



Spartan Project SEARCH 2022

[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 2022-2023 Cohort

December 5 was the first day of roll out for Rotation 2. Interns learned how to travel to their new jobsites either by walking, taking the bus, or using Spec-Tran. Their use of independent travel options continues to grow and it's great to see the pride that comes along with these accomplishments. In the first few weeks of work, interns also worked on their communication and social interactions when meeting their new co-workers and supervisors. They made sure to learn start and end of shift procedures, get their uniforms, learn how to call in, and start to learn new job tasks. Interns enjoyed two weeks off for the holidays and are excited to get back to work in the New Year.

Happy Holidays & Welcome 2023



Department Spotlight: Infrastructure, Planning and Facilities at Biomedical Physical Sciences Building Supervisor: Judy Ramirez



"We have appreciated our partnership with SEARCH in giving us the opportunity to develop future talent for our operations and the opportunity to elevate the cleaning craft by sharing the skills of high performance cleaning."
-Brandon Baswell, Manager



Our organization promotes diverse and dynamic teams across all of our departments.

Michigan State University Infrastructure Planning and Facilities (IPF) plans, builds, maintains and beautifies MSU's physical campus environment in support of the university's education, research and outreach missions, and directs the university's long-term infrastructure planning goals. The unit's experienced team of 1,000 professionals keep MSU running 24/7/365 by supporting the infrastructure needs of the university and providing expert analysis for university objectives.

While cleaning, IPF custodial staff focus on the health of building occupants. Each worker has received extensive training and is equipped with special tools and products to perform their job, including the use of a germicidal cleaner and a backpack vacuum with HEPA-level filtration.

Save the Date!

Spartan Project SEARCH Applications due February 2 023

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





Welcome MSUFCU Headquarters

Starting in December, Spartan Project SEARCH joined a new internship site with the Michigan State Federal Credit Union Records Department at their Headquarters. We are very excited about our new partnership!

In the Records Department, the intern is learning to work in a team, follow confidentiality rules, organize materials, alphabetize mortgage documents, and travel in the community.



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Graduate Spotlight

Maria Forrest



MSU Owen Hall

Maria has been employed since October 2017



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Upcoming Dates of Interest

- January 3rd - Return from Holiday break to Rotation 2 jobsites
- January 13th - Half day & no work for interns
- January 16th - No School
- January 25th - 1st Employment Planning Meetings



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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

One aspect of Project SEARCH is learning skills to help you with future independent and competitive employment. To help with that, we focus during the school year on teaching interns independent travel throughout campus to internship sites and throughout their community. We also teach interns to use technology, like Google Maps, to aid in getting places successfully. Instruction is based on student needs and what future options they might utilize after graduation. This rotation, we have students learning transportation in three areas: walking, using the CATA bus, and using Spec-Tran.



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