

Project SEARCH

Happenings

October 2025



A Note From Stephanie

As I have spent time in the hospital with some of the interns, I have had the opportunity to observe some of the positive interactions with staff who stop to speak with the interns to let them know they are appreciated or to thank them for the work they are doing. This small gesture has such a huge effect on the interns. They walk a little taller, they work a little harder, and they feel a part of the Concord Hospital community. Thank you for taking a few minutes to offer these words of appreciation. In a world where people with disabilities have been undervalued for the work they do, being able to bring value to the hospital community each day offers them a sense of purpose and pride.

*Thank
you*

National Disability Employment Awareness Month

In October 2025, we celebrate the 80th anniversary of National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM), an annual recognition of the positive impact of people with disabilities in the American workforce. This yearly event began in 1945 as a weeklong national observance of the contributions of people with physical disabilities. In 1988, Congress designated the commemoration as NDEAM, which then evolved to acknowledge the importance of increasing opportunities for people with disabilities, including those with mental health conditions and other nonobvious disabilities, in the workforce.



First Internships

The interns are five weeks into their first rotation. The start of the year for the interns can be challenging since many of them have had very little experience in the workplace. As they begin to understand the expectations of being a good employee and learning how to work along side co-workers their confidence increases and the staff, managers and mentors start to see the growth and maturity that wasn't there at the beginning of the internship .

Department interns are in:

Karner Blue

Dish room

Front of the House

Linens

Central Sterile Supply

Nurse Pods- 5th floor

Transport

Cardiac Rehab

Environmental Services



Luke building an E.D. order



Liam changing out the trash in the second floor waiting rooms



Nate cleaning tables in the cafeteria



Shannon removing clean dishes in the dish room

If you're interested in learning more about Project SEARCH and what we can do to add value to your department, please reach out to Stephanie Brasley at sbrasley@crhc.org or ext. 6646.



**Adrian in the stock room
getting his supplies for the
5th floor nurse pods**



**Brody transporting scopes
to CSS**

☆☆☆☆
**AMAZING
WORK!**



Nic moving carts in CSS



**Sophia stocking condiments in
Karner Blue**

**Project SEARCH Interns adding value
through out Concord Hospital**

Giving Back to Concord Hospital



As a way of giving back to Concord Hospital, the interns spent time outside picking up trash and cigarette butts between Memorial Building and the hospital; taking a role in helping to keep the campus clean.



GOOD JOB