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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



February went by quickly with a few cold days and extra time off for the holiday weekend; but during worktime interns continue to work hard learning their job tasks and employability skills.

During classroom time, interns began learning about healthy eating habits related to their physical wellbeing. They started by learning about stress relief strategies such as box breathing, mindfulness, and meditation. Additionally, they learned about positive sleep habits, exercise options, and other healthy choices.

Interns enjoyed learning about food groups and examining their food choices during the week. Interns also participated in Employment Planning Meetings to get constructive feedback from their supervisors and make goals for the last four weeks of the internship.

This coming month, interns will learn about housing options and being able to budget while living independently. They will also explore how to be safe while on their own and what to do in

emergency situations. Applications for Spartan Project SEARCH have been accepted and interns will help applicants during our upcoming skills day in the beginning of March.

Save the Date!



March 4 Half Day- Dismissal at 11:30
March 7 Skills Assessment Day for 2025-2026 applicants
March 18 Final Employment Planning Meetings
March 19 Last day of Internship #2
March 20 Half Day- Dismissal at 11:30
March 21-28 No School- Spring Break
March 31- April 4 Workshop week

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
Crossroads- Jim Alquiza
Biomedical Facilities- Richard Klein
The Roost- Jim Alquiza



Emily @ The Roost



**Gaven @ Biomedical
Facilities**



**Tsz-Yan @ Case Dining
Hall**



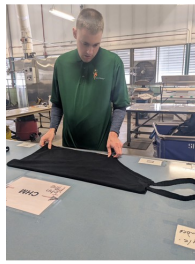
Mitchell @ Linen Services



Nick @ Sparty's Cafe



Jacob @ Case Dining Hall



Kevin @ Linens



AJ @ The Gallery

Project SEARCH Collaboration

Employment Planning Meetings

We met with department supervisors this month for our first employment updates. Interns were able to share what job tasks they are currently learning while supervisors provided feedback on ways interns can continue to improve their employability skills. In addition we were joined by our counselor from [Michigan Rehabilitation Services](#) and parents; this is a good way to think of strengths and weaknesses, interest levels, and help with the future job search.



Case Dining Hall Hires

Shout out to our partnership with Case Dining Hall. Not only does this dining hall offer job internships and training for our current Spartan Project SEARCH interns but they have also hired graduates. It is so cool to see so many familiar faces from across the years working hard and also helping to train interns.



Classroom Learning Time



Everyone headed off to work on the bus



Competitive game of Uno as a class



Learning about healthy eating habits



Trying out the sheet machine



Independent Travel



Ingham ISD spotlight interview

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).

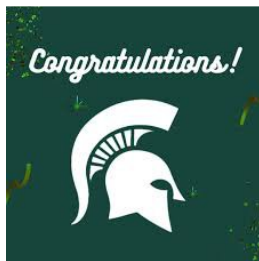
Spartan Project SEARCH Online Application



On the Banks of the Red Cedar

Congratulations & Happy Retirement!

A huge shout out to Richard Klein on his retirement. Richard, supervisor at MSU Infrastructure Planning and Facilities department, has been involved with Spartan Project SEARCH and we can't thank you enough for your support. Go Green!



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



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