

THE PROJECT SEARCH POST

Individual Progress for Unique Success



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DISABILITY AWARENESS

Written by Heather H

Welcome to the first edition of the Project SEARCH Post! Each edition is written by the Project SEARCH staff and students to inform our readers of our experiences throughout the year. We look forward to sharing our progress with you.

October was Disability Awareness Month. This is a national campaign that raises awareness about employment issues for individuals with disabilities, and celebrates our unique contributions to the workplace. Regional Health participated by honoring Project SEARCH at our local National Disability Employment Awareness breakfast. Regional Health shared the success of past and present students, and provided information to the community about the growth of Project SEARCH. It was an exciting honor for a young program!

The Rapid City Journal also featured our program in October, with a piece that highlighted several of this year's students: Michael H, Justin B, and Zack W.

The article discusses details on the students' rotations, and gives some insight into the life of an intern. We are so proud of all our students, and the success they are seeing on the path to their careers.

We hope you enjoy the rest of this edition, and the excitement we have in bringing The Project SEARCH Post to you!

There is a plan and a purpose, a value to every life, no matter what its location, age, gender or disability.

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DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

Written by Justin B and Pam J

Project Search has begun a new rotation this year in the IT department and we could not be more excited. Justin B is the first intern to work in this department; he started his rotation on Sept. 18th. He has had the opportunity to increase his skills while working within the IT department.

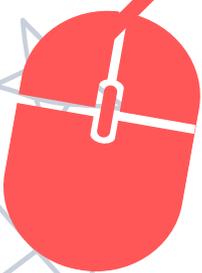
Justin B said his work schedule at IT is very flexible and can change depending on the co-workers/mentors that he is working with. Here are some of the skills he has learned:

- Printing Badges
- Hot Pager(DSS) the person that deals with people's urgent requests to fixing computer problems outside of the main hospital(But still in the district of the hospital).
- Labeling & Setting Up Computers
- IT Inventory
- Barcode Input
- Runner schedule (Help Desk), the person who fixes the computer problems inside of the main hospital to the best of their ability to help others. However if they have further problems, they can call DSS for assistance with the problem.
- Delivering Tech to the department

The mentor's in this department have gone above and beyond in training and challenging Justin B. He is eager to report for his shift everyday.



Check out the next quarterly issue to see the next department in the spotlight!



ROTATION RECHECK

Written by Justin R

Rotation Recheck is where we give a little description of each Project SEARCH interns' rotation. It can also be thought as a temporary position for two months or longer if they wish to stay there. So far this year our interns have started their first rotation, we are interning as stated below:

The first intern is Michael H, he works at Employee Health and Well-Being, he assist in converting all medical paperwork and turning it into digital documents, he also does some greeting on the side. At home he likes to plan and decorate for the holiday season.

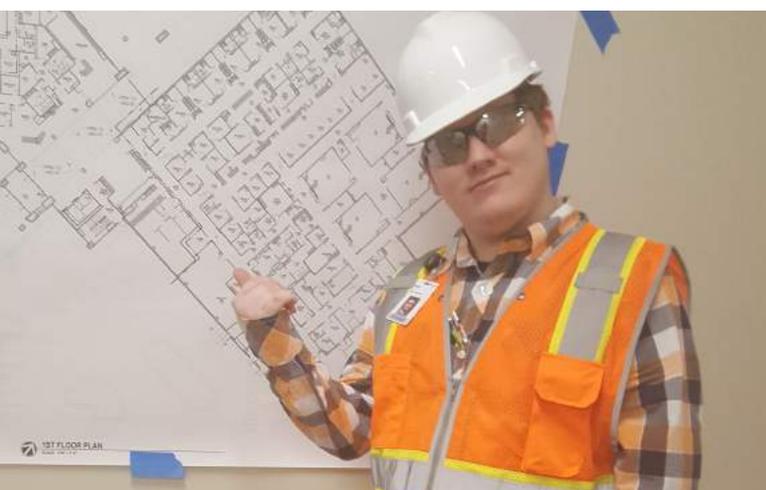
Next we have Zack W, a wonderful individual with a kind personality, working in dietary. He wipes down tables, cleans the floors and stocks the cooler, which is his favorite thing to do. At the end of the day he gets on his computer and types.

Delilah T, a sweet person who works in dietary. However, she does her work behind the scenes as a dishwasher, food cart loader and cart retriever. She loves her job and her fellow employees think shes pretty good at it too. After work she likes to exercise, such as jogging and playing basketball.



Our first of two Justin's is Justin B or JB as he likes to be called, he is the most polite in the group. Justin works in IT and he's a really big help there, he is working on giving all the computers in the hospital names so when a nurse is having trouble IT can easily hotwire into that piece of technology and fix it without leaving the IT room. After work JB likes to relax at home and surf social media.

Fifth and finally we have the other Justin, also known as Rhodes. He loves being a hard working person and is currently in S.P.D. This department is where they sterilize and load medical tools for surgeons, being in a sterile environment he must wear scrubs to prevent germs from spreading. Sometimes it can get pretty repetitive so everyday they play music to liven up the atmosphere and increase productivity. After work he likes playing video games and writing stories.





Welcome

OUR NEW INTERN

Brandon U

Age: 20

Skills: video games,
cleaning, technology

Favorite foods: pizza, sushi
hamburgers, quesadilla

Favorite animals: Dogs,
Cats

Favorite movies: Lego
Batman, How the Grinch
Stole Christmas

Favorite color: Red

Quote: "YOLO"



WATER CHALLENGE AND HEALTHY LIVING

Written by Justin R

This quarter during our Healthy Living education we have been challenged to drink more water. We learned the importance of keeping our bodies hydrated.

We also participated in a hands on learning session reading labels and discovering how much sugar is in some of our favorite drinks.

Did you know there are 52 grams of sugar in a 16 oz. bottle of Coke



INTERN INSIGHTS

Written by Justin B

Communication is key to teamwork. Student interns need to have a good understanding of job task in the work area.

This is a teamwork environment. However, mentors and co-worker's expect you to work on your own.

Mentors and co-workers can give feedback to help improve your job skills. Feedback can include criticism and praise such as giving thanks or positive comments.



Be flexible with your schedule because you need to follow your employer's needs and priorities.

When working in a hospital environment (help desk, kitchen, etc). Washing your hands is very important to keep your immune system healthy and strong. Using this procedure is essential because you are working with many people including patients all around the hospital.