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Spartan Project SEARCH Newsletter MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

April 2025

[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



March marked the end of internship two. Interns showed their independence by increasing and showing their learned employment skills while also traveling and problem solving independently.

During classroom time, interns continue learning about budgeting, healthy food choices and shopping on a budget, preparing for upcoming interviews, and writing professional emails. Interns also participated in their final Employment Planning Meetings to get constructive feedback from their supervisors and learn about hiring possibilities. We also participated in Skills Assessment Day to interact and learn more about next year's applicants.

This coming month, interns will kick off their final internships and begin exploring how to apply for jobs, updating resumes, participating in interviews, healthy relationships and boundaries, and responding in emergency situations.

Save the Date!



April 7 Start of Internship #3

April 18 No School

April 15 Half Day- Dismissal at 11:30

April 29 Employment Planning Meetings

May 2 Half Day- Dismissal at 11:30

Internship #2: Job Sites & Supervisors

Case Dining Hall - Nick Webster

Gallery Dining Hall - Susie Burke

MSU Linen Services - Andy Root

Sparty's at Snyder-Phillips - Booker Hall

Crossroads- Jim Alquiza

Biomedical Facilities- Richard Klein

The Roost- Jim Alquiza

Thank you supervisors and departments for a great internship!



Emily @ The Roost



Gaven @ Biomedical Facilities



Tsz-Yan @ Case Dining Hall



Mitchell @ Linen Services



Nick @ Sparty's Cafe



Jacob @ Case Dining Hall



Kevin @ Linens



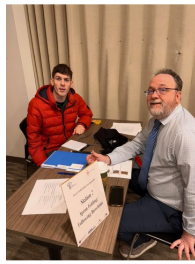
AJ @ The Gallery

Project SEARCH Collaboration

Skills Assessment Day

To start the month of March, we held our Skills Assessment Day for students who have applied for the 2025-26 school year. This year, current interns helped run stations and share their experiences with applicants. We were also joined by Ingham ISD Transition staff, our counselor from [Michigan Rehabilitation Services](#), and our Business Liaison from Michigan State University. During this event, applicants participated in stations to show their skills and perform an interview for staff to learn more about them. It was a great turnout and a successful day!





Employment Planning Meetings

We met with department supervisors this month for our last employment updates. Interns were able to share what job tasks they are currently learning while supervisors provided feedback on ways interns can continue to improve their employability skills. In addition we were joined by our counselor from [Michigan Rehabilitation Services](#) and parents; this is a good way to think of strengths and weaknesses, interest levels, and help with the future job search.



Classroom Learning Time



Class March Madness Brackets



Visiting the SAIL Mason Classroom



Class Jeopardy Challenge



Travel Practice

Graduate Spotlight

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Graduate Spotlight

Parker Wilcox

Independence Village of Grand Ledge

**Parker has been
employed since July
2020**

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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



MSU Police and Public Safety Tour

Thank you to the [MSU Police and Public Safety](#) in collaboration with Department of Police and Public Safety's (DPPS) Community Liaisons for an educational and engaging experience during our tour.

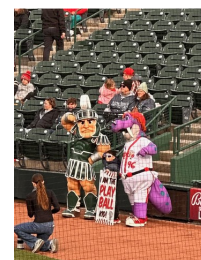
We learned how to be safe at MSU, interact with Police Officers, what to do in an emergency, and even got to try out safety vests. Thank you to Captain Dan Munford, Officer Mora, and Officer Scott for taking time out of your busy day to talk with us.



Alumni Outings

Crosstown Showdown

This month we braved the cold to cheer on both the Lansing Lugnuts and MSU Baseball team during their annual Crosstown Showdown game. It was great to see graduates, families, staff, and current students. MSU pulled out the win and we got to see our graduate Kyle in action working. Go Green!



MSU Women's Basketball

Thank you to the Staff Advisory Committee with the [Michigan State University College of Agriculture and Natural Resources](#) for providing us with tickets to the MSU Women's Basketball



game on Senior Night. It was a fun event and great to spend time with staff, families, and graduates.



In The News



Ingham ISD Transition - 03/26/25

Ingham ISD's transition programs support students aged 18-26 in developing independence through real-world experiences.

[fox47news.com](https://www.fox47news.com)

MSU Today: Project SEARCH Spotlight Article



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MSU Libraries Fall 2024 Insight: Spartan Project SEARCH Spotlight Article

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Hiring Updates

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

Did you know Spartan Project SEARCH averages 78% interns hired each year?

2023-24 Cohort: 6/7 hired

2022-23 Cohort: 5/7 hired



Stay Informed



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