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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



We have officially kicked off the school year and welcomed our class of eight interns to the campus at Michigan State University.

The first few weeks of class, or orientation week, were focused on learning about internship opportunities, getting uniforms and ID badges, getting to know each other, writing resumes and practicing interview skills. Interns have also participated in lessons from our school Social Worker Aziza to learn about mindfulness and how best to express emotions or calm down while working.

In the beginning of September, interns interviewed with at least three internship sites and started working the week of September 16. They have worked hard at learning new job tasks and how to be a good employee by being on time, asking for help and managing emotions. While doing all of these things, interns are practicing their navigation and safety skills daily to help them get around campus and increase their independence.



## Save the Date!



10/1 Half Day- Dismissal at 11:30

10/15 First Employment Planning Meeting

10/18 Half Day- Dismissal at 11:30

# Internship #1: Job Sites & Supervisors

Case Dining Hall - Susie Burke
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
The Roost- Jim Alquiza









Kevin @ Case Dining Hall

# AJ @ Biomedical Facilities



Gaven @ Linen Services



Mitchell @ Sparty's Cafe



Nick @ Case Dining Hall



Jacob @ Sparty's Cafe



Emily @ MSU Main Library

# **Project SEARCH Collaboration**

## **Ingham Intermediate School District Fall Fun Fest**

During September, our instructor Brooke Locher, participated in the ISD Fall Fun Fest to share about Spartan Project SEARCH. It was so fun to meet interested families and share about this amazing program.



## **Classroom Learning Time**



Interview practice time



First day of class



Getting ID's



Class Uno



**Class Presentations** 



**Travel Practice** 



Riding the bus



**Checking out campus** 

# **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

Interns were treated to a tour of Beaumont Tower and learned all about how the tower guard started and its impact on the history of Michigan State University.

It wouldn't be a day on campus without enjoying a trip to the MSU Dairy Store.





## **Hiring Updates**



2023-24 Cohort



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# 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 Brooke Locher, Instructor.

## **Visit Our Website**







