, Specialist. They are two of our newest **Lean Six Sigma Yellow Belts** and **SIM Ambassadors**.

Under Mr. Ballou’s leadership, Dr. De La Hoz is now applying his new Yellow Belt skills by launching a **process improvement project** for his department. The project objectives are to reduce vendor contract processing time, increase the transparency and accessibility of critical documents, and serve our business partners with greater efficiency.