
Agencies Recognize Summer Auto High School Interns, 2022

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On August 12, fleet agencies gathered at the New York City Police Department (NYPD) Service Station #4 in Queens to recognize this year's successful team of summer auto high school interns. 35 students from eight schools participated this summer in the hands-on paid internships sponsored through the Career and Technical Education (CTE) program at the Department of Education (DOE). The students spent their summers at the NYPD, the Department of Transportation (DOT), the Fire Department (FDNY), the Department of Sanitation (DSNY) and DCAS.



NYPD High School Intern Erik Rizzotto from William E. Grady High School getting parts at the Central Repair Shop (CRS) Stockroom from Stock Worker II Nick Daley.



City fleet agency staff and summer auto high school interns gathered at the NYPD Service Station #4 in Queens.

Junior and seniors from the city's automotive high schools got to experience life and work inside shops that maintain the City's critical emergency services and public works fleet. The students partnered with auto mechanics to conduct preventive maintenance, learn more about complex repairs, and gain practical work experience. Many of the City's current full time fleet staff, including mechanics and auto service workers, got their start at the city's six automotive high schools including A-Tech High School, Alfred E. Smith, Aviation High School, Thomas Edison, Transit Tech, and William E. Grady. Some were participants in the automotive internships themselves.



High school intern Tsz Wai Wong from Thomas Edison High School working with Auto Mechanic Juan Vargas at the NYPD Central Repair Truck Shop.



Summer Youth Employee Jose Torres, who graduated from Alfred E. Smith High School, working with Supervising Auto Body Mechanic Roopnarine Boodhan at the NYPD Central Repair Body Shop.

At the luncheon, students went on a tour of the NYPD shop, heard from DOE and DCAS officials, and were recognized individually. When discussing the program, Gavaskar Reid, industry engagement manager at the DOE Office of Postsecondary Education said, “You’ll often hear from a lot of adults how they wish they had certain opportunities back in high school or how they wished they learned certain skills back when they were a teenager. Thanks to our fleet partners, our young people have gained numerous advantages, including exposure to the automotive industry, hands-on experience, an income for the summer, and a network of professionals and mentors. This partnership has prepared many young people for careers which allow them to contribute to the betterment of our city.”



Matin Bari, CTE intern for DCAS Fleet, making phone calls for the Fleet of the Future database.

While this event was specifically to recognize our CTE interns, DCAS also wants to recognize our interns through the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) and our DCAS hired college interns. One college intern, Sudesh Shew, contributed photographs for this newsletter.

The automotive internship program is a favorite program for fleet. Many thanks to all the mechanics, supervisor of mechanics, and fleet managers who devoted their time, energy, and engagement to making this year's program successful.



Justin Zhao, CTE intern for DCAS Fleet, reviewing Vision Zero survey data.

2022 Summer High School Automotive Interns

A-Tech High School

- Edwin Castro - DOT
- Sean Doornick - NYPD
- Charles Simon - NYPD
- Richard Lizardo - NYPD
- Samuel Rambaran - NYPD

Alfred E. Smith Career and Technical Education High School

- Joel Aitkens - DOT
- Juan Hijuilt - NYPD
- Emmanuel Jimenez - NYPD
- Dadrian Velasquez - NYPD
- Julien Williams - DOT

Aviation Career & Technical Education High School

- Emily Gallego Salas - NYPD
- Michael Graniela - NYPD
- Amaris Juca - DSNY
- Seajoon Kim - DOT
- Kyle Lam - FDNY
- Jason Li - DSNY
- Jessica Ludizaca - DSNY

- Nataly Mayancela Picha - DOT
- Shriya Shahi - DOT
- Giovanni Solares - DOT
- Antony Sumba Espinoza - FDNY
- Eric You - NYPD
- Zi Hui Richard Zheng - FDNY

Brooklyn Tech High School

- Matin Bari - DCAS

Staten Island Tech

- Justin Zhou - DCAS

Thomas Edison Career and Technical Education High School

- Wilson Caceres Alvarez - FDNY
- Alif Chowdhury - DSNY
- Sumit Nath - FDNY
- Tsz Wai Wong - NYPD

Transit Tech Career and Technical Education High School

- Bryan Bradley - DOT
- Neel Dhurup - DSNY
- Adrian Jean Jaques - DSNY

William E. Grady Career and Technical Education High School

- Owen Aquino - DSNY
- Erik Rizzotto - NYPD
- Abdulla Shodmanov - DOT

Upcoming Fleet Event

DCAS will be hosting an in-person [Fleet Safety Forum](#) on Tuesday, October 25, at Queens Theatre. For more information including a list of confirmed speakers and to register [visit DCAS Fleet Management's webpage](#).

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Fleet Safety Forum

*Hosted by the
Department of Citywide Administrative Services*

**Tuesday, October 25th
Queens Theatre
Flushing Meadows Corona Park**



NYC Fleet Manual

The NYC Fleet Manual and Drivers Handbook has been updated. Please see the updated version at [NYC Fleet Manual and Drivers Handbook](#).

Fleet Vision International: The Show

[Fleet Vision International: The Show](#) was held on April 12 and 13 in London. DCAS Deputy Commissioner and Chief Fleet Officer Keith Kerman and NYPD Deputy Commissioner Robert Martinez discussed the electrification of the City's fleet and how NYC is a worldwide leader in sustainability. Presentations from the show will be posted to the [DCAS Fleet webpage](#).



COVID-19 Safety Reminder

For all fleet drivers, when interacting with others in close quarters such as within a vehicle, it is strongly recommended to wear a mask.

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[NYC Fleet Newsletter 400, August 5, 2022:](#) Spotlight: Correction Fleet Staff Wrap Vehicles To Support Community Events

[NYC Fleet Newsletter 399, July 28, 2022:](#) The Driver Survey Says

[NYC Fleet Newsletter 398, July 22, 2022:](#) Preventing Vehicle and Equipment Thefts

[NYC Fleet Newsletter 397, July 15, 2022:](#) Mayor Adams Announces Speed Camera Expansion and Crackdown on Fake License Plates

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