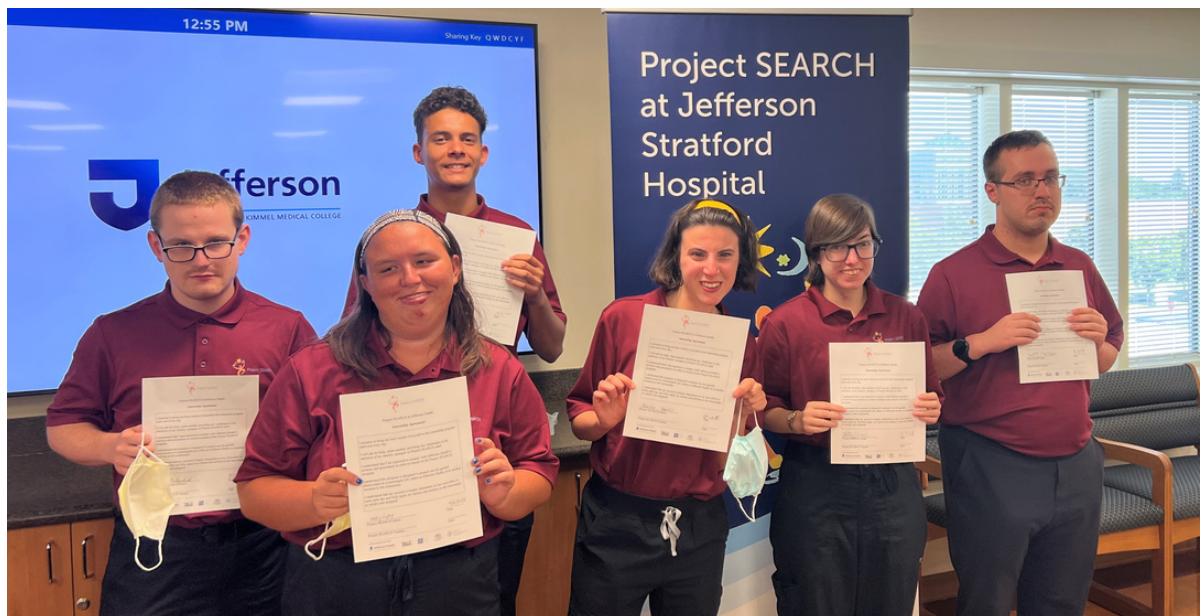


The Project SEARCH at Jefferson Health Quarterly Newsletter

Welcome Project SEARCH Interns



Project SEARCH at Jefferson Health welcomed 13 interns during two Signing Celebrations on September 9 at Jefferson Health hospitals in Cherry Hill and Stratford. During the celebrations, all interns committed to working hard each day to prepare for gainful employment at the end of the program, either at Jefferson Health or at another employer in the community. The Project SEARCH programs at Jefferson Stratford Hospital and Jefferson Cherry Hill Hospital are administered by Y.A.L.E. School in partnership with Jefferson Health, Samost Jewish Family and Children's Service, NJ Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services, and NJ Division of Developmental Disabilities. Six young adults (pictured above) are participating at Jefferson Stratford Hospital and seven (pictured below) are participating at Jefferson Cherry Hill Hospital.



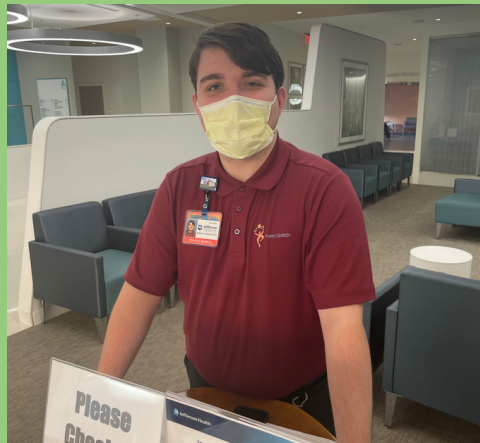
GETTING STARTED: FIRST ROTATION

JEFFERSON CHERRY HILL HOSPITAL

The internship is the cornerstone of Project SEARCH. During the program year, each intern participates in three 10-week internship rotations in hospital departments where competitive, marketable, and transferable skills are learned. Interns are about halfway through their first rotations, which began on October 1 and run until December 23.



Pictured are Jefferson Cherry Hill Hospital interns in their first rotations. Pictured left is DJ in Environmental Services delivering clean scrubs to the departments. Dylon, in Facilities, is pictured here changing lightbulbs in the boiler room. He has also fixed ceiling tiles and vents on the roof.



Seth is interning in the storeroom shown here reviewing the pick list. He delivers surgical supplies to all the hospital operating rooms. Sam is in Health Care Access where he checks in patients and escorts them to the diagnostic lounge.



Jaydon is interning in Patient Transport. He says he is learning to communicate with doctors and nurses, and he likes helping the patients. Josh is in Health Information Management shown here rounding documents. He also scans documents into Epic, the hospitals' electronic medical records system.



Leif (left) is interning in Food Service and Nutrition where he restocks beverages and snacks and serves hot entrees.

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JEFFERSON STRATFORD HOSPITAL



Jefferson Stratford Hospital interns are excelling in their first rotations. Molly (top left) is interning in Patient Transport. She says that she enjoys that people appreciate what she does. Connor (top right), who is interning in Facilities, is shown fixing a chair; he is also learning many other skills including HVAC, electric, plumbing, and painting. Andy, in Food and Nutrition, stocks beverages and snacks, sanitizes tables, makes Wawa coffee, prepares fruit cups and serves entrees. Betsy in Physical Therapy prepares for the patients by cleaning and organizing the equipment. Scott (bottom left) is interning in Environmental Services where he delivers linens to various departments, fills the scrubEx machine with clean scrubs, and removes trash. Rachel in Admissions greets, directs, and escorts visitors.



From the Training Room: Meet the On-site Team

Project SEARCH Alumni says, Project SEARCH is "Changing Students' Lives"



"You know, Kelly, you, Ernie and Heather really changed my life in the work world and a bit in general in a very positive way. I love still being able to see you guys; it always makes my day! I just want to thank you again. If it weren't for you, Ernie and Heather, who knows how my work life would have ended up. Project SEARCH changed me for the better and I will always be grateful to you and the others. I give you tons of credit for changing students' lives, I hope you realize how big of a part you play during their time in with you. You make such a great impact on each student, and I hope you never forget that. Your attitude and discipline are outstanding and put my butt right into shape the day I walked into Project SEARCH. I will always come to each year's graduation for Project SEARCH interns. You can count on that!" Jessica, Project SEARCH 2021 and HIM Analyst

Project SEARCH Teacher Ernie Laux (right), Skills Trainers Kelly Almasy (middle) and Heather Edwards (left) have been a team for several years now and are familiar faces in the halls and departments at Jefferson Cherry Hill Hospital. They are pictured with Jessica, who graduated from Project SEARCH in 2021 and is working as an analyst in the Health Information Management department. Jessica's thank-you note to Kelly credits her success to the Project SEARCH team. But the team knows better -- it's all Jessica, all the way! Jessica now mentors Project SEARCH interns training in the HIM department.

To learn more about Project SEARCH at Jefferson Cherry Hill Hospital, contact Ernie Laux at (856) 524-2039 or Ernie.Laux@jefferson.edu.

Meet the Stratford Project SEARCH Team



Leading the program at Jefferson Stratford Hospital is Beth Kaplan, Y.A.L.E. School Special Education Teacher. Joining Beth this year is Margaret Smith, Y.A.L.E. School Assistant Teacher and Skills Trainer, and Shannen Murphy, Skills Trainer from Jewish Family and Children's Service.

In the first three weeks of the program, the on-site team lead the interns through Jefferson Health's orientation in Human Resources, Security, HIPAA, Patient Experience, and Infectious Diseases. They also teach resume writing and interview skills to prepare interns for interviewing with department managers who agree to host an intern. Once the interns start in their departments, the on-site team is "on the move" throughout the hospital, teaching new skills, monitoring progress, and addressing challenges. An important part of their role is identifying skills that interns can learn within each department that will prepare them for competitive employment.

**To learn more, contact Beth Kaplan
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Beth.Kaplan2@jefferson.edu**

HIRED!

PROJECT SEARCH GRADS IN THE WORKPLACE

Ethan has been a productive member of the First Harvest Credit Union team since starting there over the summer. He has been instrumental in grading loan calls by listening in on recordings of loan advocates interacting with customers to ensure all items are covered, assisting with the preparation and execution of pertinent document mailings, and looking up contact information and updating spreadsheets on Excel. Ethan's supervisor, Sabrina, and mentor, Deneene, recently met with Ethan for his 60-day review. Staff are impressed with Ethan's ability to learn new tasks quickly and complete a high volume of data entry within a limited time. Plans to increase Ethan's responsibilities are in the works due to his strong work ethic. Way to go, Ethan!

Special thanks to Kathy Heid, Vice President, Human Resources of First Harvest Credit Union. Ethan impressed Kathy during the Project SEARCH virtual job fair with his thorough explanation of the office experience he gained during his Project SEARCH internship in Jefferson Cherry Hill Hospital's HIM Department. It is through this connection that Ethan is now employed.



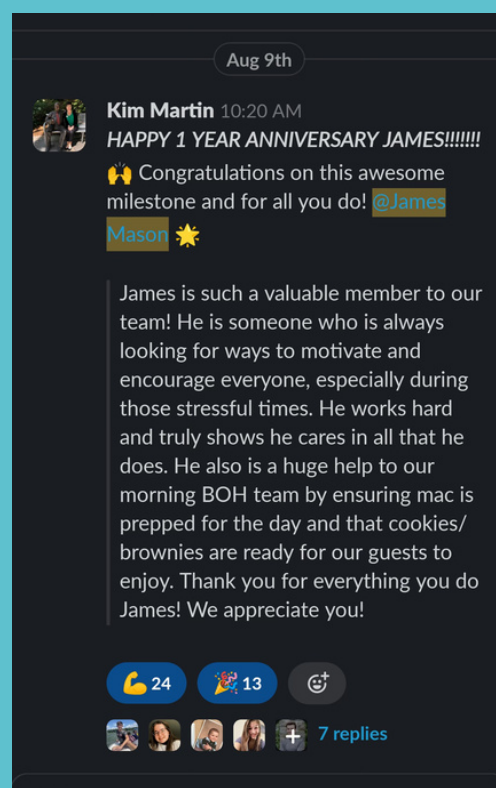
Ethan at his desk displaying his first paycheck.

2020 Graduate is "GUACSTAR" in Marlton

Stop by Pancheros on Greentree Road in Marlton for some delicious Mexican Cuisine served by 2021 Project SEARCH Alumni and "GUACSTAR" Matt. Matt, whose people skills come naturally, enjoys chatting with customers as he prepares orders to each customer's specifications. Matt learned employability and food service skills during his internship at Jefferson Cherry Hill Hospital in 2019 and 2020. He excelled in the training program despite having to finish the program year remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



Graduate Recognized on First Anniversary

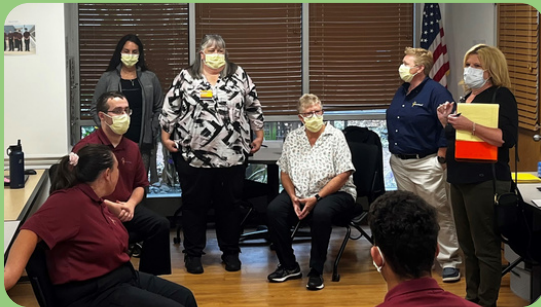


2018 Graduate James was recently recognized by his employer for the value he brings to Chick-fil-A. James works more than 25 hours per week earning a competitive wage and doing work he enjoys at a place where his contributions are valued. Keep up the great work, James!

Project SEARCH Founder Visit

On Sept. 22, Project SEARCH Founder Erin Riehle and Project SEARCH National Program Director Carly Detlefsen visited the interns at Jefferson Stratford Hospital during a training visit to the program now in its second year. Erin and Carly spent the day meeting with VP of Operations and Project SEARCH Business Liaison Frank Rocco, Project SEARCH Teacher Beth Kaplan, and several Jefferson department managers and supervisors who were interested in learning more about the program and/or hosting interns for training in their departments. Erin toured the hospital, offering expertise on developing new training opportunities within the departments.,

The next day, Erin and Carly attended a Project SEARCH retreat at Jefferson Cherry Hill Hospital organized by VP of Operations and Project SEARCH Business Liaison Lisa Dutterer, Corporate Manager Rebecca Bigwood, Rocco, and others from the Project SEARCH at Jefferson Health team. Erin gave a motivational keynote address before department supervisors collaborated to



Pictured are interns at Jefferson Stratford Hospital with NJ DVRS Project SEARCH Coordinator Cheryl Vail, Skills Trainer Margaret Smith, Project SEARCH Co-founder Erin Riehle, Program Director Carly Detlefsen, and Teacher Beth Kaplan.

brainstorm tasks in their departments that would be effective for interns developing competitive job skills. Tasks taught in Project SEARCH are typically not the easiest in the department, but complex and systemic – skills that will transfer to a paid position at Jefferson or with an employer in the community.

Supervisors and managers will meet again to plan next steps in hosting an intern in their department.

Greetings from Iceland

Debbie Deissroth, Business Advisory Council (BAC) Chair (pictured below, second from left) and Rob Deissroth BAC Member (right) visited a new Project SEARCH site in Iceland while on a family vacation to several Scandinavian countries last month.



Debbie said visiting the Iceland Project SEARCH program was amazing. "We were so glad that we could find time to visit the Iceland program in its first year and share some best practices. We look forward to continuing the friendship between our programs with Zoom sessions and email correspondence." A Zoom call between the Iceland and Jefferson Health interns is scheduled for Dec. 12th.

Rob is pictured below with Iceland Project SEARCH Teacher Val and Intern Helga, who is also shown in her internship rotation where she distributes uniforms.

We are from Iceland. We started 19. September. This week is our 2nd internship week. Our names are Auður, Védís, Sigrún, Kristofer, Robert and Helga. Our assistants' names are Val, Petra and Berglind. We really like to work and are very excited to be a part of Project SEARCH. We are learning to work in the kitchen, transport and service departments. So far we like that a lot. We would you like to stay in touch and write e mails about our internship. We could also meet on Zoom one day. If you want to write us please use this e mail address: ps@styrktarfelag.is.

We wish you all the best in your internships.

Best regards from Iceland.

Auður, Helga, Robert, Kristofer, Sigrún, Vedis, Val, Petra and Berglind.





Bulletin Board

Interested in hosting an intern ?

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Virtual Lunch & Learn Information Sessions

November 16, 2022 12:00-1:00
February 1, 2023 12:00-1:00

Learn more about what our students are experiencing in their rotations and daily duties

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Population Health
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Case Management
Lab Services

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Meet the Project SEARCH Interns and On-Site Teams at Jefferson Cherry Hill Hospital and Jefferson Stratford Hospital to learn more about the Project SEARCH experience.

Are you wondering if Project SEARCH will be a good fit for you?

Then attend this in-person event where you can talk to the current Project SEARCH interns, discover the various internship opportunities, and ask all your questions:

What's a typical day like?
What are some of the departments where interns work?
What kinds of skills do interns learn in Project SEARCH?
How does the program prepare interns for a job when the program is over?

RSVP to Kitty Slater
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Please bring your non-perishable food donations to:

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Cherry Hill, NJ 08002

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Attn: Project Search

Stratford, NJ 08084

Please contact:

Heather Edwards via text – (856) 404-1562 with any questions, concerns, or drop-off.

Drop-off: 8:30am-2:30pm

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- Stuffing
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Y.A.L.E. School and Project SEARCH at Jefferson Health program partners invite parents, school district case managers and state agency representatives to learn about our award-winning work immersion program based at Jefferson Cherry Hill Hospital and Jefferson Stratford Hospital, for students with autism and other disabilities entering their aging-out year.

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