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Spartan Project SEARCH Newsletter MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Spartan Project SEARCH 2022

<u>Spartan Project SEARCH</u> 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

During the hot and sunny days of late August, Spartan Project SEARCH welcomed interns to campus to begin orientation instruction. These three weeks interns focused on team building, exploring campus, continuing navigation training, and prepared for interviews with participating sites. In addition, interns developed resumes, visited campus landmarks, and explored jobsites. Internship jobsites started mid September and interns quickly learned new skills to help them complete jobs with their new co-workers. In addition to on-the-job training, interns are learning about time management, interpersonal skills needed for employment, and professionalism. Interns will continue to receive instruction throughout the year related to teamwork, workplace safety, email etiquette, disability awareness, disclosure and advocacy, and financial literacy. We want to thank our participating job sites! Without your participation, this program would not be possible. At the conclusion of this rotation, interns will update their resumes, prepare for interviews for next rotation, and complete required workplace safety trainings prior to start on December 5th.





Department Spotlight: MSU Linen Services. Supervisor: Donna Svendsen



"Spartan Linen Services enjoys having Spartan Project Search because they work hard, are eager to learn, add to our Spartan family and our diverse work force. Often our interns for Spartan Project search have a sense of humor, these days we all need a little laughter in our lives. The interns also accept us for who we are and do not judge anyone, they enjoy making new friends- love SPS!"



Spartan Linen Services takes care of the linen and laundry needs, including uniforms for the 4 corners of MSU campus. We are excited to host MSU Spartan Project Search interns again this school year. They help us with processing and staging thousands of napkins and pillowcases each week (especially green and white ones!). They also fold uniforms such as polo's, chef coats and aprons for all our dining services and Sparty's for all of campus. Spartan project search interns are part of our Spartan family, and we couldn't get as much done as we do without them. Caleb is our current intern, and he is busy finding and staging all the special Spartan Helmet Head green napkins for this coming Homecoming- this weekend! Go Green! Go Caleb!

Save the Date!

Spartan Project SEARCH Steering Committee Meeting November 18th





Rotation 1 Job Sites

- MSU Linen Services- Donna Svendsen
- Case Dining Hall- Krista Miller
- Vivarium- Kim Williamson
- Biomedical Facilities- Judy Ramirez
- IPF Shops- Mark Lutkenhoff
- MSU Main Library- Heidi Schroeder















Welcome IPF Shops & MSU Main Library

In September, Spartan Project SEARCH added varied work experiences with the addition of two new departments.

We are very excited to begin our partnership with IPF Shops and the Main Library.

The Infrastructure, Planning, and Facilities (IPF) Shops offers a unique glimpse into the trades jobs that are needed to keep any business and/or the university running. Currently interns are supporting the Machine Shop, Carpentry Shop, Paint Shop, and Roofing crew. Here interns assist with cleaning, using machinery/tools, aiding in the completion of projects, and working with a team.

The MSU Main Library is graciously hosting an intern in the accessibility department and has many different office skills for interns to learn. Currently, interns are learning how to alphabetize, sort, catalog, and shelf books, sort books by needed content for research, and learn about accessibility tools available to students.







Graduate Student Spotlight

Meet Novalee, a graduate from our 2021-2022 cohort. Since graduating last summer, she has been working at Brody Culinary Sparty's Café where she enjoys interacting with customers, helping prepare food and coffee and serve customers.

Congratulations Novalee...we are so proud of you!

Visit our Website



Upcoming Dates of Interest

- October 19, 2022 Online Employment Planning Meetings
- November 16, 2022 Rotation 1 Final Employment Planning Meetings
- November 22, 2022 Last day of Rotation1 internships
- November 28, 2022 Start of workshop week





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Apply for Project SEARCH

If you are interested in applying for Spartan Project SEARCH you can find more information on the Ingham Intermediate School District's Website <u>Spartan Project SEARCH</u>









On the banks of the Red Cedar......

During workshop week, interns worked on their navigation skills and practiced traveling to many of the amazing landmarks MSU has to offer. Some of these locations include the MSU Museum and Dairy Store.





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If you are interested in Spartan Project SEARCH and/or would like to host an intern, please contact: <u>Brooke Locher</u>, Instructor.

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