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New Site!

PASS is pleased to announce a new Project SEARCH site. Flagler County School District has been working very hard since November to find a Host Business to house their Project SEARCH site. We are very pleased to announce that Princeton Village Assisted Living facility has graciously agreed to host the program.

Princeton Village is a beautiful facility located in Palm Coast, Florida. They pride themselves in Good nutrition, exercise, a sense of security, fewer worries and the companionship of others. They are a full service facility with private apartments, and a Memory Care facility, among others.

Kim Halliday and Carly Detelfsen met with Ms. Crick from Princeton Village in April and she was eager to accept the opportunity. A few members of the Flagler Project SEARCH Steering Committee met with the Administration of Princeton Village on Monday, April 23rd to begin the planning process. This is going to be a great fit for Flagler County Schools, Project SEARCH Interns and Princeton Village.

Thank You Princeton Village Administration for believing in the Project SEARCH program, Flagler County students and the Flagler County Steering Committee. Your willingness to work alongside these interns to help them gain valuable, transferrable skills is a winning opportunity for everyone. We look forward to our partnership beginning this year and continuing for many years to come.

PASS is still looking for a new host site for Duval County to hopefully start this school year. If you know a business that would be interested let me know.

Congratulation Flagler County!

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Upcoming Events

Month of May

1st – 4th All Day

Vision's Conference – Daytona Beach

7th 3:30 PM

Lake City Medical Center Steering Committee Meeting

8th 2:00 PM

University of North Florida Steering Committee Meeting

10th 3:00-5:00

VR Duval Intake Meetings

11th 11:00 AM

Halifax Steering Committee Meeting

11th 2:00 PM

Stetson University Steering Committee Meeting

14th 1:00 PM

1:00 PM - Flagler Steering Committee Meeting

6:30 Flagler Information Night

15th – 17th All Day

Flagler Student Interviews

15th

Newsletter Article Cut-off

22nd 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

UNF Skills Assessment Day

22nd 6:30 PM

Flagler Project SEARCH Celebration

22nd 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

UNF Skills Assessment Day

24th – 25th 11:00 AM-2:00 PM

PASS Leadership Strategic Planning Meeting

28th All Day

Memorial Day

31st 3:00 PM

PASS Managers Conference Call

Graduation Ceremonies

Halifax Hospital
May 23rd @ 11:00 AM
Halifax Auditorium

University of North Florida
May 24th @ 5:30 PM
Location TBD

Lake City Medical Center
June 4th @ 7:00 PM
Christ Central Ministries

Stetson University
Lynn Business Center
Room 108
May 25th @ 11:00 AM





HALIFAX HEALTH

Intern Spotlight Justin Baumgardner



Justin (JB) Baumgardner is the Project SEARCH spotlight for this month. JB has interned in Brooks Rehab, the Emergency Department and Dietary (Special Functions). JB traveled a long way to Halifax on the bus. He still managed to arrive at the hospital and head directly to work. He adjusted well to every rotation and made plenty of friends along the way. JB adapts to change well. He is always willing to help and willing to learn new things. His job duties in the Dietary Department of Special Functions consist of setting work food events, baking cookies, assisting the Supervisor with creating meals for different events and cleaning up after those events are done. If JB completes his work duties, he is more than happy with assisting the other interns with their job duties.

Intern Rotations

The interns have made a smooth transition into their third and final rotation. During this last rotation, some of the interns have been on interviews for a variety of jobs. The interns have been applying for jobs at many different places based upon their skills and interests. As of the present, we have landed three jobs. Justin (JB) Baumgardner has received a job offer at Taco Bell.

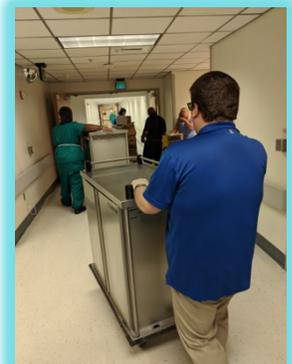
Zach Hall has received a job at Cobb Daytona Luxury Theater. Lastly, James (Jimmy) Ullery received a job offer at Boston Market. The rest of the interns have interviews lined up for this month, and hopefully we will hear good news soon.

The interns are excited about this being their last internship and their upcoming graduation.



Left is Justin Alfano delivering packages.

Right is Zack delivering food to the Emergency Room.





Intern Rotations

Interns at the Lake City Medical Center Project SEARCH site are busy in their third and final internship rotation. After interviews, we have interns in Environmental Services, Food Service and Marketing. While in the Project SEARCH office, interns are updating resumes to prepare for interviews in the community. Interns are learning budgeting and banking skills so when they receive that first paycheck, they can spend it wisely.



Quinta is assembling patient materials for Marketing.



Devin assists in serving, washing dishes and stocking in Food Services



Devin keeps the floors clean in Environmental Services.



Dakota does quality checks on surgical clothing.

Intern Spotlight

Adam Field

Adam is a 2017 graduate from Suwannee High School. Adam has worked in Plant Operation and Environmental Services during his first two internship rotations. He is currently interning in Food Service. He enjoys watching wrestling in his spare time. His favorite food is potato chips. His favorite movie is *Transformers*. Adam would like to get a job at *GameStop* after leaving Project SEARCH.

Great Job Adam!





Intern Spotlight Chalaya Cornelous & Angel Rodriquez

This month we'd like to shine our student spotlight on two of our interns. Chalaya was nominated for her willingness to complete any task asked of her without complaint. She is currently in her third rotation at the front desk of the Hollis Recreation Center, greeting gym patrons and scanning their key cards as they come in for workouts. On Tuesdays and Thursdays she cleans and organizes the equipment in the gym and the aerobics rooms. Chalaya is excited to be doing this internship. She likes that it is bettering her communication skills and helping her to meet new people.

Angel was nominated for his flexibility and eagerness to do new tasks. He is currently working in the dining hall and loving it! Angel says, "it is hard work, but I enjoy putting in the effort". He cleans tables, washes dishes, and empties trash cans. He also helps with stocking and serving food on the serving line. This internship is helping him to improve his responsibility and accountability skills. We are very proud of the hard work both of these interns have put in this month.

Intern Rotations

April was Autism Awareness Month and for World Autism Awareness Day on April 2nd, the Stetson Project SEARCH team wore blue autism awareness shirts and hosted a table in front of the Carlton Student Union building in the center of campus. The Project SEARCH students handed out puzzle piece ribbons and flyers with facts about autism. As part of the table, we

had a corn hole game set up, so our interns could play and interact with Stetson students. Stetson University, had their own way of acknowledging World Autism Awareness Day. They lit the new Welcome Center in blue later that night. Also in April, all students began their third and final internship rotations for this program year and are looking forward to graduation.



Spotlights

Left is Angel Rodriquez

Right is Chalaya Cornelous





Intern Rotations

Our interns are participating in their third internships rotations. Departments include: Athletics, Dining Services, Student Union, and English Language Center (ELC). Responsibilities include: ELC-Administrative; Athletic fields and facility maintenance, general cleaning duties, organizational skills; Student Union Cooking food, various tasks in the back of the kitchen. dishwashing and organizational tasks, general cleaning duties, and stocking; Dining Services in the Osprey Café, Dishwashing, cleaning tables, sweeping, food prep, preparing and serving smoothies.

All students have grown tremendously throughout the school year developing both transferable job skills, building confidence, and gaining experience. The internship rotations on campus have been very diverse. At this point in the program we are confirming their long-term employment goals, working alongside their support groups (family) and VR to establish a plan moving forward to achieve employment and continued success. Additionally we have intensified our job development for students and the business community has been very receptive to our program..

We have a Human Resources Director from Best Buy speaking to our Students in a couple weeks to discuss hiring practices, expectations, and the like.



Pictures from top to bottom: Christian Allen, Keno Washington, and Teri Allen

Intern Spotlight

Emily Kha



Emily began her final internship rotation with UNF's English Language Center. She works in an office setting helping welcome international students at the front desk, filing and organizing student charts, helping with marketing programs, data entry and assisting with special projects. As this is Emily's third rotation, she has come to realize that she enjoys working in the English Language Center the most out of all of her rotations. Her mentor, Irene Silas and their supportive staff have made her experience productive and enjoyable. They have been teaching her new tasks and allowing her to learn new skills that will be beneficial to her long-term employment. Irene has noted that Emily brings a strong work ethic and pleasant demeanor to the internship rotation every day. Emily is personally interested in writing, movies, basketball, and dance.

Well Done Emily!

Project SEARCH Partners



Columbia & Suwannee County

Lake City Medical Center
Pam Hill – Instructor
Chris Cherry – Skills Trainer



Duval County

University of North Florida
Ayaenna McHugh – Instructor
John Pitocchelli – Skills Trainer



Volusia County

Halifax Health-Medical Center
Patty Snyder – Instructor
Braandon Davis – Skills Trainer
Vickie Parnell – Employment Advisor



HALIFAX HEALTH



Flagler County

Princeton Village Palm Coast
Jill Kulwicki – Instructor
TBD – Skills Trainer

Stetson University
Karen Hook – Instructor
Maggie Fraga -Skills Trainer
Donna Kehrley–Employment Specialist
Damaris Roux – PASS Intern



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