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Spartan Project SEARCH Newsletter MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

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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



The month of December was filled with learning and community experiences. We have enjoyed extra classroom time together and learning more about each other.

During class time, interns focused on learning about budgets. They continued practicing paying for living expenses, shopping for holiday gifts and managing a budget while eating out. They also worked on disability awareness. Interns focused on learning more about different disabilities, types of accommodations and how to disclose. They also worked with [Disability Network Capital Area](#) on goal setting and completed interviews for internship two.

We experienced different locations in the community this month. First, we went to [Crossroads Village](#) in Genesee County Parks to visit another Project SEARCH site and hear about different jobs they do and talk with fellow interns. Second, we attended a show at [MSU Abrams Planetarium](#) where we learned about stars and constellations. Last, we toured [Rainbow Homes](#) and learned from residents the pros and cons of living on their own. We ended the tour with a trip to [Wendy's](#) to practice our budget and ordering skills.

Hope you all had a wonderful Holiday, and we are excited for what is to come in 2025.

Save the Date!

Jan. 6 School Resumes

Jan. 10 Half Day- Dismissal at 11:30



Jan. 13 Internship #2 starts
Jan. 20 No School

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



Project SEARCH Collaboration

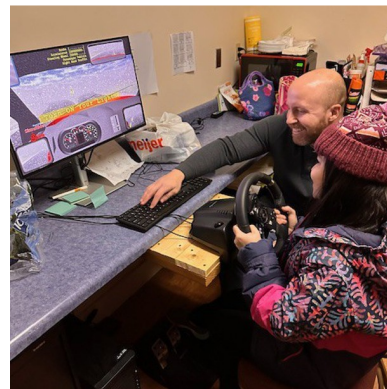
Capital Area Manufacturing Council Visit

To kick off the month, we were visited by Cindy with the [Capital Area Manufacturing Council](#) (CAMC). Interns explained about our program and their jobs for first internship. Cindy shared with interns what manufacturing jobs are and some ideas about future employment opportunities.



Genesee County Parks Project SEARCH Tour

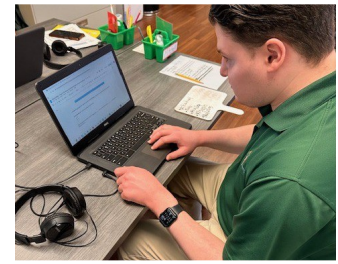
Spartan Project SEARCH received a tour with fellow interns from [Genesee County Parks](#) Project SEARCH. This tour let fellow interns talk about their programs, see some of the different jobs available and try out a driving simulator.



Disability Network Goal Setting Lessons

We collaborated with [Disability Network Capital Area](#), a community agency, and learned about goal setting. We made vision boards to help us achieve these goals and ended class before break with cookie decorating.





Rainbow Homes Tour

Interns visited [Rainbow Homes](#), a group home located in Holt. We learned about the opportunities they provide like respite time, activities, overnights and outings. Residents shared how they enjoy living on their own, the jobs they have, and how they get to work. They also shared adult living skills they do both independently and with support staff if needed and fun activities they take part in. It was a great visit and cool to experience opportunities that are available in our community.



Give-A-Kid-Projects

To close the month, we adopted a family to help out with their Christmas needs. In class, we practiced shopping online and deciding what needs and wants we were going to purchase within our budget. Then we traveled to Walmart to shop. Interns worked together to pick out clothing and



a few fun toys for our family. They had to keep track of costs, stay within a budget and even help with check out. It was a great experience, and so rewarding, to help those in our community.



Classroom Learning Time



Cookie Decorating



Eating at Wendy's



Interviews



Interviews



Working on paying for food



Vision Boards



Interviews



Interviews



Cookie Decorating



Eating at Wendy's

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](https://www.projectsearch.org).

Spartan Project SEARCH Online Application



On the Banks of the Red Cedar

Interns visited [Abrams Planetarium](#) at MSU and were able to experience an opportunity available to them in the community. We watched a show and learned about how we are all made of stars and then were able to find the winter constellations in our night sky. We ended with a light show to music and sang the MSU fight song.



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



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