

Celebrating the 2025 Summer Automotive High School Interns

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On August 15, DCAS Fleet Management, in partnership with NYPD and NYC Public Schools, hosted the High School Automotive Internship Recognition Ceremony for the summer interns of 2025. This year's class had a total of 34 interns.

Fleet Management has managed the program centrally for over a decade, providing high school students with the opportunity to gain invaluable skills and paid internship experience through maintenance and repairs on city vehicles from NYPD, DSNY, FDNY, DOT, and NYC Parks in their fleet repair shops. Over 500 students have participated since 2015.

Students engaged in many duties, from performing state inspections to preventative maintenance, as well as working on air conditioning (AC) systems, tire replacements, and working with off-road units like cement saws, tractors, and weed whackers. For many students, this experience was their first paid full-time job and a window into potential future work opportunities.



DCAS collaborates with the Office of Student Pathways at NYC Public Schools and Grant Associates to offer these paid internships. In 2024, DCAS and NYC Public Schools [announced](#) the expansion of the program from summer to a full year with spring and fall classes.

This program provides a direct pathway to a career in the city's fleet servicing program. DCAS has a civil service exam for Automotive Service Worker (ASW) that requires two years of experience, which can be satisfied by a degree from one of the city's automotive high schools.

Michael Flores and Stephen Lee were student speakers at the ceremony. Michael is from A-Tech High School, and he worked for an NYPD repair shop. "I have learned how to replace struts, motor mounts, exhaust systems, as well as catalytic converters. And doing complete services of oil changes," said Michael. He added that the internship program provided him with valuable knowledge about city agencies like the NYPD, FDNY, and DOT. He is very thankful for the hands-on experience he gained from the internship. It provided him with a strong resume for college. He has been accepted at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Massachusetts.



Stephen is from The School for Cooperative Technical Education. He worked for an FDNY repair shop. Stephen said that he learned a lot at the FDNY, which complemented his experience working with his grandfather at their family-owned repair shop, Harry's Alignment. His grandfather, mom, and brother attended the ceremony. Stephen said he plans on continuing the family business.

Thanks to James D'Ambrosio and Kevin Kenny at NYPD for hosting, and to the NYPD FSD grill crew for making those delicious hot dogs and hamburgers. Thanks to Brandon Clark and Gary Prasad at DCAS, who coordinated the event, and to the fleet managers and administrators, supervisors of mechanical equipment, and auto mechanics at the agencies who make the program a success each season.

The heart of the internships is the engagement of our trained and terrific fleet and mechanical professionals who have embraced this program, guided each class of students, and made it a model in city government.

See you this fall, and happy Labor Day weekend.

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Wednesday, October 8th, 2025

Queens Theatre, Flushing Meadows Corona Park

DCAS and Together for Safer Roads invite you to the 2025 Vision Zero Fleet Safety Forum!

The event will bring together leading stakeholders from public and private fleets, innovative safety technology companies, policy experts, and road safety advocates for an exciting day of speeches, panel discussions, and breakout sessions.

Join us as we discuss how to systematically build safety into our roads, vehicles, and fleet operations.

The event is free and includes breakfast and a networking lunch.

RSVPs are required. Please RSVP at <https://visionzero2025.rsvpify.com/>.

Event Schedule:

Networking
breakfast begins:

7:30 a.m.

Program begins:

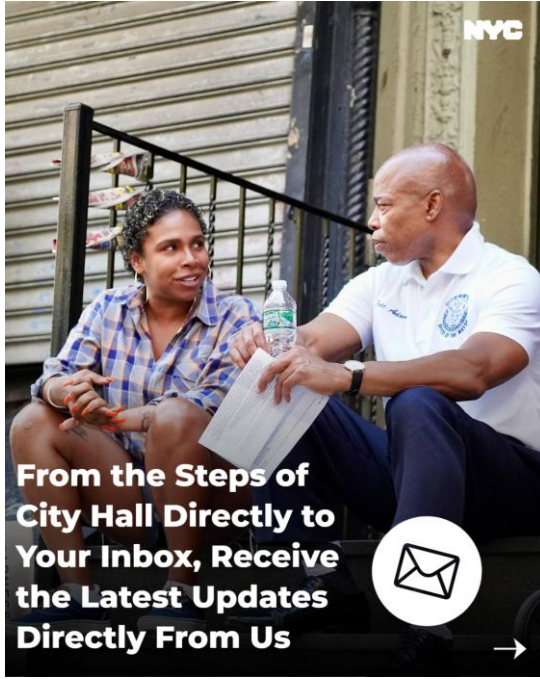
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- Clubhouses have been a [safe and valuable resource hub for New Yorkers with serious mental illness](#). That's why we've invested \$30 million in 13 clubhouses for all who need them.

- We unveiled a bold new proposal to provide critical care to those New Yorkers struggling with drug addiction right in front of us. Now, we're calling on Albany to pass the "[Compassionate Interventions Act](#)" and get even more New Yorkers the help they need.

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