

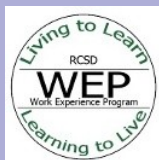


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Meet the 2011-2012 Interns



My name is Pedro Bethancourt. I am 20 years old. I am a student at Edison Tech High School. I am energetic and hard working. I have experience cooking, fixing cars and transporting patients at Unity Hospital. In Project SEARCH I hope to learn interview skills to help me get a good job. My career goal is to be an auto mechanic. My first internship is at Fleet Operations, in the tire department.



My name is Josh Boyd. I am 18 years old and I am a student from Edison Tech High School. I am friendly, social and energetic. My experience is in recycling and cooking. I hope to learn to stay on-task and be ready for a paying job at Project SEARCH. I'm not sure what type of job I'd like in the future. In my free time, I like to visit friends, play video games and go to the movies. I am doing my first internship at Street Maintenance.



My name is Vincent Johnson. I am 20 years old and I go to Edison Tech. I am friendly, hardworking, kind and respectful. I have experience in recycling, assembly and packing and wrapping skids. I hope to learn new job skills at Project SEARCH. In my free time, I like to help out around the house and go to community events. I hope to someday work in a nursing home. My first rotation is in Inspection and Compliance.



My name is Katelyn Lawson, and I am 20 years old. I am a graduate of Charlotte High School. I like working with and helping others. I have had volunteer experience at Grace United Church. I helped to prepare food and give it to the children. I hope to learn as many job skills as I can through Project SEARCH. My career goal is to be an LPN. In my spare time, I like to read, clean, work out, and help work on the house. My first internship is in Building Services at the Public Safety Building.



My name is Rose Marie Maldonado. I am 20 years old. I am from Edison Tech High School. I am a hard worker, and I can speak Spanish. In Project SEARCH, I hope to learn new job skills and improve my English. I'm not sure of my career goal. I like to go to church with my family and talk on the phone with my friends. My first internship is in the Communications Photo Lab.



My name is Ashley Pigler. I am 20 years old and I am a student from Edison Tech High School. I am friendly, and I love animals. I have experience in recycling and housekeeping. In Project SEARCH, I hope to learn how to find a job. My goal is to find a job working with animals. In my spare time, I like to visit with my family and draw pictures. I am completing my first rotation at the Verona Street Animal Shelter.



My name is Daniel Rivera. I am 20 years old and a student from Edison Tech. My strengths are that I am friendly, energetic, and social. I like to learn new things. I have had experience in assembly, and recycling. In Project SEARCH, I hope to learn new skills that will help me find and keep a job. In the future, I would like to be an auto mechanic and own my own shop. In my spare time, I like to listen to music and play basketball. My first internship is at the Water Bureau.



My name is Leonardo Rodriguez. I am a graduate from Dr. Freddy Thomas High School. I am a hard worker. I have experience in auto mechanics. In Project SEARCH, I hope to learn skills to help me get a job. Right now, I'm not sure of my career goal. In my free time, I like to play video games, watch movies and listen to music. My first internship is in the Parking Department.



My name is Nakisha Thompson. I am 20 years old and a student from Joseph C. Wilson Magnet High School. I am very organized, friendly, respectful and responsible. I have experience with child care and recycling. In Project SEARCH, I hope to learn how to do well in an interview. I'd like to be a nurse, or work in a hospital someday. In my free time, I like to spend time with my family and participate in church events. My first internship is in Building Services at Rochester Police Department.

* Special thanks to Dave Mohney from the Communications Department for taking the intern's portraits

Off to a Great Start



The Project SEARCH interns had a very busy start to the school year. Before they started their internships, each student:

- Learned to take public transportation to the classroom at City Hall
- Completed a variety of assessments to determine interests, strengths and learning styles
- Created and typed their resume
- Participated in a class trip to Volunteers of America, where the Working Wardrobe staff assisted each intern in selecting interview and work outfits.
- Created and participated in a scavenger hunt of the area surrounding City Hall
- Participated in a very informative tour of City Hall guided by Jan Perri
- Practiced interviewing and evaluated their classmates interviews
- Took part a variety of team building and communication activities



Open House

Open House for the City of Rochester/RCSD Project SEARCH program was a great success. The event was held on Wednesday, November 16th at City Hall. Interns, family members, school district staff and City of Rochester supervisors filled the cafeteria. The interns proudly displayed the posters they created of their internships. Everyone enjoyed sharing their experiences, meeting each other and some refreshments!



Thanks to everyone for coming!!

More Information

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Looking Ahead

12/20	Last day of the first rotation
12/22—1/2	Winter Recess
12/21 & 1/3—1/6	Workshop Week
1/9	Second rotation begins (dates will vary among interns)
1/16	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
2/20—2/24	February Recess

