







## Project SEARCH

Information Session



#### **About Project SEARCH**





www.projectsearch.us

10 Countries

650 in the United States

20 in Virginia



## What is Project SEARCH?





Competitive, Integrated Employment





#### Didlake's Project SEARCH Sites

- UVA Prince William Medical Center, Manassas, VA
  - Prince William County Public Schools
- Lansdowne Resort and Spa, Leesburg, VA
  - Loudoun County Public Schools
- Sentara Leigh Hospital, Norfolk, VA
  - Southeastern Cooperative Educational Program
- Naval Air Station Oceana, Virginia Beach, VA
  - Military-connected students of Virginia Beach Public Schools



#### Project SEARCH Video





## Who is Eligible?

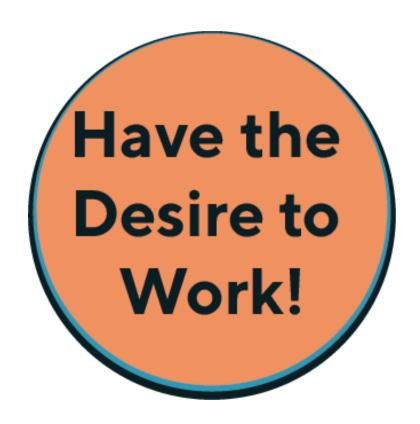






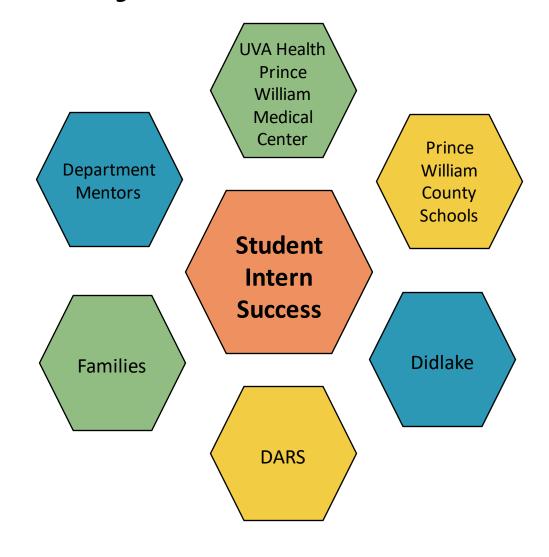






## Partners in Project SEARCH

Project | SEARCH®



# **WAHealth**





Project | SEARCH®

- Soft skills and real-life work experiences
- Hands-on work experience
- Community service
- Team-building
- Participate in hospital activities

#### Types of In-Class Lessons

- Taking responsibility
- Work relationships
- Resume writing
- Sending professional emails
- Appropriate workplace behaviors
- Constructive criticism
- Applying for jobs





Sample Internships

Project | SEARCH®

#### A Typical Day

(Hours vary depending on arrival of transportation)

8:00 am: Arrival

8:15 am - 9:00 am: Classroom Lesson

9:00 am - 12:00 pm: On-the-floor internships

12:00 pm - 12:30 pm: Lunch

12:30 pm - 1:00 pm: Classroom re-cap

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: On-the-floor internships

2:30 pm - 3:00 pm: Team Meeting and dismissal





#### **Additional Information**









#### Benefits to Students

Acquire work and social skills

Learn transferable work skills

**Job exploration** 

Learn appropriate interactions in the workplace

Facilitates transition from school to work



#### We Ask the Interns

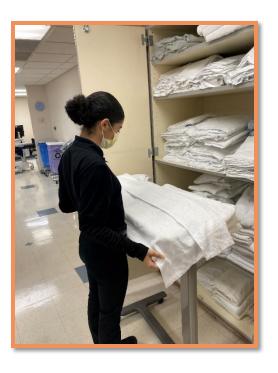
What Are Your Plans?



What Are Your Dreams?



What Are Your Skills?





#### How Can I Learn More?

Prince William County Public Schools	Didlake, Inc	Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS)
Heather Brown, Instructor	<b>Theresa Polk,</b> Skills Trainer	<b>Deana Holinka,</b> Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor
<b>Phone:</b> 571-369-1764	<b>Phone:</b> 571-208-7122	<b>Phone:</b> 703-383-3037
<b>Email:</b> Brownhc@pwcs.edu	<b>Email:</b> tpolk@Didlake.org	<b>Email:</b> Deana.holinka@dars.virginia.gov



#### Questions?



Thank you for your time!

