



Spartan Project SEARCH 2023

[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 2022-23 Cohort

We kicked the new year off with some warmer but wet weather and re-learning how to travel and complete tasks at job sites. Our first week back was slower due to MSU students being gone but quickly picked up the pace upon their return. During classroom time, students began their new year reflecting on 2022 and learning to make SMART goals for their future. We finished out the month of January by exploring what stress is, how stress might make us feel, and learning strategies to cope with stress. We also welcomed our Western Michigan graduate student, Taylor, who is pursuing a degree in occupational therapy. She is excited to learn how to support students in the community and at work sites. Spartan Project SEARCH is excited to have her.



Department Spotlight: Michigan State University Federal Credit Union Supervisor: Patrick Dowling

"Our department was exploring internship opportunities and our human resources department



suggested connecting with Project SEARCH. It has been an honor to work with such a great organization and the wonderful students in the program."



MSUFCU was established 84 years ago to provide a safe place where members could borrow and save money. Over the years, we've built a strong foundation of relationships with our members - ultimately helping them achieve their dreams. Our employees live our mission every day to spark those moments for members to find financial freedom and security, as they purchase their first cars and homes, start their own businesses, and save for their children's futures.

Our Mission and Core Values

To provide superior service while assisting members and employees to achieve financial security, their goals, and ultimately, their dreams.

- Demonstrate Integrity and Honesty
- Give Back to the Community
- Provide Superior Service
- Encourage, Embrace and Drive Change
- Pursue Growth and Development
- Build a Positive Environment
- Be Passionate and Determined
- Cultivate Diversity and Inclusion



Save the Date!

Spartan Project SEARCH Applications due February 2023
Skills Assessment day for applicants: February 27, 2023



Rotation 2 Job Sites

- MSU Linen Services - Donna Svendsen
- Case Dining Hall - Krista Miller
- Sparty's Café - Chandos McCoy
- Biomedical Facilities - Judy Ramirez
- MSU Main Library - Heidi Schroeder
- MSU Federal Credit Union Headquarters - Patrick Dowling





Welcome MAASE & Future Students

We have loved teaching community members about Spartan Project SEARCH during this new year. Community partners such as MAASE (Michigan Association of Administrators of Special Education), Genesee ISD and prospective students and staff from local school districts have been able to see our classroom space, discuss our day-to-day operations, tour hosting departments, observe interns working, and meet with graduated students to discuss their employment. It is inspiring to see and share the impact that our program has on its previous, current and future students and hosting departments.





Graduate Spotlight

Raymond Oakes



MSU Dining Halls

Raymond has been employed since April 2017



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Upcoming Dates of Interest

- February 13, 2023 - Final Employment Planning Meetings Rotation 2
- February 17-20, 2023 - No School
- February 24, 2023 - Last day of Rotation 2 Internships
- February 27, 2023 - Start of Workshop Week & Skills Assessment Day



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

At the end of January, the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources and MSU Ticket Office, provided Spartan Project SEARCH with tickets to cheer on the MSU Women's Basketball team. Not only did the Spartans leave with a win against Rutgers but also the interns, graduates, staff, and their families all enjoyed time together out in the community. It was the first sporting event attended at the Breslin Center for many of our participants and they were also able to practice their independence skills in the community. A huge thank you for this opportunity and Go Green!



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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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