

# DCAS DC for Fleet Keith Kerman Nabs “Nobel” Prize for Public Service



It was a big day for the Fleet team.

Their leader, whose name is synonymous with the words New York City Fleet, received the highest honor a New York City employee can win: the prestigious Sloan Public Service Award.

Keith Kerman, New York City Department of Citywide Administrative Services Deputy Commissioner for Fleet, along with five other notable public servants, was recognized by The Fund for the City of New York and the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation for demonstrating extraordinary service “delivered with ingenuity, energy, and compassion...”

Anyone who knows Kerman knows he is passionate about New York City vehicles: how they are made and repaired; the kind of fuel they burn; whether they are operated safely by City employees; and whether they are where they are supposed to be when they need to be there.

“Because of Keith, New York City boasts the largest, greenest government fleet in the country, which is well on its way to also becoming the safest,” said DCAS Commissioner Lisette Camilo, when she introduced him at the official award ceremony Thursday night, May 23, 2019, in the Great Hall at Cooper Union.

Some of Kerman’s more notable achievements include consolidating all the people involved in the City’s fleet operations into one unit from their diaspora across DCAS. In his first five years as the City’s Chief Fleet Officer, Kerman also organized shared services, fuel savings, and facility repurposing that cut City expenses by more than \$350 million dollars.

Today, Kerman and his team are saving even more taxpayer dollars by reducing the fleet size, finding ways to save on maintenance and fuel costs, and cutting back on commuting vehicles.

The DCAS Fleet team, under Kerman’s direction, has also been instrumental in expanding the Department of Education’s Automotive High School Internship program, which provides paid internships and valuable hands-on experience at municipal garages Citywide to more than 50 public school students.

“It’s an honor and a privilege to serve this great City and to work with so many wonderful colleagues,” Kerman said.

The Sloan Public Service Award comes with a \$10,000 check.