

The Breeze

Dreams Do Come True!

Last May, Office Services trainee Corrine C. spoke to *The Breeze* about her training position drawing to a close and her hopes and dreams for the future. Now, Corrine updates us on life after the internship . . .

For those of you new to my story, I was an office clerk at Mental Health Partners for almost a year. I had applied for this training position primarily to work on my punctuality - this had been a huge problem on previous jobs, and I wasn't sure if I could show up on time consistently.

I said in May that I wanted to move on to "bigger things". By that what I meant was a job that uses my art degree. After completing the internship (I was not only consistently on time, most of the time I was early!), I had the confidence to go for it. But, much to my dismay, employment specialists and agencies tended to be discouraging about finding a job in art, advising me to look in other fields and even refusing to help me look for an art job.

A long while passed without much happening. I was becoming depressed and sleeping more than usual. Employment Specialist Lauren Riley encouraged me to keep looking, but I didn't have the energy.

Finally, an opportunity arose. Michael's (the arts and crafts store) needed a part-time drawing instructor/cashier. Just what I'd

been waiting for! So, with Lauren's assistance, I applied for the position.

The hiring process was long and arduous. First I had to be screened and certified. Next were submissions of drawing samples (I was told that I had to draw "simpler" as some of the classes were for beginners) and multiple interviews. Finally, after a couple months, I got the call that I was hired. I was so excited! I immediately had to phone my family to share the news . . .

I am still in training, and it will be a couple months before I teach my first art class. I think part of me will always love office work, and I can always go back to that. But an opportunity in art is a rare gem that I am incredibly grateful for. And I am honored to have been hired!

"My whole life has felt like a game of catching up to other people - I guess it really depends on who you compare yourself to . . ." - Corrine C.



Out and About With the RWC Social Club!

Dinosaur Ridge Discovery Day

Saturday, September 8th

Leaves RWC at 10:30 am



Learn about dinosaurs!

See fossils and footprints!

Sign up starts Wednesday 8/29!

Four Mile Historic Park

Friday, September 14th

Leaves RWC at 12:00 pm



Join us for a trip back in time to the beginning of Denver!

Sign up starts Wednesday 9/5!

Fall Foliage

Thursday, September 20th

Leaves RWC at 10:30 am



See the changing leaves!



Van Tour of the Mountains

Sign up starts Wednesday 9/12!

Bring a lunch

Flag Staff Summit Hike

Thursday, September 27th

Leaves RWC at 1:00 pm



Easy hike around the summit!

Sign up starts Wednesday 9/19!

Referral and orientation required for all new participants on Social Club outings
For more info, contact Cameron Smith (casmith@mhpcolorado.org)

September 2018



Chinook Cafe

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Closed for Labor Day	4 Shrimp Tacos	5 Pancakes, Bacon, Eggs	6 Chicken Picatta	7 Burger Friday	8
9	10 Grilled Salmon with Pesto	11 Ethiopian Lentils, Veggies and Injera	12 Pizza	13 Italian Meatballs	14 Brats	15
16	17 Meatloaf	18 Stuffed Cheeseburger	19 Pizza or Calzone	20 Trout Almondine	21 Pulled Pork Sandwich	22
23	24 Schnitzel and Spaetzle	25 Enchilada Casserole	26 Pizza	27 Moroccan Tangine	28 Burger Friday	29
30					Vegetarian Options Available	Lunch Served 11:30 am— 1:00 pm

Safe Harbor

Nondenominational Spirituality Group

Monday, September 10th at 10:45 am

October

Social Event Planning

**Wednesday
September 12th
1:00 pm
in the
Computer
Lab**

Help us choose the Social Events for October!

RWC Computer Lab

- *Twelve computers available for your use*
- *Computer support and instruction*
- *Print, copy, fax, and scanning services*

Open Monday - Friday
8:30 am - 4:00 pm
RWC 1st Floor East

Benefits Open Hours

Tuesdays: 9-11:30 am & 1-4 pm
 Thursdays: 9-11:00 am & 2-4 pm

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