In emergency situations, governments concern themselves with the basic needs of food and shelter. Education, which has an essential role in recovery and development, frequently remains unattended. The School Works Lab., Inc. is a New York City based nonprofit that facilitates access to education. EduCrate is a low cost, ready-to-deliver school program that provides temporary schools for emergency situations, and low-cost schooling for underserved communities.

While at The School Works Lab, Carmen

- developed a business plan for EduCrate, identifying countries that lack school infrastructure, and providing the CEO an overview of strategic concerns for the execution and future growth of EduCrate
- recruited and trained two interns who will execute the business plan after the summer. Carmen expects that the guidelines will ensure project success, and contribute to the growth and development of communities in need.

“I have led projects before, but this time I was accountable for making a real impact, improving the lives of those in need and going beyond myself and my own success.”