

HSHT Collier – DEAM/DMD 2014 at

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On Wednesday, October 15th, 2014 – from 9:15 am to 10:30 am have the opportunity to celebrate the DEAM/ DMD at Publix Store #0410 to visit the store behind the scene, do job shadowing in different departments and ask questions in regards of Publix hiring process.

Eight students participated in this career experience where were involved HSHT students and students outside of the program, but ready to graduate from HS.

Cynthia Acosta, Emmanuel Bautista, Jovanny Devilmé, Ridge Martinez, Sophonie Metelus, William Zuniga-Suares & Natalie Galindez, Jordan L. Rowsky.

Previous to the visit the PC met Mr. Greg Wendel which was very happy to collaborate and kindly understand the almost last minute confirmation (transportation is the great barrier) He suggested to split the group of students to different areas in the store, for them to do the job shadowing in this short time. (They cannot stay until 12:00 pm it is a school day)

Ms. Gina Manville from Golden Gate High School helps us to get the transportation and two chaperones: Mr. Aguilar who is doing his internship at Mrs. Manville class and Mrs. Karin Giguere.

Jordan and Natalie had the opportunity to be part of the Publix Team and learn about the different departments and job shadowing at the Bakery and the frozen food areas.

Thank you to Mr. Rick (Assistant Store Manager) Mr. Mario (Frozen Food Area) and the ladies at the bakery.



Natalie at the Bakery

The highlight of this career experience was to know about the opportunity to apply for seasonal positions in different departments. (November to April).

With this information and working as a team with Mr. Aguilar. We are helping some of the students to build their resume and cover letter to submit this “short application” for some of our graduated students. Previously, we contacted their parents to be sure that they have transportation to apply for these positions which could be the first step for a great career at Publix in Collier.

Natalie Galindez, recently had her job interview at the store #488 at Pine Ridge Crossing Shopping Center. She was interviewed by the General Manager Mr. Stephen who was very supportive explaining the benefits and career opportunity at Publix to Natalie.



Natalie demonstrates great interest in the bakery department after the DEAM/DMD career experience, but understands that she could start in an entry position greeting people and bagging groceries for her social skills.

The store is a little far from her address, however she is determined to take this job opportunity and she explained to Mr. Stephen that she will make arrangements with the support of her mother to find transportation if she is hired. This will not be a problem Mr. Stephen, she said. She answered every question with great confidence and explained her “volunteer experience” at Publix bagging with her school teacher and stocking at Walgreens for the last 2 years.

She did the drug test in the office and provide her personal information to complete the application, signed and date without any assistance.

She also shared with Mr. Stephen her experience working at Goodwill in summer and knows that orientation takes couple hours to know more about the organization and sign more documents.



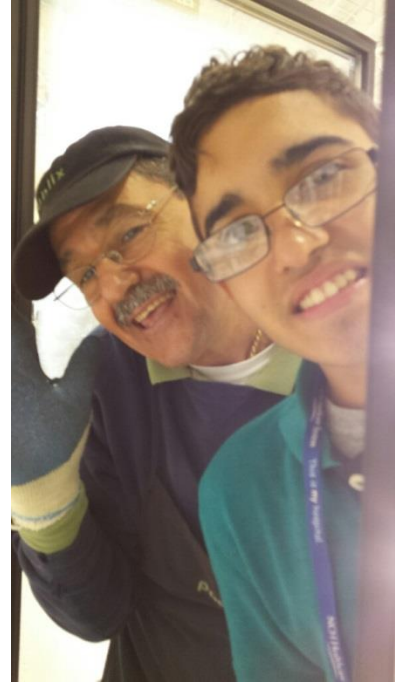
Natalie is very excited for this job opportunity and asked Mr. Stephen if there is any possibility for her after the seasonal job to be a permanent employee.

HSHT Collier is so grateful for the support of Publix to celebrate with us this important date for our students.

Anderson –other students- has been hired after the DEAM/DMD at Publix. He is not a HSHT students but the connection was made for this visit.



Jordan, Mr. Rick, Natalie Galindez and Mrs. Manville



Jordan with Mr. Mario unpacking frozen food and stocking in the frozen food area.

Thank You,

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Sincerely,
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