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PHL Celebrates Graduates of the Hospitality Careers Program

PHILADELPHIA — A celebration honoring six recent graduates of the Hospitality Careers Program (HCP) took place at PHL in collaboration with the City’s Office of Workforce Development.

In October 2018, the City as a Model Employer program (CME) launched a five-month pathway program at PHL. The Hospitality Careers Program prepares participants with the skills and experience required for permanent employment with the airport and other private sector businesses.

“The City and its partners work diligently to reduce barriers and build systems to ensure that all Philadelphians have the opportunities needed to thrive,” said Harold T. Epps, Commerce Director. “In just one year, the Office of Workforce Development has supported career pathways and success for thousands of residents. Today’s graduates are a shining example of why our work matters.”

The graduates completed two certificate programs, including *WorkFORCE* Program for Career Development by Education Testing Service and the Certified Hospitality Professional credential by Temple University’s School of Tourism and Hospitality Management.

“This training program serves as the catalyst to advance our custodial training curriculum to align with the airport’s mission and strategy, stated Airport CEO Chellie Cameron. “We are proud of everyone in the Hospitality Careers Program for applying their training in PHL in service to our stakeholders, customers, and passengers.”

Danielle Terry, a participant of HCP stated, “I enjoyed the real-life skills, training and knowledge I gained from this program.”

While participating in the program, the graduates completed and passed the Custodial Worker 1- Airport Specialty civil service exam in mid-March. Hired on March 28, the graduates will begin permanent employment on April 7.

Philadelphia International Airport is owned and operated by the City of Philadelphia. The Airport is a self-sustaining entity that operates without the use of local tax dollars. It is one of the largest economic engines in Pennsylvania, generating an estimated \$14.4 billion in spending to the regional economy and accounting for more than 141,000 jobs.