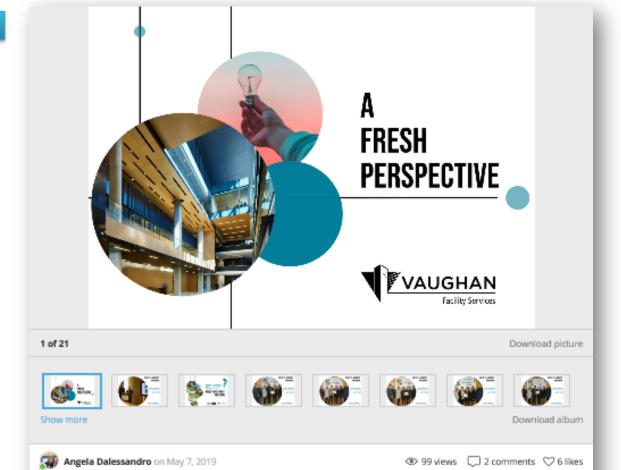
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Facility Services' First-ever Field Placement Program

Students Eager to Learn & Make an Impact

In collaboration with our HR partners and Seneca College (Newnham Campus), the Facility Services department introduced a new initiative where students join our team for a 10-day Field Placement Program.

Over a 6-week period, students get field experience and learn about property management for City facilities.

This initiative provides selected students with the opportunity to apply the skills learned in the classroom to the workplace in a volunteer setting and helps to develop their professional skills. It's a win-win! They get hands-on experience and we benefit from the fresh perspective they bring and their insight on the new technology available, as well as their eagerness to learn and to make an immediate impact.

All students who took part in the exercise are in their graduating year of the Mechanical Engineering Technology, Building Sciences Program with areas of study in building auditing, energy accounting and building plans. At the end of the exercise, they prepare a report - for the City and Seneca College - on their experience and what they've learned.

Ceremony | Certificates of Appreciation

On April 29, 2019, the five students who successfully completed the program were presented with Certificates of Appreciation at a ceremony with Members of Council, Seneca College administration as well as City of Vaughan staff from Facility Services, Recreation Services, Environmental Sustainability, and Office of the Chief Human Resources Officer. The program and ceremony were extremely well received, with appreciation expressed by the students, Mr. Filimon Tsionas, Professor and Program Coordinator, Seneca College, and City staff.

We thank each of the students for their participation, enthusiasm and for making a difference at the City. In addition, we acknowledge the efforts of Facility Services staff and partners for their work on implementing this new initiative which aligns with Service Excellence as it relates to supporting Active, Safe & Diverse Communities, Staff Engagement, Operational Performance, and ultimately Citizen Experience.