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## Spartan Project SEARCH Newsletter MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

October 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.

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## Spartan Project SEARCH 2024-25 Cohort



### Internship Updates

This past month, our interns have been hard at work preparing for the start of Internship One. They created professional resumes, practiced their interview skills through mock interviews, and continued travel training to build confidence and independence when using the bus and navigating campus. After completing real interviews with various departments, interns received their official placements and have already begun their first internship experiences. Along the way, they are also learning valuable workplace skills, such as characteristics of a good employee, effective communication, and strategies for solving problems on the job.

### Community Spotlight

We were excited to collaborate with the MSU Police Department this month! Interns learned about the different roles within the department, how to stay safe in the community, and even got a closer

look at some of the equipment officers use. A highlight of the visit was exploring a police car and meeting Chase, the department's friendly support dog.



## Save the Date!



10/2 Half Day- Dismissal at 11 am

10/17 No School

10/21 Employment Planning Meetings

10/22 Project SEARCH Statewide Professional Development

10/23 Project SEARCH Statewide Instructors Meeting

10/31 Half Day- Dismissal at 11 am

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## Internship #1: Job Sites & Supervisors

Gallery Dining Hall - Eric Smith

MSU Linen Services - Andy Root

Spartan's at Snyder-Phillips - Booker Hall

Sabor- Jim Alquiza

MSU Main Library- Heidi Schroeder and Zoe McLaughlin

College of Human Medicine- Mary Verhanovitz

University Apartments 1855 Place- Nick Orsborn

Vivarium- Kim Williamson



**Jacob @ The Gallery**



**Jameson @ Linen Services**



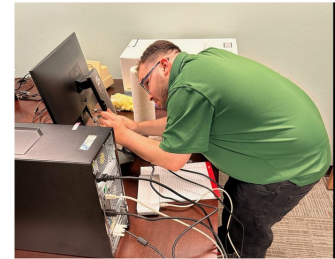
**Kahlil @ Sparty's Cafe**



**Annika @ Sabor**



**Tiffany @ MSU Main Library**



**DeAnthony @ College of Human Medicine**



**Paul @ University Housing**



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**Angel @ Vivarium**

## Project SEARCH Collaboration

### Mock Interviews

Thank you to Owen Hall's Administrative Coordinator, Cameron, and his River Trail team (Jack, Abby, Sarah) for providing us an opportunity to complete mock interviews in preparation for internship interviews.







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## Classroom Learning Time



**Former classmates meeting up**



**Lunch at Brody and seeing hired graduates**





**Class presentations**



**Graduate Jah'Le visiting to share advice**



**Mock interviews**



**Site interviews: College of Nursing**



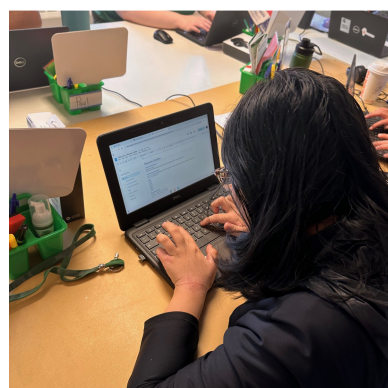
**Graduate Nick on his first day of work**



**Site interviews: Sparty's Cafe**



**Traveling campus on CATA**



**Writing Resumes**

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## Graduate Spotlight

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### On the Banks of the Red Cedar

#### Visit to MSU Police

In mid-September, interns had the opportunity to collaborate with Captain Dan Munford and the MSU Police Department. They learned about the equipment officers use, explored ways to stay safe in the community, met the department's therapy dog, toured the police station, and even got a close look inside a police car.



A big thank-you to Captain Munford and the MSU Police Department for this exciting and educational experience!



## Hiring Updates

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

2024-25 Cohort: 5/8 hired

2023-24 Cohort: 7/7 hired





# 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

## Spartan Project SEARCH Program Videos

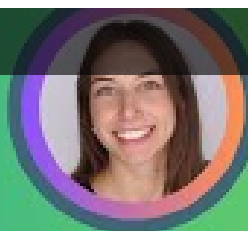


## In The News

### Department of Education: State Board of Education May Meeting

Alumni Association #3

## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



**Jane Meister**

Graduate Assistant,  
Project SEARCH



**Naveh Eldar**

Chief Executive Officer,  
The Arc Minnesota



**Brooke Locher**

Project SEARCH Instructor,  
Michigan State University





## 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://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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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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