

# Project SEARCH

## SEACOAST New Hampshire

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## Kayla

Kayla is a member of the Project SEARCH graduating class of 2019. She recently accepted a position working for Sodexo as a food service worker at the Portsmouth Regional Hospital cafeteria. Kayla is excited to start working.

Kayla says she came to Project SEARCH to get ready for the work world. “At Project SEARCH I have learned how to be professional and improve communication skills. Eventually I want to get my own place and be independent.” She believes that the skills she has learned at Project SEARCH will help her to achieve this goal.

During the year, Kayla interned at the Portsmouth Regional Hospital cafeteria as a dining room attendant, server and cashier. She also interned at Portsmouth Regional Hospital Concierge where she learned to greet and direct patients and visitors to their destinations. In her third rotation, Kayla interned at the Portsmouth Regional Hospital Cancer Care Center where she served patients, disinfected patient treatment areas, and filed charts. Kayla is a mature and willing worker who always has a smile on her face. Her supervisors have appreciated her positive attitude and flexibility.

Kayla’s strengths are many. Operations Coordinator Jannette McFarland at the Portsmouth Regional Hospital Cancer Care Center stated that Kayla is “willing to do any new project that is given to her. Kayla is always smiling and offering to help patients and staff. Kayla will bring a smile to anyone that has the pleasure to interact with her.” Brenda Bishop, a fellow Portsmouth Regional Hospital employee in the cafeteria, stated that Kayla was always “kind, funny and willing to help”. William McQueen of Portsmouth Regional Hospital Concierge agreed. “Kayla was hardworking and determined to say hello to every person who came through the door.”

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