

Project SEARCH Monthly

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DECEMBER UPDATES

During the remainder of November and beginning of December, the interns have continued to build their skills, stamina, and broaden their range of job tasks. December 6th was the final day of the first rotation. Many milestones were made during the first rotation of Project SEARCH! On the week of 12/9-12/13, the interns had one week of classroom time before the start of the second rotation. We had group discussions and brainstorming periods about resumes- what belongs on a resume, what to leave out, as well as a discussion on the difference between professional skills versus expectations. Each intern has begun working on their own resume and will continue to add to it over the duration of their next two rotations. The interns were also able to take a day to visit the MARC building, visit with their peers, and conduct a presentation for their peers on what they have learned so far in their internships. The second rotation is quickly approaching, and we are very eager to see the interns take on their next challenge!

-Bri and Dimitar



REMINDERS

The second rotation begins on Monday, December 16th and the final day is Friday, February 21st. Each intern has their assignment for their new internship rotation. Employment planning meetings will be scheduled for mid-January.

UPCOMING DAYS OFF

December 24
December 25
January 1
January 20

In the case of needing to contact us:

- Bri will be off beginning **12/19** and returning on **12/26**.
- Dimitar will be off beginning **12/26** and returning **12/30**.



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The Interns

← Michaela



Michaela finished her first rotation in the mailroom. By the end of her rotation, she was not only completing the outside mail run (9 stops) independently every day, but she also reached a milestone of completing the inside mail run (58 stops) without any assistance or mistakes on three separate occasions! Michaela has demonstrated a positive outlook and motivation to improve each and every day. For her next rotation, Michaela will be trying the patient transport department.

Andrew →

Andrew finished up his rotation in the materials management department. Andrew was making deliveries, on his own, throughout the entire hospital every day, making a dramatic difference on the workload of the storeroom staff. Andrew also was introduced to the process of picking orders in the storeroom, packing them and delivering to the correct department. Andrew will be moving to the mailroom for his next rotation!



← Indiana

Indiana has been in the EVS department, training on the first floor. Indi is working to gain more independence with the tasks in the EVS department including: pushing the cart around the floor, maintaining restrooms, stocking supplies, and taking out trash. Indiana will remain in the EVS department for the first half of the next rotation, to continue building on her skills and level of independence with the department's tasks.



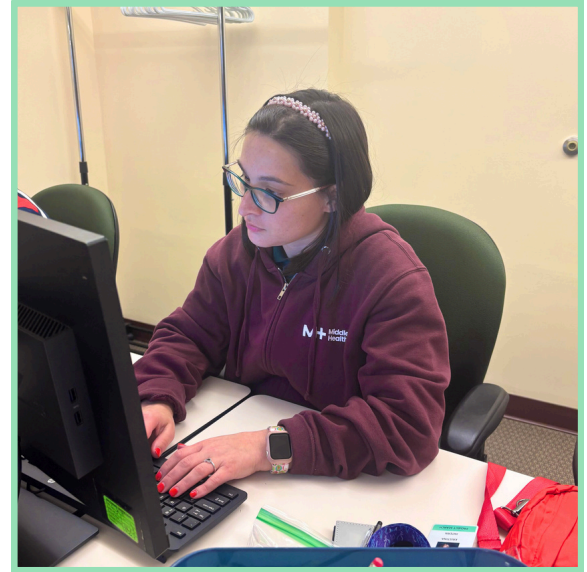


← Erica

Erica has been in the linen department for her first rotation. Erica has worked on hand-folding and sorting gowns, scrubs, and other hospital linens with a group of peers in the department. Erica has been increasing her stamina during this rotation so that she can work longer hours. Erica will remain in the linen department for the first half of the second rotation, to expand her tool-kit and build on the tasks she has learned, including moving to the back room of the linen department to work on the folding machines.

Kristina →

Kristina finished up her first rotation in the employee health/infection control departments. Kristina has enjoyed learning data entry in her internship and has been working mostly independently, asking for assistance if needed. Kristina cleared the backlog of patient health records that needed to be entered. She also worked on hand hygiene auditing employees on patient floors. Kristina will be moving to the Center for Professional Development for her next internship, to build on her clerical skillset.



← Kerri

Kerri finished her first rotation in the front desk and gift shop. Kerri learned many tasks at the front desk, including greeting visitors, scanning ID's, creating visitor badges, and navigating the patient census. In the gift shop, Kerri is becoming comfortable at the cash register, taking inventory, tidying the shop, and working on her money skills. Kerri will remain in the gift shop for now, to continue building up her customer service and money handling skills!



Leszek →

Leszek has worked hard in the kitchen and is becoming more confident with tray passing. Les greets every patient when entering a room, confirms patient identifiers, can identify when to deliver trays to the nurses' station, and has become punctual with hand hygiene. Leszek has demonstrated a lot of growth throughout his rotation and has the potential to build on what he has learned and continue to progress. Les will be continuing in the kitchen for his next rotation!

