

East Bay Innovations

Creating Opportunities



*“Doing the best at this moment puts you
in the best place for the next moment.”*

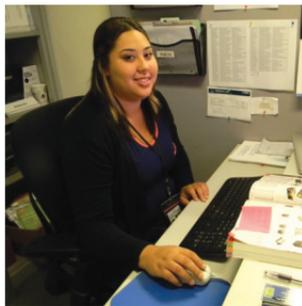
~ Oprah Winfrey

*When Seleste was an intern in
EBI's job training program, she couldn't have
imagined what her life would be like today.*

At 19, Seleste was living at home with her family in Oakland, participating in internship rotations through Project SEARCH at the County of Alameda, and thinking about future employment possibilities. Maybe, she thought, one day she'd have a job in an office or in a healthcare setting. So when presented with an opportunity to work part-time at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (Berkeley Lab) in a clerical position, she began there as a temporary employee, working four hours a day.

Now, five years and two promotions later, Seleste is employed full-time at the National Energy Research Scientific Computing Center (NERSC), the U.S. Department of Energy's state-of-the-art scientific computing facility. Located at Berkeley Lab, NERSC is a resource to more than 7,000 scientists. A world leader in promoting scientific discovery, NERSC's supercomputers are accessed by researchers around the globe.

Seleste has just begun her new position in Shyh Wang Hall, NERSC's home for its supercomputer, Cori, named for biochemist Gerty Cori, the first American woman to win a Nobel Prize. With meticulous attention to detail, Seleste is responsible for coordinating with various departments and processing requests for scientists' travel arrangements, lodging, registrations, and expense reimbursements in strict accordance with mandatory policies.



Seleste's world has grown dramatically since she began working at Berkeley Lab in 2013. Once considered shy, today she comfortably interacts with the diverse community of scientists seeking access to Cori and other NERSC resources. While once fearful about flying, Seleste recently flew to Mexico on a family vacation, and now envisions a trip to Paris in her future. And, she's beginning to imagine a time when she'll be living on her own.

Experiencing a sense of accomplishment and the confidence that comes with success, Seleste is, in Oprah's words, "doing the best at this moment." She's in a great place to keep moving forward.

Your gifts help EBI start programs, like Project SEARCH, that launch employment for Seleste and many adults with autism and other developmental disabilities. Your donations also make it possible for us to assist more than 500 individuals each year to live as independently as they can.

Simply put, your generosity changes lives!

Thank you,



Tom Heinz, Executive Director, EBI

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