

## Waste Management Announces First-of-its-Kind 'Your Tomorrow' Program Providing No-Cost Education to Employees, with Planned Extension to Dependents Later This Year, to Upskill Workforce and Advance Position in Competitive Job Market

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Two-day Hiring Events on May 21-22 Aim to Hire Drivers and Technicians Across North America

HOUSTON--(BUSINESS WIRE)--May 13, 2021-- Waste Management, Inc. (NYSE: WM) is holding Career Day events across North America on May 21-22 aimed at hiring essential frontline driver and technician positions. The company is rolling out a range of new employee benefits from flexible work schedules, sign-on bonuses and a new education and upskilling benefit program, Your Tomorrow, in collaboration with <u>Guild Education</u>. Your Tomorrow is a first-of-its-kind program that provides WM employees, as well as their eligible dependents, the opportunity to choose from a full range of education options, including earning a college degree, at no cost to the employee.

The WM Career Day events, designed to proactively address talent needs, offer candidates the opportunity to interview and potentially receive same-day offers to start their careers with the WM family. Interview spots can be reserved in advance at <u>https://careers.wm.com/wmevents</u>, and walk-ins will be accepted. Appropriate COVID protocols will be in place for these events.

WM Your Tomorrow offers nearly 36,000 full-time U.S. employees access to more than 170 fully-funded programs, including undergraduate and graduate degrees, short-form technology and business certificate programs, and high school completion. Later this year, the company plans to expand this offering to benefits-eligible dependents, including nearly 34,000 children and spouses, beginning with enrollment in 2022 educational programs making WM one of the first employers to extend education and upskilling opportunities at this scale.

"At WM, we're an innovative people-first organization that cares deeply about the careers, economic mobility and wellbeing of our team members," said **Tamla Oates-Forney, Chief People Officer, Waste Management**. "Your Tomorrow supports the reskilling and retention of existing talent, while also helping to attract new talent, to equip the business with a skilled workforce for the future and further position WM as an employer of choice. It will soon help our team members with the support needed to provide for their dependents' education. Through our Career Day events, we hope to attract new team members that want to evolve their career and will take advantage of this new benefit program."

"We're excited to partner with WM to offer education and upskilling opportunities to their employees, including the frontline essential workers who help us maintain a sustainable future in our communities," said **Rachel Carlson, CEO & Co-Founder, Guild Education**. "By being the first company to extend the upskilling offering to employees and their families in this way, WM and their leaders are game-changers. They're setting the standard for how organizations can creatively invest not only in their employees, but also those employees' children and families, in a way that ties to their company strategy."

Your Tomorrow includes education and training programs that directly tie to the business's needs and map to internal career pathways, focusing primarily on business, technology, science and mathematics. These areas include data analytics, digital transformation and systems thinking to help team members upskill and reskill. Learning providers include eCornell, Pathstream, Paul Quinn College, Purdue University Global, Southern New Hampshire University, University of Arizona and others.

## **About Waste Management**

Waste Management, based in Houston, Texas, is the leading provider of comprehensive waste management environmental services in North America. Through its subsidiaries, the Company provides collection, transfer, disposal services, and recycling and resource recovery. It is also a leading developer, operator and owner of landfill gas-to-energy facilities in the United States. The Company's customers include residential, commercial, industrial, and municipal customers throughout North America. To learn more information about Waste Management, visit www.wm.com.

## About Guild Education

Denver-based Guild Education is on a mission to unlock opportunity for America's workforce through education and upskilling. Guild is a certified B-Corp, founded to bridge the gap between education and employment for the 88M working adults in the US in need of upskilling for the future of work. Guild's industry-leading technology platform allows the nation's largest employers — including Walmart, The Walt Disney Company and Chipotle — tc offer strategic education and upskilling to their employees, connecting them to a learning ecosystem of the nation's best universities and learning providers, with tuition paid by the company. Guild serves working learners from all 50 states, including 54% who are students of color and 56% who are female. Guild's payments and technology platform, curated learning marketplace, and advanced education and career coaching come together to help working adult learners advance in their education and career, debt-free. For more information, visit <u>www.guildeducation.com</u>.

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