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## *Concord Jet Center Recognized For Hiring Persons with Developmental Disabilities*

The Concord Jet Center has received an Excellence in Employment Award from the California Disability Services Association for recognizing the value of hiring persons with developmental disabilities. In March of 2017 General Manager Warren Large hired a young man with limitless enthusiasm for everything connected with planes named Aaron Ryan to clean hangars and airplanes at Concord Jet Center. Aaron completes a daily cleaning checklist that includes over 47 items in three separate airplane hangars. He takes pride in his work, has a good sense of humor, and is well liked by his co-workers.



Aaron happens to have a developmental disability and receives on-the-job supports from the Adaptive Learning Center (ALC). He has demonstrated himself to be a valued employee and is paid a competitive wage. According to General Manager Large, if Aaron continues to do well in his current role, he'll be considered for future advancement with more time attending to the needs of the jets.

“Anyone who knows Aaron knows that his one great passion is airplanes, and we are so grateful to Warren Large at the Concord Jet Center

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## *Interview with Case Manager, Jane Sandholdt*

*Interviewed By Ryan Alves*

**How long have you worked at ALC?** Close to a year.

**How do you like working at ALC?** I enjoy working with clients and staff.

**What is your favorite part of the job?** Working with the clients to accomplish their goals and become more independent.

**What is your experience in this field?** Social work positions, rehabilitation programs, and programs for the elderly.

**What do you enjoy about running bingo each month?** Good sportsmanship and the excitement of winning.



*Jane Sandholdt,  
ALC Case Manager*

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## *Excellence in Employment Award from California Disability Services Association*

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*Concord Jet Center General Manager Warren Large receives Excellence in Employment Award from Adaptive Learning Center Donna Feingold*



*Aaron at work*

for giving Aaron a chance for this dream job,” said ALC Executive Director Donna Feingold. “I wish everyone could love their jobs as much as Aaron loves his.”

Aaron is fully welcomed by all the staff at the Concord Center. He has a great sense of humor and there is a comradery among staff. Aaron was recently invited to attend a Contra Costa County sponsored celebration Bar B que at the airport with the other Concord Jet staff.

The Concord Jet Center provides full service accommodations for jets that fly in and out of Buchanan Field Airport in Concord, CA. They offer the full range of cleaning, maintenance, and refueling services, as well as a relaxing environment for guests in transit.

Founded in 1988, the Adaptive Learning Center (ALC) is a non-profit organization committed to facilitating growth and achievement through continuous education and support, in the lives of adults challenged with Autism Spectrum Disorders and neurodevelopmental disabilities. The clients have diagnoses such as High Functioning Autism, Nonverbal Learning Disorder, Attention Deficit Disorders, and Pervasive Developmental Disorder-Not Oth-

erwise Specified. ALC is an independent living program that has a day/educational component, as well as vocational and medical support services, with a focus on the development of social relationships. The close proximity of ALC’s clients to one another creates a strong sense of community.

The Excellence in Employment Award program is sponsored and run by the California Disability Services Association (CDSA), which has been the voice of developmental disability service providers in California for more than 40 years. CDSA is a trade association representing 80-plus community-based, direct care providers whose common purpose is to help Californians with developmental disabilities lead productive and fulfilling lives of their choosing. These organizations serve 51,500 clients and employ some 19,000 people.

Service providers respect the dignity, diversity of needs, feelings and independent thought of their clients, working with parents and families, the Regional Centers, and other advocacy networks.

Developmental disabilities include, but are not limited to: autism, epilepsy, intellectual disability, cerebral palsy, Down Syndrome and other severe, chronic disabilities.



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## CM, Jane Sandholdt Interview *(continued from pg. 1)*

**What are your hobbies and interests?** I enjoy bicycling, hiking and reading. I also love the outdoors and travelling, as well as spending time with my grandchildren.

**Where are you from?** Iowa.

**What is your favorite food?** I love salty snacks and cheese.

**Do you have any pets?** No.

**What is your favorite animal, and why?** A dog because they're so loyal.

**What superpower would you want, and why?** I would want the power to heal sickness.

-JS



## DVD Review of Dr. Strange

By Jeffrey Gottschalk

This new edition from the Disney Marvel Universe is uniquely well done in many different ways. The action is non-stopped and it reminded me of inception. It had a surprisingly great mixture of humor and as well as unusual themes. The plot is about

a man named Doctor Strange who uses the multi-verse theory as his special powers to save mankind from the clutches of the evil villains. The special effects are fantastic I recommend people to see this in 3D. I give this film a 10/10 stars. I simply highly recommend this movie to everyone especially Marvel Comics book fans.

-JG



## ALC Creative Writing — Seeing Stories

### Oriana — The Doorway

The doorway was at a very, very, old house where a family had lived. The doorway was painted red, then black, then white. The family had a dog and cat.

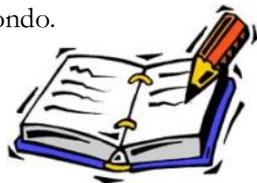


### Troy — Warmth

Warmth is very common in the summer. I don't like warm weather that much. It makes me feel uncomfortable. It's hard to sleep when it is hot. Good thing I have AC in my condo.

### Steven — The Doorway

The door is open so a person can walk in. That person happens to be Elvis doing a show. Then, when the show was over, they said "Elvis has left the building!"



### Rachel — Star Wars Figures/Joan

One day Joanie was reading a book and she heard some whispering sounds. She looked over and saw some Star Wars action figures. One spoke up and said "Pardon me, have you seen a Wookiee anywhere? We chased him and we lost him." Joanie was so beside herself she had to blink twice and shake her head, and then she said "No!" She looked again and they were no longer there.



### Jen — Rodent In Truck

Once there was a family whose son had a giant bunny rabbit as a stuffed animal. The people wondered why it got so big. The bunny rabbit ate and ate. There was magic in this stuffed animal that came alive. The family kept feeding it carrots and more carrots until it got so big.



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Mission Statement

*The mission of the Adaptive Learning Center is to provide a safe and healthy community for adults with neurodevelopmental disabilities and Autism Spectrum Disorders to realize their individual potential for self-reliant living as defined by the ability to engage in productive work, to socialize successfully, to attend to their own physical and emotional health, and to experience on-going personal growth.*



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