

Project SEARCH Newsletter - Spring Issue



Project SEARCH Graduation is near!

The 2017-18 school year is coming to a close. Ten interns with Project SEARCH, a program for young adults with disabilities, gained valuable work experience over the past year at University Hospitals Parma Medical Center. From transporting patients in Cardiovascular Services to stocking medicines in the Pharmacy and selling coffee from the Healing Grounds mobile coffee cart, these students learned that there are many ways to serve the public in a community hospital. Interns worked in 12 different departments this year! We have enjoyed assisting your departments and look forward to working with you again in the fall when a new crew will be ready to go!



Donovan worked in Healing Grounds, Security and Cardiovascular Services this year. Donovan is going to miss the daily interactions with his peers and job coaches that have helped him succeed this year. He plans to go swimming in Florida this summer and begin the process of getting a driver's license.

Shelby has worked in the Pharmacy, Occupational Health Parma, Materials Management and Food Service this year. She was pleasantly surprised to receive a nice birthday gift from Alex in Occupational Health Parma. Shelby recently spent a week at Disney World. She has been applying for jobs in hopes of landing a paying job by this summer.



Luke spent time in Healing Grounds, Occupational Health Parma, and Central Services where he learned many valuable skills that will assist him in attaining a job. Luke recalls a time when he served his grandparents coffee during his first rotation. He also received a gift card for Dunkin Donuts at the conclusion of his Central Services rotation. He regularly attends Indians games during the summer with his dad who is a part-time usher.

Brandon has completed rotations in Food Service, Materials Management and Healing Grounds. He appreciates all of the skills he learned from Nickolina and Connie in Food Service. Brandon plans to go to Sandusky for a couple days later this summer.



Jessica interned in the Pharmacy, Occupational Health Parma, Cardiovascular Services and Healing Grounds. Jessica was very happy when Debbie from Healing Grounds smiled and commended her on a job well done! She is hoping to go to a waterpark or camp this summer, and is looking forward to celebrating her birthday with family and friends in August.

Julia completed rotations in Outpatient Services, Healing Grounds and Materials Management. She appreciates all the time Nina, Theresa, Brian and John in Materials Management spent with her as she learned how to pick, stock and deliver orders to all areas of the hospital. Julia will go to Camp Burton and her brother's condominium for a visit when she finishes Project SEARCH.



Hannah worked at Healing Grounds, Cardiovascular Services and Maternity. She is currently a Cracker Barrel cashier evenings and weekends. Hannah had a wonderful time eating bagels, fruit and vegetables with the maternity staff during her second rotation. She plans to go to the Outer Banks in North Carolina and Port Clinton this July with her family.

Dale worked in Central Services, Environmental Services and Food Service. He had a great time folding jackets and pants with Lisa, Dave and Sammie in the Laundry Room! He plans to go fishing and spend time with his family when he graduates from Project SEARCH.



Giancarlo spent this year in Environmental Services, ER and Food Service. He was proud of how he assisted Eric and Joe in Environmental Services as they re-opened the renovated 6th floor this past winter. Giancarlo will play the drums at gigs with his father's band this summer.

Christian completed a rotation in Dietary Services before being hired as a Food Services Worker in their department. He has been working here since February and has loved every minute of it!



Join Us!

Project SEARCH Graduation Ceremony
University Hospitals Parma Medical Center Auditorium
Wednesday, May 30, 2018
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm



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