



## 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

The last month was filled with extreme cold and extreme warm but interns worked hard at continuing to learn new skills and finish Rotation 2 strong. Interns increased their skills with time management, using technology appropriately, customer service, making priorities, and initiating interactions and new tasks. In departments, Interns learned to travel independently, problem solve travel complications, make pizza, use the grill/fryer, serve customers, clean around students learning, scan in library materials, and use linen machines for pressing materials. During classroom time, Interns learned and practice time management skills, discussed how to determine priorities, learned about healthy habits, and discussed importance of food groups in healthy eating. Coming up, Interns will update their resumes, practice for their final rotation interviews, and explore self-advocacy.



**Department Spotlight:**  
**Case Dining Hall**  
**Supervisor: Krista Miller**



### Learning From Each Other

An inspiring aspect of Case Dining Hall is the opportunities for current interns to learn skills and work with their peers and other Project SEARCH graduates. This department also follows and is observable of Michigan State University's pillars of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

### Eat At State

Many Spartans choose the convenience of dining in one of our all-you-care-to-eat locations, like residential dining halls or MSU Union Food Court.

Each neighborhood offers a diverse menu of options, including vegan and vegetarian selections, comfort food, grill items, international cuisine, desserts, pizza, breakfast items, and more!

Culinary excellence at MSU is showcased throughout our dining halls on campus. We offer an array of options to ensure students and guests always have a convenient dining choice that fits their needs. Offering all-you-care-to-eat dining during breakfast, lunch and dinner, Spartans will never go hungry when they Eat at State!



## Save the Date!

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





**Thank you  
departments  
for a great  
Rotation 2 !**



## **Collaboration Everywhere!**

The month of February was filled with learned and collaboration for our staff.

Project SEARCH launched 8 Project SEARCH Fundamentals trainings that was attended by our instructor and community partners.

Michigan Transition Services Association hosted a 3 day conference where our Ingham ISD Transition staff and community partners learned and collaborated together.

Ingham ISD hosted our Skills Assessment day for applicants who have applied for the 2023-2024 school year. It was great to see new and interested faces and collaborate with staff on how to support students.





# Graduate Spotlight



## TJ Shuster



Brody Hall

TJ has been  
employed since July  
2022



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## Upcoming Dates of Interest

- March 3-10, 2023 - Workshop week and Rotation 3 Interviews
- March 13, 2023 - 1st Day of Rotation 3
- March 23, 2023 - Half Day of School
- March 24-31, 2023 - Spring Break- No School



## 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

We leave space to remember and honor those impacted by the horrific events that took place on February 13th, 2023.



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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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