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[Spartan Project SEARCH](#) is a one-year, school-to-work, transition program that provides training and education through internships within departments throughout Michigan State University. Collaboratively, the program prepares young adults with disabilities to enter the workforce with marketable and transferable skills. Spartan Project SEARCH is sponsored by the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.



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Please forward this newsletter to your colleagues, family and community members.

Spartan Project SEARCH 2024-25 Cohort



And that completes the 2024-2025 school year!

This past month, Interns worked hard to finish up their final internship placements and start preparing for the future. Interns explored job options and filled out job applications. They also worked on assignments to meet their transition goals.

This year has flown by and was filled with hard work, laughter and growth. Every intern should be proud of the growth and skills they have gained in the last nine months.

We can't wait to see what each of them accomplish in the future.

Congratulations Graduates!!

Graduation Slideshow

Save the Date!



It's officially summer vacation!

July 15-18 Project SEARCH National Conference, Austin TX

August 20 First Day of 2025-2026 school year

Internship #3: Job Sites & Supervisors

Case Dining Hall - Nick Webster

Gallery Dining Hall - Susie Burke

MSU Linen Services - Andy Root

Sparty's at Snyder-Phillips - Booker Hall

Sabor- Jim Alquiza

Biomedical Facilities- Judy Ramirez

The Workshops- Jim Alquiza

MSU Main Library- Heidi Schroeder and Zoe McLaughlin

Wharton Center- Kelly Stuible-Clark

Thank you supervisors and departments for a great internship!



Jacob @ Sabor



Mitchell @ Biomedical Facilities



Gaven @ Case Dining Hall



AJ @ Linen Services



Nick @ MSU Main Library



Tsz-Yan @ Sparty's Cafe



Emily @ Wharton Center



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Kevin @ The Gallery

Project SEARCH Collaboration

State Board of Education Meeting

In mid-May, we had the honor of presenting at the [State Board of Education](#) meeting to share the positive impact Project SEARCH is making on transition-aged students striving to develop essential employability skills. We were proud to highlight the incredible work of Spartan Project SEARCH, with two of our interns, Nick and Tsz-Yan, courageously stepping forward to share their personal experiences and the meaningful ways the program has shaped their growth.



State Board of Education Meeting Video

Project SEARCH presentation starts at 6:40- 53:10 minutes



Empower and Employ Outreach Event



Toward the end of May, we had the honor of presenting at the first Empower and Employ event.

This event was a collaborative effort to support youth with disabilities in our community. Together, we explored the challenges young people face in accessing meaningful employment-and celebrate the inspiring successes that are

already make a difference.

Staff and community members joined us for an evening of connection and conversations, featuring a delicious catered dinner by [Papa's Cookbook LLC](#) and served by a wonderful group at [Able Allies](#), a dynamic panel discussion, and a meaningful call to action for those interested in making a real impact.

Your voice and your presence matters- let's work together to build a better future for all.



Classroom Learning Time



Emily traveled to the rock



Nick experiencing Virtual Reality at the Library



Lunch at Sabor to practice money skills



Kevin is excited for graduation

Scavenger hunt around campus



Lunch after the board meeting presentation



Mitchell is ready for Graduation



Wonderful Life Presentations



Trip to the Dairy Store



Final Uno Game

Graduate Spotlight



Apply for Project SEARCH

If you are interested in applying for Spartan Project SEARCH, you can find more information on our website at [Spartan Project SEARCH](#).

Spartan Project SEARCH Online Application



On the Banks of the Red Cedar



Graduation!!

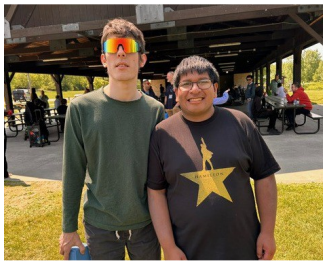
We are incredibly proud of our interns and all the hard work they've dedicated throughout the year. It's been inspiring to witness their growth—in self-awareness, job readiness, independence, and social engagement. As we celebrate each of you and your achievements, we wish you a joyful summer and much success as you begin your job search journey.



Ingham ISD Transition Program Picnic

It was a great day celebrating all of the Ingham Intermediate School District Transitions Programs. We enjoyed food, fun, and social time together.

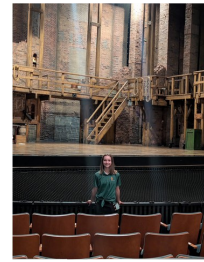




Alumni Outing: Wharton Center

A heartfelt thank you to the [Wharton Center](#) and their [Arts Within Reach](#) program, as well as to [Project SEARCH](#) and [MAASE](#) for their generous grant support. Thanks to their collaboration, a group of our alumni had the incredible opportunity to attend a performance of the musical *Hamilton*. It was an unforgettable experience and a wonderful evening out enjoying the magic of live theatre.





Alumni Outing: Bowling

Our second annual Bowling Alumni Outing was a fantastic success! A heartfelt thank you to [Project SEARCH](#) and [MAASE](#) for their generous grant support, which made this event possible. It was truly special to see graduates from the past nine years come together to reconnect, share their life and employment successes, and enjoy a fun-filled day of bowling and camaraderie.



In The News

Department of Education: State Board of Education May Meeting

Alumni Association #3

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



Jane Meister

Graduate Assistant,
Project SEARCH



Naveh Eldar

Chief Executive Officer,
The Arc Minnesota



Brooke Locher

Project SEARCH Instructor,
Michigan State University



Ingham ISD Transition - 03/26/25

Ingham ISD's transition programs support students aged 18-26 in developing independence through real-world experiences.

fox47news.com

MSU Today: Project SEARCH Spotlight Article



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MSU Libraries Fall 2024 Insight: Spartan Project SEARCH Spotlight Article

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Hiring Updates

No new updates this month. All graduates are currently working or looking for jobs.

Did you know Spartan Project SEARCH averages 78% interns hired each year?

2023-24 Cohort: 6/7 hired

2022-23 Cohort: 5/7 hired



Stay Informed



The [Project SEARCH](#) monthly newsletter was created to share stories with our community. Please forward this newsletter to your colleagues, family and community members.

If you are interested in Spartan Project SEARCH and/or would like to host an intern, please contact Instructor [Brooke Locher](#).

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