



## Spartan Project SEARCH 2023-24

[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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### Spartan Project SEARCH 2023-24 Cohort

The month of February flew by and also marked the end of Rotation 2. During classroom time, interns explored healthy habits. We learned about types of stress and how to cope with stress in appropriate ways across different environments. We then explored healthy eating habits, food groups and types of things we can do to keep their bodies healthy. Next month, we will begin to explore independence and life skills focused around living on our own.

At work, interns finished Rotation 2 after continuing to challenge themselves to build on their employment skills and stay consistent in work completion for the specific departments. Many interns have also made progress in their confidence, communication, social interactions and self-monitoring skills.

Interns wrapped up the month with Employment Planning Meetings to reflect on their successes this rotation as well as review areas they can continue improving on. The beginning of March will focus around updating resumes, interviewing and practicing travel to new jobsites.



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## Save the Date!

Ingham ISD Transition Expo is March 13 from 4-6 pm at North Star School.

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### Rotation 2 Job Sites & Supervisors

Vivarium - Kim Williamson  
Case Dining Hall - Susie Burke  
Biomedical Facilities - Judy Ramirez  
MSU Linen Services - Donna Svendsen  
1855 Place Facilities - Kyle Ghastin  
Sparty's at Hubbard Hall- Jesse Mendez  
The Workshop- Lisa Miller



  
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Thank you for a  
great Rotation 2!



**Project SEARCH Collaboration**  
Community Outings, MTSA, and Skills Day



Interns enjoyed a community outing to the mall that was filled with fun and learning. They practiced traveling in the community and navigating the public bus system. They also learned to navigate the mall, ask for a job application and budget for meals and fun purchases. What a great day practicing independence skills.



Ingham ISD staff attended the three day Michigan Transition Services Association Conference (MTSA) this month. Michigan Statewide Project SEARCH was a Platinum Donor.

Applications are in and Ingham ISD hosted Skills Assessment Day for the 2024-25 cohort. It was great to see so many excited faces!

The Statewide Coordinator (Sarah Winslow) and Spartan Project SEARCH Instructor (Brooke Locher) also presented to spread the word of this great program.

If you missed the first deadline and are still interested, please contact us.





# Graduate Spotlight



## Peggie Baker



MSU Dining Halls

Peggie has been employed since January 2018



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### Upcoming Dates of Interest

- March 4-8: Workshop week
- March 5 - Half Day
- March 11: First day of Rotation 3
- March 21: Half Day
- March 22-29: No School - Spring Break



Our Impact

Check Out Our New Intern Impact Video



Check out our New Spartan Project SEARCH

## 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](#).

### On the banks of the Red Cedar

The Area 8 Special Olympics basketball tournament was held at Michigan State this month. It was a great opportunity to watch multiple graduates working hard, exercising and having fun doing an activity with friends.



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If you are interested in Spartan Project SEARCH and/or would like to host an intern, please contact [Brooke Locher](#),



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