Six students and young professionals from Skidmore, Tech Valley High, and SUNY Albany are raising money to fund their startup’s summer - dedicating their time to solve fundamental economic issues in America such as unemployment and small business stagnation. Their solution is Anthill, an online place for small businesses to find talented, skilled workers in their neighborhood who are ready to work.

“There are small business all around us. Wouldn’t it be great if we had the opportunity to work for them? When one works for a small business, they have greater creative autonomy, make a greater impact, and build a real name for themself.

After a top finish in New York State’s business plan competition last year, Marcella Jewell is launching Anthill, in conjunction with the AT&T Civil app valley challenge on May 1st.

Jewell, a recent Skidmore graduate, with a degree in political science and minor in computer science, saw a problem with the unemployment and underemployment of college grads.

“We think working local encourages a sense of ownership over your community, which incentivizes people to work smarter and with a higher quality.” - Marcella

As a tribute to their dedication their community, the 6 “Anthillers” have launched a goFundMe campaign to raise $25,000 in order to live in beautiful Saratoga Springs this summer and commit to working hard and giving back. For every $1000 raised, they promise to dedicate 10 hours of community service - 250 hours. In order to share their journey and connect with the community, they are documenting their whole summer on twitter @anthillers. Their website and campaign are live at anthillhackerhouse.com.