Dates to Remember

- 2/15: Holiday Break
- 2/16: Workshop Week
- 2/22: Third internship rotation begins

Self-Advocacy

The Project SEARCH students have been learning about self-advocacy and what steps should be taken to ensure they are able to speak up and support themselves independently. The following are the topic areas or activities they have completed:

- List places we need to self-advocate (created an involvement plan)
- Skits created to reinforce what to say or ask at their doctors’ appointments, restaurants, stores, or even at home
- List supportive people around you
- Self-care plan checklist (healthy mind and body)
- List personal areas you would like to improve

Through the self-advocacy activities, the students were able to make some significant changes, such as making doctors’ appointments, preparing meals, online information research, and developing personal health and wellness plans.

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For additional information on the Institute for Disability Studies at The University of Southern Mississippi, please visit www.usm.edu/disability-studies.
New Internship Positions

Above left to right: Chris has been hired to intern at Hill Crest Cafeteria. Arther interviewed with Aramark for a position at the Power House. Jeromy has been hired to intern at the Payne Center.

Below left to right: Santrice interviewed with Aramark, and Kindle interviewed with the Payne Center. Brenda is interviewing with Mr. Tim Laird at the post office. Joseph interviewed at the McCain Library.

If you have information or news you would like included in the next newsletter, email information to jin.mcclendon@usm.edu by February 10.

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