

Spotlight on Staff PAM APPLEWHITE-MILLER PROUD CAREER COACH; PROUD MOM

Pam Applewhite-Miller is known as a compassionate, caring and always positive career coach with Favarh's Project SEARCH program at UConn Health. She's passionate about the people she supports. She's also passionate about her children – Jonathan, an actuary, and Georgia, an actress with a master's degree who has studied at the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art (LAMDA).

Pam joined Favarh in February 2015 as a substitute job coach in Employment Services. Because she was a sub she filled in at a variety of jobsites like Michael's Arts & Crafts, Legrand Wiremold, and Davidson Specialty Foods before being assigned as a full-time job coach at The North House, then a brand-new high-end restaurant on Route 44 in Avon. Before long, however, she was offered the opportunity to help support the Project SEARCH interns at UConn Health.

"I really love what Project SEARCH stands for," she said. "The interns get a really good feel for what work life is all about and UConn is very supportive. The UConn Health employees who serve as the interns' mentors do it as a way to give back. They don't get paid extra, but they're always there for our interns."

She's also ecstatic about a big development coming up in her own family – the birth of her first grandchild. She proudly announced that her son, Jonathan, 31, and his wife, Brittany, are expecting a baby boy on April 21.

Pam's daughter, Georgia, 25, who Pam likes to call "Miss Georgia," is an actress who currently lives in Los Angeles, going on auditions and trying to get her big break in show business.

Originally from Mississippi, Pam attended segregated schools through her freshman year in high school. After that she "was bussed to an integrated school and I've been color blind ever since." Her family moved to Hartford in 1978.

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