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DOE RECOGNIZES CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION PARTNERS *MAHANTH S. JOISHY*

On February 28, DOE Chancellor Carmen Farina, Executive Director of Career and Technical Education John Widlund, and their team hosted the annual partner appreciation event for Career and Technical Education (CTE) at Tweed Courthouse. CTE provides NYC high school students with hands-on classroom and field learning experiences in high schools and external worksites in a variety of industries.



Among the partnerships recognized were the automotive and building trades partnerships with City agencies and DCAS. Fleet services including NYPD, FDNY, DSNY, Parks, DOT and DCAS have offered garage repair internships, vehicles for training, and support of special events and industry collaboration for years with the six automotive high schools and DOE. Among the many exciting components of this growing partnership, DCAS provides DOE electric vehicles for driver education classes.

In the last year, this partnership has also expanded to building services at DCAS. Thirty students have begun interning under the tutelage of Asset Management staff who help maintain buildings owned and operated by NYC. This new program was spearheaded by Deputy Chief Asset Management Officer Jerry Torres and his team.

We appreciate the recognition from DOE, and the great work done by fleet supervisors, high school teachers such as Renato Rosales and Pete LaFranca, administrators such as Assistant Principals Kayon Price and John Rullan, and DOE Senior Director of Industry Engagement & Strategic Partnerships Harini Venkatesh.

FLEET SPOTLIGHT: MARISSA SCIASCIA OF DSNY *MAHANTH S. JOISHY*

For the first installment of fleet spotlights for Women's History Month 2017, we recognize auto mechanic Marissa Sciascia. Marissa currently works at the DSNY Central Repair Shop (CRS), where she started in 2015. Marissa has repaired a wide variety of vehicles at DSNY including sedans, collection trucks, front end loaders, and salt spreaders, working from CRS, Manhattan District 6, and Manhattan District 7 garages. She has worked both day and night shifts at the garages. Marissa developed expertise in electrical repairs during her prior three years as a mechanic for a BMW dealership in New Jersey before coming to DSNY. "If you give me an electrical problem, I can ace it," she says. "I had to learn on BMWs that had so many wires."

Marissa's role today combines both field and office experience for citywide projects. She liaisons with the Legal Department to address legal cases related to vehicles including the review of mechanical documents. Similarly, she works on compiling estimate and work order documents for affirmative claims in partnership with DCAS to bring in revenue for the City when private vehicles strike City vehicles. Marissa also assists with the rollout of fleet tracking units on DSNY vehicles for improved fuel management and vehicle safety reporting.

Marissa was born and raised in Staten Island where she still resides with her fiancé. She has a background in performing piano and singing, and also enjoys working on cars in her spare time. Marissa is one of a capable team of women technicians at DSNY including the first-ever female City Auto Mechanic Emilisa Robles, Welder Kathyann Amao, Metal Work Mechanic Stacy Lawlor, and Senior Automotive Specialist Eikar Lee.

