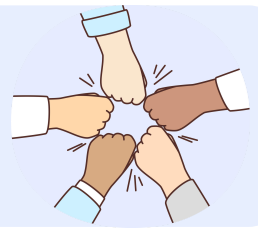


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FEBRUARY UPDATES

As we enter mid-February, the interns are almost finished with their second rotation at Middlesex Health. The interns have demonstrated professional and personal growth throughout this rotation by adding more tasks and job skills to their toolbelts. Some interns switched departments mid-rotation to begin focusing on a new set of job tasks, while others remained where they are to continue building on what they have learned in their current departments. The interns are taking more initiative on their job tasks each day. In the classroom, they are strengthening their skills with using their email accounts to communicate with their departments as well as staying in touch with MARC staff. They are also keeping track of their transportation and scheduling their rides. We continue to receive a lot of positive feedback from department mentors and supervisors about their intern experience. As always, we continue to spend additional time shadowing, assisting, and mentoring the interns, supporting them with certain tasks that may need extra attention. This rotation we had two sets of employment planning meetings, to review progress and goals, to keep the interns' support team updated on their progress. We can't believe how fast this rotation has gone by and that we are past the halfway point of the Project SEARCH year!

-Bri and Dimitar



REMINDERS

The week of 2/24-2/28 will be spent in the classroom, as the 2nd rotation ends on 2/21. We will host a panel discussion, for the interns to share their experience with potential interns on 2/26 at the MARC building @ 5:30pm.

UPCOMING DAYS OFF

April 18



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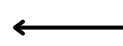
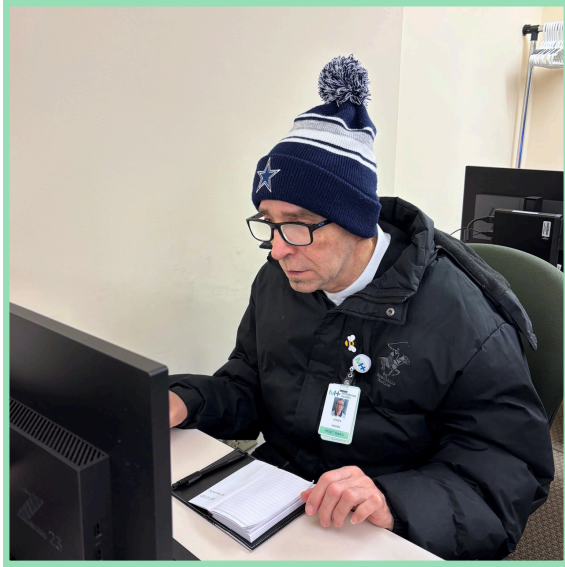


We are so excited and proud to congratulate Ben on getting the keys to his first apartment! Ben is a Project SEARCH graduate from the class of 2023. Ben's internship rotations were in materials management and patient transport. Ben was hired after his graduation in the materials management department as a per diem employee and has worked his way to a contracted 32-hour position! Congrats Ben! We are so happy for you and proud of you!

You did it!



The Interns



Leszek

Leszek continued to learn skills and tasks in the kitchen for his second rotation. Les has taken the lead when paired with kitchen mentors by pushing the cart to patient floors and delivering trays to patients. He has become more confident and comfortable with his tasks in the kitchen. He pays close attention to dietary needs, precaution signs, and making sure he delivers trays to the nurses' station when necessary.

Indiana →

Indiana finished up her internship in the EVS department and transferred to the linen department for the second half of her rotation. Indi has been introduced to a new set of job tasks and skills in the linen department. She has been with a group of mentors in the department, hand-folding scrubs, gowns, and other hospital linens, sorting by size and storing on shelving or hangers for hospital-wide distribution.



Erica

Erica finished her time in the linen department and began a new internship in the EVS department. She has been paired with a mentor from the department and has been learning to make rounds on the first floor of the hospital to service restrooms, replace trash in offices and lobby areas, restock supplies etc. Erica has really demonstrated an increase with her stamina and taking initiative on EVS tasks without being asked.





← Andrew

Andrew has been gaining confidence in the mailroom and has been introduced to more tasks in the department. He is completing the outside mail run (9 stops) independently every day. He was introduced to the inside mail run (50+ stops) and has been completing it each day as well. He also is packing the cart for the inside mail run independently already.

Kristina →

Kristina is in the center for professional development, strengthening her office-work skills. She completes spreadsheets of data regarding education information for RNs and other hospital staff. Kristina has been writing and grading tests, making charts, answering phone calls, creating orientation packets, and several other department tasks. She has been very independent in her internship and always asks for help when she needs it.



← Kerri

Kerri is in the gift shop and continues to build her customer service skills. She is very flexible and often learns new tasks in the shop to continue her learning. Kerri not only makes transactions on the cash register, but she stocks merchandise, helps with inventory, sets up the coffee kiosk, cleans surfaces in the shop, delivers flowers to patients, and more. She has been building up her confidence with customer interaction and with answering phone calls as well.



Michaela →

Michaela is in the patient transport department learning a multitude of tasks. She has been transferring patients to other hospital areas for MRIs and other procedures, learning how to do patient discharges, making rounds to keep track of wheelchairs, cleaning and delivering IV pumps to patient floors, and checking the hover mat locations.

