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Focus on The Mendel Center

Lake Michigan College Mendel Center has been a training site for our students for over 20 years. They have provided a variety of learning opportunities including: table setting, clothing/skirting tables, napkin folding, filling caddies, kitchen prep, serving and cleaning up. The students have become quite independent and work as a team when they receive their assignment from Mendel Center staff. They have learned to retrieve necessary supplies, organize and begin working independently on familiar tasks.



One of their favorite jobs is filling the caddies with creamers and 3 types of sugars. These are carefully counted out and templates are available for matching the correct number. The Mendel Center staff appreciates the careful work and uniform results.



Kitchen prep work varies (counting out a designated number of trays event) and pre-filling ice due to the time constraints



from "plating trays" number of plates on a in preparation of a big carafes (which gets tricky on the ice!)



As we are giving thanks this Thanksgiving, we are grateful to Berrien RESA for providing this type of programing for our students in the community and for the 20+ businesses that have partnered with us to provide job training oportunites!!