OATS & Senior Planet

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- Founded in 2004
- 35,000 students taught
- 20,000 classes offered
- 2 flagship centers
- 35 partner labs built around the five boroughs
- 100+ partner sites

*Our labs throughout NYC*
Our Mission
Harnessing the power of technology to change the way we age

- Technology as a means to empowerment
- Programs make technology relevant for daily life
- Urban and rural programs
- Online-learning
- Impact areas
Training & Partnerships

Access isn’t enough

• Technology adoption requires participant-driven learning

• Presenting technology as conduits to empowerment

• Government & corporate entities are key partners in OATS’s success
Methodology

• No one-size-fits-all approach to successful technology training

• Respect, Relevance, Experience

• Orientation to learning is life or work-centered

• Learning must be experience-based to be effective
Financial Security Curriculum

- Low-income older adults
- Digital tools can help to budget, spend less & supplement income
- Offered in community settings
- Knowledge is shared
Seniorplanet.org & Senior Planet U

- Award-winning lifestyle blog
- Older adults who are “Aging with attitude”
- Toolbox: Tech Tips for Seniors
- Senior Planet U
- Senior Plant @ Home