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## At the University of Rochester Medical Center (URMC)

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## Happy Birthday Project SEARCH!



It hardly seems possible, but Project SEARCH at the University of Rochester Medical Center is 10 years old this year!

Plans to celebrate this momentous occasion are currently underway. The celebration begins in January 2020, and will culminate in June at the Project SEARCH graduation.

For part of the birthday celebration, Project SEARCH would like to acknowledge and thank the many people, businesses, departments, and school districts who have supported our interns and program over the past 10 years. To help us celebrate, twenty people who have made a positive impact on Project SEARCH have been highlighted to describe how Project SEARCH has impacted them.

Stay tuned for more information about this exciting event!

## A Visit from Captain Coates and Captain Dolce, Department of Public Safety



The Project SEARCH interns have begun a new and exciting year. Each day is full of new experiences, challenges, and opportunities to learn about what it takes to be employable.

In October, the interns had the opportunity to meet Captain Cynthia Coates, Head of Security at URMC and Captain Nate Dolce. Interns learned about staying safe in the hospital, what to do in the case of an emergency, the meanings of the emergency codes heard throughout the hospital and how to conduct themselves at the University of Rochester Medical Center.

Project SEARCH interns and when to contact the office of Public Safety, what a MERT response is and who to report an incident to. Then, the security team quizzed the interns about the information that was discussed. Each correct answer was rewarded with a piece of candy.



They also passed out UR Department of Public Safety bracelets to everyone. Interns learned a great deal from Captain Coates and Captain Dolce. Their annual presentation is always a welcome visit.

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## The Interns of Project SEARCH at URM



### Food and Nutrition - Cold Food Prep by Xander

Xander describes himself as a “crack-up” as well as a great dancer. When he’s home, he likes to clean the living room. Xander likes to create wish lists of all of his future plans for having fun. On his job site in Cold Food Prep, Xander portions food items such as peaches, apple crisp, pies and cakes. He puts the dishes of food onto trays and then puts the date on them. Sometimes he prepares over 500 portions a day! Xander would like you to know that he is an artist and that he hopes to be able to sell his pictures someday.



### Totes by Parker

Parker would like you to know that he is hard-working, thorough and intelligent. When he isn’t at Project SEARCH, he likes to relax and do craft activities. Parker is also a competitive gamer. His favorite video game is Minecraft. Parker feels that being in Project SEARCH is a step toward finding successful employment. His current internship site is Environmental Services – Totes. He removes biohazard totes and collects cardboard throughout one of the medical research buildings. In the future, Parker would like to obtain a high paying job that’s fun to do, possibly as a veterinary technician.



### OR - MPD by Hunter

Hunter describes himself as being funny with a great sense of humor. He is also very friendly. Here at Project SEARCH, Hunter is working on time management skills and maintaining a 95% attendance rate. During his first rotation, Hunter works in the OR-MPD department where he checks the shelves for items which have expired. He keeps several check-lists which help his supervisor know which shelves have been checked and when items need to be reordered.



### Porter by Tim

Tim describes himself as punctual, pleasant to be around, and a good friend. When he isn’t at Project SEARCH, Tim enjoys playing video games. Tim also wants you to know that he likes to exercise and is a fast runner. For Tim, Project SEARCH means having the opportunity to get a paying job, learning time management and self-advocacy skills. Tim currently works in Food and Nutrition where he is a porter. He removes clean plates, cups, silverware, trays and domes from the dishwashing machine and places them onto drying racks. From there, Tim moves the carts full of clean dishes and other items to the kitchen.

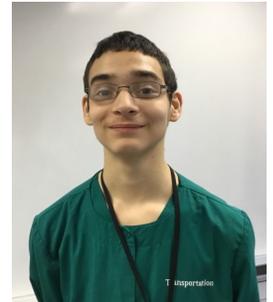
### **Dining Room Attendant - Café 601 by Kianna**

Kianna would like you to know that she is funny, friendly and a hard-worker. When she isn't at Project SEARCH, she enjoys going to the movies, hanging out with her friends and relaxing. Kianna enjoys country music and likes to volunteer. To Kianna, Project SEARCH means that she will learn the skills she needs to get and keep a job. Recently, she has been working on time management skills. Currently, Kianna works as a dining room attendant in Café 601. She is in charge of keeping the condiment and utensil station fully stocked, keeping the floor clear of debris and cleaning tables. After she graduates from Project SEARCH, Kianna would like to find a job that involves cleaning and interacting with people.



### **Equipment Transportation by Michael**

Michael describes himself as fast, hard-working and intelligent. When he's home, Mike likes to work hard at his chores and other tasks. He also likes to relax. To him, Project SEARCH is a place to build work and communication skills. Michael works in Equipment Transportation where he moves equipment such as wheelchairs, stretchers, beds and commodes, ensuring that equipment is accessible to others as needed. At this time, Michael isn't sure what kind of job he would like after he graduates from Project SEARCH, but he is open to new experiences.



### **Employee Pharmacy by Max**

Max sees himself as being hardworking, organized and as having a good sense of humor. On the weekend Max likes to sleep in, spend time with his family and do his chores. Here at Project SEARCH, Max is working on communication skills and advocating for himself. He describes Project SEARCH as a program that will teach him job skills and which will help him to find a job. Max currently works in the employee pharmacy where he greets customers and pulls their orders. He also stocks the shelves with new shipments as they come in and prepares them for customer pick up. Max wants people to know that he is very kind and shy. He is keeping an open mind as far as future job possibilities.



### **AC-6 by Haley**

Haley describes herself as cheerful, hard-working, helpful and caring. She is especially so with children and animals. Haley is a dog lover and enjoys playing with her Sheltie puppy, Princess. In her spare time, Haley dances and enjoys doing adult coloring books. Haley's hope is that Project SEARCH will help her get a job and keep it. At her internship site in AC6, Haley stocks and cleans the exam rooms. It makes her very happy to see a child smile. Recently Haley has begun to clean the waiting areas. After Project SEARCH Haley would like to find a job where she can work with animals or small children.



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## A Typical Day at Project SEARCH

- Some of us take RTS, the school bus, or drive in to work.
- Between 7:20 am and 7:45 am - arrive at URMC
- 7:45 We start class in the Training Room.
- 8:45 Leave for our Internship sites
- 9:00 Arrive on internship site for work
- 11:00 Lunch - 30 minutes
- 11:30 Back to work
- 1:20 Leave job site
- 1:30 Arrive at Training Room for Job Club
- 2:00 Leave for home

## Internship Sites

Our interns gain valuable employment experience by working in a variety of locations around the hospital.

Some years, our rotation sites have included the NICU (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit), Environmental Services Office, In-Patient Cancer Center, Gift Shop, Miner Library, AC6 Stocking, Hospital Stores, Linen Department, Café 601, Food and Nutrition - Stock Orders, Cold Food Prep, Porter and Equipment Transport.

We are always looking for new internship sites within the hospital, giving interns the best opportunities for learning skills to get and keep a job.

## Interns on the Job

