



The Project SEARCH at Jefferson Health Quarterly Newsletter

2023 PROJECT SEARCH GRADUATES



Project SEARCH Graduates Display their Certificates

Congratulations to Project SEARCH at Jefferson Health 2023 Graduates! Pictured from left are Jefferson Cherry Hill Hospital graduates Dylon, Dominique, Seth, Sam, DJ, Jaydon, Josh, and Leif; and Jefferson Stratford Hospital Graduates Betsy, Andy, Connor, Scott and Rachel.

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Graduation Highlights

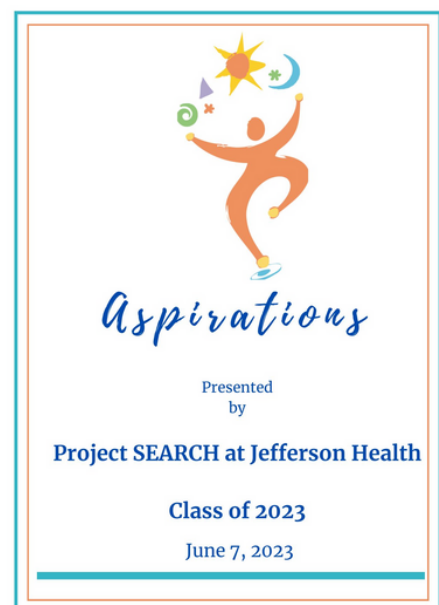
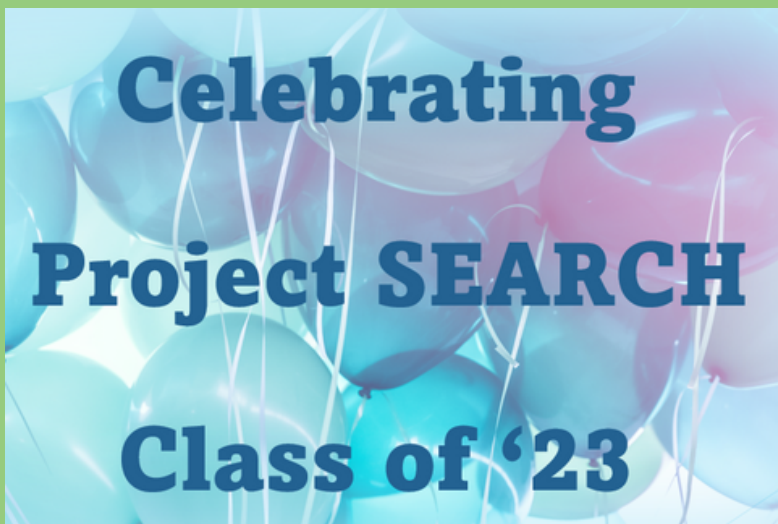
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Congratulations from Project SEARCH Founders



Special wishes were sent to graduates via video from Project SEARCH founders Erin Riehle (left) and Susie Rutkowski (right). To view the video, click the image above.

To view the "Celebrating You" slideshow and the "Aspirations" booklet, click the images below.



Jefferson Stratford Hospital Graduates



Pictured left to right: Project SEARCH Instructor Beth Kaplan with Scott; JFCS Job Developer Janeene Martin; Jefferson Stratford Hospital VP of Operations Frank Rocco with Rachel; Chapman with Andy; Rocco with Connor; Rachel and her mom with other guests; Chapman; Gloucester County Schools District Case Manager Tamie Hobbs with Betsy.

Project SEARCH graduates Connor, Scott, Betsy, Rachel and Andy with Rocco, JFCS Skills Trainer Shannen Murphy, Y.A.L.E. Teaching Assistant Margaret Smith; Martin, and Kaplan.

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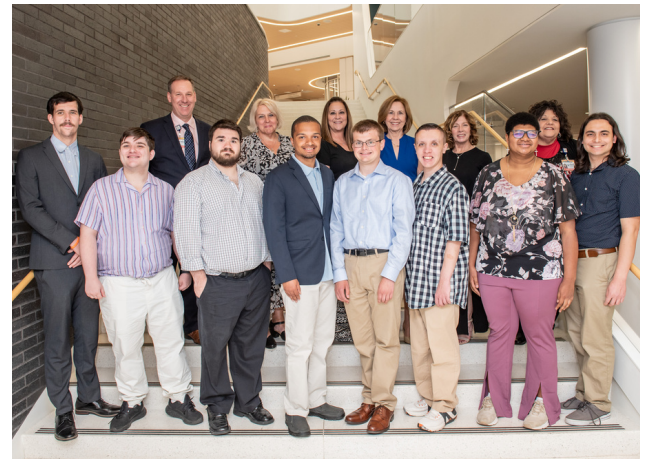
Jefferson Cherry Hill Hospital Graduates



Pictured left to right: Jefferson Cherry Hill Hospital VP of Operations Lisa Dutterer with DJ; Project SEARCH instructor Ernie Laux with Josh; Dutterer and Y.A.L.E. Director Peggy Chapman with Sam; Y.A.L.E. Teaching Assistant and Skills Trainer Kelly Almasy and Laux with Jaydon; Laux, Dutterer, and Chapman with Dominique; Laux, Dutterer, and Chapman with Dylan; Dutterer and Chapman with Leif; Laux and Dutterer with Seth.

Project SEARCH graduates Dylan, Sam, Leif, Jaydon, Josh, Seth, Dominique and DJ, with Laux, Dutterer, Almasy, Chapman, JFCS Job Developer Janeene Martin, and JFCS Skills Trainer Maria DeStafanis-Turner.

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NOTABLE AND NOTEWORTHY

Project SEARCH at Jefferson Health Receives National Recognition for Excellence



Pictured: Helen Liu, Assistant Director, Statewide DVRS; Erin Riehle, Project SEARCH Founder and Co-Director; Darlene Anderson, Project SEARCH at Jefferson Health Coordinator; Beth Kaplan, Project SEARCH - Y.A.L.E. Teacher; Solo Okonkwo, NJ DVRS Project SEARCH Liaison; and Susie Rutkowski, Project SEARCH Co-Founder and Education Specialist.

Project SEARCH at Jefferson Stratford Hospital was recognized with a "100% Employment Outcome" Award at the 16th annual Project SEARCH Conference in Milwaukee, WI, on 7/11/2023. The recognition is based on the employment outcomes from the 2022 graduating class. 100% of the graduates of the Stratford program found employment at various employers in the community including the Jefferson Stratford Hospital pharmacy department, Gofer Parts, BLUSA Defense Manufacturing, and Friends Village at Woodstown. Congratulations to Jefferson Stratford Hospital for this achievement in its first year of hosting Project SEARCH.

Project SEARCH at Jefferson Cherry Hill Hospital was also recognized at the conference with an "Excellent Outcome" Award. The program, in its 8th year, has been recognized for excellence every year. Four of the 2022 graduates of the program are working at Jefferson Cherry Hill Hospital in various departments including Patient Transport, EVS, Guest Services, and Food Service. One graduate works in the storeroom at Jefferson Stratford Hospital. Two others are working at Zena's Shoes and First Harvest Credit Union.

Project SEARCH at Jefferson Health coordinator Darlene Anderson and Y.A.L.E Project SEARCH Instructor Beth Kaplan accepted the awards on behalf of all involved in the success of the two programs.

A special thank you to Project SEARCH Business Laisons Lisa Dutterer and Frank Rocco and all the Jefferson Health managers and mentors who supported the graduates during the 2021-2022 program year.

Thank you to the Project SEARCH at Jefferson Health Business Advisory Council and Steering Committee partners including Jefferson Health, the Y.A.L.E. School, the New Jersey Division of Developmental Disabilities, the New Jersey Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services, and Samost Jewish Family and Children's Service of Southern New Jersey.

In addition to accepting the awards, Anderson and Kaplan presented at the conference. Their presentation, "Planning a Project SEARCH Host-Business Retreat to Create 'Innovative Pathways to Employment'" was delivered to an audience of about 60 conference attendees representing Project SEARCH programs from all over the world.

Project SEARCH Alumni News

Project SEARCH Alumni Launching Alumni Club



Calling all alumni! 2023 is going to be an exciting year for alumni of Project SEARCH at Jefferson Health. This fall, we are launching a club organized for and by Project SEARCH alumni. Stay connected with your friends from Project SEARCH by attending fun activities and continue to develop skills by attending professional development activities.

Stay tuned for more information!

Hired! Project SEARCH Grad in the Workplace

Andy's aspirational goal has always been to open his own restaurant, so it was no surprise when he chose to interview for a Project SEARCH internship in food services at Jefferson Stratford Hospital. He excelled in the food service internship, and he wanted to learn more about the customer service and communication aspect of business, which led him to a second rotation in Healthcare Access/Admissions. His success and ambition in food services inspired Andy to work hard and earn his ServSafe Certification during his second internship at Project SEARCH.

Andy always goes above and beyond in his duties and responsibilities, which impressed his managers as he finished his final rotation learning new skills in food service. Andy was recognized as Intern of the Month in April for his outstanding dedication and commitment. Upon graduating, Andy was offered a job in food services at Jefferson Stratford Hospital. He brings a positive attitude and diligent work ethic to his new position.

Pictured top to bottom: Andy during his first rotation in food service; Andy recognized as "Intern of the Month," and Jefferson Stratford Hospital VP of Operations Frank Rocco congratulating Andy at graduation.



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Interested in
hosting an intern?

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Welcome, New Interns!

COUNTDOWN TO DAY ONE!

SEPT. 11, 2023

8:30 A.M.

*Project SEARCH
Signing Celebrations
Sept. 11*

*Stratford
11 a.m.*

*Cherry Hill
1 p.m.*



HIRING?

Contact Janeene Martin, Job Developer jmartin@jfedsnj.org

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