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<u>Spartan Project SEARCH</u> 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.



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

## Spartan Project SEARCH 2024-25 Cohort





The month of October brought many new opportunities for Interns. They have now worked at their internships for seven weeks and are learning many job specific tasks. In addition, interns are growing in confidence in their independence skills involving safe travel, social interactions, professionalism, time management and problem solving.

Departments hosted the first employment planning meetings in mid October and interns did a great job expressing their skills, making goals for the remainder of the internship and listening to constructive criticism. During class time, interns were visited by a graduate, Parker, who shared about his time in Project SEARCH and his success in the workforce since 2020. They also continued to work on email etiquette, being detail oriented by filling orders and problem solving workplace scenarios.



#### Save the Date!



Nov. 5 Half Day- Dismissal at 11:30am & Election Day

Nov. 19 Second Employment Planning Meeting

Nov. 26 Last Day of Internship #1

Nov. 27-29 No School for Thanksgiving Break

## Internship #1: Job Sites & Supervisors

Case Dining Hall - Nick Webster
MSU Main Library - Heidi Schroeder
MSU Linen Services - Andy Root
Sparty's at Snyder-Phillips - Booker Hall
Sparty's at Hubbard Hall- Jesse Mendez
Biomedical Facilities- Richard Klein



Tsz-Yan @ The Roost



AJ @ Biomedical Facilities



Kevin @ Case Dining Hall



**Gaven @ Linen Services** 



Mitchell @ Sparty's Cafe



Nick @ Case Dining Hall



Jacob @ Sparty's Cafe



**Emily @ MSU Library** 

### **Project SEARCH Collaboration**

#### **Instructor Conference**

Michigan Statewide Project SEARCH hosted a two-day conference for Project SEARCH instructors throughout the state of Michigan as an opportunity for instructors to make connections, collaborate on ideas and enhance their knowledge of Project SEARCH curriculum.



#### **SAIL Foster Tour**

Spartan Project SEARCH gave a tour to students from our SAIL Transition Program at Foster. This tour let interested students talk with current interns, see some of the jobs available and think



## **Classroom Learning Time**



**Back-to-Back Drawing** 



**Computer Work Time** 



**Touring Campus** 



Class Uno



**Lunchtime Hang** 



**Graduate Visit** 

### **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 <u>Spartan Project SEARCH</u>.







#### On the Banks of the Red Cedar

Happy Homecoming 2024!

Graduates, interns, and staff walked in the MSU Homecoming Parade to cheer on the Spartans and promote our program.

Go Green!



# Hiring Updates



2023-24 Cohort



2022-23 Cohort

# **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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