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As we sit here approaching the middle of December, I am blown away by how resilient our interns have been this year. While we were unable to finish the full rotation due to school closure, our interns learned a great deal from their first experiences. After 8 weeks at Foundation Health Partners, they finally started to realize what “a hard day’s work” means to the rest of us.

At the end of October, we named Devin Hughes as our Intern of the Month. He spent his first rotation in the Emergency Department stocking medical supplies and sanitizing equipment. He is currently spending his days working with the team at Home Medical Equipment. We look forward to seeing what exciting challenges await him there.

At the end of November, we awarded the Intern of the Month to Nathaniel Chappell. Nathaniel spent his first rotation in the Laundry department. As you can imagine, this department has been very busy keeping linens, scrubs, and hospital gowns clean during the pandemic. Nathaniel learned how to fold the linens, and he began to build his communication skills by engaging in social conversations with coworkers. Now, Nathaniel is working in the Emergency Department, learning many of the same skills Devin was taught while working there.

At the end of October, we also began to recognize the amazing dedication of our mentors. Our first recipient was Cory Sperry-Splees, the wonderful mentor from Radiology. Cory has worked with Project SEARCH interns every year since the start of the program back in 2011. She continuously looks for new tasks to teach. At the end of November, we acknowledged the tremendous efforts of Mary Vogel, a registered nurse in Cardiac Rehabilitation. She has been a mentor since 2018. Mary shows kindness and patience as she works closely with interns in her department. Both ladies were rewarded for their dedication with a gift card courtesy of Sunrise Bagel and Espresso.

