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Since 2014, MSU alumni, donors and friends have come together for #GiveGreenDay to support fellow Spartans. It’s been a lifeline to many students and they are counting on you to make it happen again on Tuesday, March 15, 2022.

Each of MSU’s colleges will participate, as well as Athletics, the Wharton Center for Performing Arts, both campus museums, MSU Safe Place and others. Additionally, alumni clubs around the country will ask their members and friends to support club scholarship funds.

What Can Spartans Do in 24 hours?

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Spartans have big dreams and high expectations, and Michigan State entered 2022 with an ambitious, integrated and comprehensive strategic plan to guide us to the year 2030 and beyond.

As you can read in detail in this issue, the strategic plan frames our intent to grow our regional, national and global impact as we pursue excellence in key areas. Supporting student success is a central theme, as is recognizing the vast contributions of faculty and staff as we address innovation, sustainable health, financial and resource stewardship, and the core values of diversity, equity and inclusion.

We believe every student we admit can succeed and graduate. Last year’s 82.1% graduation rate marked another solid step toward the strategic plan’s 86% overall target as we continue to work diligently to close opportunity gaps between student groups.

We envision growing our annual research expenditures from today’s $725 million to $1 billion. These dollars represent a commitment to increasing leadership in innovation, transdisciplinary research, broadening student and faculty researcher diversity and addressing the world’s greatest challenges. We also aim to increase our impact on regional economic development through our research and community partnerships.

The long-term vibrancy of MSU requires enhanced resource and financial stewardship. Our commitment to sustainability is leading us to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 50% and craft an information technology strategic plan to efficiently support our academic and business operations.

We will leverage our broad expertise to advance health and health systems and address troubling disparities in health care access and delivery here in Michigan and around the world. Our deeply embedded Flint public health initiative, our innovative medical partnerships in Grand Rapids and our growing presence in Detroit through our partnership with the Henry Ford Health System illustrate our determination to expand our impact in the communities we serve.

On campus, we will continue to foster a healthy and caring culture, including a focus on mental health. We see that reflected today in ways such as the year-round services provided to students by our Counseling and Psychiatric Services, depression screenings routinely conducted during Student Health Services primary care visits and a new online platform connecting users to off-campus mental health services. The Support More initiative, noted later in this issue, will add to the campus community’s trauma-informed capacity for supporting survivors of relationship violence, sexual assault or abuse, sexual harassment and stalking.

Meanwhile, planning is underway to eventually replace the IM West building with a new recreational facility to support physical and mental health maintenance for our entire campus community.

Like all meaningful strategic plans, MSU 2030 will serve as a steady beacon, keeping us focused on our mission, priorities and goals in the days and years ahead.
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IDEAS IN MOTION

So often, life is about finishing. Today, we embrace the ongoing. I’m talking about the kinds of ideas and initiatives that have no finish line—because the next thing stems seamlessly from the last.

It reminds me of Spartan alumnus Alfred Hershey who, after receiving a B.S. in 1930 and a Ph.D. in ’34, went on to perform research that proved DNA to be the building block of life. It’s notable that, while his research began in the early ’50s, Hershey collaborated with a number of partners to shed new light on a range of genetic mysteries. In 1969, he and two of those partners shared the Nobel Prize.

This issue illustrates the ways Spartans continue to work with others to supply the building blocks for stronger communities, healthier populations and more equitable opportunities. You’ll find stories of food activism, grit and growth in photography, a bold outlook on health care treatment and training, plus a look at MSU’s future.

Hershey’s discoveries didn’t end with that lauded award. In his lifetime, he saw his findings about DNA impact science in a multitude of applications. That’s the outlook I’m bringing to my role as editor: how can what we do today affect what happens tomorrow? That remains to be seen. But I’d like to extend a sincere thank you to my colleagues who have welcomed me back to MSU and continue to encourage me to push for deeper stories, richer imagery, stronger inspiration. That’ll work. Because if you ask me, finishing is for quitters.

From the Banks,

Tim Cerullo, ’08
EDITOR, SPARTAN MAGAZINE
LETTERS

MOVING FEATURE
Great article by Judith Pearson and the accompanying Rosenberg/VanCamp stories. Very inspiring for Spartan Nation!

Dan Edson ’79
TRaverse City, mi

SPARTAN TRIUMPHS
I love the MSU grad success testimony! Keep it up!

Den Decker ’74
LYONS, MI

HAPPY HOMECOMING
I do not know when the composition of the Homecoming Court changed, but I LOVE that it features so many talented, engaged seniors rather than a popularity or social contest. Kudos! I read each of their profiles and I am impressed and proud to be a Spartan!

Roberta Teahen ’67, ’74, ’00
TRaverse City, MI

GROWING UP GREEN
Thanks so much for the Class Note! MSU has been a huge positive influence on my life. I grew up in Lansing and my grandmother boarded MSU students in East Lansing. All the best.

Mike Clark ’71
PONTE VEDRA, FL

ANOTHER SPARTAN PARTNER
When I was a graduate student at MSU in 1961, I was introduced to Dr. Barnett Rosenberg. During his first year, he would join a group of us graduate students for lunch to discuss the latest seminars, “hot” scientific papers and discoveries.

One day at that lunch table, someone mentioned a seminar on “chrono-biology.” Dr. Rosenberg joined us at Giltner Hall for the session. The speaker made an off-hand remark about cell division that stuck with Dr. Rosenberg. Afterward, on the walk back, he blurted out: “I can cure cancer!” I believe we all thought he had gone bonkers.

Weeks later, he asked me to find all kinds of equipment to outfit his lab, which I obtained before leaving MSU for my postdoc. Upon my return as an assistant professor, my technician and I worked to prove that cisplatin did not cause mutations in mammalian cells. Dr. Rosenberg was ecstatic with the results and asked me to contribute writings for a paper published in “Nature.”

We became great friends and both Loretta [VanCamp] and Dr. Rosenberg assisted me later with grants and support that allowed my lab to be the first to isolate human organ-specific stem cells.

James E. Trosko, Ph.D. ’62, ’63
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Beneath the Pines

News & Views from MSU

Magic Bus

In November MSU introduced an electric autonomous bus—the Karsan Autonomous e-ATAK bus—that will serve students, staff, faculty, visitors and mascots beginning in 2022. (Read more, page 8)
Spartan engineers and Ford Motor Co. are creating new polymers and composites for the automotive industry using sustainable materials from nature.

As a building material, bamboo is pretty amazing. Even though it’s technically a grass, bamboo’s reeds can be tougher than timber. It also grows fast, helping make it more sustainable than lumber.

None of this is a secret to environmentally conscious consumers who have welcomed bamboo into their homes as desks, flooring and cutting boards, to name just a few applications. Still, as ubiquitous as bamboo is, people might be surprised to find it in their cars, which could be a reality in the not-too-distant future.

That’s the future that researchers at Michigan State University and collaborators in the automotive industry—especially at Ford Motor Co.—are working to create. Not just with bamboo, but an array of other plant materials to help cut costs and carbon emissions while making cars and trucks.

Lawrence Drzal, a University Distinguished Professor in the College of Engineering Department of Chemical Engineering and Materials Science, has been working to reduce the cost of composites used in cars for decades.

In terms of grasses that are attractive for automakers, Drzal and his team have focused on a half dozen—the fantastic six, Drzal calls them—that grow around the world. “You don’t want to be shipping fibers from all around the world,” Drzal says. “You want to utilize plants grown in your backyard.” There are plenty of vehicle parts that could be made from biofiber reinforced composites like sheet molding compound, he adds, mostly in the interior of vehicles.
By using cloud computing, we create more possibilities. It opens up better control and performance for all the vehicles that are connected. The goal is to make vehicles safer and greener.

For an engineer who spends so much time with his head in the cloud, Michigan State University’s Zhaojian Li is remarkably grounded.

Li is taking today’s high technology—pairing cloud computing with 5G cellular data networks—and putting it to work for the average driver. With the support of a 2021 National Science Foundation CAREER grant, Li and his team are connecting vehicles with the cloud to make roads safer and improve cars’ performance and ride comfort.

“The general idea is to combine the resources of the on-road vehicles and the cloud,” says Li, an assistant professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering and the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. “By using cloud computing, we create more possibilities. It opens up better control and performance for all the vehicles that are connected. The goal is to make vehicles safer and greener.”

For example, say one vehicle runs over a pothole or a patch of black ice. Its onboard sensors would register those road conditions and react accordingly by adjusting the car’s suspension settings or engaging its traction control. But Li doesn’t want the data’s utility to end there.

He wants that car to beam its data to the cloud, which is a collection of online systems for data storage, sharing and analysis. The cloud could then distribute that data to other vehicles, allowing them to preemptively engage controls for a variety of road and traffic conditions to improve the fleet’s safety, comfort and fuel economy. Li’s team is essentially creating a network of automobiles that look out for each other.

“We’re not saying you would trust your brake response to the cloud. The driver will still be in control of things like that,” Li says. “But for things that don’t need a real-time response, we can outsource a lot of that to the cloud.”

For more information on Li’s research and project, visit go.msu.edu/cloud-car.
Thanks to an NSF grant, MSU researchers will collaborate to examine the effects of shipping, natural resource development and tourism on socio-economic and environmental conditions in the Bering Strait region. That area is a rapidly changing shipping corridor, tourist destination and prospective mining area, and hosts ecologically and culturally important marine ecosystems. Marine mammals use the region as a migratory corridor and provide important subsistence food sources to local communities.

More vessel traffic means increased threats of oil spills, noise disturbances and animals tangled in fishing lines or struck by ships. Each effect also has the likelihood of causing complex consequences for both people and wildlife, which offers this project a unique opportunity to explore these interactions and find ways to predict how the Arctic region is evolving.

“The changing climate has resulted in more than the opening of shipping channels in the Arctic waters, it has drastically changed complex relationships between humans and nature,” said CSIS Director Jianguo “Jack” Liu, Rachel Carson Chair in Sustainability at MSU.
It turns out that moths make good science teachers.

That’s what Michigan State University researchers found when they started encouraging elementary students to capture the winged organisms in their own communities and to ask novel questions. Like, are there more moths around houses that have pools? Or under deciduous trees?

The investigations help kids understand key concepts about ecosystems in which they live. But the excitement of the journey is more important than discovering the “right” answers.

“We open a window into science by providing students with opportunities to take responsibility for designing research, collecting data, debating ‘what counts’ as evidence—practices of science that are demoted to ‘correctness’ in many schools,” said MSU science education expert David Stroupe, who is collaborating with MSU entomologist Peter White.

Stroupe and White plan to bring MothEd, as they call it, to more classrooms nationwide, thanks to a four-year, $2.4 million grant from the National Science Foundation. Building on their previous research, they will partner with teachers to co-develop free digital learning materials and resources for educators to launch more moth investigations—and excitement about science—around the country.

MSU’s sustainability achievements include:

- Gold rating for its STARS reporting through the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
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- Gold rating in the ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge for 2020
- Gold campus for Exercise is Medicine
- Tree Campus Higher Education campus for the fourth year
- Gold award recipient in the Residential Dining Facility category for the Loyal E. Horton Dining Awards through The National Association of College and University Food Services.
- No. 4 in the world in the Times Higher Education Impact Rankings for Sustainable Development Goal No. 2: Zero Hunger.

MORE ON WEB | Learn more: go.msu.edu/moth-ed
In a partnership between Michigan State University and Spectrum Health called the Cystic Fibrosis Translational Research program, a team of researchers is studying the effectiveness of a promising FDA approved treatment called Trikafta that is a combination of the drugs Elexacaftor, Tezacaftor and Ivacaftor. What makes Trikafta unique is that it has the potential to eliminate the mucus that causes breathing difficulty in cystic fibrosis patients.

“It’s amazing,” said Robert Quinn, an assistant professor in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology in the College of Natural Science at MSU. “Patients were reporting a decrease in symptoms within weeks.”

Clearing the Airways

New treatment is proving to be life-changing for people with cystic fibrosis. Cystic fibrosis is caused by a genetic mutation that results in the body producing extraordinarily high volumes of thick mucus in the lungs that leads to chronic lung infections.

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Usually, patients with cystic fibrosis have a unique microbiome dominated by a pathogenic bacterium that is known to cause damage to their lungs. Trikafta changes their microbiome by making it more diverse with many different bacteria so it looks more like that of a healthy person without the disease. Furthermore, the number of amino acids in the mucus is shown to decrease, which is believed to be the primary food source for some pathogens in the lungs. If the pathogens’ food source goes away, they may no longer be able to survive in the airways.

Learn more:
go.msu.edu/trikafta
Organizing the Ocean of Public Data

Arjun Krishnan, a Spartan computational scientist, is developing a way to standardize data and make it searchable using machine learning.

Data from more than 2 million biological experiments are available through public online databases, but much of this information is not used by the biological and biomedical researchers who need it.

Michigan State University’s Arjun Krishnan is working to standardize the information reported about each sample and make it searchable for researchers through a web interface.

“We will develop machine learning approaches to automatically annotate publicly available samples from six species (human and five animal models) on a massive scale to enable researchers to seamlessly discover relevant published data,” says Arjun Krishnan assistant professor in the Department of Computational Mathematics, Science and Engineering, and in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

Once the data has been labeled and organized, Krishnan and his team will create an online web interface so that researchers can search for data that aligns with their research needs. As the field of biology has gradually shifted toward data science, Krishnan was inspired by the role that computation can play.

“Data-driven computational biology represents a confluence of ideas from diverse scientific and technological disciplines, including computer science, statistics, physics and applied mathematics,” says Krishnan. “A constant reminder that good ideas can come from anywhere and from anyone.”

MORE ON WEB Learn more: go.msu.edu/krishnan

SHARING THE STAGE

During the 2021 fall commencement ceremonies at MSU, two members of the Fowler family walked across the stage.

Amy Fowler, with her master’s in strategic communication, and Morgan Fowler, Amy’s daughter, with her bachelor’s in sustainable parks, recreation and tourism.

“It has been great pursuing a degree at the same time as my mom,” Morgan said of the experience. “It has been something new that we can connect about and talk about.”
MSU jumps in academic reputation ranking

MSU is now ranked within the top 60 institutions in the world in the Times Higher Education Reputation Ranking—a jump from the top 80 last year and the highest it has ever scored on this metric.

Eighteen percent of the Reputation Ranking is determined by research reputation and 15% by teaching reputation.

Six Factors Contributing to MSU’s Ranking:

1. Ranking No. 1 in the Big Ten and No. 2 nationally in Department of Energy expenditures.
2. Remaining a leader in United States Department of Agriculture expenditures, ranking No. 1 in the Big Ten.
3. Boasting 10 members of the National Academy of Sciences, four members in the National Academy of Engineering and one in the National Academy of Medicine.
4. Retaining prominent faculty, including Guggenheim, Packard and Sloan Fellows, Pulitzer Prize winners and one recipient of the World Water Prize.
5. Supporting 100 research institutes across a breadth of disciplines, over 30 of which are internationally focused.
6. Nearly 11,000 experienced, published academics around the world cast 150,000 votes to inform the ranking, giving a clear picture of those universities across the globe that they believe have the best reputation for research and teaching.

“Academic reputation is built on teaching, research and outreach excellence that make an impact,” said MSU Provost Teresa K. Woodruff, Ph.D. “The rankings reflect that excellence and impact. They also create a global awareness and acknowledge-ment of our expansive—and expanding—education excellence.”

500 WINS

Women’s basketball head coach Suzy Merchant earned her 500th coaching career win, as the Spartans captured a 73-62 win over Valparaiso on November 16, 2021 at the Breslin Center.

Three days later, on November 19, Merchant earned her 300th victory as MSU’s head coach with an 100-60 win over the Bryant Bulldogs.

Merchant is the fastest coach to reach 100 wins in any sport at MSU, and the only coach in MSU women’s basketball history to win multiple Big Ten titles.

* Times Higher Education groups institutions ranked below the top 50 within ranges. MSU previously ranked either within the 61-70 or 71-80 each year.
HOLLYWOOD CAMEO

In the recently released apocalypse comedy “Don’t Look Up,” Leonardo DiCaprio and Jennifer Lawrence play astronomers from Michigan State University who discover a giant comet hurtling toward Earth that will end humanity in approximately six and a half months.

The astronomers travel “to the White House to inform the administration of their findings, but they’re mocked for their, what is in the eyes of some, humble educational backgrounds.”

The Spartans are actually the heroes of writer-director Adam McKay’s story, the scientists whose data and research could save the Earth, if only they could get anyone to listen to them.

McKay “says the joke isn’t on MSU.” He says, “It’s flattering to Michigan State.”

The new Netflix movie “Don’t Look Up” may be a fictional comedy but in real life Michigan State University’s researchers have been leading breakthrough research on asteroid deflection for years.

MSU and NASA work together through the Double Asteroid Redirection Test, or DART—the world’s first planetary defense space mission designed to test asteroid deflection technology.

Q&A: ASTRONOMY PROFESSOR AT MSU, SETH JACOBSON

Is a 3-6 mile comet (5-10 km) a planet killer as portrayed in the film? “Absolutely.”

Might we not know until just six months in advance? “Yes, especially if it’s a comet. Comets have large elliptical trajectories that make them difficult to see for much of their orbits until they get close to the sun, and their surfaces heat up enough to start shedding material through sublimation to create their tails. But a collision with a comet will be a rare event.”

Was the movie realistic in its portrayal of the comet? “It’s pretty good. Hollywood exaggerated the large size and number of smaller comet pieces falling off the main mass to make secondary impacts. And the physics of an impact like this would be a lot more spectacular, the destruction faster and devastation more severe than they suggest. But I’m being picky.”

“All of the various plot lines are somewhat over-the-top, which makes for a good comedy, but the essence of greed and conflicts-of-interest that drive the ending of the movie are relatable. I see the movie as an allegory for how humanity is responding to the threat of climate change. One challenge in convincing some people about the threat of climate change is that its effects are slow and seemingly intangible, which is very different than an asteroid impact. So, the movie portrays a much more perceivable threat but leaves the political and news media dynamics the same. It shows how farcical these dynamics really are.”

Seth Jacobson is an assistant professor in the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences and in the Department of Physics and Astronomy in the College of Natural Science.
IF WE NEED BOOSTERS, DOES THIS MEAN THE VACCINES AREN’T WORKING?
No. The vaccines still work remarkably well. Just as natural immunity wanes months after infection with COVID, the immunity after vaccines tends to decrease over time. That is the same reason we have to repeat whooping cough (pertussis) vaccines periodically, because the immunity from the vaccine decreases over time.

SHOULD I MIX BOOSTERS (PFIZER-BIONTECH AND MODERNA, AND VICE VERSA)?
You can, and it’s probably a good idea. When you get a booster that is different from your primary vaccine, your body makes a slightly different group of antibodies from the new vaccine. That creates added protection. It’s particularly true if you got Johnson & Johnson as your primary vaccine.

CAN I GET A FLU SHOT AND BOOSTER AT THE SAME TIME?
Yes, according to the CDC, you or others seeking the flu shot and the COVID-19 vaccine can get them during the same visit to your doctor’s office or pharmacy. That applies whether you’re getting your first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, your second dose or a booster shot.

WILL WE HAVE TO GET A BOOSTER EVERY YEAR LIKE WE GET FLU SHOTS?
We don’t know yet, but probably not. We get flu shots every year because the flu virus changes every year. Coronaviruses don’t have the same mechanism of changing their proteins as the influenza virus does. You might need to get periodic COVID boosters for the same reason we get pertussis or tetanus boosters, because of waning immunity, but probably not every year. We just don’t know yet.
Taking action to address campus culture

Michigan State University has made many significant changes to foster a safer campus and address instances of relationship violence, sexual assault or abuse, sexual harassment and stalking. Now the university has launched a new effort based on one of the actions outlined in the Relationship Violence and Sexual Misconduct Strategic Plan.

“We are striving to create a trauma-informed culture and help our community members know how to respond to these instances in an informed and caring way,” said President Samuel L. Stanley Jr., M.D. “This initiative not only supports the actions outlined in the RVSM Strategic Plan, but also the larger university strategic plan for Empowering Excellence, Advancing Equity and Expanding Impact.”

The Support More initiative focuses on providing guidance for how to respond to disclosures of relationship violence, sexual assault or abuse, sexual harassment and stalking in a manner that is helpful to survivors as well as promoting the availability of related campus resources and services.

“We started with ‘Know More,’ the campuswide survey to assess the culture, perceptions and policies related to sexual assault, harassment and workplace incivility. Next was ‘Do More,’ the development of our strategic plan. Now, ‘Support More’ will help build a trauma-informed culture,” said Rebecca Campbell, professor of psychology, co-chair of the Relationship Violence and Sexual Misconduct Expert Advisory Workgroup and presidential adviser. “Research has found that teaching people how to provide helpful, supportive reactions to disclosures helps alleviate victims’ distress and promotes healing.”

One of the unique aspects of the effort is a new video series providing a behind-the-scenes look at supportive resources on campus and details on how to access each program. The videos are meant to introduce the community to the people who work in these programs and help survivors feel more comfortable accessing the services.

In addition, the main website (supportmore.msu.edu) contains suggestions for supportive statements that can help guide a survivor on a path toward healing. Knowing how to respond when a survivor shares their story can feel intimidating and many are unsure how to show support. The examples are a starting point of helpful things to say.

“Fostering a culture where everyone feels safe and supported will take time and all of us working together,” Campbell added. “This launch is just the beginning of a long-term effort.”

More on Web

For more information: supportmore.msu.edu
Chasing Light

Todd Reed, ’71, is one of the nation’s preeminent landscape photographers. With a photography career spanning 50 years, Reed has defined his legacy by capturing Michigan’s beauty, with a particular focus on his hometown of Ludington. BY ALEX GILLESPIE, ’17

It all boils down to waiting on nature for those [big image] moments, chasing light and capturing them.
Todd Reed, ’71
College of Communication
Arts and Sciences

Superior Falls, Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore

“Storm Light,” Little Sable Point Lighthouse

“God’s Light,” Ludington North Breakwater

COURTESY TODD AND BRAD REED
Turning the Page

Geneva Thomas helps the publishing world look to the future and lead the way in global culture media.

BY BRIDGETTE REDMAN, ’91

Pop culture energizes and fascinates Geneva Thomas. It sparks her imagination and makes her a leader who shapes the way pop culture is talked about, written about and explored on social media.

Thomas has shaped the digital strategies of household brands like InStyle, Food & Wine, W Magazine and Architectural Digest. In 2020, she became general manager at Meredith Corporation, the publisher of Entertainment Weekly and People en Espanol.

“It’s a very woman-led company and I’m inspired to work around so many amazing people,” Thomas said. “My goal is to really empower the team I work with, to make sure they feel supported to do the most exciting and culturally influencing work.”

As someone who pivoted early in her career from content creation to digital strategy and management, she is determined to ensure that magazines stay culturally relevant.

“(The environment) has become very democratized and we are challenged with the question of what is the value of a media institution,” Thomas said. “We have 20-year-old influencers on TikTok and YouTube. How do we ride that wave and capture the changing of the guard? I want to firmly position these brands on the front line of global culture.”

A graduate of MSU’s College of Arts and Letters, Thomas found her home at the university when she took her first history class.

“It was like being high. Truly, as a Black person in America, I saw myself in the work for the first time ever,” Thomas said. “I was like—this is what I want to do for the rest of my life. I have to be involved in culture.”

To this day, the world-class scholars who were her professors continue to be mentors and friends. She recently answered the call to collaborate with other alumni and Dean Christopher Long to explore issues of diversity, equity and inclusion.

As a student, she led the Black Student Alliance and is now active with the Black Alumni Association, which she points out has created one of the largest endowments of its kind.

“My fondest memories are leading the Alliance,” Thomas said. “That was my earliest leadership experience, which prepared me for the work I do now—standing in front of crowds and speaking about an agenda.”
She says not enough people talk about MSU’s study abroad program, another of her major influences. Much of her coursework was done overseas, taking her from Jamaica to Africa to England and Europe.

“That’s an experience that some other universities are not going to give you,” Thomas said. “You can see the world while also receiving state-of-the-art, Tier 1 research academic training. I graduated with my passport being just overwhelmed with stamps.”

Those experiences continue to inspire her as she pilots the world’s leading media institutions through a radical time in history.

“We want to be that trusted, reliable and ethical source for information—that’s what the value of media institutions are,” Thomas said.

To learn more: genevasthomas.com

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Life in Lavender

In northern Michigan, Bill and Erin Mansfield inhabit an unexpected role as co-owners of the state’s largest lavender farm. By Daniel P. Smith

On a serene and sun-filled September morning, a sweet floral scent waltzes across the northern Michigan air as the purple tips of lavender plants dance with the light wind, a fluid, romantic two-step perfected over centuries together in nature.

If only for a moment, before the day’s tasks command their attention and visitors roll in, Bill and Erin Mansfield, both 1996 Eli Broad College of Business graduates, absorb the rich sensory experience and wonder how they got here.

“Sitting in business classes at Michigan State, we never thought we’d ever run a farm,” Bill confessed.

Since 2015, the Mansfields and their business partner, Rita Robbins, have owned and operated Michigan’s largest lavender farm, a burgeoning agritourism and events business that has spurred the local economy and championed the holy herb long used in medicine, cosmetics and cooking.

The aptly named Lavender Hill Farm sits neatly between Little Traverse Bay and Lake Charlevoix in Boyne City, Michigan, about 10 miles southwest of Petoskey. The 33-acre property features 13,000 lavender plants representing 29 different varieties.

A 19th-century dairy farm that became a beekeeper’s haven in the early 21st century—a couple hundred lavender plants were initially scattered as superfood for the bees—the Mansfields learned of the land’s availability in 2015 during a family trip to northern Michigan. They were immediately smitten with the prospects of the property.

“We had a clear picture of what we thought the farm could be and were just crazy enough to do it,” Bill said.

Over the last six years, the Mansfields have spearheaded the property’s transformation into a vibrant agritourism and events operation. They planted thousands more lavender plants, taking advantage of the Great Lakes region soil that sweet-smelling herbs savor; added a walking trail and engaging guest experiences, including guided golf cart tours; expanded the gift shop and crafted relationships with dozens of local artisans capable of turning the farm’s abundant lavender harvest into more than 300 products ranging from neck pillows and soap to ice cream and cookies; and introduced community events such as yoga and workshops on topics like floral design and botanical printing.

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“We have consistently asked ourselves, ‘What can we do to make this property sing?’” Erin said.

The Mansfields also refurbished the dilapidated century-old barn that hovered over the property, power-washing it “from tip to tail” while installing a new roof and floor before adding electricity and restrooms. The barn powers the farm’s events business, which includes hosting weddings, charitable functions, corporate events and a popular summertime concert series.

In building something dynamic and delightful, the Mansfields have welcomed guests from across the U.S. and abroad. The accelerating traffic has enabled the Mansfields to employ up to 40 seasonal and permanent workers, empower local artisans and provide visitors a spirited taste of northern Michigan.

“We’ve made decisions that have panned out, and that’s given us confidence to keep moving forward,” Bill said.

Next up: the summer 2022 completion of a new 13,000-square-foot farmhouse that will feature a more spacious gift shop alongside offices, a demo kitchen, café and rentable community space.

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Transferring the Power

With a passion for community, food justice and sustainability, activist Shakara Tyler promotes food sovereignty and urban farming in Detroit. BY RUSS WHITE, ’82, ’01

Ever since Shakara Tyler earned her Ph.D. from the Department of Community Sustainability in 2019, she has been dedicated to helping underserved communities in Detroit find their way to food sovereignty. She’s board president of the Detroit Black Community Food Security Network and a co-founder of the Detroit Black Farmer Land Fund.

“Growing up, I wasn’t the prototypical urban child,” she says. “I was always drawn to the natural environment around me, hugging trees, digging in soil for worms and studying the cycles of the moon.”

Not exactly the standard for a kid from inner-city Philadelphia. Coming to Michigan State helped Tyler’s interests thrive: “I didn’t grow up on a farm or have a garden in my yard. MSU and its curriculum were the ideal place for me to pursue my passion, and it changed my life for the better from so many angles.”

But it was the birth of Tyler’s daughter that inspired her to learn more about the foods we eat. As a new mother, she was driven to give her daughter a more holistic lifestyle, particularly when it comes to nutrition.

“I grew up eating a lot of crappy foods. I wanted better for her,” Tyler explains. “I started to learn how to grow my own food and just wanted to know more about the food system generally. One of my mentors told me that I should go to grad school because they didn’t have answers to my questions and I needed to do research to get those answers. So that’s what I did.”

Today, Tyler is a tireless advocate for urban farming in Detroit and food sovereignty, which she believes, along with land ownership, can be a strategic tool in building intergenerational wealth. For many Black Detroiters, fresh, local produce is scarce. Tyler’s efforts are helping those communities take ownership of their food system.

“Food sovereignty is the self-determining right to have a say in how your food is produced, distributed, sold, consumed and recycled back into the production process,” she says. “It’s really about a transfer of power from the corporate food actors that dominate our food system to the people who are mostly the consumers of the food and are generally most affected by food inequities and inequalities.”

On her first visits to Detroit, Tyler was impressed with the agricultural activity around the city. She witnessed communities getting creative to cultivate all available spaces, using what resources they had to produce their own food.

“People growing in their backyards and their front yards and the vacant lots next to their houses and
next to their businesses, and even hydroponics and aquaponics in abandoned buildings,” Tyler says. “There’s just so much energy around food production and growing your own food and taking back our voices and our power within the food system.”

The scene in the city is an example of what can happen when neighbors unite to lift each other up.

“Urban agriculture in Detroit represents a vibrant movement of people, grassroots organizations and everyday people coming together to build a better reality in the face of so much blight and devastation,” Tyler explains.

There’s camaraderie in every shared goal. But Tyler knows they can only go so far without partnering with the most important resource: earth. “We grow in communion with Mother Nature,” she says.

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How an innovative stance on health care education, public-private partnership and a healthy motivation to serve the state drive training, outreach and advancement at Michigan State University.

BY TIM CERULLO, ’08
DOUG MEIJER MEDICAL INNOVATION BUILDING

The new facility includes a theranostics clinic containing a cyclotron-equipped radiopharmacy and PET/MR scanner considered to be the best in the world.
Every big idea contains a multitude of moving parts. Pieces that no single person can reign over alone. While an original idea may stem from one brain, history’s greatest innovators seldom worked solo. Because building an idea into practice is a team effort. For Michigan State University, it’s second nature to join forces with the people who can help assemble those moving parts into a single unit, working together to serve the greater good.

This is particularly true for MSU Health Sciences, which, for more than 70 years, has been treating the state as its campus, taking teaching and care efforts where they are needed most. It’s a reflection of the university’s land-grant philosophy. It’s also a unique stance in health care education and research. Rather than concentrating these efforts on a single site, Spartans reach out to populations in every part of Michigan. In urban cores, rural expanses and everywhere in between, MSU’s health care partnerships and community collaboration have been essential to the growth of students, the development of ideas, the health of the public and the advancement of opportunity. When everyone brings what they have to the table, big ideas become big realities. The latest example is a first-of-its-kind venture and new addition to the College of Human Medicine and the MSU Grand Rapids Innovation Park.

Take one look at the Doug Meijer Medical Innovation Building (DMMIB) and you know it’s something special. The contemporary design, featuring ribbons of windows and an impressive atrium, alludes to the big thinking happening inside. And more. There’s big collaboration that helps big ideas find their way out to effect change and progress through real-world care and solutions.

Outside, a set of larger-than-life white beams intersect and reach skyward to support the facility above, as if to represent the convergence of disciplines working and healing together under the same roof. Inside, the concept of public-private partnership takes flight, closely coupling MSU’s world-class research with private industry partners who...
have the talent and track record for delivering discoveries to the masses. This is where research meets outreach. Where a hunger for change and an entrepreneurial spirit work together. Where breakthroughs can and will break through in the form of accessible care for all.

Even the project itself took a special kind of cooperation to complete. In 2019, MSU joined forces with Health Innovation Partners. This alliance with the real estate joint venture marked MSU’s first public-private partnership in the form of a long-term ground lease. That is, Michigan State owns the land, and Health Innovation Partners took charge of planning, construction and development.

The 200,000-square-foot space will house health research and outreach efforts ranging from cancer treatment to brain health research to medical device development. It will be home to researchers from MSU and private companies. This public-private partnership is a bold move for MSU and the health care community at large. The big idea: to inspire a health science revolution.
EXPANDING THE FOOTPRINT

Essential to understanding the role of this new facility is understanding MSU’s existing health partnerships in Grand Rapids. Home to the College of Human Medicine, the privately funded Secchia Center opened in 2010 and provides world-class medical education. Seven years later, the Grand Rapids Research Center opened its doors and currently houses 33 research teams seeking modern solutions in areas such as Alzheimer’s disease, Parkinson’s disease, autism and women’s health. So, with well-established medical education and biomedical research, MSU moved to fill in the final blank with the DMMIB.

“Once you discover something and translate it back down to care, how do people get access to that care? The way you get access is to bring in industry partners, side by side, so that the things you discover can get taken to people where they live,” Executive Vice President for Health Sciences Norman J. Beauchamp Jr., M.D., says of innovative treatments and medical developments. “Because one of the challenges in health care is you often have to know someone who knows someone to get access.”

That’s what makes this piece so pivotal. MSU working alongside private companies in the same facility allows a free exchange of ideas and resources. It gives discoveries a clearer path to distribution, which leads to easier public access to care. The work is already underway with Bold Advance Medical Future Health, which specializes in nuclear theranostics, a process that uses a combination of radioactive drugs to diagnose and eliminate tumors with extreme precision. The team’s work, led by Dr. Anthony Chang, is bolstered by MSU’s two new cyclotrons, bringing the world’s most advanced radiopharmacy to West Michigan. Until now, this lifesaving technology, which delivers the most effective, efficient, non-invasive diagnostics and treatments for cancers and neurodegenerative diseases available to date, wasn’t available in North America.

Also taking up residence in the MSU Grand Rapids Innovation Park will be Perrigo Company plc. The pharmaceutical company broke ground on its North American corporate headquarters in April 2021 and shares MSU’s vision of treating people as close to home as possible.

But it’s not just large enterprises moving in. The DMMIB is also creating innovation space for startups and entrepreneurial high-tech companies. Over the past decade, the innovation landscape has shifted. Large companies are spending less time and money innovating in-house. Instead, they wait for startups to innovate, build and grow before acquiring the fledgling companies. MSU identified an opportunity to foster entrepreneurship in the facility.

“Here, the goal is to help startups grow to a point where they can partner with large companies,” says Frank Urban, director of venture creation at Spartan Innovations, which will have a presence in the DMMIB. The group will also manage Grand Rapids’ SmartZone Business Incubator alongside local seed accelerator Smart Garden. “As we build that, you’ll see other companies and larger corporations become attracted to the area, bring jobs to the area and create opportunity well into the future.”

As a subsidiary of the MSU Foundation, Spartan Innovations drives MSU entrepreneurs to develop their ideas and launch high-tech startups. Moving in alongside Spartan Innovations is another MSU Foundation offshoot, Red Cedar Ventures, which has been helping accelerate the commercialization of startups since 2014.

With investors, accounting groups, contract research and contract manufacturing organizations outside their doors, young companies will have full access to a wealth of services and research capabilities—an unparalleled infrastructure of support for advancing ideas and making them happen.
1. SECCHIA CENTER
Named for MSU alumni Joan and Ambassador Peter F. Secchia, the Secchia Center is a symbol of what can be accomplished through collaboration with the college’s partners Spectrum Health, Van Andel Institute and Mercy Health Saint Mary’s. It is the headquarters for the Michigan State University College of Human Medicine.

2. RESEARCH CENTER
The MSU Grand Rapids Research Center was established to advance MSU’s efforts in improving human health. The 162,800-square-foot facility opened in the fall of 2017 and houses basic and translational science research teams recruited from around the nation and the world by MSU.

3. NORMAN J. BEAUCHAMP JR., M.D., MHS, ’86, ’90
Executive Vice President for Health Sciences at Michigan State University.

4. DR. ANTHONY CHANG
Founder and CEO of Bold Advanced Medical Future (BAMF) Health, a company working to transform systems used for diagnosis and treatment for patients with cancer, Parkinson’s disease, PTSD, depression, cardiac disease and more.
BRINGING IT HOME

While the DMMIB opens doors for private and public researchers and innovators, it all builds back to the shared goal of MSU and every partner: reducing health disparities in communities across the state and the country.

“The whole construct of this ecosystem is going from what do people need? How do we solve it? And how do we get it to people?” Beauchamp says of MSU’s involvement in West Michigan.

Doug Meijer pondered the latter question throughout the course of his medical journey. After a 2011 prostate cancer diagnosis, Meijer followed the traditional treatment path, but saw little improvement. He toured the nation’s top hospitals seeking answers before an introduction to Dr. Chang led him to Germany for a theranostics test study. The treatment saved his life with virtually no side effects. He wanted to help bring that groundbreaking technology home.

“You have to travel to Germany to get this treatment,” says Meijer. “Not only that, you have to know somebody to do it. And then you have to have the wherewithal [to travel]. We didn’t think that was right.”

Thanks to a $19.5 million gift from Doug Meijer and the Meijer Foundation, that treatment has come home in a big way.

COVERING THE STATE

With all that’s happening in Grand Rapids, Beauchamp knows there is and will be plenty to share. “The goal here is to extend to other networks via partnerships throughout the state,” he says. And MSU’s efforts aren’t limited to one region. Spartans are working to advance medicine and provide accessible health care in communities all over Michigan.

Michigan State has been entrenched in the Detroit-area health care scene for many years. A longstanding alliance between the Detroit Medical Center and the College of Osteopathic Medicine trains the next generation of doctors in specialties and subspecialties across the network’s eight hospitals. And through programs like Detroit Street Care and Spartan Street Medicine, they also offer care and support for people experiencing homelessness, taking their skills and compassion where they are needed.

Also making an impact on Detroit communities is the College of Nursing, which works in partnership with the DMC to train students in the accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. The college also works with Detroit-area organizations to help better serve people’s needs. Like the upcoming collaboration with Detroit Public Schools, which will see MSU students working with students with special needs, and a partnership with the Luke Clinic, where Spartans will help provide clinical care for expectant mothers and infants as soon as spring 2022.

In 2021, MSU announced a 30-year partnership with the Henry Ford Health System, a landmark alliance that pairs Michigan State with one of the nation’s leading integrated academic health systems.

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When a top academic institution and a leading integrated health system join forces, they have a unique opportunity to connect top minds with top resources. MSU will welcome 115 new researchers from Henry Ford Health to the university. It’s the kind of collaboration that sparks innovation and exploration, especially when it comes to community engagement. Research programs that include underrepresented populations and clinical studies to identify intervention for disparities are already underway. There is also a regional campus in development, giving the two institutions a shared space to change the way individuals and communities experience care.

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“We don’t want to make incremental change,” says Dr. Steven Kalkanis, president of the partnership’s newly formed HFH+MSU Health Sciences. “We want to change the world.”

With an overall goal of improving clinical outcomes for all communities while contributing to the global advancement of care, the collaboration is aligned with MSU’s mission of making real, positive impact for people where they live. To achieve that, the team is embedding justice, diversity, equity and inclusion into everything they do. That includes a commitment to educate diverse health care providers to better reflect the communities they serve. It also means opening health care opportunities to underserved populations. Together, Henry Ford and MSU will help provide equitable access to care—a pillar of strong, vibrant communities.

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“It’s not just about Detroit and East Lansing,” says Kalkanis. “It’s about Grand Rapids and Jackson and Wyandotte and Macomb and all the points in between, the communities in which we serve.”

Those communities are many. In Flint, Michigan State has created a culture of community collaboration alongside a roster of partners that reach out to a large and diverse population. MSU has had a presence in Flint since 1913 and has been partnering with the people of the city for equally as long. In fall 2014, a new medical education and public health research space was unveiled in the historic Flint Journal building.

Through affiliations with Ascension Genesys, Hurley Medical Center and McLaren, MSU works with community leaders to improve health services and outcomes in Flint. Social outreach also plays a vital role in education and training, which lets students engage with the communities they serve. A better understanding of the people they’re helping leads to improved care and more positive relationships with community health partners.

“In these partnerships, all have a voice in how public health projects are planned, implemented and evaluated,” says Dr. Rodlescia Sneed, assistant professor in the Department of Family Medicine and online Master of Public Health faculty. “The work to be done is not easy—but it’s certainly rewarding.”

Flint is home to MSU’s Division of Public Health, where Spartans work side by side with community partners to address the needs of the region in community-led ways. The results have been equal parts effective and inspiring. One notable example is MSU-Hurley Children’s Hospital Pediatric Public Health Initiative’s response to the limited access to healthy food—a common disparity in underserved areas. Through the Pediatric Prescriptions Program, families are given prescriptions that can be filled in the form of fresh fruits and vegetables at the Flint Farmers’ Market. The program was such a success it was implemented nationwide as part of the 2018 U.S. Farm Bill, drafted with leadership from Michigan Sen. Debbie Stabenow.

Key to MSU’s involvement in Flint is ensuring that public health decisions are made in partnership with the community. Their voices lead the way, and this makes the city a model for community-led public health.
“We do public health with the community. Not in the community, not for the community,” says Jill Vondrasek, health care communicator for the College of Human Medicine’s Division of Public Health. “Community members are our partners and our inspiration. It is their voice that informs MSU’s public health response in Flint.”

That partnership is how social needs are met. For many in the area, transportation is a challenge. To make health care visits more accessible, MSU-Hurley Children’s Hospital and MSU’s medical education and public health research space are located across the street from Flint’s main mass transit hub. And it’s no accident that the Flint Farmers’ Market shares a parking lot with these two institutions, as it allows families to visit their doctors and fill their produce prescriptions in the same visit.

“The work we do in community engagement is really innovative,” adds Sneed. “Community members have a heart for their communities, and that’s contagious.”

That kind of real-world thinking and community partnership doesn’t end at the city limits. Rural populations face their own set of health care challenges. Compared to their urban and suburban counterparts, people in rural communities are less likely to have jobs that provide health insurance or pharmacy benefits. They often must travel great distances for care and can lack broadband internet access, making telehealth visits a challenge.

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MSU’s Leadership in Rural Medicine programs prepare medical students to work in these underserved communities through partnerships with local clinics and hospitals. At campuses in Marquette, Traverse City and Midland, students spend much of their time immersed in smaller rural communities around the state. Not only as caregivers, but also as community residents.

“They don’t just go for clinical experiences, they actually live within that community while they’re there,” says Dr. Andrea Wendling, professor and director of rural health curriculum. “They have an enhanced curriculum where they work with hospital leadership, community health departments and with the public health medical director of the region.”

The program also puts students side by side with members of the community. “They learn about housing options,” Wendling continues. “They learn about educational opportunities and major employers. They visit different places within the community, so they can really understand the patient’s experience.”

Given Michigan State’s commitment to communities throughout the state, it’s no surprise that the rural medicine program was one of the nation’s first, dating back to 1975 when the inaugural class began their training at St. Francis Hospital in Escanaba. Today, Wendling says many of the students in the rural physician and rural community health programs come from rural areas: “A lot of them have seen the problems within their communities; they have had family members who are sick and they may have had gaps in care because of this disparity. They want to go back and make a difference.”

It’s another example of MSU meeting people where it matters most: close to home.

Whether public or private, academic or clinical, the health care partnerships that thrive throughout the state are consistently focused on people and communities. They have emboldened and enlivened the thinking and doing as Michigan State seeks to increase accessibility and reduce health disparities. It’s made MSU a launchpad for innovative, inclusive research and treatment. But it couldn’t be done without reaching outside our walls to shake hands with the people who could help make the moving pieces move a little better. Not for each other, but for everyone.

When it comes to these partnerships, Beauchamp sums it up best: “Together, we will transform health care and prove that hope, health and healing can be made available to all people.”

It’s a big idea. And it’s coming to life before our eyes.
Health Care Expansion in Our Cities

Grand Rapids:

Between 2008 and 2010, the College of Human Medicine underwent one of the largest medical school expansions in the nation, doubling its enrollment to more than 800 medical students and establishing its headquarters in the privately funded Secchia Center in Grand Rapids. Then in 2017, the six-story Grand Rapids Research Center was opened as a home for basic and translational science research teams who are addressing many of the nation’s biggest health challenges, including Alzheimer’s disease, Parkinson’s disease, autism, women’s health and cancer. The confluence of these efforts, along with MSU Global Impact Initiative, the new IQ and research buildings on campus and the university’s vision for the transformation of health, has set the stage for the Doug Meijer Medical Innovation Building, slated to open in early 2022.

For more than 70 years MSU Health Sciences has been treating the state as its campus, taking teaching and care efforts where they are needed most. It’s a reflection of the university’s land-grant philosophy. Health Sciences at Michigan State University consists of the colleges of Human Medicine, Nursing and Osteopathic Medicine, as well as the clinical practice of the university, MSU Health Care.
In December 2018, officials from McLaren Health Care and Michigan State University held a ceremonial groundbreaking at University Corporate Research Park, the next step in building a new $450 million health care campus in MSU’s own back yard. The South Lansing campus will house a 240-bed state-of-the-art hospital, cancer center, medical services building and other facilities to support health care delivery, educational opportunities and medical research. This comprehensive health care campus will be home to more than 1,000 physicians, researchers, educators and other members of the academic and health care team. It is scheduled to open in early 2022.

In 2014, with the support of the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation and the three Flint hospitals, the College of Human Medicine began an expansion in Flint and opened a downtown MSU location in the former Flint Journal building. This included increasing the number of medical students in Flint to 100, centering the College of Human Medicine’s Division of Public Health in downtown Flint and embarking on a mission to improve the health of the community by recruiting public health researchers to address Flint’s most pressing issues. In 2022, this expansion takes another step forward with an additional grant from the Mott Foundation.

In 2021 Henry Ford Health System and Michigan State University, two of the state’s leading education, research and health care institutions, expanded their long-standing partnership. This set in motion efforts to make Michigan a national leader in providing access to exceptional health care for all residents, with a focus on scientific discovery and education for providers, patients and families. Through a joint research enterprise, a robust cancer center, and a focus on academic medical and health education of the future, this partnership will work to fight the health disparities that plague our most vulnerable communities, rural and urban. The team is fueled by passion, curiosity and a little bit of grit—tirelessly developing solutions, treatments and programs to make life collectively better.

The MSU College of Human Medicine differs from many medical schools in that there are seven locations (see above) for clinical education and programs in more than 50 affiliated hospitals and facilities instead of one university hospital. Throughout their training, students are immersed in communities similar to those in which most physicians work, gaining valuable practical experience. While in these communities, students receive clinical training in both ambulatory and hospital settings.
Running a Big Ten football program’s equipment department is an exercise in constant preparation and organization. “We plan ahead to set the team up for success,” says Andrew Kolpacki, ’14, head football equipment manager. Kolpacki, who started in the MSU equipment room as a student in 2011, leads an agile team of equipment experts who together manage every piece of football gear from top to turf. It takes planning, commitment and grit. Sound familiar? Toward the end of the 2021-22 season, we went behind the scenes to catch a glimpse of what it takes to get MSU Football ready for the road.

BY TIM CERULLO, ’08 & IAIN BOGLE
EVERYTHING IN ITS PLACE

PIC 1: Thursday before an away game in the MSU football equipment room. Custom cases and trunks loaded with everything from spare chin straps to emergency medical equipment are precisely packed and ready to roll onto the truck.

PIC 2: Assistant Football Equipment Manager Ryan Marsom carefully applies fresh decals to player helmets before sending them on the road.

PIC 3: An industrial laundry setup and a constant cycle of washing, treating and repairing keep the Spartans looking clean on the field.

PIC 4 & 5: Like a library of gear, every piece of equipment has its place in the deep rows of shelves and drawers. It’s a major operation as Kolpacki and his team must purchase, maintain, repair, transport, store, clean and inventory all of it.

BATTLE READY

76 players travel to a typical away game. But at home, up to 105 players can be dressed on the sideline. Each player is custom fitted for helmets, cleats, gloves and pads.

BRINGING THE HEAT

Fall and winter in the Big Ten can be brutally cold. Kolpacki and his team pack and transport industrial heaters and heated benches (plus the propane to fuel them) to away games.

SPARTAN GAME BALLS

MSU brings about 18 game balls to every road matchup. Used on offensive possessions, they’re inspected by the refs prior to kickoff. The team also brings 50-60 additional balls to use in warmups.
CHECKLISTS
From pads and uniforms, to chin straps and shoelaces, detailed checklists help the equipment team keep every piece of gear in order and ensure nothing is left behind.

SUING UP
This year’s uniforms included three different jerseys, four different pants, two helmets (one green, one white) and a host of various helmet decals. The team wore a different combination for every game of the 2021-22 season.

CLEAR CHANNELS
Ahead of gameday, headset technicians Adam Joyce and Mike Lark coordinate with TV networks, the opposing team, referees and even local cell towers to ensure there are no overlapping frequencies (or stolen gameplans).
As equipment truck driver Glenn Edgett will tell you, barreling down the road in a green and white semi emblazoned with MSU logos turns a lot of heads. But it’s not all “Go Greens” on the highway. Edgett has seen his share of less-than-friendly gestures in the 13 years he’s been hauling MSU’s gear.

PIC 4, 5 and 6: After Thursday’s morning practice, individual player bags are double and triple checked to ensure they’re fully prepared for the gridiron.

PIC 7: Player bags are logged by hand and loaded onto the truck.

PIC 8: Edgett, Kolpacki, Assistant Football Equipment Manager Jacob Crane and Marsom are ready to head out after a successful load.
Joseph Williams, MSU’s first president, dubbed the college “an experiment” that was “established on no precedent, it is alike a pioneer in the march of men and the march of the mind.” This spirit—of a community brought together with a sense of determination, passion and purpose—has animated MSU from the beginning. But the modern world requires more if MSU is to make the difference its mission mandates.

BY STEPHANIE MOTSCHEBACHER, ’85, ’92
Eight days after the first known case of the coronavirus in the United States grabbed our attention, a group of Spartans was gathered at the Grand Central Air Terminal in LA. They came to meet the university’s new president, Samuel L. Stanley Jr., M.D.

During the Q&A Stanley was asked, “What are your thoughts on this virus?”

“I’d like to know more about its R-naught value,” he said. R-naught is a value given to predict the “spreadability” of an infectious disease. As a biomedical researcher with significant work in infectious diseases and patents in immunology, Stanley knew what he was talking about.

In the months that followed we would all learn much more about COVID-19.

In March 2020, the pandemic sent thousands of Spartans home to study and teach. MSU adapted quickly with modifications to in-person learning. And MSU researchers stepped up to improve early detection techniques, capacity for testing and a process for cleaning and extending the use of N95 masks protecting frontline health care providers.

During the 18 months away from campus, national attention to social issues of racism, health disparities and income gaps ignited calls for change, demonstrating the important role of higher education and the unique obligations of public universities.

President Stanley’s infectious disease research background and his efforts to promote diversity, equity and inclusion informed MSU’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic and set the stage for the university’s future.

By fall of 2021, MSU reported a vaccination rate of 90%, allowing a return to campus for thousands, including the largest incoming class of first-year students in the school’s history.

Stanley was selected to be MSU’s 21st president in May 2019, and his appointment would prove to be more than fate—it was crucial.

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“A Legacy of Action

In the wake of World War II John Hannah, Michigan State University’s 12th president, laid out a vision for a university not only for the people of Michigan but also for the world. His vision, incredible during its time, was one of a globally interdependent future. It led to the university’s involvement in building institutions of higher education in places such as Brazil, Colombia and Okinawa in the 1950s, and Nigeria and Pakistan in the early 1960s. He and the leaders around him were known for looking around the curve. That thinking paved the way for growing dozens of research and academic programs in which MSU ranks among the best today.

MSU’s articulation of its strategic intent and goals is of equal importance today.

“To be among those few institutions that have the capacity and aspiration to change the direction of things in our world is remarkable,” said Stanley. “We should all be proud to be part of an institution with a unique combi-
nation of elements that allow us to rise up—bend the curves and change trajectories that make the world a better place for everyone.”

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Rising to the Challenge

Michigan State’s aspiration builds on its past. But to remain among the most impactful universities—one that lifts people up, addresses issues that matter to people’s lives and livelihoods, and fuels the pipeline of innovation with discovery and invention—requires intention. It also requires a reckoning with the challenges of a changing environment, including uncertain state and federal funding, demographic shifts, changing perceptions of higher education and its value, increasing competition for talent and technology transformation touching every aspect of operations.

A bold new plan was needed. Stanley didn’t waste time. Shortly after his arrival a steering committee was formed and work began on MSU 2030: Empowering Excellence, Advancing Equity and Expanding Impact.

Amid the stress of the pandemic, MSU continued to strategize and plan, harnessing new lessons learned to ensure that the university was prepared not only to respond, but also to lead in a future landscape shaped by many forces, a landscape forever changed by our collective experiences.

Implementation of the strategic plan will focus investment in areas of excellence that address global challenges; meet pressing needs expressed by communities in Michigan, across the nation and around the world; advance equity and ethics; and improve the human condition.

Engaging stakeholders, including alumni, was critical in MSU’s process.

“We have so many successful, smart, savvy and engaged alumni who have something to tell us about what the world needs, and as we continue to work within this strategic framework we intend to invite them to the conversation,” said Nick McLaren, executive director of the Michigan State University Alumni Office.

MSU is often called Michigan’s State University, and for good reason. MSU enrolls more Michigan students than any other university—approximately 35,000—and more than 275,000 of its more than half a million alumni live in the state. Together, its human health colleges provide 20,000 doctors and nurses to help Michigan’s citizens stay healthy. Our total economic impact in Michigan is $5.6 billion annually, and the Innovation Center helps nearly 130 discoveries become patented products or startup companies each year.
**ENGAGED ALUMNI AND FRIENDS**

Michigan State has created diverse opportunities for alumni and friends to meaningfully engage with the university, from helping to recruit new Spartans and serving as mentors and role models, to providing internships and supporting MSU through financial investments at all levels.

Continuing a rich tradition of investment in MSU, more than 250,000 alumni, friends and organizational donors gave more than $1.8 billion in the university’s most recent comprehensive campaign—Empower Extraordinary—including support to establish more than 100 new endowed faculty positions (enabling the recruitment and retention of some of the best minds in their fields) and more than 3,500 new scholarships. MSU is building on this momentum to increase philanthropic support.

The university will plan and initiate its next campaign to advance MSU’s margin of excellence in support of the pillars of its strategic plan with a focus on:

- Significantly increasing student success across diverse platforms
- Strengthening faculty academics and engagement
- Magnifying creative research outcomes for the betterment of our global society
- Intensifying programmatic impact with the exchange and exploration of new ideas
Six strategic themes are at the core of MSU’s strategic plan. The themes provide the framework for broad, outcome-oriented goals that also represent the thinking of the greater Spartan community. The order of the themes is intentional. The plan begins with a focus on people, with the success of our students, faculty and staff at the heart of all that we do.

1. **STUDENT SUCCESS**
At Michigan State, we believe every student we admit has the ability to succeed and graduate. We feel a sense of urgency to improve graduation rates, because a college degree is the best route to individual opportunity and an educated workforce strengthens Michigan and the nation. By 2030, we will increase the six-year graduation rate by 5% to 86%.

2. **FACULTY & STAFF SUCCESS**
Creating an environment in which excellence and opportunity thrive will attract and keep talent and create conditions where staff and faculty can do their best work, individually and collaboratively. We will seek recognition for the excellence and innovation this culture fosters, pursuing an increase in faculty and staff external awards of 10% per year and a 15% increase by 2030 in the number of recipients of highly prestigious academic awards and national academies members.

3. **DISCOVERY, CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION FOR EXCELLENCE AND GLOBAL IMPACT**
At Michigan State, we pursue excellence in service to the common good, generating new knowledge and applying it in practical ways to address complex societal problems. We will expand our capacity for local and global impact, and by 2030 will reach $1 billion in annual research expenditures, an increase of about $275 million in annual expenditures.

4. **SUSTAINABLE HEALTH**
Michigan State’s approach to advancing health and excellence in health education has consistently focused on people, communities, partnerships and innovative thinking. These themes will continue as we aim to triple National Institutes of Health and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention funding within five years.

5. **STEWARDSHIP AND SUSTAINABILITY**
Michigan State is working toward climate neutrality by mid-century, doing our part to address the global climate crisis within our own community and on our own campus. On this journey, we aim to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 50% from our 2010 baseline, eliminating 292,934 metric tons of CO₂.

6. **DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION**
Michigan State is dedicated to providing opportunity through education and building the future of Michigan and the nation with the talent and contributions of individuals from all backgrounds and communities. We will advance equity by eliminating race and ethnicity opportunity gaps across all subgroups of students by 2030.

Learn more at go.msu.edu/strategic-plan
MSU Extension has been a differentiating force for more than 100 years—a deeply integrated network helping to translate world-class research and apply life-changing knowledge, in real time, across Michigan. Extension will continue to play a critical role in ensuring our relevance and impact by providing a framework for connecting knowledge and solutions directly to individuals, communities, families and businesses.

As we build upon existing research strengths and create new areas of excellence, drive advances in health through vital partnerships and new collaborations, Extension will provide the continuous and two-way connection to help us understand what is needed now and needed next to help Michigan flourish.

MSU's 5,300-acre campus is the ideal laboratory for building a greener future. Our gold-rated sustainability efforts range from reducing carbon emissions and energy use in campus buildings and minimizing food waste in dining halls to generating power for our city-sized campus with the help of the largest solar carport array in North America. We also offer more than 600 courses incorporating sustainability into the curriculum or experiential learning.

Working toward the goal of achieving climate neutrality by 2050, we will continue making sustainability a critical part of campus culture as we work to maximize our impact while minimizing our footprint. MSU is the ideal place to research and collaborate on climate solutions, prepare tomorrow’s environmental leaders and share knowledge to guide policy and inform the public. MSU can create high-impact experiences for students and enhance student success through research and curricular opportunities.

The Diversity Research Network (DRN) connects faculty of color and diversity scholars to create scholarly communities and promote new interdisciplinary collaborations. The DRN is a support resource intended to enhance research productivity; grant and publication output; and collaborative research and mentorship opportunities.

The DRN Accountability Partnership Program provides opportunities to engage in a supportive partnership that helps researchers and scholars reach their goals, while the DRN Launch Awards have provided funding to faculty of color and diversity scholars, aiding scholars in launching new research.

MSU will build on initiatives like the Diversity Research Network, supporting the success and visibility of diverse scholars to help us to reach our goal of becoming a national leader in increasing diversity, promoting inclusion, ensuring equity and eliminating disparities.

Learn more online: go.msu.edu/spotlight
MICHIGAN STATE'S INAUGURAL NURSES

In 1954, the Memorial Alumni Chapel hosted the Pinning Ceremony for the very first graduates of the Michigan State College nursing program. Today, the MSU College of Nursing sends more than 260 graduates into the health care world every year. In nearly every county in Michigan, Spartan nurses rise to the needs of the community with the care and understanding needed for an extensive and unique range of patient populations. See MSU nurses in action: go.msu.edu/lifelines
The Spartan Community
Making a difference for each other.

Being a Spartan isn’t just about wearing the same colors or cheering for the same team. It’s about being part of a community that’s committed to doing their part to build a better tomorrow.

This community is the foundation of Give Green Day. On March 15, join Spartans across the globe for a chance to give back and make a difference for current and future students. Last year, Spartans like you helped raise over $1.24 million dollars over a 24-hour period. Many have already benefitted from those gifts, and your support will continue to inspire and impact Spartans of all ages.

We know the global Spartan community is offering their time and talents to help make the world a better place in other ways as well. To celebrate that, our Global Day of Service—typically occurring each April—has become Spartans Serve Week. Happening annually in September, Spartans Serve Week is designed to show the world the extraordinary impact Spartans can make in a single week. It is part of a year-round initiative that brings Spartans together who are determined to make a difference.

The Spartan community is driven by passion and an enthusiasm that crosses generational lines. This year, we are excited for the return of Grandparents University, a unique three-day summer camp that welcomes young Spartans and their grandparents to campus. Registration opens in March for this special program that immerses kids in the MSU experience and creates memories that connect families and last a lifetime.

After an exciting fall that welcomed students and alumni safely back to East Lansing, saw the return of our Alumni Grand Awards Gala and kept Paul Bunyan at home, we’re most excited for what’s to come—on campus and around the world.

Go Green!

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1960s
EDWIN L. DEMERLY, ’63, M.A. ’70 (Both in Arts and Letters), published his memoir, “First Years: A Farm Boy Faces the Future.” The third chapter describes his years at MSU from 1959 to 1963, when he received his bachelor’s degree in English and his 2nd Lieutenant’s commission in the army.

VINCENT L. MARANDO, M.S. ’64, Ph.D. ’67 (Both in Social Science), published his memoir, “When Gertrude Came, I Wasn’t Home,” chronicling his story as the son of Italian immigrants, a polio survivor and eventually a professor at the University of Maryland.

MARY BODE BYRD, ’67 (Arts and Letters), recently won Best of Show in the Mispillion Art League Members Show in Milford, Delaware. Byrd’s painting “Going to the Fair” features her signature color and an abstract twist on a realistic scene.

JANET HALFMANN, ’67 (Arts and Letters; Honors College), ’79 (Communication Arts and Sciences), published four children’s picture books in 2021. “The Clothesline Code: The Story of Lucy Ann and Dabney Walker” is a true story about a formerly enslaved couple who spied for the Union Army during the Civil War by using laundry on a clothesline. “Who Is Singing” celebrates birds and their songs. “Yay for Big Brothers!” is a celebration of big brothers by shining a spotlight on animal big brothers and “Caterpillar’s Surprise” is the story of a friendship between a caterpillar and a tadpole, big changes and growing up. Halfmann is the award-winning author of more than 40 children’s books.

CARL ROLLYSON, ’69 (Arts and Letters), published “The Life of William Faulkner in two volumes” through University of Virginia Press and “The Last Days of Sylvia Plath” through University Press of Mississippi. Rollyson’s work on Faulkner began at MSU in 1966 when he took a class on Southern literature with M. Thomas Inge.

1970s
ESTHER E. ONAGA, Ph.D. ’73 (Social Science), has been named a director to the Peckham board. Onaga is faculty emeritus of Human Development and Family Studies at Michigan State University. Peckham is a nonprofit vocational rehabilitation organization that provides paid job training opportunities for people with disabilities and other barriers to employment.

JEFFREY M. SANGSTER, ’75 (Social Science), was recognized by The Salvation Army with the William Booth Award at the Detroit Advisory Board Civic Awards Dinner. Sangster has served The Salvation Army for more than 37 years. The William Booth Award—named after The Salvation Army’s founder—is the highest award the nonprofit bestows on an individual. Recipients are chosen for their dedication to The Salvation Army’s goal of service.

MICHAEL W. MCDONALD, ’76 (Business), and team were honored by the U.S. Department of Commerce in Washington, D.C., with the President’s E Award for extraordinary export service. McDonald is the CEO and president of Dr. John’s Healthy Sweets, a natural, sugar-free artisan candy manufacturer experiencing incredible international growth.
KATHRYN L. DAVIS, ’78
(Communication Arts and Sciences), was recently elected to chair the Board for Leader Dogs for the Blind. Davis has served on the organization’s board of trustees since 2011. Leader Dogs for the Blind empowers blind and visually impaired people by providing lifelong skills for safe and independent daily travel, and service animals free of charge.

GREGORY G. HUVAERE, ’79
(Business), recently retired after a long and successful career in hospitality. Huvaere was responsible for opening the Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort & Spa in Phoenix, Arizona, and led the team in the development and opening of Kai Restaurant—the only AAA 5 Diamond Forbes 5 Star restaurant in Arizona and the Southwest.

1980s

FREDERICK A. KILLEEN, ’82
(Engineering), was named vice president of global information technology and chief information officer of General Motors. Killeen will report to CEO Mary Barra and lead the Global IT team, responsible for back-office IT support and using software to support growth across the company.

LORNA T. BEARD, ’84
(Communication Arts and Sciences), J.D. ’96 (Law), celebrated 24 years working for the Legislative Service Bureau. Beard is currently legal counsel and assistant division director for the bureau.

IBIRONKE O. LAWAL, M.A. ’85
(Communication Arts and Sciences), has been named a recruitment inclusive champion at Virginia Commonwealth University. As a champion at VCU, Lawal is responsible for assisting units in developing and implementing strategic recruitment plans targeting faculty candidates from underrepresented groups.

JOSEPH T. SPANIOLA, ’85, M.M. ’87
(Both in Music), received a Silver Medal from the Global Music Awards in the classical composition/composer category for his composition “UPLIFTED.”

AMY E. SULLIVAN, ’85
(Natural Science), has joined Peachtree Hills Place as director of lifestyle services for the Buckhead equity-based residential community for those 55 and older. Sullivan will be responsible for orchestrating educational, social and philanthropical member events, ensuring all Peachtree Hills Place members have valuable engagement experiences. Peachtree Hills Place offers adults a unique experience in its luxury 55+, continuing care retirement community in Buckhead, Atlanta, Georgia.

SHERYL LOTT, ’86, D.M.A. ’05

JOSEPH OFORI-DANKWA, M.LIR ’86, Ph.D. ’87
(Both in Social Science), was recently honored as a Distinguished Professor of the Year by the Michigan Association of State Universities (MASU). Ofori-Dankwa holds the H.R. Wickes Chair in International Business and is a professor of management at Saginaw Valley State University. A native of Ghana, Ofori-Dankwa is a leader in expanding programs to Africa and has facilitated 10 trips to Ghana with students, faculty and Saginaw community leaders since 2000. In addition, he served as a faculty adviser for SVSU electrical and computer engineering students planning to design and install solar panels at a health clinic for the Royal Seed Home Orphanage in Ghana.

ALLEGRA CANGELOSI, M.S. ’87
(Agriculture and Natural Resources), has received the 2021 Great Lakes Leadership Award from The Great Lakes Protection Fund in recognition of her efforts to protect the health of the Great Lakes basin and the people who live in the region. Cangelosi pioneered the field of ballast treatment technology, which, with other management approaches, allows the shipping industry to limit the transfer of invasive species into the Great Lakes.

LANEITA GRAY, ’88
(Natural Science), has joined Moda Floors & Interiors as a project consultant for the flooring and window covering store in the West Midtown Design District in Atlanta, Georgia.

THOMAS E. KORFF, ’89
(Business), has been named vice president of Business Services at Peckham. Korff joins Peckham’s executive leadership team in steering the success of its Contact Center Solutions division. Peckham is a nonprofit vocational rehabilitation organization that provides paid job training opportunities for people with disabilities and other barriers to employment.

1990s

DOUGLAS S. HINE, ’92
(Engineering), is a Medtronic Technical Fellow and has been recognized as a Medtronic Bakken Fellow—the top technical honor achievement in a corporation of more than 80,000 employees. Medtronic is a global producer of medical devices and therapies, such as insulin pumps, pacemakers and diabetes therapies.

KAFELE J. KHALFANI, M.A. ’98
(Communication Arts and Sciences), has been appointed vice president of Student Experience (VPSE) and chief student affairs officer at California Institute of the Arts. As VPSE, Kalfani will be responsible for the offices at the institute that deliver student support services and offerings that form the core of the non-academic and developmental engagement with students.

2000s

ANNETTE MCCOY, ’02
(Agriculture and Natural Resources; Honors College), D.V.M. ’06 (Veterinary Medicine), was recently promoted to tenured associate professor at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

JOSH HOVEY, ’05
(Social Science), ANGELA MINICUCI, ’09
(Communication Arts and Sciences) and ANDREA L. POOLE, ’07 (Arts and Letters), M.A. ’09 (Communication Arts and Sciences), were recently recognized by Crain’s Detroit Business in their 40 Under 40 class of 2021. Hovey served as spokesperson and communications director on the winning 2018 campaign to pass Proposal 1 on the statewide ballot legalizing and regulating marijuana for adults 21 and older in Michigan. Minicuci led communications for the largest state government agency in Michigan—the Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS)—for nearly a decade. She helped launch Michigan’s I Vaccinate campaign, which in 2020 won a Silver Anvil from the Public Relations Society of America. Poole has more than 15 years of
communications management experience in the technology sector, higher education and government relations, and has managed award-winning social and digital media campaigns for Martin Waymire clients, from large corporations to statewide associations. Her work was instrumental in growing Bridge Michigan’s digital presence. All three are Martin Waymire vice presidents.

JACQUELYN A. DUPLER, ’08 (Social Science; Honors College), J.D. ’12 (Law), has joined Foster Swift Collins & Smith as an attorney in the firm’s Lansing office. Dupler will be a member of the firm’s Family Law Practice group.

2010s

CURTIS J. MATZKE, ’10, M.A. ’12 (Both in Communication Arts and Sciences), was recently selected to participate in an international accelerator program with legendary director Werner Herzog. Matzke and other filmmakers spent 11 days in the Canary Islands with hands-on mentoring provided by Herzog.

ERIKA MOUL, B.F.A. ’12 (Arts and Letters), was featured in NBC’s “Clash of the Cover Bands,” airing on E! Network. The show features the best cover bands from across the country celebrating music and performance art. Moul’s act ‘Baby Gaga’ pays homage to Lady Gaga.

RAMONA D. COX, Ph.D. ’14 (Education), has joined Doc Wayne as the director of the Champions Network. As director, Cox will lead a team of diverse facilitators and team members focused on professionalizing the field of sport-based therapy and offering engaging and accessible mental health support globally. Doc Wayne is an award-winning nonprofit that has pioneered sport-based therapy and catalyzed a mental health movement.

JOSHUA D. BRAWLEY, ’15 (Communication Arts and Sciences) and REESE T. VAN HECK, ’15 (Business), have established Fifth Wheel Freight (FWF) as one of America’s fastest-growing private companies by achieving 212% growth in full-time employees and 202% growth in revenue since 2018. Brawley and Van Heck’s relentless dedication to leadership and innovation propelled both from entry-level consultants to COO and CEO, respectively.

CAJETAN N. IHEKA, Ph.D. ’15 (Arts and Letters), recently published “African Ecomedia: Network Forms, Planetary Politics” with Duke University Press. Iheka examines the ecological footprint of media in Africa alongside the representation of environmental issues in visual culture, showing how African visual media such as film, photography and sculpture deliver a unique perspective on the socio-ecological costs of media production. Iheka is an associate professor of English at Yale University.

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myalumni.msu.edu/classnotes
If there’s one thing that drives the Spartan spirit, it’s the motivation to make a difference. Through hard work, dedication and connection, we all have an opportunity to leave a legacy. The Michigan State University Alumni Office is proud to present the 2021 Alumni Grand Awards to a group of accomplished and inspiring Spartans who are making history in their industries and beyond, as well as giving back on a local and global scale. Thank you to these exceptional individuals, and all Spartan alumni who are making their mark on the world.

To learn more about the Alumni Grand Awards program or nominate someone, visit go.msu.edu/AGA-Learn-More

To view all recipient profiles and read about these outstanding Spartans, visit go.msu.edu/AGA-21-Profiles

**ALUMNI GRAND AWARD RECIPIENTS**

- **Dr. Barbara Ann Given Ph.D.**
  ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD

- **April Clobes**
  DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

- **Dr. W. Delano Meriwether**
  DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

- **Toichi Takenaka**
  DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

- **Patricia L. Merry**
  HONORARY ALUMNI AWARD

- **Robert Wilfred Schaberg**
  PHILANTHROPIST AWARD

- **Anna Lou A Schaberg**
  PHILANTHROPIST AWARD

- **Lauren Nicole Bealore**
  YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD

- **Dr. Praise Matemavi D.O.**
  YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD

- **Kyle Andrew Welch**
  YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD

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DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENTS

Presented to alumni who have differentiated themselves by obtaining the highest level of professional accomplishment in their field.

April Clobes
President and CEO of MSU Federal Credit Union (MSUFCU)
B.A. in Marketing, Broad College of Business, Michigan State University
M.A. in Advertising, College of Communication Arts and Sciences, Michigan State University
M.B.A., Western Michigan University

After first joining MSU Federal Credit Union (MSUFCU) in 1996 as a marketing specialist, April Clobes rose through the ranks to president and CEO in 2015. Since then, she’s largely contributed to MSUFCU’s growth of more than $6.3 billion in assets and status as the nation’s largest university-based credit union.

Along with her Spartan husband, Glen Brough, April established a student scholarship and funded the Billman Music Pavilion’s Brough Student Lounge. “Now more than ever, it’s what we do in our community to help people achieve their goals and dreams that touches hearts,” April says.

Read more about April at go.msu.edu/AGA-Clobes

Dr. W. Delano Meriwether
Retired director of the U.S. Public Health Service’s National Influenza Immunization Program and U.S. Track & Field champion

College of Natural Science, Michigan State University
M.D., School of Medicine, Duke University
M.P.H., Johns Hopkins University

Not only was Dr. W. Delano Meriwether the first Black American to graduate from the Duke University School of Medicine, but he also made history as a U.S. Track & Field sprinter. Dr. Meriwether went on to direct the National Influenza Immunization Program and was one of six missionary physicians in Africa. There, he made research discoveries that influenced modern-day prenatal vitamins.

Along with his wife, Dr. Meriwether founded The Meriwether Foundation, supporting human rights activities in Southern Africa. “Michigan State helped prepare me for the future, and provided an outstanding, broad-based education. For that, I am eternally grateful,” Dr. Meriwether says.

Read more about Dr. Meriwether at go.msu.edu/AGA-Meriwether

Toichi Takenaka
Honorary Chairman of the Board of Japan's Takenaka Corporation

Bachelor of Economics, Faculty of Economics, Konan University
M.B.A., Broad College of Business, Michigan State University

Toichi Takenaka assumed the role of president and CEO of Takenaka Corporation in 1980, one of Japan’s largest architecture, engineering and construction firms. After earning his M.B.A. at MSU, Toichi returned to his firm and has preserved a “toryo (master builder) spirit” of architecture from his forefathers.

Toichi remains an engaged member of the MSU Alumni Club in Japan. “Sharing your expertise with future generations, especially in international interests, is critical to growing our globalization,” Toichi says. “That’s why maintaining a relationship with MSU is so important to me.”

Reach more about Toichi at go.msu.edu/AGA-Takenaka
In Memoriam

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1930s

JEAN CHAMBERLIN TRIPP, ’32, of Oxford
THEODORE G. CANRIGHT, ’33, of Royal Oak
EDITH Y. (MILARCH) JOHNSON, ’34, of Darien, CT

1940s

MARY JANE (STUART) SPALDING, ’40, of Wilmette, IL, Jul. 29, age 101
ELIZABETH E. (JOHNSON) MASKAL, ’40, of Traverse City, MI, Jun. 27, age 94
ALFREDA H. (HANSON) MCGUIRE, ’42, of Traverse City
STANLEY C. ALLEN JR., ’43, of Columbusville
JEAN D. (DOWNER) HODGES, ’43, of Grosse Pointe Farms, Jun. 22, age 100
PATRICIA M. (WISE) BAKER, ’44, of Peoria, IL, Aug. 7, age 99
BRYCE W. DUNLOP, ’44, of Coloma, Aug. 27, age 100
ELEANOR G. (BELVEA) STUBBS, ’45, of East Lansing, Aug. 25, age 97
VIRGINIA N. (QUIROZ) BARCK, ’46, of Rochester, MN, Jul. 26

1950s

BONNIE M. (ATWELL) HEMSWORTH, ’48, of Arlington, MA, Sep. 5, age 95
JEANNA W. (WILLARD) HONER, ’48, of Bellevue, Aug. 22, age 94
LLOYD E. HOXIE, ’48, of Dayton, OH, Feb. 9, age 99
ALLEN R. PATTISON, ’48, of Fort Austin, Jul. 13, age 98
JANE E. RAVEN-SMITH, ’48, of San Antonio, TX, Sep. 14, age 95
BETTY J. (BERQUIST) SECUR, ’48, of Fort Thomas, KY, Jul. 9
EUGENE G. BORING, ’49, of Livonia, Jun. 10, age 94
STANLEY J. BOURDON JR., ’49, of Naples, FL
ROBERT H. BROWN, ’49, of Queen Creek, AZ, Aug. 24, age 97
CHESTER L. DZUBINSKI, ’49, of Vero Beach, FL, Oct. 6, age 96
RICHARD J. FEIGHT, ’49, of Tecumseh, Oct. 1, age 95
ROBERT H. BROWN, ’49, of Grand Rapids, Oct. 1, age 95
ROBERT J. (GUILLORD) MANLEY, ’49, of Charlevoix, Aug. 22, age 92
GEOVANNIM (DODT) MARTIN, ’49, of Chestnut Hill, MA, Jul. 21, age 93
RICHARD W. MILLER JR., ’49, of Evansville, IN, Jul. 20, age 94
STEPHAN J. PATOPRSTY, ’49, of Okemos, Sep. 20, age 94
ALEXANDER N. REATH, ’49, of Traverse City, Oct. 9, age 97

SIDNEY KAPLAN, ’50, of Greenwich, CT, Aug. 19, age 92
CARROL C. LOCK, ’50, of Traverse City, Sep. 17, age 93
GARRIT J. LUGTHART JR., ’50, of Manlius, NY, Jul. 26, age 92
SHERYL B. (BARMAN) PLOKNA, ’50, of Traverse City, MI, Aug. 25, age 97
HOWARD D. PROCTOR, ’50, of Dearborn Heights, MI, Jul. 30, age 95
EDWARD F. SCHLEE JR., ’50, of Traverse City, MI, Jun. 21, age 96
FRED C. SWIFT, ’50, of New Brunswick, NJ, Sep. 7, age 94
ALICE M. (MURRAY) BOWDEN, ’51, of Traverse City, MI, Aug. 25, age 97

MARY L. LEE, ’53, of Dayton, OH, Aug. 18, age 98
MARILYN H. SPALDING, ’52, of Traverse City, MI, Aug. 25, age 97

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THOMAS R. DOYLE, '59, of Lansing, Aug. 9, age 95
WILLIAM H. ERRETT, '59, of Miamisburg OH, Mar. 17, age 87
IRWIN N. ETTINGER, '59, of New York, NY, Jul. 23, age 83
RAY W. GREENUP, '59, of Framingham, MA, Jun. 5, age 88
ALAN R. HERRETT, '59, of Defiance, OH, Aug. 6, age 89
JAMES C. JOHNSON, '59, of Muskegon, Jul. 26, age 84
PHILIP J. KIRK, '59, of San Diego, CA, Oct. 1, age 84
JOHN R. KURTH, '59, of Grand Rapids, Jun. 13, age 88
PAUL B. LAPERRUERE, '59, of East Lansing, Aug. 2, age 88
ROGER J. LEE, '59, of Grand Ledge, Jun. 15, age 86
EDWARD J. MACEK, '59, of Newfane, NY, Jul. 27, age 89
ARCHIE G. MATSOS, '59, of Traverse City, May 28, age 86
JACK B. PORRITT, '59, of Sarasota, FL, Apr. 18, age 84
EMMA J. (FITZPATRICK) REID, '59, of Holly, Aug. 3, age 84
DAVID B. RYCKMAN, '59, of Seattle, WA, Apr. 7, age 83
MYRNA J. SIDWELL, '59, of Bowling Green, OH, Jul. 20, age 84

1960s

DOROTHY L. (CAMERON) ART, '60, of Vassar, Sep. 5, age 84
EDWIN J. BAKER, '60, of Hudsonville, Sep. 3, age 82
STANLEY E. BUSS, '60, of Montrose, Aug. 8, age 85
JACK D. COOK, '60, of South Haven, Jul 26
ADAM J. DADAOU, '60, of Inkster, Jul 26
WILLIAM A. DIAMANDUROS, '60, of Statesboro, GA, Jul. 29, age 91
ROBERT E. DITTMAN, '60, of Gaylord, Aug. 10, age 87
NANCY N. (NOEL) EVenson, '60, of Grand Rapids, Oct. 10, age 83
WILLIAM GIPSON, '60, of Benzoia, May 31, age 88
FRANCIS C. GORMAN, '60, of Wheaton, IL, Sep. 7, age 90
DONALD K. HALL, '60, of Cincinnati, OH, Jul. 6, age 90
JON M. HANSON, '60, of Linden, Aug. 31, age 84
ROBERT E. HANSON, '60, of Maynard, MN, Jun. 19, age 83
CAROL A. KING, '60, of Princeton, NJ, May 22, age 82
KENT J. KRIVE SR., '60, of Muskegon, Oct. 2, age 86
PHYLIS A. (MOOREHOUSE) LEE, '60, of Riverside, CA, Jun. 20, age 81
NORMAN L. LIPPIETT, '60, of Palm Beach Gardens, FL, Jul. 26, age 85
FREDERICK M. MEYER, '60, of Beverly Hills, FL, Jul. 20, age 86
ROBERT J. NELSON, '60, of Abilene, TX, Aug. 4, age 83
A. C. PARRILLO, '60, of North Scituate, RI, Jun. 17, age 82
SHARON L. (HALL) PRINE, '60, of Springport, Sep. 3, age 84
CHARLES L. RICHARD, '60, of Lansing, Sep. 5, age 85
GAIL L. SMITH, '60, of Livonia, Jun. 1, age 85
ARLENE R. (CRANMER) STOVER, '60, of Berrien Springs, Jul. 29, age 82
MEARL TALSHA, '60, of Lansing, Jun. 23, age 88
CORAL E. THOMPSON, '60, of Waldorf, MD, Aug. 25, age 90
BOYD A. VEESTRA, '60, of Santa Clarita, CA, Oct. 23, age 82
ARTHUR A. VINSON, '60, of Atlanta, GA, Aug. 19, age 82
WARREN A. ALBERTSON, '61, of Rapid City, SD, Aug. 22, age 85
ANTHONY BORTON, '61, of Conway, MA
RICHARD G. BOWERMAN, '61, of Bronson, Jul. 10, age 87
D. WILLIAM BROWN, '61, of Morgantown, NC, Aug. 12, age 89
MARY E. (GRAHAM) COLLINS, '61, of Tully, NY, Aug. 5, age 82
GILBERT C. COX JR., '61, of Naples, FL, Sep. 29, age 81
RONALD G. CZARNEKE, '61, of Norton Shores, Sep. 24, age 85
ROBERT H. HINES, '61, of Manhattan, KS, Sep. 25, age 85
ROBERT K. HUBER, '61, of Manhattan, KS, Jul. 28, age 83
MARThA V. (SUMMERS) MAYNARD, '61, of Lansing, Aug. 29, age 94
DAROLINE M. REYNOLDS, '61, of Kirkland, Aug. 17, age 89
ROBERT J. RICUCCI SR., '61, of Stockton, CA, Jul. 27, age 83
ROBERT R. RusZALA, '61, of Tucson, AZ, Jun. 24, age 84
WILLIAM H. SCHUDLICH, '61, of Dearborn, Sep. 19, age 81
CarLton J. SEIDULE, '61, of Montgomery, TX, Aug. 19, age 83
DALE A. VORDERLANDWEHR, '61, of Colorado Springs, CO, Apr. 4, age 83
KENNETH E. WALSH, '61, of La Quinta, CA, Jun. 21, age 81
LAURADELL (FEARING) WARNE, '61, of Fort Collins, CO, Jul. 1, age 90
SALLY L. (SPIller) BARNARD, '62, of Hinsdale, IL, Oct. 7, age 81
LOUIS E. CARLO, '62, of Lebanon, OH, Aug. 8, age 87
WILLIAM E. COTE, '62, of Lansing, Aug. 30, age 81
FRANKLIN D. DEMANA, '62, of Westerville, OH, Sep. 29, age 82
GEORGE K. FARLEY, '62, of Oceanside, CA, Feb. 27, age 83
BEVERLEY J. FROMMERT, '62, of Ann Arbor, Aug. 12, age 82
ROBERT W. (WOOD) GUERRER, '62, of West Bloomfield, Jun. 14, age 80
JOHN P. HINCKLEY, '62, of Washington, Jun. 21, age 80
THOMAS V. LUNDEN, '62, of Lansing, Sep. 12, age 84
PAtrick G. MALLOY, '62, of Sherwood, WI, Jul. 8, age 80
DANIEL J. MCMORMACK, '62, of Vestal, NY, Aug. 29, age 82
WENDY H. (HALSTEAD) MEYER, '62, of New Canaan, CT, Sep. 5, age 81
Marilyn s. (ZIEGLER) MorALeS, '62, of Bay City, Jun. 9, age 81
JAY P. O'BIEN, '62, of Cedar Grove, NJ, Sep. 7, age 84
PETER G. PASCALenoS, '62, of Holt, Aug. 20, age 82
JAMES K. PLACE, '62, of Costa Mesa, CA, Sep. 30, age 83
ROBERT A. POUCH, '62, of Traverse City, Sep. 5, age 81
GEORGE R. ROBERTSON, '63, of Phoenix, AZ
DAVID B. TOOKER, '63, of Traverse City, Jun. 21, age 81
WILLIAM S. WHEELER, '63, of Webberville, Jun. 29, age 82
DONALD K. WHITMYER, '63, of Farmington Hills, Jun. 20, age 86
DONALD E. WRENCH, '63, of Marysville, Jul. 31, age 84
CHARLES S. BALDWIN, '64, Aug. 28, age 89
RICHARD W. BERGSON, '64, of San Francisco, CA, Jul. 31, age 85
THOMAS E. COX, '64, of Statesville, NC, Oct. 8, age 83
Kirk L. CURTIS, '64, of Pinckney, Sep. 17, age 78
BERTON E. DENIKE, '64, of Lansing, Sep. 14, age 79
ROBERT E. EHLINGER JR., '64, of Highlands Ranch, CO

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Sue N. Greene, '64, of Baltimore, MD, Aug. 1, age 89
Penny L. Harrington, '64, of Morro Bay, CA, Sep. 15, age 79
Lila H. Hart, '64, of Bay City, Jul. 29, age 89
Kay G. (Schoerner) Hausbeck, '64, of Bay City, Aug. 19, age 79
Thomas W. Huntton, '64, of Hesperia, Aug. 1, age 82
Richard V. Jones, '64, of Mogadore, OH, Sep. 29, age 80
Barbara L. Kay, '64, of Maple City, Sep. 24, age 79
Gerald E. Lohr, '64, of East Lansing, Sep. 5, age 81
Laurence M. Luke, '64, of Santa Barbara, CA
Vidyadhur S. Manorekar, '64, of East Lansing, Jun. 23, age 82
Frederick D. Margie, '64, of Marquette, Sep. 23, age 78
Daniel W. McAlpine III, '64, of Dallas, TX, Apr. 13, age 80
Cheryl A. Miatech, '64, of Fenton, Jul. 11, age 78
Maxwell D. Monroe, '64, of Middleville, Sep. 15, age 81
John R. Pelletier, '64, of Mount Pleasant, SC, Aug. 3, age 80
Carol L. (Redeman) Plec, '64, of Elephant Butte, NM, Sep. 30, age 78
Malda I. Sneider's, '64, of Rio Rancho, NM
Lyle W. Vanriper, '64, of Parma, Jul. 19, age 89
Mary K. (Bloss) Alguire, '65, of Grand Haven, Jun. 14, age 78
Lawrence W. Barcroft, '65, of Hastings, Sep. 5, age 79
Carol S. (Hokanson) Briggs, '65, of Roscommon, Jun. 24, age 76
Reuben H. Carden Jr., '65, of Brown City, Sep. 12, age 82
Pamela J. (Munson) Case, '65, of Phoenix, AZ, Sep. 3, age 77
James A. Chase, '65, of Milford, Jul. 20, age 77
V. R. Davis, '65, of Grand Prairie, TX, Mar. 18, age 79
Michael R. Edgman, '65, of Redmond, WA, Jul. 2, age 83
Glen W. Erickson, '65, of Seminole, FL, Jun. 23, age 77
Thomas M. Fahey, '65, of St. Simons Island, WA, Jul. 7, age 78
Daniel L. Haegert, '65, of Moses Lake, WA
Elmer J. Hickman, '65, of New Braunfels, TX, Aug. 17, age 88
Curts E. Huff Jr., '65, of Kensington, MD, Apr. 2, age 80
Miriam Z. (Piatt) Huntton, '65, of Reed City
Barbara A. (Ondrias) Jones, '65, of East Lansing, Jul. 27, age 77
Arthur Kirk, '65, of Charlevoix, Jun. 23, age 86
Ronald J. Koski, '65, of Sun Prairie, WI, Jun. 13, age 85
Philip J. Kusky, '65, of Farmington Hills, Dec. 12, age 82
James R. Neel, '65, of Bonita Springs, FL, Aug. 11, age 78
Larry E. Rittenhouse, '65, of Boulder, CO, Sep. 20, age 82
Thomas M. Roed, '65, of Leadville, CO, Sep. 11
James P. Rumpsa, '65, of Farmington, UT, Jul. 4, age 78
William G. Scharffe, '65, of Saginaw, Jul. 28, age 79
Joyce E. Spalding, '65, of Mason, Sep. 30, age 96
James A. Town, '65, of Chipley, FL, Jul. 16, age 78
John B. Vermilya, '65, of Cathedral City, CA, Aug. 27, age 94
Harry J. Widman, '65, of Grand Ledge, Sep. 1, age 91
Jack R. Zerby, '65, of Brevard, NC, Aug. 17, age 78
George W. Blasen, '66, of Rockford, Aug. 29, age 80
Warren C. Brown, '66, of Northville, Aug. 3, age 76
Dale E. Cooper, '66, of Lauderdale By the Sea, FL, Aug. 23, age 77
John W. Cunningham, '66, of Cincinnati, OH, Sep. 14, age 76
Cynthia R. (Dieter) Dickinson, '66, of Eugene, OR, Jul. 22, age 77
Douglas S. Drummond, '66, of Northport, May 29, age 76
Christopher C. Howard, '66, of Twin Falls, ID, Sep. 28, age 77
Eric J. Kochenderfer, '66, of Fostoria, Jul. 12, age 77
Maryann Krauseneck, '66, of Frankenmuth, Jun. 30, age 76
Frank J. Leahey, '66, of Lansing
James L. Little, '66, of Columbia, MO, Jun. 26, age 78
Lee R. McCarty, '66, of Star, ID, Jun. 29, age 77
Barbara J. Mcdowell, '66, of Pleasant Ridge, Jul. 9, age 76
Dorothy Minnick, '66, of Saginaw, Jul. 8, age 93
Cynthia L. Newton, '66, of Traverse City, Aug. 5, age 76
Leo R. O'Brien, '66, of Byron Center, Aug. 25, age 93
Samuel H. Shanklin, '66, of Lenexa, KS, Jun. 29, age 80
Carole J. (Robbins) Sharp, '66, of Battle Creek, Aug. 31, age 83
James R. Stopper, '66, of Santa Rosa Beach, FL, Oct. 9, age 77
Clifford E. Tiedemann, '66, of Mount Prospect, IL, Sep. 16, age 83
Larry C. Tollsam, '66, of Traverse City, Aug. 4, age 78
Chris E. Vanloukhuizen, '66, of Central Lake, Jul. 31, age 79
George B. Vannormon, '66, of Ypsilanti, Jun. 11, age 77
Edward J. Wolff, '66, of Cheboygan, Sep. 24, age 97
Theodore J. Bauer, '67, of Holt, Aug. 17, age 96
Lillian M. Belyea, '67, of Bedford, MA, Mar. 21, age 80
Harold K. Byrd, '67, of Lebanon, OH, Aug. 17, age 76
Daniel D. Dean, '67, of Bronson, Jul. 4, age 75
Paul S. Eastman, '67, of Phoenix, AZ, Jun. 27, age 77
Marsha W. (Willbee) Erickson, '67, of Winter Park, FL, Sep. 22, age 76
Anne J. (Wrzesinski) Hackett, '67, of South Haven, Jun. 25, age 76
Alvyce B. Heyboer, '67, of Lake Odessa, Jul. 21, age 94
Steven C. Himburg, '67, of Clarkston, Oct. 1, age 76
Dwight D. Hinds, '67, of Ypsilanti, Aug. 16, age 77
James W. Hudson, '67, of Tucson, AZ, Jul. 7, age 76
Violet A. (Muetsel) Leclaire, '67, of Hickory, NC, Aug. 10, age 80
Sandra J. (Meconi) Lewis, '67, of Grandville, Aug. 3, age 75
Frederick R. Martsolf, '67, of Harrisburg, PA, Jun. 20, age 75
Douglas D. Mckinstry, '67, of Plymouth, Jul. 20, age 93
John L. Michelsen, '67, of Cumberland, RL, Aug. 14, age 76
Daniel T. Pacyna, '67, of Holt, Aug. 7, age 80
Raymond L. Peltier, '67, of Port Huron, Jun. 18, age 78
Grace M. Randol, '67, of Purcell, OK, Sep. 18, age 76
Edward G. Riccardi, '67, of Deland, FL, Sep. 26, age 81
Susan K. (Hammel) Schultz, '67, of Rochester Hills, Aug. 1, age 76
Kenton T. Schurr, '67, of Greenfield, IN, Jun. 9, age 84
Martin A. Tykociiski, '67, of Frankenmuth, Jul. 21, age 75
Ronald C. Vander Kooy, '67, of Frankfort, IL, Sep. 14, age 83
James P. Waters Jr., '67, of Warminster, PA, Aug. 16
John H. Burde III, '68, of Carbondale, IL, Aug. 24, age 74
Julie A. (Morse) Callahan, '68, of Paso Robles, CA, Jun. 16, age 79
James A. Christensen, '68, of Fountain, Oct. 30, age 83
Laura J. (Cheyene) Giltner, '68, of Channing, Jul. 21, age 74
Anne E. Golseth, '68, of Sonoma, CA, Aug. 27, age 84
Charles E. Grant, '68, of The Villages, FL, Sep. 16, age 75
Harold L. Hodges, '68, of Sikeston, MO, Aug. 27, age 86
Diame J. Jackson, '68, of Zionsville, IN, Sep. 3, age 75
Suzanne M. (Nelson) Madigan, '68, of Warren, May 16, age 74
Cherie J. (Riddle) Martin, '68, of Fenton, Jun. 11, age 74
Jon T. Mildenberg, '68, of Wilmington, NC, Aug. 29, age 74
Maxine J. (Cooper) Stevens, '68, of Clinton Twp
Francis D. Vanity, '68, of Shoreline, WA, Jul. 21, age 78
Keith E. Adler, '69, of Traverse City, Jun. 23, age 75
Victoria B. Benner, '69, of Battle Creek
Grant W. Boam, '69, of Salt Lake City, UT, Oct. 4, age 80

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IN MEMORIAM

RONALD F. DROSCHA, '69, of Peru, IN, Jun. 30, age 76

NANCY A. (ORR) ELLIOTT, '69, of Uly, May 29, age 72

ROBERT J. ENGELHARD, '69, of Stevens Point, WI, Sep. 21, age 94

SAM W. FRIA, '69, of Albion, Sep. 3, age 90

RICHARD K. GARGETT, '69, of Lansing, Jul. 11, age 84

BARRY G. GODWIN, '69, of Traverse City, Sep. 16, age 76

BRIAN K. HENNEN, '69, Aug. 30, age 84

PETER H. HUSTON, '69

JOSEPH A. JAGER, '69, of Charlotte

 MARTIN L. KOPENSKI, '69, of Marquette, Aug. 25, age 81

JOANN KRAJEWSKI, '69, of Rochester Hills, Jul. 11, age 73

MEGAN H. KULMAN, '69, of Traverse City, Sep. 3, age 83

DANIEL D. LEFFLER, '69, of Swartz Creek, Aug. 20, age 81

MARY R. MATTINGLY, '69, Jul. 16, age 81

SIDNEY A. MATTSON, '69, of Lapeer, Aug. 7, age 74

COREEN L. METT, '69, of Christiansburg, VA, Sep. 16, age 73

ARUNA N. MICHIE, '69, of Manhattan, KS, Sep. 5, age 77

HENRY J. MITTELSTAEDT III, '69, of Shelby Township, Jul. 18, age 73

JAMES D. NYE, '69, of Holt, Aug. 2, age 74

LINDA E. RHODES, '69, of Edgewater, FL, Aug. 7, age 76

RONALD E. RIFE, '69, of Colima, OH, Oct. 10, age 76

PATRICIA A. SHEPHERD, '69, of Camp Hill, PA, Jul. 13, age 74

RONALD J. STACK, '69, of Leland, NC, Sep. 8, age 73

DONALD D. STEVENS, '69, of Bar Harbor, ME, Jun. 29, age 82

SHIRLEY S. (PARAFIN) SUMMERS, '69, of Williamsburg, Jul. 29, age 74

ROBERT L. TUMENY, '69, of Hickory, NC, Jul. 17, age 77

GEORGE M. VANDUSEN, '69, of Jacksonville, FL, Jun. 1, age 85

NORMAN A. WISE, '69, of Charlevoix, Jun. 19, age 78

1970s

PAUL E. BALITZER JR., '70, of Algonac, Aug. 4, age 73

JEANNE E. (ESPER) BROWN, '70, of Williamston, Aug. 15, age 93

THOMAS A. CUTLER, '70, of Byron Center

JOSEPH A. DANIELS, '70, of Sterling, Oct. 5, age 74

ELLIS DUCKETT JR., '70, of Flint, Jun. 1, age 89

LAWRENCE E. EURANK, '70, of Portland, ME, Sep. 1, age 73

Marilyn L. (Elliot) Houghton, '70, of Mosinee, WI, Jul. 18, age 72

Stephanie B. (Colbeck) Howe, '70, of Key West, FL, Aug. 26, age 77

Michael C. Huggens, '70, of Stuart, FL, Jun. 16, age 73

Stephen V. Laske, '70, of Elberta, Aug. 21, age 83

William R. Lee, '70, of Fishers, IN, May 31, age 73

Sandra L. (Hilton) Mason, '70, of Haslett, Jun. 27, age 78

Richard J. Peckham, '70, of Andover, KS, Sep. 17, age 76

Robert M. Poland, '70, of Greer, SC, Aug. 6, age 76

Robert S. Rooh, '70, of Grand Rapids, Sep. 3, age 72

Patrick W. Russo, '70, of Claremont Hills, IL, Jun. 2, age 73

Steven J. Santner, '70, of Troy, Jun. 4, age 73

ROBERT R. SAK, '70, of Charles Town, WV, Jun. 16, age 73

Laurence M. Silver, '70, of Olive Branch Park, KS, Jul. 11, age 73

Michael D. Sims, '70, of Jackson, Sep. 19, age 73

Carol R. (Richards) Timkovich, '70, of Tuscaloosa, AL, Oct. 6, age 73

John L. Whaley, '70, of Fenton, Oct. 3, age 74

Raymond D. Wright Jr., '70, of Council Bluffs, IA, Jul. 5, age 78

Susan K. (Stocken) Forrest, '71, of Avon Park, FL, Sep. 5, age 72

Bradford G. Gawne, '71, of Traverse City, Jul. 16, age 74

David P. Herzog, '71, of Cohler, WI, Sep. 6, age 71

Carol M. Lewis, '71, of Wilsonville, OR, Jun. 28, age 72

Dale R. Longacre, '71, of Galiano, Sep. 15, age 76

Eunice G. Lutz, '71, of Berkley, Aug. 10, age 102

Susan L. (Swanson) Lynam, '71, of Traverse City, Aug. 2, age 74

David L. Mcdonald, '71, of Apach Junction, AZ, Jul. 16, age 73

Robert L. Mohr, '71, of Essexville, Sep. 21, age 78

Richard A. Moses, '71, of Traverse City, Aug. 18, age 72

Malcolm D. Otis, '71, of Madison, AL, Aug. 3, age 80

William A. Penn, '71, of Tucson, AZ, Jul. 11, age 78

Mary H. Steere, '71, of Chelsea, Sep. 9, age 72

Michael U. Thibodeau, '71, of Ada, Aug. 28, age 73

Lois I. Vanbeek, '71, of Bradenton, FL, Aug. 22, age 76

Susan G. Wager, '71, of Lansing, Jul. 24, age 72

Sharon J. (Racey) Washington, '71, of Lansing, Jul. 9, age 72

Alice K. Wheeler, '71, of Dansville, Jun. 16, age 75

David T. Worfel, '71, of Rockford, Aug. 29, age 72

Marianne O. Battani, '72, of Beverly Hills, Sep. 9, age 77

Nancy L. (Burhans) Betts, '72, of Midland, Aug. 1, age 89

Gregory E. Bradbury, '72, of Saddler Brook, NJ, Apr. 28, age 74

Dana A. Cline, '72, of Traverse City, Aug. 20, age 71

Mary P. (Fell) Craig, '72, of Northville, Jun. 21, age 72

Mary A. Fortunato, '72, of Ann Arbor, Sep. 13, age 71

Ellen Gaag, '72, of Bloomfield Hills, Jul. 29, age 70

Janice E. (Pederson) Haggerty, '72, of Hudson, OH, Jul. 30, age 73

William A. Ward, '72, of Saginaw, Aug. 27, age 84

Carol A. Sanford, '72, of Perry, Aug. 30, age 71

John M. Stormer, '72, of Newtown, PA, Jun. 24, age 70

Ann H. (Partridge) Vanallsburg, '72, of Mason, Sep. 16, age 73

William A. Ward, '72, of Greenville, SC, Apr. 2, age 78

Michael T. Weber, '72, of Sarasota, FL, Sep. 6, age 77

Rogerio J. Alfaro, '73, of Lansing, Sep. 13, age 84

Raymond F. Brainard, '73, of Idaho Falls, ID, Jun. 30, age 71

Rubin L. Brown, '73, of Davison, IN, Aug. 24, age 72

Thomas A. Coles, '73, of Ludington, Jun. 29, age 85

William D. DesJardins, '73, of Lapeer, Aug. 12, age 70

Terry G. Dunigan, '73, of Clover, SC, Aug. 26, age 76

John S. Grigg, '73, of Welch, OK, Jul. 15, age 73

Diane M. (Rapin) Guzak, '73, of Grand Blanc, Jul. 30, age 69

Junior A. Higgins, '73, of Houston, TX, Aug. 24, age 71

Ok K. Kim, '73, of Plano, TX, May 17, age 85

Andrew P. Kyver, '73, of Dearborn, Jun. 26, age 70

Bernard L. Marchetti, '73, of Williamston, Jul. 25, age 87

Edward L. Myles, '73, of Nacogdoches, TX

Suzanne D. Paulson, '73, of Birmingham, AL

James L. Prisby, '73, of Hudsonville, Jul. 13, age 75

Robert C. Rickets, '73, of Saint Petersburg, FL, Aug. 28, age 71

Jagneswar Sahai, '73, of Bloomfield Hills, Aug. 30, age 81

George A. Schul II, '73, of Andover, IN, Sep. 12, age 81

Thomas J. Sloan, '73, of Traverse City, Aug. 28, age 72

Charles J. Smith, '73, of Detroit, Jun. 16, age 70

Margaret H. Ward, '73, of Deerfield, IL, Nov. 10, age 89

Leora R. White, '73, of Saginaw, Aug. 27, age 84

William A. Abbott, '74, of Okemos, Sep. 18, age 79
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CRAIG F. BIELERT, ’74, of Oneonta, NY, Jul. 31, age 74
DAVID W. DEBROSSE, ’74, of Dayton, OH, Sep. 20, age 72
ROGER J. DOHERTY JR., ’74, of Tallahassee, FL, Jul. 19, age 69
GARY M. ELLIS, ’74, of Palmetto, FL, Aug. 29, age 70
MICHAEL F. GARDNER, ’74, of Southport, NC, Jul. 10, age 72
THOMAS HADAD, ’74, of Bay City, Oct. 6, age 73
DAVID M. KAARRE, ’74, of Merrill, WI, Jul. 22, age 69
RICHARD W. KAHLER, ’74, of San Jose, CA, Aug. 8, age 76
JAMES P. LANDES, ’74, of Northport, Jun. 16, age 83
LARRY D. LUXA, ’74, of Berkley, Sep. 25, age 69
MICHAEL J. MEZZANO, ’74, of Higgins Lake, Aug. 19, age 74
RANDY L. RAND, ’74, of Ada, Sep. 16, age 71
DALE H. VANDERPLAW, ’74, of Cedar Springs, Aug. 6, age 73
ROBERT M. WEISS, ’74, of Jackson, NJ, Aug. 26, age 69
DAVID L. WINCHELL, ’74, of Hemet, CA, Sep. 14, age 74
FRANK E. YOURISON, ’74, of Tucson, AZ, Aug. 19, age 68
RICARDO R. CHAPA, ’75, of McAllen, TX, Oct. 5, age 91
JANE E. (FARROW) COOK, ’75, of Cadillac, Jun. 18, age 78
KAREN E. CRANDALL, ’75, of Ann Arbor, MI, May 17, age 66
TIMOTHY M. LUTENSKI, ’76, of Bowling Green, KY
DAVID M. MARUTIAK, ’76, of Alameda, CA, May 31, age 66
BERDINE M. MITCHELL, ’76, of Flushing, Aug. 26, age 78
JANE Z. OPHOFF, ’76, of Ann Arbor, Jul. 4, age 72
LAMOTT G. OREN, ’76, of Dallas, TX, Sep. 3, age 68
PEGGY H. (JOHANSSON) PETERSON, ’76, of Rockford, IL
BARBARA L. PRETTY, ’76, of Honolulu, HI, May 17, age 66
MARGERY J. (BOVEN) WIRTH, ’76, of Alameda, CA, Sep. 5, age 89
CAROL L. (LAPPIN) LUNSTED, ’77, of Haslett, Jul. 15, age 75
DAVID A. MATEJKO, ’77, of Mason, Sep. 12, age 65
GREGORY J. SCHAU, ’77, of Perry Hall, MD, Jul. 1, age 67
GAYLE M. (MROZOWSKI) SNYDER, ’77, of Portland, OR, Sep. 2, age 65
JULIE A. SMITH, ’77, of East Lansing, May 27, age 67
NADINE J. WILLIAMS, ’77, of Lansing, Jun. 15, age 84
JAMES S. WILKINSON, ’77, of Sterling Heights, Sep. 14, age 80
KATHERINE L. (DANE) GROOMAN, ’77, of Lansing, Aug. 5, age 64
BARBARA J. DUERDEN, ’78, of Chandler, AZ, Sep. 14, age 65
PAUL S. GOULD, ’78, of Paris, MO, Sep. 19, age 66
LARK T. HAHN, ’78, of Indianapolis, IN, Sep. 16, age 67
NANCY A. (HOLODNICK) KRAMER, ’78, of Ashland, OR, Aug. 21, age 65
RONALD K. HUNDT, ’78, of dryden, Aug. 15, age 64
BARBARA S. SWANSON, ’78, of West Bloomfield, Jul. 2, age 64
DUANE K. KRUG, ’79, of Midland, Jun. 5, age 65
JOY M. ROGERS, ’79, of Traverse City, Aug. 15, age 62
DAVID A. DORGAN, ’81, of Plainwell, Jul. 28, age 61
DAVID C. MARTIN, ’81, of Brighton, May 16, age 62
AVERY K. WILLIAMS, ’79, of Detroit, Aug. 6, age 64
Barbara D. Becker, ’80, of Stone Mountain, GA, Jan. 17, age 62
JAMES A. BYERS, ’80, of Ortonville, Oct. 9, age 62
ERIC A. CARVER, ’80, of Rockford, Jul. 2, age 64
GREGG R. WALLACE, ’80, of Cary, NC, Aug. 18, age 65
JOETTA A. (HAMELIN) BROOKS, ’81, of Traverse City, Aug. 15, age 62
DANIEL D. DORGAN, ’81, of Plainwell, Jul. 28, age 61
MARK R. GOEDTEL, ’81, of Lena, WI, Sep. 16, age 63
PETER E. GRIMES, ’81, of Lexington, MA, Aug. 24, age 68
GAIL H. HERRYGERS, ’81, of Mears, Sep. 15, age 62
LYNN B. LEHLE, ’81, of Round Rock, TX, Jul. 4, age 69
DAVID L. LUKE, ’81, of Coldwater, Jul. 8, age 62
SUSAN L. MERKLEY, ’81, of Sioux Falls, SD, Sep. 10, age 75
BRIAN J. MULVHILL, ’81, of Sioux Falls, SD, Sep. 10, age 75
JOHN J. MURPHY, ’81, of Phoenixville, PA, Jul. 23, age 62
LEE C. PARIS, ’81, of Fremont, Jul. 8, age 62
DONALD L. TAFT, ’81, of San Diego, CA, Aug. 30, age 62
FREDRICK M. COLLISON, ’82, of Gainesville, FL, Aug. 7, age 75
JON R. GAUSS, ’82, of Pierson, FL, Aug. 1, age 63
JOSE L. RODRIGUEZ, ’82, of El Paso, TX, Jul. 13, age 68
HELEN G. (WEINGARD) SHIPLEY, ’82, of Dewitt, Jul. 19, age 76

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BARBARA E. THROOP, '82, of East Lansing, May 29, age 88
THERESA G. DUNN HALL, '83, of Lynnfield, MA, Aug. 9, age 60
RICHARD M. FARRIS, '83, of Bridgewater, MA
PAULINE W. HOFFMAN, '83, of Mason, Aug. 10, age 85
DALE M. MACRI, '83, of Pleasant Lake, Sep. 4, age 60
LINDA M. (GASE) MEDEL, '83, of North Pole, AK, Aug. 21, age 60
TENLEY THOMPSON, '84, of Washington, Sep. 29, age 67
LEA A. BOWES, '84, of Fairfax, VA, Aug. 6, age 51
LAWRENCE P. PETZ, '84, of Portage, Sep. 19, age 56
JOHN C. SEIDEL, '85, of Grand Blanc, Dec. 20, age 52
Michael V. ALLEN, '86, of Traverse City, Sep. 26, age 64
ELIZABETH P. GARDELLA, '87, of Novi, Sep. 17, age 55
CLAUS S. GLOBIG, '87, of Kalamazoo, Jul. 25, age 66
RICHARD C. LAHMANN, '87, of Leland, Sep. 8, age 57
FRED A. PENDERGRAFT, '87, of Lansing, Jun. 24, age 83
PHYLLIS A. PRYOR-TAYLOR, '87, of Lansing, Jun. 19, age 85
DAVID T. DUPAGE, '88, of Jackson, Aug. 29, age 75
STEVEN P. ENGEL, '88, of Rockford, Sep. 24, age 56
JILL E. TAVANO, '88, of Lake Orion, Aug. 12, age 56
CATHERINE E. BENNETT, '89, of Longmont, CO, Jun. 14, age 81
KAREN F. HOOD, '89, of Detroit, Aug. 16, age 67
JANIS KUKAINIS, '89, of Scituate, MA, Sep. 7, age 60
JOANNE C. SMITH, '89, of Grand Traverse Bay, Aug. 27, age 53
PAULINE L. WARD, '86, of Traverse City, Sep. 26, age 64
KIMBERLY GILLESPIE, '92, of Jackson, Sep. 15, age 60
George L. Ryan, '92, of Cypress, TX, Aug. 25, age 51
MICHELE A. (GUEST) SWEARINGEN, '92, of Roswell, GA, Jun. 15, age 50
JOAN M. DEALBUQUEROUE, '93, of Decorah, IA, Sep. 6, age 54
RAYMOND J. GARCIA, '93, of Lansing, Jul. 31, age 60
JON G. BARBER, '94, of Highland, Jun. 27, age 55
ANN K. KLINEFELTER, '94, of Saginaw, Sep. 7, age 49
SHORINE L. (STEWART) PAUL, '94, of Charlotte, NC, Sep. 14, age 59
PAUL J. REEKIE, '94, of Lake Worth, FL, Oct. 2, age 48
THOMAS L. TAYLOR JR., '94, of Fenton, Apr. 17, age 52
JAMES F. YOUNG, '94, of Worthington, OH, May 26, age 65
JEFFREY R. GRIEVE, '95, of Royal Oak, Aug. 4, age 48
THOMAS M. MILLER, '95, of Farmington Hills, Sep. 19, age 59
JANICE A. RUEDISALE, '99, of Okemos, Jul. 6, age 62
RAJIV R. DAS, '97, of Okemos, Jul. 6, age 62
SCOTT A. MCGUIRE, '97, of Swartz Creek, Sep. 16, age 65
JAMES A. KOERBER, '12, of Lansing, Sep. 7, age 52
THOMAS B. DEMARSE, '90, of Kalamazoo, Sep. 15, age 50
HUMPHREY G. PETERSEN-JONES, '16, of Okemos, Jan. 10, age 28
Raymund D. Blythe Jr., '18, of Eastpointe, Jun. 9, age 25
Raynold D. Blythe Jr., '18, of Eastpointe, Jun. 9, age 25

1990s

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2000s

SHAWN P. GRACE, '00, of Clinton Township, Sep. 1, age 44
NICHOLAS P. BRANUM, '02, of Southfield, Sep. 19, age 41
DANIEL S. KILLIPS, '02, of Fairborn, OH, Sep. 28, age 42
MICHAEL A. SAVONA, '04, of Westland, Jun. 15, age 40
CHRISTOPHER L. SCHELL, '04, of Bay City, Jun. 24, age 41
CHUKWUMA K. NWANKWO, '05, of Lansing, Oct. 30, age 41
JAKE PARKER, '05, of Los Angeles, CA, Nov. 9, age 40
MAJA K. FONTICHIARO, '06, of Saline, Jun. 17, age 46
BRIAN P. FRANKIS, '06, of White Lake, May 31, age 37

2010s

TIMOTHY P. COSTIGAN, '11, of Lansing, Aug. 14, age 43
KATHLEEN L. DENEAU, '12, of Kalamazoo, Aug. 27, age 32
JAMES A. KOERBER, '12, of Lansing, Sep. 7, age 52
TIMOTHY J. TERRY, '12, of Petoskey, Jun. 23, age 44
ANDREW M. WHITMAN, '14, of Dewitt, Sep. 18, age 30
AARON C. LASECKI, '17, of Sault Sainte Marie, Aug. 20, age 25
RAYNARD D. BLYTHE JR., '18, of Eastpointe, Jun. 9, age 25

2020s

ALEXANDER R. KOENIG, '20, of East Lansing, Jul. 8, age 23
ZACHARY S. RAIDER, '20, of Birmingham, Sep. 20, age 23
KRIS ZOTO, '20, of East Lansing, Jun. 9, age 23
BRADLEY J. BECHARD, '21, of Holland, May 30, age 33
Faculty/Staff

BENJAMIN R. AGUIRRE, of Charlotte, Sep. 2, age 37
HARRIET B. ASHBAY, of Manton, Jul. 6, age 92
SAMUEL A. BAKER, of East Lansing, Jul. 26, age 94
CARMEN G. BANDA, of Lansing, Sep. 17, age 85
ROBERT F. BANKS, of East Lansing, Jul. 22, age 85
KENNETH M. BARGLE, of Mason
KENNETH G. BLOOMQUIST, of Traverse City, Aug. 6, age 89
PATRICIA L. BLUMBERGS, of Royal Oak, Jun. 17, age 85
IVAN G. BORTON, of East Lansing, Sep. 25, age 96
MIN CHEN, of Cambridge, MA, Jul. 18, age 42
JOSEPH CLAYTON, of Lansing, Jul. 24, age 92

John S. Duley, of East Lansing
RUTH H. DUNCANSON, of Lansing, Sep. 16, age 93
JOE DUNN, of Holt, Aug. 11, age 84
JAMES L. DYE, of Longmont, CO, Oct. 8, age 94
GAIL L. EDWARDS, of Petoskey, Jun. 30, age 68
JOHN C. EVANS JR., of Eaton Rapids, Sep. 4, age 65
WILLIAM L. EWENS, of Blue Springs, MO, Apr. 3, age 82
CAROLYN G. FALSETTA, of Lansing, Jul. 22, age 78
HELEN FEATHERSTONE, of Gloucester, MA, Jun. 16, age 76
LAUREL J. FITCH, of Hubbard Lake, Jul. 15, age 72
WILLIAM F. GRAHAM, of East Lansing
LAWRENCE J. GUT, of Haslett
RUTH MURRIAM (BENNEDT) JOHNSON, of Perry, Jun. 30, age 73
BERNARD V. JORAE, of Saint Johns, Sep. 24, age 93

RANDALL D. KAISER, of Lansing, Jun. 29, age 86
BARBARA J. KNUTH, of Marquette, Jun. 22, age 89
SHERRY LANDON, of Farwell, May 27, age 61
LARRY A. LOWRIE, of Laingsburg, Sep. 29, age 57
REBECCA M. MANTY, of Cumming, GA, Jul. 22, age 72
MICHAEL W. MATES, of Sumner, Oct. 2, age 57
BEVERLY MCKANE, of Okemos, Aug. 13, age 88
ANDREW M. MICHELAKIS, of East Lansing, Jun. 28, age 93
PATRICIA A. MILLER, of East Lansing, Aug. 2, age 68
SUSAN A. MONTGOMERY, of East Lansing, Jul. 5, age 72
BERNARD PAOLUCCI, of East Lansing, Apr. 7, age 84
FRANCES K. PASCH, of Lansing, Jul. 16, age 82
RALPH A. PAX SR., of Mason

JAMES R. PIGNATARO, of Okemos, Aug. 26, age 49
ARNULFO F. RODRIGUEZ, of Leslie, Aug. 3, age 87
GILES L. ROEHL, of Sauk Rapids, MN
DAVID C. SHUMAKER, of Lansing, Jul. 28, age 67
LOURNAINE M. SORDILLO, of Dewitt, Sep. 10, age 61
PAUL D. STEIN, of Bloomfield Hills, Jul. 15, age 87
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