

Project SEARCH Happenings

August-October, 2018

What have we been up to since August?



WHEELCHAIR SAFETY

Lori Agan, Supervisor of Supply Chain Transportation, taught us the proper way to use wheelchairs. We even learned how to operate two wheelchairs at a time.



HAND AND PERSONAL HYGIENE

We learned about the importance of hand and personal hygiene from Kristen Moskalenko-Locke, RN from Occupational Medicine. Did you know that it's really hard to get all germs off your hands?



HYPERTHERM

Stacey Chiochio, Community Citizenship Manager at Hypertherm, Inc. took us on a tour of the facility. We learned about the different jobs in their manufacturing plant, saw some cool robots and learned about the importance of recycling. John Frink, helped us with a hands-on demo using a plasma cutter to cut designs in metal.



FIRE SAFETY

The interns were taught fire safety by Robert Gauthier from Fire ProTec. They also had a hands-on demo on how to properly use a fire extinguisher. They received a certificate of completion from Patrick Payton who works at Dartmouth-Hitchcock's in the Environmental Safety and Occupational Health department.



2018-2019 Interns

THE INTERNS HAVE BEEN BUSY LAUNCHING INTO THEIR INTERNSHIP SITES SINCE THE MIDDLE OF SEPTEMBER.

- ⇒ **Anna** is excited to be working in Pediatrics helping out the LNA's with clinical tasks. What she likes best about being there is seeing all the children.
- ⇒ **Dario** is working in Transportation and learning about all the different equipment the hospital needs transported throughout the inpatient areas. He is also learning how challenging this hospital is to navigate.
- ⇒ **Zachary** is enjoying working with the team in Waste Management. He is learning all about the amount of recycling and waste that the hospital produces.
- ⇒ **Tatyana** is working in a few areas. Her morning begins in the Blood Bank helping with the inventory and preparing O.R. samples for the next day's surgeries. While doing this, she is answering pages from the Cancer Center for blood runs. In the afternoon she is assisting the Unit Support Tech's on 1E. She is definitely getting immersed into many aspects of the medical world.
- ⇒ **Tyler** is interested in gaining skills working in retail. He is doing this by working with the staff and volunteers in the Gift Shop. His dream job is to work in a store like Kmart or Party City as a cashier.
- ⇒ **Olivia** has begun an internship in Ophthalmology. She will be gaining office skills during her internship. She will learn how to operate a copier and facsimile machine. In addition, she will learn about paper and electronic filing systems and assist with mailings. Her dream job is to work with horses or other animals.
- ⇒ **Savannah** is working in Gastroenterology for her 1st internship. She is excited to use some of her skills that she gained at the Hartford Area Career and Technical Center in their graphics program. She would like to learn more about computers especially in the area of graphic design.



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- November 12th—Veteran's Day No Program
- November 14th—Open House
- November 21st to 23rd—Thanksgiving Break
- December 22nd—January 1st—Holiday Break

Program accomplishments this year!



100% EMPLOYMENT AWARD FOR 2016-2017

Several members of the Project SEARCH Steering Committee at Dartmouth-Hitchcock attended the 12th Annual Project SEARCH Conference in Savannah, Georgia this year. The program was excited to receive the 100% employment award for the 2016-2017 class. This was the 5th employment outcome award for achieving 70% - 100% in 6 years. This award is given to sites for the previous school year and it is based on the graduates from that class being employed for at least 16 hours a week in competitive employment at the prevailing wage.

PRESENTING AT THE 12TH ANNUAL PROJECT SEARCH CONFERENCE

In August, 2018 a few members of our team presented to over 140 participants at the Project SEARCH National Conference in Georgia. Eric Dickson, Business Liaison from Dartmouth-Hitchcock; Kathleen MacLean, Program Coordinator and Instructor from the Hartford School District; and Rhonda Keenan, Assistant Director of Employment Services at Lincoln Street, Inc. spoke on, "*The Trifecta: A Collaborative Approach to Robust Internships*".



RECOGNITION FROM THE STATE OF VERMONT

Project SEARCH at Dartmouth-Hitchcock is proud to be a recipient of the "*Governor's Committee on the Employment of People with Disabilities Partner Award*" on October 4th at the Rutland Regional Medical Center. In addition, to the Dartmouth-Hitchcock site, three other Project SEARCH sites in Vermont also received the GCEPD Partner Award. They were Rutland Regional Medical Center, the University of Vermont Medical Center and THE EDGE Sports and Fitness of Burlington.

