Intern Final Project

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Kennedy Krieger Institute- Meaningful Community Services
Internship Overview

- Interned with CORE Foundations
- Led Individual Sessions
  - Created Individual DPDs
  - Service Notes
  - Family Communication Emails
- Led Group Session with MCS Community
  - Created DPD
- Curriculum and Support Services
  - Getting to know you
  - Communication
  - Staying Connected Page
Kristine Warren
Employee Interview

Introductions

Alex Hauserman
Intake Specialist
Fun Fact: Loves performing and writing

Megan Meck
Program Coordinator
Fun Fact: She grew up on a farm and loves to go horseback riding

Cassidy Love
Community Integration Coordinator
Fun Fact: Loves to read in her free time

Love
Hauserman
Megan Meck
Overarching Themes

- Work Environment
- Challenges & Getting Out of Your Comfort Zone
- Education & Opportunity
Work Environment

Cassidy:
- Strong leadership team
- Always able to rely on the team and be there for each other
- Ability to be creative in the workplace

Alex:
- Sense of community and trust with the people that work at the Institute
- Respected, supported, and heard
- Open communication

Megan:
- Passionate team
- Rewarding work that impacts people
- Ample opportunities that come with being at the Institute
Education/ Opportunity & Getting Out of Your Comfort Zone

**Cassidy:**
- Figure out how to overcome challenges with team
- Be present and willing to learn
- Value in hard work
- Finding a program that works best for you

**Alex:**
- Open Communication
- Be willing to listen and take risks
- Try new things to figure out where your passion lies and what you like
- Found rewarding work after trying new things

- Trying new things
- Getting excited for challenges
- Don’t be afraid to go back to school
- Think about what you like to do and where you would like to be in long run
Community Member and Parent Interview

Joan Warren
Community Member’s Parent

Hanson Jolo
Community Member
Parent Interview

Joan Warren - Executive Director of Nursing

- Kristine started off with a daycare and then transferred to Kennedy Krieger last January
- Everyone at Kennedy Krieger Institute is engaged and involved and always ready to go extra mile
- Excellent communication with family
- MCS means “The World” to her
  - Has given Kristine the ability to communicate and interact with community
  - Given Kristine strength to grow and develop in speech
Community Member Interview

Hanson Jolo- CORE Foundations Member
September 2020- Present
- MCS is a support system for him and makes him happy
- Favorite Job tasks: cooking, stocking at TJ Maxx
- Loves listening to music and going out to different events in the
Personal Reflection

- Unexpected but beneficial and rewarding experience
- You don’t always have all the answers, but be ready to learn and put in hard work
- Valuable asset at a workplace is being part of a hardworking team that has open communication
- Networking and being able to receive constructive criticism helps improve your work
- Never be afraid to try new things and get out of your comfort zone
- Would enjoy designing and creating programs and resources that would be beneficial for people and feel rewarding
Hello!

I would like to start by first congratulating you! I’m so happy for you! This internship was one of the greatest opportunities I have received in my University experience thus far. I was equally nervous and excited when I first started. It will seem like a lot to take in and it might seem overwhelming in the beginning, but I wouldn’t trade this opportunity for anything. The leadership team and the staff are all very helpful and welcoming. Everyone is always there for each other and are more than happy to help you and answer any questions. If there’s one thing you take away from this letter, let it be this- Don’t ever hesitate to ask questions or reach out to anyone on the team. Everyone is truly a family here and will always be there to support and encourage you. There are a few things I would like to share with you that I think will help you during your time working here. In the beginning of my internship, I found it a little difficult to balance school and work, but I think the best thing to do is always plan your week out. Write out all the meetings/sessions you have to attend, and any tasks you have to complete that week. Writing and planning out my week every Monday really helped me balance all the work from the internship, and any other work from classes, etc. I would also advise to build relationships with the people you meet and work with here. Networking is so important and will really help you in the future. The leadership team like I mentioned is amazing! They are always ready to help and will be there to advise and guide you when you need it. You will learn so much about yourself and find new interests as long as you’re not afraid to take risks and embrace the new opportunities and possible challenges you face.

Time will fly, so soak in everyday and be willing to put in time and hard work! Congratulations, and good luck!

Best,
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CORE Foundations Intern