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2019 **Summer**
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A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

The City of Vaughan thrives with creative and talented individuals driven by an entrepreneurial spirit. As the home to more than 12,000 businesses, we take pride in being one of the country's most prosperous economic centres. Vaughan leads the province and the country with an economic growth rate of four per cent. In fact, since 2010, the value of building permits issued in Vaughan is up to \$11 billion and more than 60,000 jobs have been created.

Providing programming and face-to-face engagement opportunities position the city and its business community to prosper and grow together. In 2018, the City's Small Business and Entrepreneurship team assisted in the start or growth of 245 businesses in Vaughan.

The Vaughan Enterprise Business Centre (VBEC) Summer Company program gives young people the tools to start their own companies with hands-on coaching from local business leaders and provides access to a provincial grant of up to \$3,000 to help with startup expenses and operating costs. From cosmetics and landscaping to app development and clothing design, Vaughan youth are creating their own path to success and helping shape and strengthen the economic future for all citizens.

Vaughan is proud of its dedicated, strong and diverse small business and entrepreneurial community. Their passion creates meaningful, positive contributions to the city, such as job opportunities, investments and overall quality of life. Vaughan continues to attract and support new and innovative ventures as a result of the ingenuity and determination of thought-leaders that allow an idea to flourish into a business concept. The City of Vaughan is happy to support entrepreneurs in this endeavour.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Maurizio Bevilacqua". The signature is stylized and fluid.

Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, P.C.
Mayor

2019 Summer Company

Summer Company is delivered by the Vaughan Business Enterprise Centre (VBEC) in partnership with the Ontario Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade (MEDJCT).

Summer Company entrepreneurs are Ontario students between the ages of 15 and 29 years old who start and operate a full-time business over the summer. Program participants receive training from VBEC, mentorship from business leaders in the community and access to a provincial grant of up to \$3,000 to invest in starting their business.

We look forward to seeing our 2019 Summer Company students grow as entrepreneurs!



2018 Summer Company Recap

Highlights of the 2018 program include:

- nine community mentors offered support, expertise and mentorship.
- 30 full-time summer jobs created by the program participant.
- \$7,200 average in gross revenue from June to August generated by the participating entrepreneurs.
- 16 out of the 17 participants continued to run their companies part time during the 2018/19 school year.



**Jessica
Brar**

Brar's Beauty Lounge

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Brar's Beauty Lounge provides hair, makeup and henna services for events and special occasions at affordable rates.

Jessica will be entering her first year at York University to study business administration.



**Mitchell
Consky**

Second Point Canoe Trips

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Second Point Canoe Trips offers guided family and group camping excursions to Algonquin Provincial Park. Trips are tailored to meet the needs of each group.

Mitchell will be returning to Ryerson University to complete his masters degree in journalism.



**Matteo
Cancian**

**Ontario Window
Cleaners Inc.**

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Ontario Window Cleaners Inc. provides residential and commercial window-cleaning services to clients across the GTA. Free quotes and quick bookings are guaranteed.

Matteo will be entering his final year at Western University where he is studying accounting.



**Maleeha
Khan**

FrançalsFun

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FrançalsFun is a monthly subscription box for French children's books which helps parents of children learning French spread the love of reading.

Maleeha will be completing her final year at York University in the concurrent bachelor of arts and bachelor of education program.



**Mubariz
Maqsood**

Megabit Media

megabitmedia.ca

Megabit Media provides media and marketing services to small- and medium-sized businesses. They help their clients improve their brand image, connect with customers and scale their business.

Mubariz will be returning to McMaster University to complete his third year in the bachelor of life sciences program.



**Reza
Mirhadi**

Simple Swim School

simpleswimschool.ca

Simple Swim School specializes in providing private swimming lessons tailored to individual students. Staff is hand-picked and class sizes are kept to a maximum of three students per instructor to optimize the instructional and practice portions of each lesson.

Reza will be entering his third year in the engineering program at York University.



**Hayley
Park**

Thrift Ninja

thriftninja.ca

Thrift Ninja offers a curated variety of pre-loved clothing. From vintage pieces to the big brands popular today, Thrift Ninja is always 100 per cent sustainable and eco-friendly.

Hayley will be entering Grade 12 at Westmount Collegiate Institute in Vaughan.



**Ariel
Schneider**

GOTTAGONOW

gtgnstudios.com

GOTTAGONOW (GTGN) is a sustainable streetwear brand. At its core, GTGN's ethos is sustainability. It's not just a marketing gimmick, but a necessity for fundamental change in the industry. GTGN clothing is designed to reflect environmentally conscious change and look great.

Ariel will be attending Vancouver Community College to obtain a fashion design and production diploma.

Pary Sulaimankhel



Fortune Box

fortunebox.ca

Fortune Box provides luxury rose and chocolate boxes. Fortune Box gift boxes are not just products, but provide a surprise factor that creates unforgettable memories. Fortune Box provides a reliable, easy to use, one-stop shop to purchase a top-quality gift for someone special in your life.

Pary will be returning to Ryerson University to complete her final year in the bachelor of commerce program.

Makayla Whyte



Krowned by Kay

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Krowned by Kay provides glamorous luxury hair extensions and custom wig units at an affordable price. By offering a range of extensions and wigs, Krowned by Kay allows you to take any look and make it yours. A variety of hair textures and different colours are available to choose from.

Makayla will be returning to Marca College of Hair and Esthetics to complete her diploma in hairstyling.

Adam Zahoor



AZ Studios

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AZ Studios provides professional photography and videography services for events such as weddings, birthday parties and engagements. AZ Studios ensures that clients are able to enjoy their special moments, even after they are over.

Adam will be returning to Ryerson University for his second year in the bachelor of commerce program.





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