



September 2025

<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 2025-26 Cohort



We have officially kicked off the school year and welcomed our class of nine 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 and our ASD Teacher Consultant Sarah to learn about mindfulness and professional relationships.

Kicking off this month, interns are interviewing with at least three internship sites and will start working the week of September 15. Interns are currently practicing their navigation and safety skills daily to help them get around campus and increase their independence.



Save the Date!



9/14 Ingham ISD Fall Fest at Potter Park

9/16 Start of Internship 1

9/19 Half Day- Dismissal at 11:00

10/2 Half Day- Dismissal at 11:00

Project SEARCH Collaboration

Project SEARCH National Conference

During July, our instructor Brooke Locher and skills trainer Eddie Luckett, presented at the Project SEARCH National Conference. Our team also attended break out sessions and collaborated with

other great programs to bring back some fun new ideas.

Our program also earned the 100% success award for our 2023-2024 cohort for all 7 interns gaining employment. Congratulations!















Classroom Learning Time



Writing Resumes



First day of class visiting The Rock





Getting ID's



Teamwork Puzzle Activity



Riding the bus

Class Travel Practice

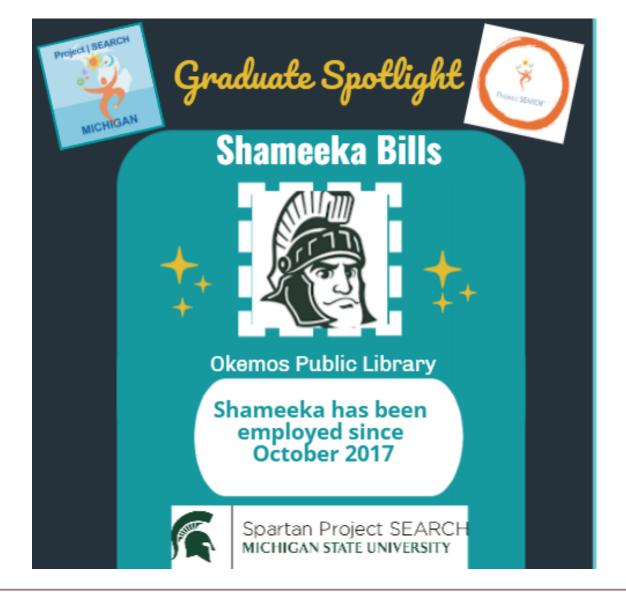


Travel Practice



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>.





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



2024-2025 Cohort



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Stay Informed







The <u>Project SEARCH</u> 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.

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