



## 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

Spring has sprung on the Campus of Michigan State University. Even though the weather continues to reflect winter, Spartan Project SEARCH interns are ready for the last rotation of their school year. March began with two weeks of workshop time where interns updated resumes, participated in mock interviews, and worked on financial literacy in creating a budget. Interns also learned about self-advocacy, defining disabilities, work place accommodations, and disclosure. On March 13th, Interns had their first day of Rotation 3 jobs. Observing interns at work during their first week back has been inspiring to see how much growth they have made and how independent they have all become. Over the next 10 weeks, interns will continue to learn skills, increase independence, and polish obtained skills to help with their upcoming job search and applications.



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## Department Spotlight: Animal Resource Center Supervisor: Kim Williamson



“I’m proud to work with Project SEARCH. What they do is invaluable for the lives of differently-abled young adults. Watching the interns learn and grow through the school year is rewarding, plus we love having the extra help taking care of the animals!”  
- Kim Williamson



## Providing operational support for research, teaching, and public outreach that involves animals.

### Animal Research

Michigan State University views the use of animals in research, teaching, education, testing and production as a privilege that requires exceptional ethical responsibility for humane treatment and veterinary care. MSU believes animals should be used only when necessary and when no appropriate alternatives exist. Further, the university believes animals must always receive humane handling, the best possible care, and thorough oversight.

Training the next generation of scientists, animal production and husbandry specialists, veterinarians, and medical professionals, while ensuring their respect and understanding of animal health, remains a fundamental mission of multiple MSU colleges. Animal research plays a unique role in generating new knowledge about the biology and behavior of living things. It also ensures the safety and efficacy of drugs, food sources and procedures to benefit both humans and animals.

Examples of discoveries in biology, disease and the development of life-saving treatments from animal studies at MSU include the areas of:

- Arthritis Blindness
- Cardiovascular disease
- Cancer
- Infection and inflammation
- Liver and kidney conditions
- Neurodegenerative disorders
- Precision medicine
- Congenital Disease and Birth Defects
- Women’s Health

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## Save the Date!

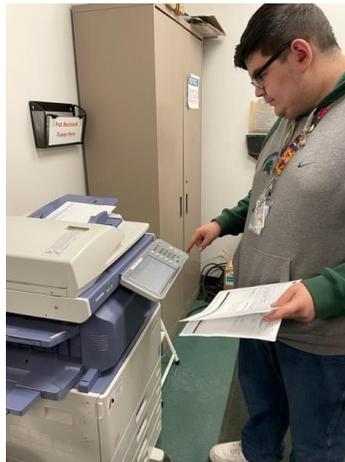
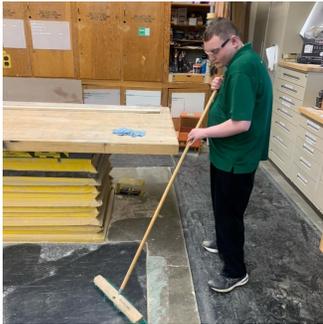
Spartan Project SEARCH Acceptance Letters will be sent out in April 2023

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## Rotation 3 Job Sites

MSU Linen Services - Donna Svendsen

Case Dining Hall - Krista Miller  
IPF Roofing- Eric Doolittle  
IPF Shop- Nick Kramer  
Biomedical Facilities - Judy Ramirez  
Vivarium - Kim Williamson  
T.B Simon Power Plant - Suzanne Hanson



## Welcome T.B. Simon Power Plant

Rotation 3 brought on the addition of the Power Plant for an internship site. At this jobsite, interns learn skills of customer service, computer skills, communication, multitasking, professionalism, and teamwork. We are so excited for this new opportunity and partnership.

The T.B. Simon Power Plant is a cogeneration facility producing electrical power and steam for the East Lansing campus, including academic buildings and south campus farms. Since 2016, the T.B. Simon Power Plant operates entirely on natural gas. With a peak generating capacity of roughly 99 megawatts, its six generating units can be activated or deactivated in response to campus demand in conjunction with the solar carports.

In its current configuration, the T.B. Simon Power Plant converts energy from natural gas into steam and electricity, which is used for building functions such as heating or cooling. Steam for use in HVAC and electric power are transmitted through a steam distribution network, which connects to more than 100 MSU buildings.



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Graduate Spotlight

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**Lucas Aldrich**

Volunteers of America

Lucas has been employed since November 2021

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## Upcoming Dates of Interest

- April 3, 2023 - Half Day of School
- April 11, 2023- Second Skills Assessment Day for late applications
- April 19, 2023 - Employment Planning Meetings





Check Out Our New Intern Impact Video

## 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

Spartan Project SEARCH would not be able to function day to day and have the success it does without our jobsite support team know as our Skills Trainers. Skills trainers complete a plethora of tasks during the day. In the classroom they help the instructor by supporting lessons and support students with classwork. On jobsites they support supervisors by helping develop tasks, brainstorm and implement accommodations, educate on inclusion within the workforce, and help interns learned needed job skills. Skills trainers also help with navigation training around campus to get to and from work by teaching safe travel by walking and use of public transportation. Additionally, Skills trainers support with learning appropriate social interactions, professional ways to communicate, and skills to be independent. Spartan Project SEARCH thanks you for all you do!



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