



The Project SEARCH at Jefferson Health Quarterly Newsletter

CENTRAL PROCESSING DEPARTMENT JOINS TRAINING PROGRAM



**CPD Manager Brandon Henderson (left)
with Jaydon**

Project SEARCH at Jefferson Cherry Hill Hospital welcomes the Central Processing Department (CPD) to the training program. CPD hosted an intern for the first time during the third rotation that began March 27 and runs until June 7, graduation day. CPD handles the essential tasks of cleaning, sterilizing, preparing, processing and storing surgical instruments and equipment for patient care.

CPD Manager Brandon Henderson, above left, said hosting a Project SEARCH intern in the department is a great opportunity to help the interns learn what CPD does.

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CPD DEPARTMENT TRAINS INTERN

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Jaydon in front of the decontamination room

Jaydon, the first Project SEARCH intern to train in CPD, gathers the surgical instruments onto carts and transports them to the decontamination room to be sterilized by certified staff members. After sterilization, Jaydon organizes the sterilized instruments onto clean carts and stores them in the clean storage room.

Henderson said, "Jaydon is picking up very quickly. He is phenomenal -- very engaged and gets along with all the staff. He is also learning new responsibilities like setting up the code carts."

Lead Technician Shawn Rothwein, along with others in the department, mentors Jaydon, teaching him the complex and systematic skills necessary to complete all his assigned tasks. In just a few weeks, Jaydon has picked up more responsibilities. He has become part of the CPD team.

Project SEARCH Instructor Ernie Laux worked closely with Vice President of Operations Lisa Dutterer and Nurse Director Colleen Farnum to model the CPD internship after a position in the same department at a Jefferson Health hospital in Center City Philadelphia.

CPD, like other departments participating in the Project SEARCH training program, prepares interns for competitive employment at Jefferson Health or at another employer in the community.



Lead Technician Shawn Rothwein (left) with Jaydon

For more information on hosting a Project SEARCH intern, contact Ernie Laux at Jefferson Cherry Hill Hospital or Beth Kaplan at Jefferson Stratford Hospital.

Success of Project SEARCH

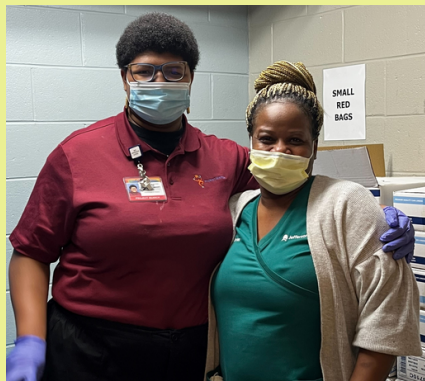
due to mentors and managers



Department mentors and managers at the Project SEARCH at Jefferson Health programs in Cherry Hill and Stratford teach interns the employability and job skills to prepare for competitive employment after graduation. Along with the program's on-site staff, mentors and managers from the participating departments offer valuable feedback and guidance necessary for continuous improvement in both quality and productivity. Thank you from Project SEARCH to each department manager and mentor who supported the interns during the three internship rotations over the program year. Pictured in the first row with some of the many mentors at Jefferson Stratford Hospital are Betsy with Jeff and Bhumika from Physical Therapy, Rachel with Megan from Bariatric Surgery, and Connor with Kyleigh from Patient Transport. Pictured in the second and third rows with some of the mentors at Jefferson Cherry Hill Hospital are Dylan with Dylan from Facilities, Dominique, Jaydon and Seth with Bobby from Surgical Services, Jaydon with Shawn from CPD, and Dominique with Kim from Food Service. Mentors (not pictured) from Health Care Access also supported interns in the program this year.

Thank You

Cherry Hill Mentors and Managers



As the Project SEARCH interns near graduation, they want to thank all of the mentors and managers who participated in the program this year. Without them, Project SEARCH would not be possible. Pictured above are just some of the many mentors from Jefferson Cherry Hill Hospital. From top left is Dominique with Ronda from EVS, Joshua with Jessica from HIM, Seth with Bryant from Surgical Services, Dylon with Peree from Patient Transport, Sam with Heather from EVS, DJ with Fred from the Storeroom, and Jaydon with Cherie from Pharmacy.

Thank You Stratford Mentors and Managers



Project SEARCH interns from Jefferson Stratford Hospital appreciate every mentor and manager who supported them this program year. Not only did they learn skills, but they felt welcomed and included in every aspect of the hospital. Pictured are just a few of the many who mentored interns at the Jefferson Stratford Hospital. Above are Rachel with Debbie, Mickey and Stacy from Admissions/Healthcare Access, Scott with Chris from EVS, Andy with Tom from Food Service. Below are Connor with Tom, John, Joe, Eric and Ron from Facilities, and Betsy with Nancy from EVS.



Thank you from Project SEARCH to each Jefferson Stratford Hospital department manager and mentor who trained and guided them during the three rotations over the program year.



HONING THOSE SKILLS:

THIRD ROTATION AT JEFFERSON CHERRY HILL HOSPITAL

Jefferson Cherry Hill Hospital interns began their third rotation March 27. Now is the time to really sharpen their skills in preparation for graduation and employment.



DJ is interning in Surgical Services where he inventories supplies and then picks the needed supplies from the storeroom and delivers them to surgical services.



Leif is pictured here interning in the storeroom, where he learned to read the pick list and collect the items to be delivered throughout the hospital.



Jaydon is interning in CPD, a new rotation at Jefferson Health, where he gathers used surgical instruments and delivers them to the decontamination room to be sterilized.



Dylon has returned to patient transport for his third rotation where he will continue to develop skills to pursue a career in the field.



Sam is in interning in the EVS Department where he cleans the 1st and 4th floors, including the administration floor and doctor's lounge.



Josh is in Storeroom learning to read a pick list to gather supplies requested by hospital departments. After picking the supplies, he delivers them to the departments.

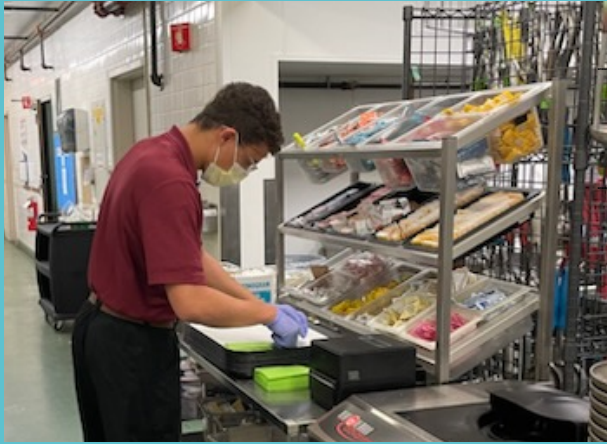


Seth is Interning in Health Care Access where he greets patients, signs them in, and directs them to their appointments.

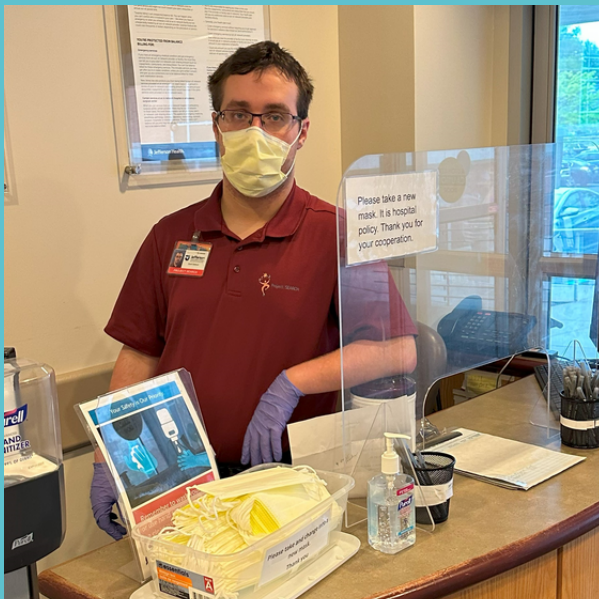


Dominique is interning in Food Service where she is developing many skills including food prep, cleaning, stocking, and serving customers.

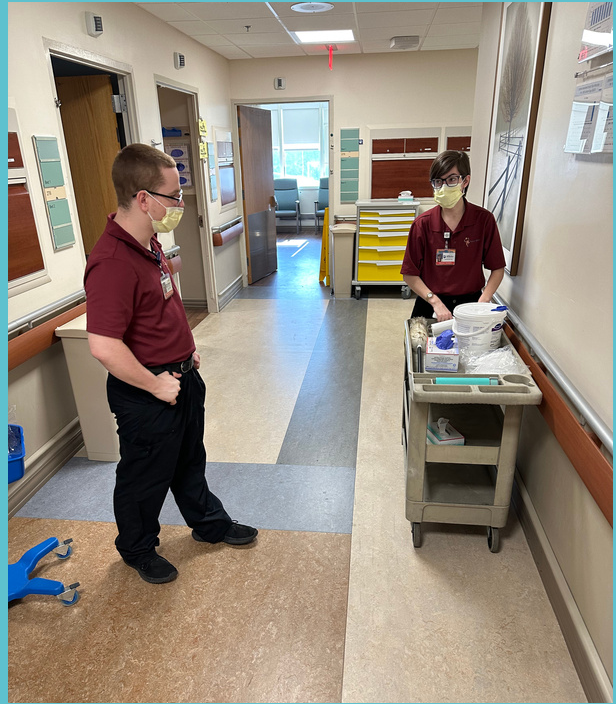
HONING THOSE SKILLS: THIRD ROTATION AT JEFFERSON STRATFORD HOSPITAL



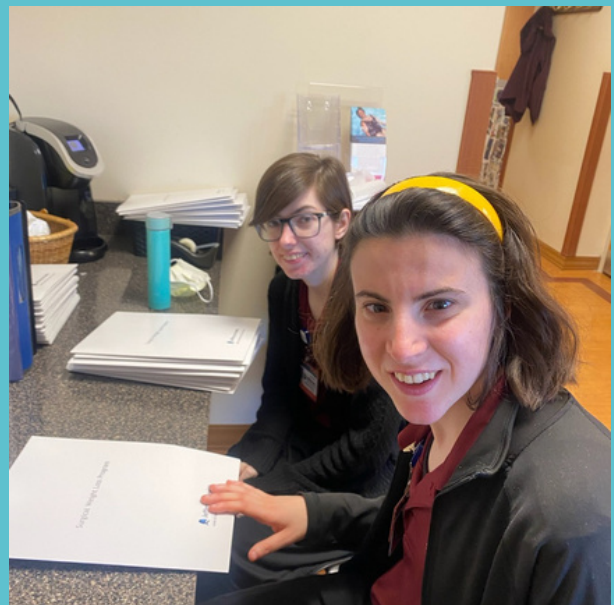
Stratford interns continue to demonstrate their skills and work ethic in their designated third rotation departments, which began March 27. Clockwise from top left are Andy in Food Service, Rachel in Physical Therapy, Betsy in Bariatric Surgery, Scott in Admissions, and Connor in EVS. Throughout the program year, each intern builds on the skills they learn in each department to prepare for competitive employment in the workplace. Interns have begun seeking employment at Jefferson Health and other employers in the community.



PEER TRAINING IN STRATFORD



Peer training, conducted between rotations, is an essential part of the learning process in Project SEARCH at Jefferson Health. Outgoing interns teach skills to incoming interns in the participating departments. Peer training benefits both peers: the trainer develops communication and teaching skills, while the trainee gets a head start on learning essential tasks for their next rotation. Pictured clockwise from left are interns training at Jefferson Stratford Hospital: Scott shadowing Andy in Admissions/Health Care Access, Betsy demonstrating EVS tasks to Connor; Rachel explaining to Betsy how to organize the Bariatric folders; and Scott showing Andy the tasks he learned in Food Service.



Project SEARCH Alumni News

2020 Graduate Honored at 17th Annual Dubrow Vocational Celebration

Gabe, a 2020 graduate of Project SEARCH at Jefferson Health in Cherry Hill, was honored at the 17th Annual Dubrow Vocational Celebration Breakfast Friday, May 5, for demonstrating excellence in the areas of commitment and performance as an employee in the Patient Transport Department at Jefferson Washington Township Hospital. Jefferson Washington Township Hospital was also recognized for excellence in their support in providing employment opportunities for individuals



with disabilities. Rebecca Bigwood accepted the award on behalf of Jefferson Health. She said, "Our mission is to improve lives. I don't know how much I improved Gabe's life, but he has improved my life, and his co-workers' lives and also the patients that he deals with everyday." She added that Gabe is "making a difference every single day."

Janeene Martin is the job developer and job coach for the Project SEARCH at Jefferson Health program in Cherry Hill. Janeene worked with Gabe after graduation to secure employment in the Patient Transport Department, an aspirational employment goal for Gabe ever since his graduation from Project SEARCH.

To view a video honoring Gabe, click here and forward to approximately minute 57.)

Shown, from left: Janeene Martin, JFCS Project SEARCH Job Developer; Gabe Mastrobuono; and Rebecca Bigwood, Corporate Manager, Patient Transport, Jefferson Health.



Calling All Alumni!

Project SEARCH at Jefferson Health is starting an alumni group!

Watch your email for information on upcoming social events and professional development opportunities.

Project SEARCH Bulletin Board



You're Graduating!

COUNTDOWN

TO GRADUATION!!

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HOSPITAL**



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They're almost ready!

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to interview qualified applicants!

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