



HENRY FORD HEALTH

West Bloomfield Hospital

Project SEARCH Newsletter

FALL 2025 EDITION

Upcoming Events

- October 2 – No Project SEARCH
- October 29 – First Employment Meeting
- November 4 – No Project SEARCH
- November 21 – Half Day – Dismiss 11:30
- November 26,27,28 – No Project SEARCH Thanksgiving Break
- December 3 – Second Employment Meeting
- December 19 – Early Release @1:30 pm
- December 22 – January 2, 2026 – Winter Break

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Welcome to Project SEARCH 2025-2026



Abbey

Aidan

Claire

Scott



So what do you do in Project SEARCH?

As interns prepare to be immersed into real work life experiences, they began their first month at Project SEARCH learning hospital expectations, procedures and how to navigate the hallways, plus they met Ollie, a hospital therapy dog and the Project SEARCH mascot. They were introduced to the habits of highly effective interns, engaged in team building...and more team building, and even more team building activities. One of the team building lessons involved building a structure out of index cards that will hold the "world." The interns were learning to be proactive in their responses and problem solving to determine how to build a structure while keeping the index cards standing, without tape or glue, especially when unforeseen elements of fans and shaking tables played a part. The hardest role was learning how to communicate and work together to build one structure for all and to rebuild the structure within the time limits and the size expectations. They discovered that synergy takes time and is a work in process. *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.*

Synergy = Working together to achieve more.



Henry Ford Team - Name Badge Pinning Ceremony and Rotation Announcement



Wednesday, September 24th was a big day as the interns learned of their rotations and received their hospital name badges from Project SEARCH Business Liaison, Christina Trivett ~ Henry Ford Health Volunteer Services Manager, West Bloomfield School District Superintendent, Dr. Dania Bazzi and Student Support Services Director, Dr. Jessica Cohen listened as each intern spoke about their “Why” to becoming a Project SEARCH Intern and their goal for a job. Christina provided words of inspiration, encouragement and recognized the growth the interns have demonstrated since beginning the program before distributing the well earned hospital name badges and the rotation assignments. Then, to add an exclamation point to a very exciting day, Megan from Public Relations, presented each of the interns with a lunch bag.

Your Rotation is...

It was an afternoon filled with excitement and anticipation on September 24th as the interns learned where their first rotations will be in the hospital. Christina Trivett, Business Liaison, Volunteer Services Department Manager handed out the assignments. The interns are working with the following departments: Supply Chain – Linen Distribution, Supply Chain Surgical Services~OR and Patient Transportation, Acorn/Birch 1st and 2nd floor stocking patient areas, Food and Nutritional Services.



Welcome

The interns had the opportunity to meet Karima Bentounsi, the new president at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital and Shanna Johnson, the new regional president at Henry Ford Health during the welcome reception on September 4th in the atrium.



Deep Roots with Unlimited Possibilities



*Advice from a Tree ~
Anonymous*

- *Stand Tall and Proud*
- *Sink your roots deep*
- *Go out on a limb ~
take a chance*
- *Drink plenty of water*
- *Look up*
- *Enjoy the view*

*"I took a walk in the woods and
came out taller than the trees."
Henry David Thoreau*

Did you know?

**The nationwide employment rate for
people with disabilities is: 22.7%**

**The overall Project SEARCH program
employment rate is: 75% since 2010**

**The Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital
Project SEARCH program employment
rate is: 81.2% since the program began in
September 2011.**