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Rotation 3

Important Dates:

End of Year Bowling Trip Monday 22nd July 12.30 pm

Programme Ends Tuesday 23rd July 2.00 pm



Our cohort 3 interns have reached the end of a busy year. They have made the most of their time at the Marriott, learning personal and work skills that will help them to lead more independent lives. We have seen improved confidence and self esteem with each rotation and they have worked hard to complete their tasks. Our interns all agree that the hotel staff have made them feel like part of the Marriott family and it is their support that makes our programme a continued success. Thanks go to everyone who has encouraged and supported our interns in the past year. You are an amazing team and we appreciate everything you do. 6 of our 8 interns have already secured paid employment and the others will continue job searching, which will hopefully lead to them also achieving their goal of paid employment. Our remaining interns have written about their time on Project SEARCH and their comments are included on the following pages. PAGE 2





Nathan

At the start I felt nervous but I soon got used to things. First I worked in the Conference & Banqueting department. It can be really busy but it was fun and the team was kind and helpful.

In my second rotation I was in Housekeeping. I really enjoyed it and they really taught me everything about being a Linen Porter.

In the third rotation I was in the Leisure Club. I think it is the best department in this hotel. I really liked it in leisure. Thank you to Margarita, Mohammed, Kelvin, and Joel for letting me be a part of a great team.

Now I've got a job that I will be starting in August when I get back from my holiday. I will be working in a warehouse and I'm excited about it but I will miss everyone at the Marriott.



Eilidh

In the summer holiday before I started I had to learn how to get to the Marriott on 2 buses and a train. I was a bit nervous about getting to know new people at the beginning. At first I was in House Keeping. The people were nice and kind and I liked working there. I went to the meeting every morning and I really enjoyed it so much. I liked cleaning the lobby in the afternoon.



Next I worked in the M Club Lounge. I polished the cutlery and put it in the napkins and I keep the lounge tidy and clean. Francisco and Marianna and Karolina have helped me in my department. I loved coming to the Oscars because we had nice food and dancing and the room looked so nice.

After Project SEARCH I am going to keep on job searching and find a job. Now I am more confident and I can do things by myself.

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Brook

At the start of Project SEARCH I felt nervous as I didn't know many people and I thought about what could happen once I joined, but once I settled in it was a great experience and I met some great people.

My first rotation was in the Leisure Club then my 2^{nd} rotation was as Chef's Assistant and my 3^{rd} rotation was in Conference and Banqueting.

I have learnt new skills and loads of new tasks that I have never done before and it has helped me get a job.

My best memory about Project SEARCH is meeting new people and working with different people. I learnt lots of new things from them. Now I've got a job in a school in Uxbridge working in their kitchen as an assistant and my start date is in August. I can't wait to start.



Alice

At the start I was happy and excited to be on Project SEARCH this year. My first department was M Cub Lounge and I enjoyed working there. It was good. I learnt how to clean the tables and help customers.

Next was Conference & Banqueting. I put the food out and put it away. I liked using the dishwasher and being in the kitchen.



Rotation 3 was in the staff restaurant and I knew what to do because of my other departments.

My best memory is of working with the staff. I am going to be sad when I leave. After Project SEARCH I will still be job searching and I hope I get a job in a café.

Graduation



As we approach the end of this year's programme, our cohort 3 graduation ceremony was held at the Marriott on 15th July. Interns and their families attended along with staff from all of our programme partners. Following a reception and speeches, the Mayor presented the interns with their Project SEARCH certificates, graduation folders and graduation caps. Each intern featured in the graduation video, with their hotel co-workers commenting on their outstanding skills and attitude in the workplace. At the end of the presentation, champagne was served and the graduates were toasted on their achievements. It was a memorable evening of celebration that everyone enjoyed. Congratulations to our cohort 3 graduates!

Employment Success



Adam, Josh and Devon, our three interns from this year's group who are already in work, have settled into their roles and are doing well. Another of our interns, Nathan L, also successfully achieved his goal of paid employment, so we said goodbye to him at the end of May. Nathan has started a Warehouse Operative Apprenticeship.

Two more interns have also secured employment and will be starting work in August. Brook will be working in catering, helping to prepare food for local schools and Nathan H has been offered employment in a warehouse where he will be preparing orders for major food outlets. Job searching will continue for our remaining interns and we hope they soon find the job that is right for them. Congratulations to all of our interns for their achievements this year. We will miss you!

What's next? We look forwarding to welcoming our 4th cohort of Project SEARCH interns to the Marriott after the Summer holiday.