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## Spartan Project SEARCH Newsletter MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

February 2025

[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.

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## Spartan Project SEARCH 2024-25 Cohort



January kicked off 2025 with some new things. Interns prepared for new jobsites and dealt with cold weather that left us with a few extra days off from school.

During class time, interns focused on reflecting on the past year, making new goals, and starting to learn about stress. Interns worked to set short term goals for their new internships as well as long term goals of independent living and gaining employment

after graduation. While discussing stress we examined health living options and coping skills. Another topic interns explored was how-to. Interns learned about the importance of listening, asking clarifying questions, and following a model. They even made their own how-to video and taught their classmates how to do something. Interns finished up lessons with [Disability Network Capital Area](#) where they worked on independence skills and learned how to follow a recipe to cook in a rice cooker; they even got their own to take home and use!

At work, interns began their first few weeks of internship two. They learned new travel routes; some adding in CATA bus travel and learning new job tasks. They were all excited to get started and have a new experience and we can't wait to see what they accomplish these next 10 weeks.

## Save the Date!



**Feb. 10 Half Day- Dismissal at 11:30**

**Feb. 11 Employment Planning Meetings**

**Feb. 14 No School**

**Feb. 17 No School**

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## Internship #2: 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

Workshops- Jim Alquiza

Biomedical Facilities- Richard Klein

The Roost- Jim Alquiza



**Emily @ The Roost**



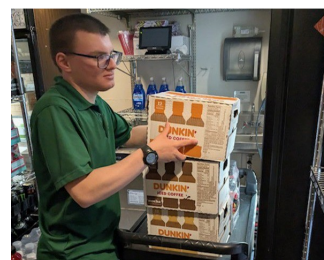
**Gaven @ Biomedical  
Facilities**



**Tsz-Yan @ Case Dining  
Hall**



**Mitchell @ Linen Services**



**Nick @ Sparty's Cafe**



**Jacob @ Case Dining Hall**



**Kevin @ Workshops**



**AJ @ The Gallery**

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## Project SEARCH Collaboration

### Disability Network Goal Setting Lessons

We collaborated with [Disability Network Capital Area](#), a community agency, and learned about goal setting and independence skills with reading a recipe and using a rice cooker.



## Classroom Learning Time



**How-To drawing activity**



**Lunch together at work**





**Learning to use a rice cooker**



**Enjoying views at work**



**Independent Travel**



**Braving the cold weather**

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## **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

Interns were visited this month by Kezia, a graduate from our '20-'21 cohort. She spent time with the interns discussing the jobs she has had the three years and how she has moved into her own apartment. She discussed the ups and downs of living independently and all the real- world things she is experiencing. Interns had great questions for her, and it was exciting to hear about her success.



## In The News

### 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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