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## **Fleet Agencies Welcome Back Auto High School Interns, Summer 2021**

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At NYPD Shop 4 in Queens, representatives from NYPD, DOT, FDNY, DOE, and DCAS welcomed and congratulated our automotive intern class of 2021. Thirteen high school juniors and seniors are spending the summer in hands-on paid internships with four City agencies. The internships are coordinated through the Department of Education Career and Technical Education program.

The interns at NYPD, DOT, and FDNY are doing hands-on mechanical work in our garages, learning this critical trade from some of the best mechanics around. Some FDNY and DCAS interns tackled the administrative side of fleet management. The DCAS interns worked in our crash and compliance areas, helping to ensure the proper use of vehicles and learning about the expensive world of city vehicle claims.



James D'Ambrosio of NYPD led off the event. James has been the long time coordinator and cheerleader for the automotive internship program at NYPD, which has been on the forefront of this program for well over a decade. His brother Gerard is an automotive teacher with the NYC schools.

The students heard from Juan Lopez, a mechanic at NYPD who got his start as an automotive intern many years ago, joined NYC government, and has rose through the ranks. We also heard from Naatram Jotis, one of this year's interns from A-Tech High School in Brooklyn. Both were thankful for the opportunity to learn this critical trade through this internship and to meet some of the dedicated and skilled staff at NYPD.



DCAS also welcomed the interns with [remarks](#), certificates, and food. It has felt like a long time since our last intern program in 2019. We suspended the program in 2020 due to COVID-19 and lost our great friend Lenin Fierro who had managed this citywide program for many years.



Thanks to all the City fleet officials who supported this event: from NYPD, Robert Martinez, Vartan Khachadurian, Mike Gorgia; from FDNY, Mark Aronberg and Steve Perry; from DOT, Eric Dorcean and Kathy Walcott; and from DCAS, Tamika Johnson, Harris Kaplan, and Latia Riley. Many thanks to Tamika and Latia for coordinating the event and to our partners at the Department of Education and Grant Associates, Venkatesh Harini, Jessica Kemper, Gavaskar Reid, and Chandra Smith.

DCAS and Fleet look forward to continuing and growing our partnership with the public automotive high schools which also includes donation of fleet vehicles and engines for training purposes, sharing educational resources, engaging students in fleet

special events, and chairing—along with the MTA - the DOE Automotive Commission.

NYC Fleet: Automotive Interns, Summer 2021			
<i>Agency</i>	<i>Student</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Borough</i>
NYPD Shop 1	Ahmad Yusuf	A-Tech High School	Brooklyn
NYPD Shop 3	Brian Munoz	A-Tech High School	Brooklyn
NYPD Shop 6	Charles Simon	A-Tech High School	Brooklyn
NYPD Shop 6	Naatram Jotis	A-Tech High School	Brooklyn
NYPD Shop 1	Zameer Dillawar	A-Tech High School	Brooklyn
NYPD Shop 1	Erik Rizzotto	William E. Grady Career and Technical Education High School	Brooklyn
NYPD Shop 1	Shandon Foster	Thomas Edison Career and Technical Education High School	Brooklyn
DOT	Joel Aitkens	Alfred E. Smith Career and Technical Education High School	Bronx
DOT	Julien Williams	Alfred E. Smith Career and Technical Education High School	Bronx
FDNY	Alif Chowdhury	Thomas Edison Career and Technical Education High School	Queens
FDNY Fleet, Metropolitan Ave SHOP 4	Muhsha Taz	Thomas Edison Career and Technical Education High School	Queens
FDNY Fleet, Metropolitan Ave SHOP 4	Yair Bustos	Thomas Edison Career and Technical Education High School	Queens
DCAS	Sgouros Panagiotis	Bayside High School	Queens

## NYC Parks 32nd Annual Equipment & Vehicle Show



[NYC Parks 32nd Annual Equipment & Vehicle Show](#) will highlight vendors who support NYC's Clean Fleet and Vision Zero initiatives, as well as daily operations.

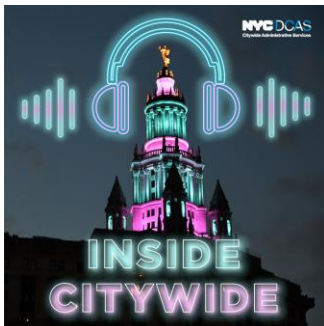
The show is free to all exhibitors and attendees and has been rescheduled to **Wednesday, September 22**  
**9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

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## Fleet Vision International Summer 2021 Quarter 3

Fleet Vision International is an international magazine aimed at fleet, transport, and operational and workshop depot directors/managers.

[The Fleet Vision International 2021 Quarter 3 edition](#) has now been published and focuses on the City of New York's vehicle telematics and DCAS's Fleet Office of Real-Time Tracking (FORT).



## DCAS's Inside Citywide Podcast

DCAS's new [Inside Citywide podcast](#) provides a behind-the-scenes look at New York City government. Episode 2 is out now and takes a look at the future of the City of New York's vehicle fleet as it transitions to all-electric by 2040.

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## COVID-19 Safety Reminder

For all fleet drivers, please be reminded to wear a mask when operating a fleet vehicle with others in the vehicle. Attached again are the [Department of Health's COVID-19 Safety Guidelines relating to vehicle operation.](#)

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## Check out past editions of the Fleet Newsletter

[NYC Fleet Newsletter 356, August 13, 2021:](#) Go Wisconsin! Madison Follows NYC's Lead in Fleet Improvement

[NYC Fleet Newsletter 355, August 6, 2021:](#) NYC Fleet Fuel Use Down 4 Million Gallons in 4 Years

[NYC Fleet Newsletter 354, July 30, 2021:](#) NYC Fleet Spotlight - Chris Towns, FDNY

[NYC Fleet Newsletter 353, July 23, 2021:](#) Fleet Services First 1,000+ Public EV Customers

[NYC Fleet Newsletter 352, July 16, 2021:](#) NYC Fleet Spotlight: Peter Galvin, Parks Fleet

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