

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Friday 10/21/16—
Student Holiday
- No Project LIFE
- Nov. 21-25-
Thanksgiving
Break
- Dec. 19 & 20—
Early Release—
No Project LIFE
(Subject to
change)
- Dec. 26—Jan. 4—
Christmas Break
- Jan. 16— MLK
Holiday— No
Project LIFE
- Feb. 17-21—
Student Holiday
- April 3-7—Spring
Break
- Wed. May 17—
Project LIFE
Graduation at
BOE
- Tuesday, May
23—Last Day of
Project LIFE

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Project L.I.F.E.

At The Hill Center/NCR

Learning Independence for Future Employment

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L.I.F.E. Welcomes Three New Interns to the Hill Center



Project L.I.F.E. welcomes Daniel Seymour from North High, Chase Lee from Central, and Andres Suarez from West. We also have six returning interns: Emily Collins, Nick Madsen, Nicky Corsini, Daniel Hafner, Kayla Evans, and Emmy Miller. The nine interns quickly developed friendships and work well together as a team. Five of our interns will graduate this year, so everyone is busy fine tuning their vocational and interviewing/social skills, meeting with their Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, Mary Wareham, and making decisions about job placement for when they leave Project L.I.F.E. It is an exciting time for everyone!

Interns Perform Important Tasks at NCR



Mentorship is Important at NCR

For the Project L.I.F.E. interns, mentors at NCR play a vital role in the acquisition of social and vocational skills. The interns are assigned a duty station and work side by side with their mentor for a four hour shift. This type of real world experience helps them develop their skills and build stamina by providing a level of business immersion that cannot be replicated in a classroom or on traditional Community Based Vocational Instruction trips. This is because the mentors, who are employees of NCR, pro-

vide hands on training that requires the interns to reach a high level of expectation and competence. Social and vocational soft skills are constantly being put to the test every day and the interns' growth is evident because of it. Project L.I.F.E. is fortunate to have a corporate sponsor such as NCR.



Business Skills Learned with Snack Cart

On Thursdays, interns deliver snacks to employees at the Board of Education, Transportation Dept., and the Hill Center. Interns purchase, prepare, and sell their products. Many skills are developed with this business venture. For instance, when purchasing items for our product line, the interns must use their math skills to determine the profitability. Organizing and

categorizing of the carts are important job skills that can be generalized to other areas in the business world. Interns must determine the marketability of an item and then use their social and selling skills with customers. Cooking skills are also learned. 96 brownies are baked and sold every week on the snack cart. Important money skills are developed, too. Interns must

total a customer's sale and then make change when necessary. At the end of the day, they must count their cash boxes, and then determine the gross sales and net profit.



Training for Custodial Positions with Forsyth County Schools

We are excited about a new vocational training opportunity taking place at Forsyth Academy. Every Friday, Margie Samples, Head Custodian, provides expert custodial training to our interns following Forsyth County School's protocol. Interns who complete this training will receive priority consideration with Human Resources for a position at any of our elementary, mid-

dle, or high schools. New hires will receive a competitive hourly wage with full benefits such as medical insurance and retirement. Many of our interns are interested in working with Forsyth County Schools as a custodian so this is a new opportunity Project L.I.F.E. is pleased to introduce this year.





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Learning Independence for Future Employment

Forsyth County Schools is proud of its innovative programs that meet the unique needs of its students. One program in particular provides community based job skills training for students ages 19-8 months to 22 years with cognitive or developmental disabilities through a collaborative effort with the school system, local Vocational Rehabilitation Office and the partnering businesses. Project L.I.F.E. (Learning Independence for Future Employment) focuses on vocational training by providing real-world and hands-on job skills applications and prepares them for the transition from high school to independence and competitive employment.



Project L.I.F.E. Graduates Work Fulltime at NCR

We are pleased to announce that we now have two Project L.I.F.E. graduates working fulltime at the Shiloh Depot of NCR. Matson Miller was hired by Global Employment Services August 2015 to work at NCR. After completing a year of employment through GES, he was hired on a permanent basis August 2016 by NCR. Matson was recognized for his exemplary work by receiving the June 2016 GES Employee of the Month.

Ashton Grose was hired June 2016 by Global Employment Services to work at NCR. He works fulltime in the plastic recovery department.

We are proud of Matson's and Ashton's accomplishments!

