

# Project L.I.F.E.



Learning Independence for Future Employment

## Spring is in the air !!! So is graduation !!!

Tuesday, March 20th Project L.I.F.E. held the 6th annual "A Day in the L.I.F.E....", an event for interns accepted for next year and their families. It was a great success. Elizabeth Waldrop, a 2nd year intern graduating in May, spoke about the program and her experience here at GA 400. We also heard from her mother, Susan Waldrop, about the effect the program has had on her daughter and her family (see page 4 for her heartfelt words). Mrs. Lane explained the program and introduced the current interns. Debbie Morris, Vocational Rehabilitation, spoke about our partnership with VR & Wayne Hancock, Health, Safety & Environmental Manager here at GA400, gave his perspective on the impact the program has had on Siemens as well as the Mentor Program which is new this year. Interns Elizabeth and Caleb Samples led a tour of the facility then refreshments were served during a question/ answer session as the event concluded.



Project L.I.F.E.  
Spring Graduation  
Luncheon/Ceremony  
2014  
honoring  
Elizabeth Waldrop  
&  
Curtis England  
Monday, May 19th  
The Green Room  
GA 400  
11:30-1:00 PM  
By invitation  
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## Our Partners !!



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**Quote of the Month:**  
**Difficulties mastered are opportunities won.**  
**Winston Churchill**

Project **L.I.F.E.** is always looking for new skills to teach the interns including how to adjust well to change. **Hill Park**, the custodial company & program partner, has introduced the new **RENOWN** mopping/sweeping system in the building. We no longer use an old fashioned mop-bucket/broom-dustpan system to clean our bathroom. The new system is not only more time efficient but it cleans more thoroughly. See below for a demo picture. Thank you, **Hill Park**, for the new system/training opportunity. It's great!



Do you know how to take a blood pressure? How about a pulse?

## Safety First!!

A major concern here at GA 400 is safety. Not only do the shop floor employees have to be aware of the safety issues but all employees at GA 400 have to be considered in health & environmental issues as well. The first responders who are trained to take care of injury and illness are ever present in the facility. In an effort to familiarize the interns with first responder procedure we invited Matt Braylee to come speak to us about first aid and what can be expected if someone gets hurt/sick here at GA400. Matt explained how he is alerted, how he evaluates the situation, how to take pulse and blood pressure and when it is necessary to call 911. We practiced taking each other's blood pressure and asked a lot of questions. We would like to thank Matt for his time and expertise and hope we don't have to call a first responder anytime soon!



We are always looking for training opportunities for the interns at GA 400. This rotation in Mining/IGBT truck systems on the shop floor affords the interns a chance to not only learn a skill but be a part of the building process in inverter technology. It all begins in sub-assembly & our interns can help. A great many details go into building an inverter cabinet and it must be done correctly.

The Wire Center is also a rotation for our interns. Here Elizabeth is working on stripping & crimping with Juvie. She also helps with other tasks such as filing.





## A Mother's Perspective



Good afternoon!

I am not sure if everyone here is a parent but it is an honor to be a parent and it is very rewarding. A child is such a wonderful gift. As a new parent or older parent, there are many emotions that you encounter as well. Some of them are joyful, happy times and some are fearful or anxious times. As a parent we have expectations and dreams for our children that we carry through their childhood up through their adult years. We see their first smile. We hear their first word. We take a picture of the first day of school and then graduation. It goes on and on and on. I have 2 daughters. Elizabeth is my oldest and my baby is a student at Georgia College. Each child is unique. They have a unique fingerprint which is still all their own. Each child is designed special and has a specific plan and purpose in life. We have each taken our path in life and have all experienced great opportunities. Our children plan for college, some technical school and others work with families and friends that own businesses. Elizabeth's plan has been awesome. She has had the opportunity to work and train with Project **L.I.F.E.** She has gotten to be an intern for a large corporation, Siemens. I have to admit this was not something I thought about when I was dreaming for her as a child. This corporate environment has been a great learning experience for her. She has obtained many valuable skills. She has learned to communicate in a business environment, which is very different from home or in the classroom. She loves it. Most importantly her dad and I have seen her confidence soar. When we work we want it to be an accomplishment that we are proud of. From day one she has been very proud to walk into this big Siemens building because she has felt important and valued. We all want to be respected and admired for our abilities and I know that these interns do too. The program allows them to grow and develop life skills that will last their life time. Because of this program and the companies working with Project **L.I.F.E.**, Elizabeth is well prepared for a nice job and can move into what interests her. She will be able to develop a career for herself based on her learning experiences. This program has helped Elizabeth achieve this work readiness quickly and successfully. Without the program it would have been long and tedious as well as treacherous. I am so grateful and appreciative of everyone. Thank you everyone who influences the program and who has worked with Elizabeth. I am so grateful and appreciative of everyone. You have impacted one person; however, this one person will impact many others for the good of our society.

Susan Waldrop

March 20, 2014