



# Project SEARCH

AdventHealth Shawnee Mission

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## What is Project SEARCH?

Project SEARCH is a unique one-year transition from school-to-work program for individuals with developmental or intellectual disabilities whose goal upon graduation is competitive employment within their community. Total immersion in the workplace at the host site – AdventHealth Shawnee Mission – will facilitate the teaching and learning process, as well as the acquisition of employability and work skills.

## Business Advisory Council

The Project SEARCH BAC fosters relationships among local business leaders to promote employment of Project SEARCH Interns. Business Advisory Council Members attend quarterly meetings, receive monthly updates on current Project SEARCH Interns and introduce fellow business representatives to the Project SEARCH program. Please visit our website to learn more.

## Important Dates

August 14: Welcome Back – Orientation Meeting for new interns; 5:30 Rodgers Conference Center

August 16: First Day for 2023-2024 Project SEARCH interns

## What's new?

In April our current interns welcomed next year's class. The future interns had a chance to talk current interns, took a tour of the hospital and stayed for lunch. Next year is shaping up to be a great year already!!! Welcome aboard!

Congratulations, Project SEARCH Class of 2023! We celebrated our commencement ceremony on May 12<sup>th</sup> with family, friends, SMSD supporters and our awesome mentors and managers from AdventHealth. Thank you for a great year!



## Intern Highlights

Jaydon has been hired by AdventHealth as a Floor Technician in the Environmental Services Department. We are all looking forward to seeing him around the hospital!



Matt took an amazing trip to Japan right after he graduated. Matt will be actively looking for a job when he returns.



The Harvest Kitchen at AdventHealth has a new Food Prep person – congratulations, Alex! He will be working hard at making sure we all have great things to eat!

Daniel continues his amazing work with Special Olympics and is pursuing a job with Chiefs Fit. There is no stopping this guy!

