



HENRY FORD HEALTHSM

West Bloomfield Hospital

Project SEARCH Newsletter

FALL 2023 EDITION

Upcoming Events

- November 1 – First Employment Meeting
- November 7 – No Project SEARCH
- November 17 – Half Day – Dismiss 11:30
- November 23,24,25 – No Project SEARCH Thanksgiving Break
- December 6 – Second Employment Meeting
- December 12 – In – Person Open House – 9:30 -11:00 am
- December 23 – January 7, 2024 – Winter Break

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Welcome to Project SEARCH 2023-2024



Jasmine

Sahana

Grant



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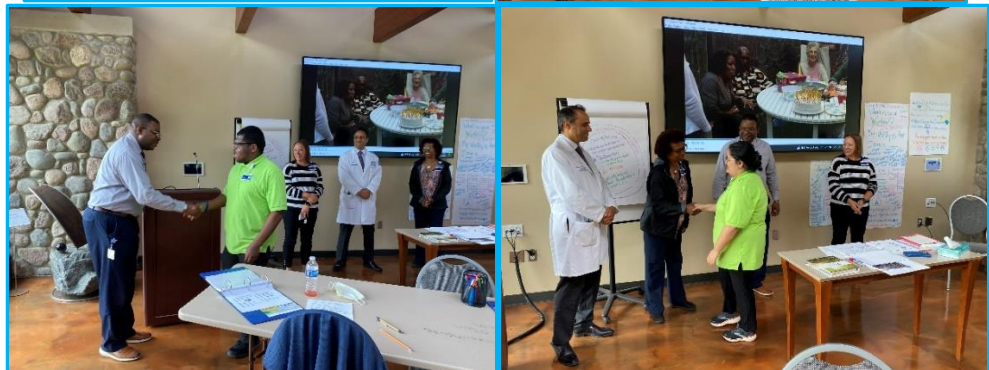
Kristen

So what do you do in Project SEARCH?

As interns prepare to be immersed into real work life experiences, within hospital department rotations, they begin their first month at Project SEARCH learning hospital expectations and procedures. They are introduced to the habits of highly effective interns, engage in team building...and more team building, skills assessment and building workplace social and communication skills. CPR and using an AED is being introduced to this year's interns too and will be an ongoing learning session. The Project SEARCH Classroom Curriculum units are: Team Building, Workplace Safety, Technology, Self Advocacy, Maintaining Employment, Financial Literacy, Health and Wellness, Preparing for Employment, and Social & Communication.



Henry Ford Team - Name Badge Pinning Ceremony



The Interns became official Henry Ford Health-West Bloomfield Hospital Team Members when receiving their name badge from Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Manu Malhotra, Business Liaison Christina Trivett, and Volunteer Services Coordinators, Rose Taylor and Cliff Warren. First, the Henry Ford Team listened as each intern spoke about their "Why" to becoming a Project SEARCH Intern, and then Dr. Malhotra spoke to the interns providing words of inspiration and encouragement before receiving their hospital name badge.

Your Rotation is...

It was an afternoon filled with excitement and anticipation on September 27th as the interns learned where their first rotations will be within the hospital. Christina Trivett, Business Liaison and Volunteer Services Department Supervisor and Rose Taylor, Volunteer Services Coordinator handed out the assignments. The interns are working with the following departments: endoscopy, supply chain – linen distribution, surgical processing department (SPD), Acorn 2nd floor patient area, Birch 2nd floor patient area.



Congratulations Project SEARCH Class 2022-2023! 100% Employment Outcome



Bravo! Bravo! Three of the interns began working as Fox Run employees during the summer. Their jobs are in the kitchen as a utility worker, a dishwasher, and in the dining room as a food server. The other two interns joined the Henry Ford Health WB team as supply technicians for supply chain linens and surgical supply.

Let the rotations begin...

The first rotation began on Monday, October 2, 2023. The week involved a scaffold start as the interns went to their departments. The interns receive initial training from the skills trainer on the tasks to be completed while developing their confidence and reliability to do the job. Daily conversation, instruction from the Project SEARCH curriculum, and reflection occur in the classroom to support the interns and provide strategies to prepare and maintain employment. The interns begin their day in the classroom, then go to their rotations for the middle part of their day before returning back to the classroom to reflect, continue learning and prepare to go home.



Congratulations! **Project SEARCH Class of 2023** **New Horizons Intern of the Year Award** **to Alex Kaechle**

Alex Kaechle was recognized on Thursday, October 12, 2023 at the New Horizon's 59th Annual Awards Ceremony and Banquet for his outstanding achievement as Project SEARCH Intern of the Year for the Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital site. Congratulations Alex! We are thrilled and so very proud of you for this well deserved recognition. Currently, Alex's competitive employment is working with the Henry Ford Health Team in surgical supplies as a supply technician..



Alex's remarks he shared at the awards ceremony.

The Legacy I Left At Project SEARCH

Hello, my name is Alex Kaechle. This past June of 2023, I received the honor of being recognized as the intern of the year at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital. I am thankful to the departments and the managers that took me in as an intern and I want to thank everyone at Henry Ford West Bloomfield, and most especially the Project SEARCH staff. I appreciate Andrea's coaching on her days here, but I am most grateful to Leah and Karen for teaching me to take chances, live with courage, and see my abilities as a contributing team member/employee. I also want to thank my family for their love and support. I know I can make a difference in the world with the new job skills I have been taught this year. I have learned to assume positive intentions, mistakes are teachable moments, if I need to apologize I need to change my behavior and not repeat the wrong, and happiness comes from within. I choose my weather whether to be sunny and happy or stormy and mad. The 7 habits have taught me to be proactive and take responsibility for myself, my choices, and my attitude. I am responsible for my responses and reactions in life. I want to be remembered as an intern who is kind, responsible, dedicated to my life and job. I will never give up. I will give my all, and I am happy to have had a chance to work with others. It's what I can do that matters at home, work and life. This is how I show excellence each day. On October 30th I will continue showing excellence at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital. This will be my first day on the job with the Supply chain surgical services team. Thank you.



Employment Updates



Familiar faces from last year's Project SEARCH class began their competitive employment positions with the supply chain management team. Ben is with the linen supply chain team and Alex is with the surgical supply team. Congratulations!

Did you know?

The nationwide employment rate for people with disabilities is: 22%

The national Project SEARCH program employment rate is: 73%

The past six years, Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital Project SEARCH program employment rate is: 84%

The Great Pumpkin Contest

