



Team Quarterly

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Did you know?

- Project SEARCH began 19 years ago.
- The first Project SEARCH site was in Cincinnati, Ohio.
- Erin Riehle started Project SEARCH.
- There are Project SEARCH sites in Scotland and England.
- The first Project SEARCH site in Missouri was at Barnes-Jewish St. Peters and is now at Embassy Suites St. Louis-St. Charles.

-Pete Duffy & Nick Wilton

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Embassy Suites welcomes interns from Project SEARCH program

Project SEARCH Embassy Suites St. Louis—St. Charles has begun its inaugural year and the class of 2016 interns are excited to bring you the first issue of their quarterly newsletter.

Internship rotations took off in late August, with placements in Caffaina's Café, Housekeeping, and Maintenance as well as positions as Bell Person, Front Desk Attendant and Breakfast Utility. Interns applied, interviewed and were offered internships, and each is working toward meeting industry standards and personal goals for growth during this first ten-week internship rotation.

Embassy Suites continues to be a first-class host

site. With the support of management and co-workers, the growth of the interns has moved at a remarkable speed. Project SEARCH is excited about its partnership here.

Seven interns, representing three local school districts as well as graduates of two neighboring communities make up this year's class. They are working on career planning and improving their on-site job skills.

In addition to preparations for partnering with Embassy Suites, this summer the team traveled to Phoenix, Ariz. for

the international Project SEARCH conference. The program, formerly partnered with Barnes-Jewish St. Peters, was recognized for 100% Employment Outcomes for the intern class of 2014. Congratulations to those interns and all who worked to support them in meeting their employment goals.



Project SEARCH intern class of 2016.

A day in the life as a Front Desk intern

When we first get to the hotel we have a meeting up in the Sedalia Room. After we have a meeting, then we leave to go to our internships.

I am a Front Desk Attendant and in my intern-

ship I clean desks, greet people, restock waters, put snacks out, give people waters, talk on the walkie-talkie and tell people where things are located in the hotel .

We start our internships

at 9:00 a.m. and we end our internships at 2:00 p.m.

After we get back from our internships we have a meeting to reflect on how our day went.

-by Caroline Armbruster

X-Men is action packed; Features character with disability

X-Men the movie came out on July 14, 2000, and the director was Bryan Singer.

Based off of the Marvel comics series, *X-Men* takes place where mutants are a danger to the entire world and to the humans. A new mutant Logan (a.k.a. Wolverine) is taken to Professor Charles Xavier's School for Gifted Students. At the school we see Professor X, Storm, Cyclops, Gene, Rouge, and Ice Man as they try to defeat Magneto and his evil mutants



Professor X, played by Patrick Stewart in the movie, leads the X-Men and uses a wheelchair.

Toad, Sabertooth, and Mystique from trying to make the humans into mutants

The only mutant in this movie who has a disability is Professor X. The disability that Professor X has is that he uses a wheelchair because he was injured during a fight with Magneto. He rides in a special wheelchair that can be powered by his only mutant power and that is his mind. Professor X's wheel chair does not stop him. He

founded the school for the gifted, he's the leader of the X-Men, he reads minds and he uses mutant powers to freeze time.

I thought that *X-Men* was so amazing and jam packed full of action and mutant packed. The characters were so right including Professor X, Cyclops, Wolverine, Storm, Magneto, etc. The special effects and makeup were so amazing. In the scene where there is an attack on the Statue of Liberty, it looked realistic. It was like reading the comic book and watching the movie at the same time.

-by Matthew Case

What to wear (and what not wear!) while at work

What to wear at work:

Wear black pants
Wear a solid shirt or wear your uniform
Wear black socks
Wear your nametag
Wear black shoes

What not to wear at work:

Don't wear short shorts
Don't wear shirts that show your bra straps
Don't wear tank tops
Don't wear pants with holes in them

-by Sarah Ryberg



Nick models how to be dressed for work: Embassy Suites shirt tucked in, name tag, black pants and non-skid shoes.

Intern shares favorite things about Project SEARCH

My favorite things about Project SEARCH:

Folding towels and folding the sheets.

My manager. His name is John.

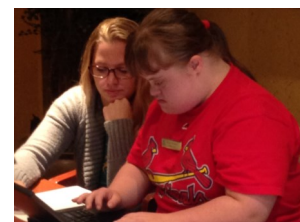
To watch T.V. (*The Price is Right*) on my break.

To use the computer in the training lab.

I like my friends and Tami, Chelsea, and Kim.

It's fun. I like it here.

-by Morgan Mummert



Chelsea Ferguson, Employment Advisor with Easter Seals Midwest, work with intern Morgan Mummert on her Career Plan.

Meet our team member: Felisha Clay

One reason Project SEARCH is successful is because of its relationship with the employees at its host site. We are proud to introduce you to Felisha Clay from Embassy Suites St. Louis—St. Charles.

What is your job here at the hotel? I am the Human Resource Director.

What do you like about your job here at Embassy Suites? I'm a people person, and I like to interact with other employees.

Do you think it's cool seeing people with disabilities working here at Embassy Suites? I look at them as a regular employee, so there is no

difference between those employees and our current employees. We want to make sure everybody has been treated the same.

What do you not like about your job? Nothing, it falls into what I like to do.

How did you find out about Project SEARCH?

We (Embassy Suites) were approached last year at the Work Force luncheon. We won the Work Force award for hiring the most people with disabilities and

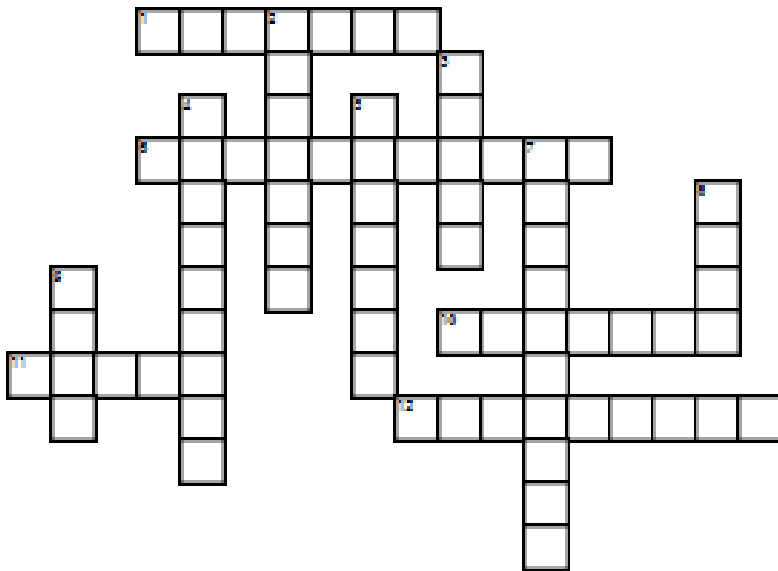


Felisha Clay (far right) with interns. Back row: Nick Wilton, Pete Duffy, Matthew Case. Front Row: Caroline Armbruster, Morgan Mummert, Julia Timmerman, Sarah Ryberg.

Peggy Shelton, the Transition Coordinator from City of St. Charles School District, approached us.

-by Julia Timmerman

Project SEARCH Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1. Internship where someone would welcome customers and take care of their luggage
- 6. The internship where someone

- would unclog toilets, change out lightbulbs, take out trash, etc.
- 10. The middle name of John Hammons
- 11. Number of interns at Embassy Suites St. Charles this year

- 12. Where interns learn to check-in hotel guests

DOWN

- 2. The internship where someone would fold sheets
- 3. Color pants you should wear while working at Embassy Suites
- 4. The internship where someone would make a white chocolate raspberry mocha latte
- 5. First name of the Director of Human Resources for Embassy Suites St. Louis-St. Charles
- 7. City of the first ever Project SEARCH site
- 8. The name of Morgan's favorite manager
- 9. Movie that features a character with a disability

-by Pete Duffy

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Project SEARCH is a transition to work program for high school students and young adults with disabilities. Project SEARCH partners with a host business, local school districts, and non-for-profit agencies to help young people reach their goals of competitive employment through instruction from a certified special education teacher and on-site coaching during three internships each program year.

Currently, there are more than 400 Project SEARCH sites worldwide. Embassy Suites St. Louis-St. Charles became a home to the local Project SEARCH program in August 2015. John Q. Hammons Hotels & Resorts is committed to the Project SEARCH program with multiple programs embedded at its properties nationwide.

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