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**Per Scholas Joins Mayor de Blasio and Other Partners to Announce
Plans for Union Square Tech Hub**

*Space Will Provide Thousands of New Yorkers
a Gateway to 21st Century Jobs*

New York (March 6, 2017) – On February 17, Per Scholas joined Mayor de Blasio and partners, Civic Hall, New York City Foundation for Computer Science Education, General Assembly, FedCap, Code to Work, and Coalition for Queens in announcing the latest designs and plans for the Union Square Tech Hub. The City-backed project will help make careers of the future accessible to New Yorkers of all backgrounds and skill levels by providing tech worker training and education, and modern, flexible work and event space.

The Union Square Tech Hub will be anchored by Civic Hall, and will bring together the best-in-class programs offering affordable digital skills training. A 36,500 square foot tech training center will serve as a hub for Per Scholas and other partners to provide workforce development training.

“Per Scholas is thrilled be part of the new innovation hub at Union Square,” said **Angie Karmath, Executive Vice President, Per Scholas**. “Our employers, students, and alumni will be able to use state-of-the-art facilities to teach, learn, and upgrade their tech skills in one of the city’s most accessible locations. As we all contemplate how automation and the new industrial revolution 4.0 is impacting our current and future workforce, we are thrilled to work alongside some of the City’s best technology education thinkers to equip New Yorkers with the skills to succeed.”

The hub itself will generate 600 good paying jobs, and helps support Mayor de Blasio’s commitment to create 100,000 good-paying jobs within the next decade – including adding 40,000 jobs in the next four years. In May 2016, New York City also announced new commitments and expanded training programs designed to equip New Yorkers with 21st century skills and connections to employment as part of the administration’s NYC Tech Talent Pipeline initiative.

“This new hub will be the front-door for tech in New York City. People searching for jobs, training or the resources to start a company will have a place to come to connect and get support. No other city in the nation has anything like it. It represents this City’s commitment to a strong and inclusive tech ecosystem,” said **Mayor Bill de Blasio**.

At the event, Per Scholas graduate, **Servon Lewis**, discussed with **Mayor de Blasio** and **Andrew Rasiej**, Founder and CEO of Civic Hall how Per Scholas’ technical skills training helped changed his trajectory. Servon graduated in 2012 from Per Scholas’ free IT Support Training course. The course offers the CompTIA A+ and Network+ certifications over 14 weeks and equips students with the knowledge to fill a wide range of entry-level technology jobs as a support technician. After graduation, Servon was offered a paid internship by one Per Scholas’ corporate partners, Neuberger Berman, a private, employee-owned investment manager. He now serves as an Infrastructure and Mobility Support Specialist at the company.

"We are proud Servon is on our team, where he is an important member of IT support, a critical function in the context of a firm managing \$250 billion for clients globally," said **George Walker**, Chairman and CEO of Neuberger Berman.

Renderings of the new hub [are available here](#).

About Per Scholas

Per Scholas is a national nonprofit that drives positive and proven social change in communities across the country. Through rigorous and tuition-free technology training and professional development, Per Scholas prepares motivated and curious adults who are un- or underemployed for transformative careers in the tech sector, while creating onramps to businesses in need of their talents. Per Scholas provides its solution in six cities across the country: Atlanta, GA; Greater Cincinnati, OH; Columbus, OH; Dallas, TX; the National Capital Region; and New York, NY. To date, Per Scholas has trained over 6,000 individuals, helping them build lasting, life-changing careers in technology. For more information, visit perscholas.org, Twitter [@PerScholas](#) and [Facebook](#).

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