



# Project SEARCH Newsletter

## What is Project SEARCH?

The Project SEARCH High School Transition Program is a unique, business-led, school-to-work program that takes place entirely at the workplace. Total workplace immersion facilitates a seamless combination of classroom instruction, career exploration, and relevant job-skills training through strategically designed internships.

This program is operated in partnership with Montefiore New Rochelle, The City School District of New Rochelle and Westchester Institute for Human Development.

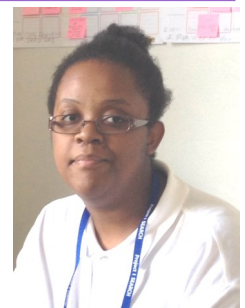
## Meet the Interns & Staff

We are **Ms. Masi** and **Ms. Kandani**. We are the lead staff at Project SEARCH. This is our fourth year of program development through Project Search. We are all very excited to be part of this program and look forward to working in a variety of different departments throughout the hospital.



Hello, my name is **Cindy** and I went to New Rochelle High School and BOCES. At BOCES I learned Floral Design & Retailing. This program provided me with the opportunity to design and construct floral arrangements, cut flowers and plant life. I also learned about merchandising of other items in a simulated retail store setting.

Hi, my name is **Ruth**, I am 20 years old and went to New Rochelle High School. This is my first year at Montefiore New Rochelle. I have completed a culinary program and also an office skills program prior to starting at Project SEARCH. I am excited to try working in different departments that will allow me to enhance my skills.



Hello, my name is **Shawn** and I am 19 years old. I am very excited to work at Montefiore New Rochelle. I am excited to learn new skills and work in a variety of different departments around the hospital.

# Meet the Interns & Staff (cont.)



Hello, my name is **Christina** and I am a student from New Rochelle High School. This is my first year at Montefiore New Rochelle. Before Project SEARCH, I enjoyed my classes at NRHS and also the BOCES program where I learned Floral Design & Retailing. I want to try a variety of different internships to help me gain skills to obtain a job after I graduate.

Hello, my name is **Alejandro** and I was a student at New Rochelle High School. I enjoy working in a kitchen and cooking. I took part in a culinary training program for the past two years. I hope to experience every area of the kitchen and more! I am very excited to have a successful year at Montefiore.



My name is **Ms, Terraro** and I am the Speech Therapist from New Rochelle High School. I have known several of the students from NRHS and I have seen them through the years as "young teens." However, I knew these students needed an opportunity to fly. They are now faced with new challenges and a chance to show their true potential in the Project SEARCH program. Several of the skills that take our staff a year to introduce and reinforce are already emerging... a sense of pride and accomplishment, a fascination with learning new work skills, and a chance to mature into employable women and men of society.

My name is **Mr. Ragin** and I am the job coach from CAREERS for People with Disabilities. As the job coach I am in the unique position of seeing development and growth of the students. Growth is only possible through teamwork and dedication. Together we all work to solidify, strengthen and enhance the students goals. The Project Search model has helped mature the students and begin to assist the transition to the world of work.



## Project SEARCH In The News!

RespectAbilityUSA and POSITIVE EXPOSURE, two non-profits working to change how people see disabilities, have joined forces to create #RespectTheAbility, a campaign to focus on how hiring people with disabilities can make organizations stronger and more successful. The campaign highlights the benefits to employers that look beyond the disability and imagine the possibility when hiring talented employees with disabilities. POSITIVE EXPOSURE photographer and founder, Rick Guidotti, captured the new campaign with photos to link real life images and people with the facts. His motto in the work is, "Change how you see. See how you change." The interns from 2013-2014 Project SEARCH were featured in articles and photos as part of the campaign.



Project SEARCH intern Anthony Telesford ready for another day on the job in the kitchen at Montefiore New Rochelle (photo credit POSITIVE EXPOSURE)