



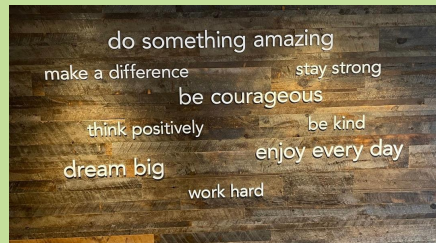
## Spartan Project SEARCH 2023

[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

There is officially five weeks left of the school year! This past month, Interns have continued to learn independence, social and employability skills at their job sites. They have also worked with skills trainers to finish up navigation training skills to help with getting to work after the program. First Employment Planning Meetings took place, and it was a great time for interns, families and supervisors to reflect on the rotation so far. Areas for improvement and goals for the remainder of the rotation were discussed. During classroom time, interns worked on self-reflection and learning about their personal emotions, triggers and admitting mistakes. They also worked on defining their disabilities and creating scripts to help with disclosure to future employers. Lastly, interns examined accommodations they might need at work and in the future to be successful. Everyone is very excited for graduation and future employment opportunities.



### Hiring Update



Gage has started at Campus Animal Resources in the Vivarium. He is helping clean and sanitize kennels.



Evan has started with IPF Facilities at Anthony Hall working the early morning shift. He is keeping the building clean and sanitized for staff, students and community members.

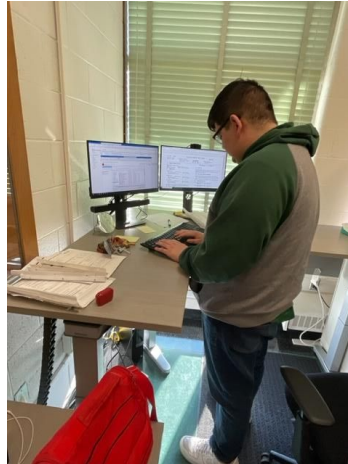
## Save the Date!

Spartan Project SEARCH 2023-2024 Welcome Night is May 17.

## Rotation 3 Job Sites & Supervisors

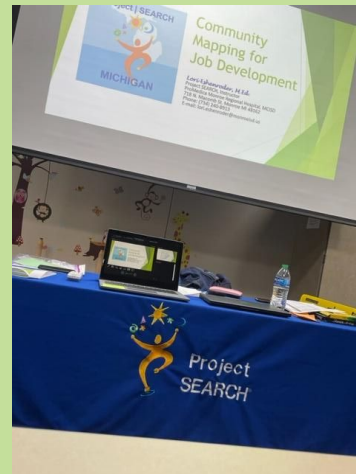
MSU Linen Services - Donna Svendsen  
Case Dining Hall - Krista Miller  
IPF Roofing - Eric Doolittle  
IPF Shop - Nick Kramer  
Biomedical Facilities - Judy Ramirez  
Vivarium - Kim Williamson  
T.B Simon Power Plant - Suzanne Hanson





## Community Collaboration

**Congratulations** to our accepted applicants for the 2023-24 school year! We are excited to announce nine interns have been accepted to start in August.



**The Michigan Statewide Project SEARCH** meeting was held in person at the Kalamazoo RESA to finish out the month of April. This was a great time to collaborate and share ideas with other Project SEARCH sites across the state. We even toured the Bureau of Services for Blind Persons Training Center.



# Graduate Spotlight



## Mikayla Goodall



North Grand River Cooperative

Mikayla has been employed since October 2020



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## Upcoming Dates of Interest

- May 5, 2023 - Half Day of School
- May 17, 2023 - Welcome Night for 2023-24 accepted students
- May 24, 2023 - Final Employment Planning Meetings
- May 26, 2023 - Half Day of School
- May 29, 2023 - No School: Memorial Day
- June 6, 2023 - Last day of Internships
- June 7, 2023 - Graduation! (11-1)



Check Out Our  
New Intern  
Impact Video

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New Spartan  
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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](#).



### On the banks of the Red Cedar

On the last day of April, the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources and MSU Ticket Office, provided Spartan Project SEARCH with tickets to cheer on the MSU Baseball team as they faced Northwestern. The weather ended up being a bit chilly and wet but the Spartans left with a win and the interns, graduates, staff and their families all enjoyed time together out in the community. It was the first sporting event attended at the John H. Kobs field 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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