

# Project SEARCH

University of Maryland,  
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## National Disability Employment Awareness

October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month, an opportunity to raise public awareness about the value and importance of increasing employment for people with disabilities.

The Project SEARCH High School Transition Program gives students the opportunity to gain valuable job skills that will assist them in transitioning to the work world.

The Project SEARCH staff would like to extend our gratitude to all of the employers, partners, and supporters of the program for helping us make a difference in the lives of young people with disabilities.

"We must raise the bar, we must create the inexorable expectation that people with disabilities will contribute in every way to our economic successes. Only by nurturing this expectation and providing people with disabilities with unlimited employment opportunities, can we all benefit from their talents."



Kathy Martinez,  
Assistant Secretary of  
Labor for Disability  
Employment Policy



# How has your supervisor invested in you?



My supervisors and coworkers help me to be successful in Campus Mail. They assist me by answering questions about looking up mail. They allow me to work independently on the computer and always greet me in the morning.  
~Delaka Winstead



In Human Resources my supervisors allow me to work on the computer and learn many other office skills. All of my coworkers treat me as if I am an employee. They make me feel welcome and appreciated everyday.  
~Athalie Weathers



I am learning many different job skills at the Center for School Mental Health. My supervisor and coworkers are kind and patient with me. I really like working in an office setting. I also feel very important at work.  
~Ralph Parker



The Thurgood Marshall Law Library is a great place to work. My supervisor is a great role model. I am allowed to give tours of my job site and explain what job skills I am learning. I am proud of what I have accomplished and I am developing leadership skills that will help me when I graduate from Project SEARCH.  
~Franklin Akins

*Profits by investing in students with disabilities.*

# How has your supervisor invested in you?



My favorite part about working in Housekeeping is that my supervisors and coworkers treat me just like a regular employee. They taught me the proper way to clean restrooms, vacuum, and buff floors.  
~Shantel Weaver



The URecFit Athletic Center is the perfect job for me. My supervisor instructs me how to complete my tasks with perfection. I am allowed and encouraged to work independently. I believe that I am performing an important public service for all who come to URecFit.  
~Shawna Davis



I enjoy working in the Business Administration and Support Services department because my supervisors and coworkers always treat me with respect and allow me to work independently. They taught me how to use the copier and scanning machine.  
~Brittany Stanley



My supervisors in the Paint Shop provide me with both positive feedback and constructive criticism. This helps me feel good about myself and makes me a better worker in their department.  
~Jamar Johnson

*Return on investment means hiring the right talent.*

## How has your supervisor invested in you?



When I am working in the HS/HSL Mailroom I enjoy placing labels on the mail that must be delivered to other places. My supervisor is easy to work with, and he has confidence in my ability to complete all of my job duties on my own.  
~Donmonic Johnson



I want to thank all of the employees in the Housekeeping Department for teaching me job skills that I will be able to use when I graduate from Project SEARCH.  
~Cierra Garner

The Project SEARCH students would like to thank all of the supervisors and coworkers for the continued support and guidance during their internships.

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