

Cape Cod Healthcare Pledges to Hire Job-Ready Riverview School Project SEARCH Grads!

Program expands to third location in 6 years



Riverview School Board President, Ed Muller Presents the "2017 Dream Maker Award" to Cape Cod Healthcare President and CEO, Mike Lauf

Project SEARCH is a nationwide innovative vocational training program. The business-led collaboration's education and on-the-job training prepares students for competitive employment. For the past 6 years, participation has been an option for students who are in their last year of Riverview School's GROW (Getting Ready for the Outside World) transition program.

Riverview brought Project SEARCH to Cape Cod in 2011 through a partnership with Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital Cape Cod. In 2015, Cape Cod Healthcare collaborated with Riverview to offer a second site at Cape Cod Hospital in Hyannis. And this year, the program will expand to offer a third site at Cape Cod Healthcare's Falmouth Hospital location!

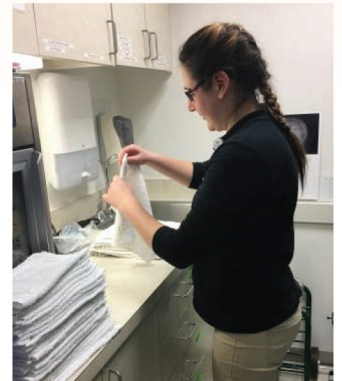
Cape Cod Healthcare President and CEO, Michael K. Lauf, who was honored with Riverview School's "Dream Maker Award" at this year's Village of Dreams Gala, announced at the event that he commits to hiring 50% of Riverview School's job-ready Project SEARCH graduates!

"Cape Cod Healthcare's dedication to Riverview students has been nothing short of life-changing. Students who participate in Project SEARCH at the Hospital develop fantastic job skills, but also self-confidence and self-advocacy skills that they will use for the rest of their lives," said Riverview Head of School, Stewart Miller.

"Being a part of the Project SEARCH program has helped me to gain job experience while working in a big company like Cape Cod Healthcare. There's a lot to do, I'm always busy and I get to learn new skills all the time. I also really enjoy helping people out," said 2017 graduate Alex Holder. Stephanie Curtin, another participant said, "I enjoy helping others at Cape Cod Hospital. It makes me feel good to see them smile."

Riverview's Project SEARCH students have both patients and staff members smiling and feeling good too. Mr. Lauf said:

"The partnership between Cape Cod Healthcare and Riverview School has been great for everyone involved. The Riverview students are well-trained, polite and a pleasure to work with. We are proud to be able to provide them with our state-of-the-art facilities in which to learn, and with jobs that both challenge and inspire them. The fact that we are expanding the program to Falmouth Hospital this fall is testament to just how well it's going."



Stephanie, who was in Project SEARCH this past year, recently started her job at Cape Cod Healthcare!

Kathy Titus, Director of Vocational and Transition Services at Riverview explained that there are 8 students who will be interning at Falmouth Hospital this fall in the Surgical Services, Nutrition & Food Services, Housekeeping, Sterile Processing, Materials Management, Radiology, Emergency Center and Inpatient Nursing Departments. She said, "We are happy to welcome Brewster Anderson as the Instructor at Falmouth Hospital and Hannah Wayda as the Skills Trainer. Both staff members have been with Riverview for several years and have excelled. We are confident that we've put the perfect people in place for this exciting new venture."