

# CAN BUS NEWSLETTER

**Winter 2017**

## A Word from our President

by Patrick Hart, Executive Director

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Winter officially will arrive on Thursday, December 21, the longest night of the year. Even as the weather gets colder the days get longer as the end of year holidays approach. It's a good time to take stock of your progress as you prepare for the holiday season and the new year ahead.

We are busy planning for the General Education courses that will be offered in January. For the first time. This is an ex-

pecting time at NYADI as we will be graduating our first AOS students early in the new year. Will you be among them? This could be your first New Year's resolution for 2018.

*Have a Happy  
and Healthy New  
Year!  
And may 2018 be the  
best year of your life!*

*Wishing you a  
Merry Christmas,  
Happy Hanukkah,  
Habari Gani?,  
and Happy and  
Blessed Holidays  
with all your family  
and friends.*



# NYC Vets

## The Department of Veterans Services (DVS)

by Yesid Caballero, Director of Student Services, Training and Development

*I recently attended a meeting and brought back some information for our veterans from the Mayor's Office. The following is quoted from the website concerning services for NYC residents that are in addition to national programs. I hope they will help.*

**“If you or a veteran you know is experiencing a crisis, call the Veterans Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255 and press 1 OR text 838255.**

**Effective November 18, 2017, the New York City Human Rights Law, Title 8 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York, will provide new protections for members of the uniformed services against discrimination in employment, housing, and places of public accommodation.**

**If you are a veteran and believe you have been subject of discrimination because of your military service, please contact the New York City Commission on Human Rights to learn what your options are under the law.**

Recognizing the need to better serve New York City's more than 210,000 veterans and their families, New York City Department of Veterans Services (DVS) - formerly the Mayor's Office of Veteran's Affairs (MOVA) - was officially established in 2016 by Local Law 113. DVS strives to improve the lives of all veterans and their families, regardless of discharge status.

We view veterans as civic assets, whose strength and demonstrated commitment to public service will help New York City thrive. To that end, DVS works to match veterans with programs and services to support fulfilling and purpose-driven lives. DVS is dedicated to improving the lives of all New York City veterans and their families.

### What we do

Marshaling the collective resources of the City

New York, DVS strives to:

- Work with veterans in need to find permanent housing and access to support services needed to find and maintain their home through our [Housing and Support Services](#).
- Support the physical, mental, and spiritual well-being of NYC veterans and their families through our VetsThriveNYC Integrative Health Program, the veteran-focused complement to the First Lady's [ThriveNYC Mental Health Roadmap](#) and the DVS Core 4 Integrative Health Model.
- Expand education and career opportunities for veterans through a rapidly growing network of City, public, private, and non-profit partners with our [Education](#), [Employment](#), and Entrepreneurship programs
- Provide the human and technological infrastructure for veterans and their families to gain City-wide access to benefits, resources, and care through the nation's leading coordinated service network with *VetConnect NYC* (currently [NY Serves: NYC](#)). “





# Winterize Your Ride

by Peter Licostie, Automotive Supervisor

Winter months can present many challenges for your vehicle. While modern vehicles are designed to handle inclement weather conditions, there are some basic steps every driver should take as the days get shorter and the temperature drops.

**Coolant**—It is **especially important** to have the correct antifreeze/water mixture to prevent fluid from freezing in your radiator. Consult your vehicle's owner's manual for information on this mixture. Pick up a tester at an auto parts store and make sure the fluid is filled to the maximum line.

**Oil**—Some mechanics recommend switching to a **thinner** oil if you live where temperatures drop below freezing. Your best bet is to **consult your owner's manual** or talk to your mechanic.

**Wiper fluid**—Often overlooked, you'll need freeze-resistant wiper fluid to keep your windshield clean and your vision clear.

**Low air pressure and worn tires are especially dangerous on wet or slick roads, as both can reduce traction.** Check your owner's manual for the recommended PSI. Mounting the right tires on your car or truck can give you a huge advantage when trekking through snow. Many car makers and tire manufacturers recommend changing all four tires to snow tires in the winter. If you don't swap all four, the difference between snow and summer tires can cause other problems for your vehicle. Another option is all-season tires that you drive year-round—winter and summer.

The advantage of all-season tires is that you don't change the tires before winter or need to keep two sets of rims. Of course, the disadvantage is that you don't get all the great features of a specialized seasonal tire.

It isn't only your engine that doesn't like to start in the winter. Your battery capacity is reduced by the cold weather, too. Check over the battery cables for cracks and breaks. The terminals should fit snugly with no loose connections. You can check your battery fluid by uncovering the refill hole (or sometimes holes). If the level is below the bottom of the cap, refill with distilled water.

Keeping a safety kit in your car all year is a good idea. Things like road flares, a jack, a lug wrench, and a first aid kit should be at hand no matter what. It's a good idea to update this kit with seasonal items that can keep you warm and prepared for Mother Nature's worst.

Items to include in your winter safety kit include:

Flashlight.

Blanket, leather gloves, and hat.

Bag of kitty litter or sand.

This can help if your tires get stuck in the snow or slush.

Ice scraper and brush.

Small shovel.

Safe and leak-proof container of coolant.

Snacks.

## New Faculty

**Alfredo Aristey** joined the NYADI faculty in November and has been teaching Electrical and Air Conditioning. He has had fourteen years previous experience as an instructor in the automotive technology field and also holds a degree in computer networking.

In addition, he has owned his own automobile repair shop for 16 years. He enjoys being an instructor and sharing his knowledge and experience with tomorrow's technicians. He is dedicated to the industry and enjoys working — in his spare time, he works on his own cars.

His thoughts on lifelong learning: "A school gives you a certificate to open the door to a job; but on-the-job training and experience keeps you employed."

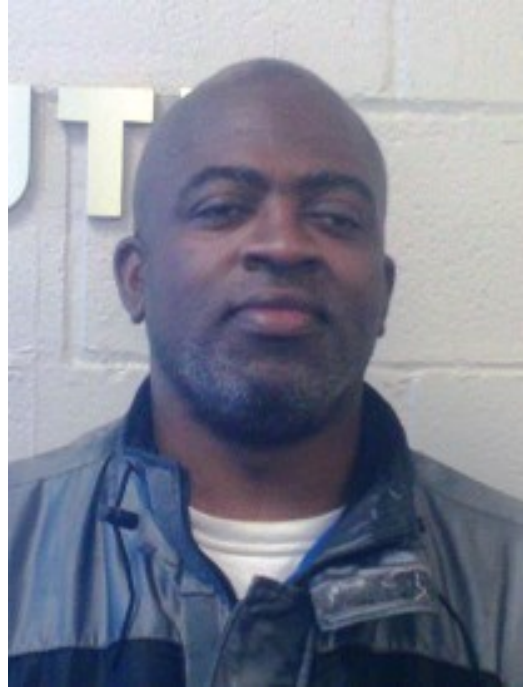
Welcome Mr. Aristey!

## Student of the Quarter

*by Joseph Santora, Director of Academic Assessment*

In May, **Caple Salmon** expressed interest in earning his HSE diploma. He was concerned; he has not seen an inside of a classroom in over 25 years. Mr. Salmon converted his concerns into dedication. For four months he diligently studied the five HSE core sub-

jects and then set a test date.



Mr. Salmon's perseverance paid off; he not only passed all five subtests to earn his diploma, he also achieved high scores.

Mr. Salmon is a perfect example of what a student can achieve at NYADI. He can enroll as a student without a high school diploma and leave as a college graduate.

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

There will be no classes held between December 22 and January 8, HOWEVER, the Admissions Department, the Bursar, Financial Aid and other offices will be available.

If you have business with these offices or want to refer someone to enroll, please call for an appointment: (718) 658-0006.

# Latest from the Library

by Pat Hollander, MLS

I have noticed some students struggling with the essay (research paper) assignment. First of all, I want to remind you that you need to follow the rules set by your instructors. After all, they will be doing the grading.

If your instructor doesn't have very specific requirements or you have trouble getting started, here are a few tips.

Explain something that you are learning in class. Do a little research on a topic from your current class and explain it in your own words as if you were speaking to someone who doesn't know about cars.

After defining your topic, ask yourself a question. For example: what

The Winter Solstice occurs on December 21 this year. This will be the longest night (and shortest day) of the year. In ages past, people celebrated this event by lighting a new fire and feasting. If this long night seems to gloomy to you, remind yourself that every day after-

is the difference between x and y and how does this affect an outcome; who designed or invented x and how has it changed since then; how will this new product or innovation change performance; what do you think will be the next breakthrough in the industry and what evidence supports this? Then just answer the question using facts from your research.

Don't forget to finish with a conclusion or a summary of what you have described and a page listing the references that you used.

Ask me for help if you need it with your topic, your references, or using the computer. I will be happy to assist you.

ward until June 21, 2018 will get longer and longer.

So party on.





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# WINTER

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# Career Services Update

by Susan Greenberg, Director of Placement

On November 12, representatives from Mopar held their semiannual meeting with us. There were representatives of four dealerships from Queens, Brooklyn, Nassau and Suffolk Counties and three corporate representatives. One topic that came up was the future internships which will be held on Fridays. Students are advised to keep up with their Mopar modules to be eligible.

Students who had completed the full Mopar/CAP curriculum were on hand, dressed in their special Mopar shirts, to be congratulated by the dealers and Chrysler representatives. This was an important opportunity for the students to network with representatives of local dealerships. Some of them were invited to interview for positions as soon as they graduated. The Mopar representatives were impressed by the quality of our programs and

students, those they invited to interviews, offered jobs, or who have already been placed in local dealerships.

At the Job Fair, this November, students were also offered interviews and positions and some students are choosing among several offers. The job market is there so students should take advantage of the education being offered and gather all the available credentials. Freightliner and Chrysler are national companies; ask me about placement across the country if you are relocating.

Please make sure that you have a clean driver's license and are drug free. It is recommended to get an Inspector's License for many jobs. I have the application forms or they can be printed from <https://dmv.ny.gov/inspection/become-certified-motor-vehicle-inspector>

**All classes end on December 21 and resume on January 8.**

**Enjoy your holidays, come back refreshed!**



*Chillin' for the holidays. On fire in the new year!*

## December 2017

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