



*A little September snow storm couldn't stop our students from getting to work!*

## The Generals are **BACK TO WORK!**

A little summer snow won't stop Arrupe Jesuit students from learning, growing, and working together.

Though this year presents many challenges in securing CWSP placements for each and every student, we are deeply grateful to the 45 companies who are able to hire our students back in person this year. 135 students (96 to paid positions and 39 to unpaid/nonprofit positions) are off to work this week with more headed out in weeks to come as additional companies partner in this program.

A typical work day now starts with....

- Check-in: Students arrive at AJHS at 7:30 for a health screen and dress code check.
- Transportation: Students ride to work in AJHS buses and vans where students and drivers are socially distanced and masked (many students are now independently traveling to their CWSP job placements and participate in morning check-in online or from their phones prior to going to work).
- Arrival: Students arrive at their workplace, participate in additional health and safety protocols (such as temperature screening and hand sanitizing), and perform job tasks assigned by their supervisors.
- Enjoy a productive workday!

After job notifications were emailed out, students responded with excitement and gratitude. Here are a few examples of the job functions that they do and their first days back to work:

During his first day of work at CityWide

**Luna** had her first day back at St. Anthony's

Banks, **Joshua** worked on cutting documents into thirds, shredding checks, bundling bills, organizing the office, and he learned to scan bundles of checks through a special scanner.

**Natalie** had her first orientation and training day at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science this week. After training, our students at DMNS typically help out behind the scenes doing visitor counts, answering help desk questions, scanning tickets, and making sure health precautions are covered by doing exhibit counts.

Hospital yesterday. Luna already has 2 years of experience at St. Anthony's, so she was able to support the Occupational Health Tech with creating badges for new hires, and later escorted a special visitor from the corporate office through the entire campus to visit with all the employees - a task she could do since she knows her way around!

**Erika** also had her first day at St. Anthony's yesterday, and spent her day training to be a 2nd Floor Ambassador, touring the facility, and getting to know her supervisor.

Students who do not yet have job placements are enrolled in a CWSP training & development program involving specialized skills development, communication and integrity in the workplace, finance and budget management, and career exploration. Only five students are currently able to do remote work for their job placements, and we hope to see more of these opportunities arise.

As part of this week's CWSP training curriculum, we welcomed Microsoft Innovators to lead two virtual classes. One class focused on training our students on excel basics (transforming data using text formatting, conditional formatting, and simple functions including =sum, =sumif). The other class focused on presentations using PowerPoint (exploring how PowerPoint's design function can allow you to create powerful layouts, the new 'presenter coach' function that allows students to practice their presentation and get feedback from the software on things like pacing, pitch, use of filler words, informal speech, euphemisms, and culturally sensitive terms, and it detects when the student is simply reading the text on a slide. We are excited to offer these specialized trainings for our students with the Microsoft Innovation Training team.

Want to learn more about our Corporate Work Study Program? [Click here!](#)



*Thanks to our drivers who help to get our kids to work safely!*



*Juniors attend their in-person classes during week 2 of school.*

### COVID-19 Updates

Check [this page](#) on our website for regular updates, school news, and information related to COVID-19.

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## Help Our Students get Back to Work

We are still seeking additional CWSP job placements to meet our goal of employing 100% of our students. If you have any leads for CWSP partnerships or student job opportunities, please [contact Rick Ninneman](#).

As we celebrate the start of another academic year and count our many blessings, we pause to thank the many individuals and organizations who make this important work possible. From our Board of Trustees and CWSP Board, our CWSP Partners to our benefactors to our volunteers, we couldn't do it without you! Together, we are offering hope and opportunity to Denver's underserved youth and we hope you'll continue partnering with us this year.



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