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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



The month of November brought the conclusion of internship one. While it is bitter sweet to have finished their first internship and say good-bye to supervisors and co-workers, interns are proud of what they have accomplished these last ten weeks. Interns are much more confident and independent than when they started. Everyone has done such a good job that sites are sad to see them

go and wish they could stay. Interns also completed their last employment planning meeting for this internship, and we heard a lot of good feedback.

During class time, interns focused on learning about budgets and all the things they would have to pay for when living on their own. Interns also worked on problem solving, managing their emotions appropriately at work and mindfulness. In December, interns get three weeks of transition time that will consist of some fun learning opportunities and preparing for internship two.

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## Save the Date!



- Dec. 2 Capital Area Manufacturing Tour**
- Dec. 5 Rainbow Homes Tour**
- Dec. 6 Half Day Dismissal at 11:30am.**
- Dec. 10 Genesee County Parks Project SEARCH site Tour**
- Dec. 16 Interview Week for Internship #2**
- Dec. 17 Community Experience at Abrams Planetarium**
- Dec. 20 Holiday Party**
- Dec. 23-31 No School**

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## Internship #1: Job Sites & Supervisors

- Case Dining Hall - Nick Webster
- MSU Main Library - Heidi Schroeder
- MSU Linen Services - Andy Root
- Sparty's at Snyder-Phillips - Booker Hall
- Sparty's at Hubbard Hall- Jesse Mendez
- Biomedical Facilities- Richard Klein
- The Roost- Jim Alquiza



**Tsz-Yan @ The Roost**



**AJ @ Biomedical  
Facilities**



**Kevin @ Case Dining Hall**



**Gaven @ Linen Services**



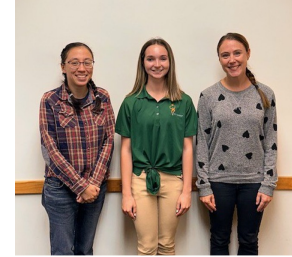
**Mitchell @ Sparty's Cafe**



**Nick @ Case Dining Hall**



**Jacob @ Sparty's Cafe**



**Emily @ MSU Library**

## Project SEARCH Collaboration



### SAIL Mason Tour

Spartan Project SEARCH gave a tour to students from our SAIL Transition Program in Mason. This tour let interested students talk with current interns, see some of the jobs available and think about whether they might want to join this program in the future. We even got to enjoy lunch at Case Dining Hall.



## Classroom Learning Time



**Uno Competition**



**Communication Practice**



**Project SEARCH Parent Information Night**



**Graduate Work Interview**

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## **Graduate Spotlight**



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# Graduate Spotlight



## Michael Haan



MSU Dining Halls

Michael has been employed since July 2018



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## 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](#).

**Spartan Project SEARCH Online Application**

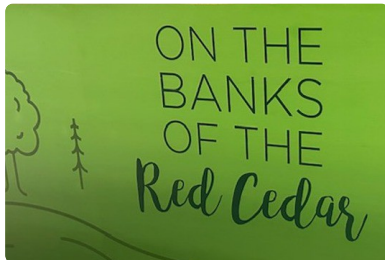


## On the Banks of the Red Cedar

Interns participated in their final Employment Planning Meetings for internship one. Supervisors shared their final feedback on intern's employability skills and parents were able to hear all the great skills and progress interns have made in the last ten weeks. While it is a bittersweet end to the month, interns are proud of their accomplishments, happy with their opportunities and looking forward to trying out a new job in the new year.



## Hiring Updates



No new updates this month. All graduates are currently working or looking for jobs.

### Statistics:

23-24 Cohort: 6/7 hired

22-23 Cohort: 5/7 hired

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## Stay Informed



The [Project SEARCH](#) 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 Instructor [Brooke Locher](#).

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