

SUCCESS STORY

FEATURING JULIUS K!

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Meet Julius!

I first met Julius while he was a student at East High. At the time, he was working with our cafeteria custodian during lunch service hours. Julius was a quiet student who did his work and didn't interact much.

I believe Julius worked one summer as a summer custodian, deep cleaning the school. At the start of school that year, Julius came to work the 10:00-2:00 shift at East, starting in the dish room.

Julius was very reliable, very rarely missing a day of work, and stayed busy. Our chef at the time, Bruce began working with Julius, teaching him some basic cooking techniques and food safety. When an opportunity came for more hours, I was pleased to offer them to Julius, who became a full-time employee.

Julius became my right-hand man. He assisted in putting our orders away, always careful to follow our first-in, first-out policy. He taught several other student-workers the ins and outs of the dish room and how to maintain and care for the dishwasher. Although Julius suffers with reading and counting handicaps, he became adept at following procedures and maintaining the records required. Because he so rarely missed a day, I really missed his assistance when he was off. Since our covid year, Julius has become a mainstay in our kitchen. Staff often go to him for help with where, how, or what.

Julius began running the register and taking cash and making change the year following Covid and really seemed to enjoy the direct interaction with students. I would like to say this is something a former supervisor said he would never be capable of. During that year, we continued to hand out bagged meals after school and Julius always worked this overtime without complaint.

Julius has flourished at East, he went from a quiet, no eye-contact teenager to a confident young man. He has learned to communicate effectively with school staff, co-workers and students.

This past year Julius was an assistant unified bocce coach at East High in our inaugural year of the sport and expects to return.

Julius is an important person in the cafeteria at East, he wears many hats. I enjoy working with him and look forward to seeing his successes in the future. -- **from Laurie Stone, Julius' first supervisor, now retired from the Nutrition Group.**



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Meet Julius!- Continued

Julius is always a pleasure to work with. He knows everything about this cafeteria and is always willing to lend a hand. Julius is very dependable both as an employee and as a person. He's someone you can always count on!

Julius has worked hard over the years to become an expert at how our cafeteria runs, and he's always busy doing everything from running the register, to baking cookies, to preparing food to be cooked. There's nothing he can't do! He's also taught many other new workers, both student workers and full-time employees, how the cafeteria works.

I would also be remiss to not mention that Julius is our snack connoisseur in the cafeteria! He's the best at tracking down weird flavors of snacks, from chips to cookies, and he always has everyone try them. He brings everyone together over the weird and wacky snacks he finds, and it's always a fun time.

This kitchen wouldn't be the same without him. -- **from Kelly Sullivan, current supervisor**

Julius was always in his twin brother, Dallas' shadow. Julius was quiet and stayed in the background. His brother was outgoing and social. It has been amazing to watch Julius transform into a talkative, social, leader. He has grown in so many ways in this job both professionally and personally and I couldn't be prouder of him.

--**from Heather Berra, Julius' Work Experience Facilitator when he was in school**

Julius is a great example of what can be accomplished when afforded the opportunity to try and having individuals around him championing for his success! Well done, Julius!



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