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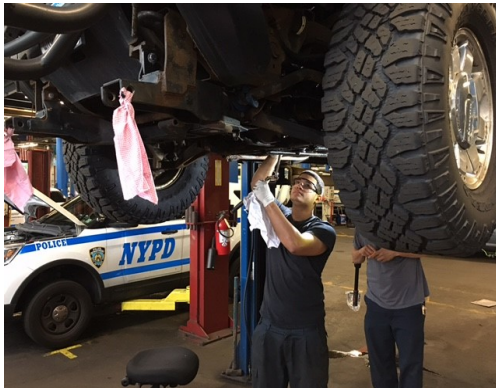
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2017 SUMMER AUTOMOTIVE INTERNS

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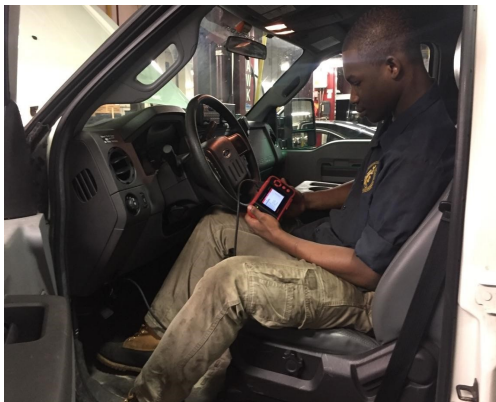
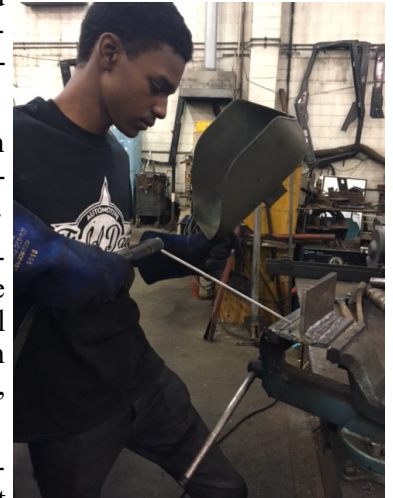
For most high schoolers, the preferred places to spend their summer vacation days would be parks, ballfields, and City beaches. City fleet garages are an unlikely summer destination but exactly where thirty six (36) talented and skilled students from the City's automotive high schools are spending and dedicating their time.

These students from Brooklyn Automotive, Alfred E. Smith, and Tottenville High Schools are participating in Fleet's Summer Automotive Internship initiative, a partnership with the Department of Education's Career and Technical Education (CTE) Program.



Under the oversight of City Supervisors of Mechanical Equipment and auto mechanics, these students are getting hands-on technical and real life work experience at City fleet garages. In 2017, students have been placed at NYPD, DSNY, FDNY, DOT, and DCAS.

The internships let the students test their classroom education in real-life settings at shops that service fleet units which are critical to the daily functioning and safety of NYC. Common tasks include changing tires, checking batteries and brakes, changing oil, and checking and replacing other fluids. The interns perform these tasks and also learn about more complex repairs and technical challenges, always with the supervision and guidance of an experienced mechanic.



For many, these paid internships are their first automotive jobs and will help influence whether they decide to pursue automotive and fleet services as careers. Many successful interns have later become City fleet mechanics and service workers. In fact, many will soon take the City's automotive service worker exam which is coming up this fall.

When asked about the best part of the internship, Isidore Ouyia from Automotive High School said, "The best part is getting real life experience with an experienced mechanic."

Bernard Montgomery from Alfred E. Smith is working with DCAS in the collisions unit and said "to be honest this job has taught me how to be responsible."

DCAS Fleet wants to thank all the agencies and personnel involved in making the automotive internship a success this and every year, especially the Department of Education's CTE program and the supervisors and mechanics from the participating agencies.

Last week NY1 featured the program. Please check it out at the link provided at our website. A full list of this year's interns will also be posted.

