



SPOTLIGHT *On Minnechaug Interns*

(Editor's note: The TIMES spotlights the intern program at Minnechaug Regional High School.)

A motivated and disciplined future dentist

Emerson Alexander grew up loving to learn about oral hygiene and enjoyed going to the dentist. Her career goals developed accordingly and Emerson now looks forward to studying to become a dentist and possibly an orthodontist.

While interning at Wilbraham Dental Associates, Emerson has learned how to interact with co-workers and with patients, she vows to never stop learning and to do her best no matter what Emerson's favorite task so far was drilling on a plastic tooth and filling the hole she created. During this simulation of treating a patient's cavity, Emerson was both nervous and exhilarated. In her words: "It was so cool!"

Dr. Christopher Root remarks that he and his staff have enjoyed having Emerson in their office. "She is punctual, appropriately dressed and polite. She asks insightful questions" he reports. "I think she has the motivation and the discipline to make a great dentist!"

Emerson wants to thank the entire staff for allowing her to shadow them and ask endless questions. She enjoys learning about all aspects of this career field and is looking forward to the next step in pursuing this career.

For more information on the Minnechaug Regional High School internship Program contact Renee Considine, School-to-Career Coordinator at rconsidine@hwrsl.org or 413.596.9011. Minnechaug Regional High School is a member of the River East School-to-Career Partnership.