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Gina DeLapa, '87, is becoming a brand all her own, with books, speaking engagements and more that blend years of lessons learned along her winding career path with her witty insights into the human experience.



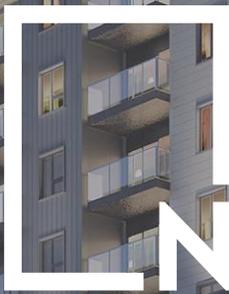
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ABOUT THE COVER: Carl S. Taylor, an MSU professor, is among a handful of alumni to have been selected as a Presidential Fellow in the 1970s. President Emeritus Clifton R. Wharton created the life-changing program, which continues to influence today's generation. MSU bestowed its Community Engagement Scholarship Lifetime Achievement Award on Taylor in February. He's an expert in America's youth cultures, gangs and violence. Photo: *Gennara Photography*



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A Message From the President

Spartan friends, I was truly humbled to have been selected in January by the Board of Trustees to be acting president of MSU.

My tenure will last only until a permanent president is selected and joins us this summer. But I'm grateful for the opportunity to share my thoughts with you because this is a critical moment for MSU.

In a January 2018 message to MSU faculty and staff, I described my desire for all of us to learn from the past and to move forward with civility and kindness. Now, more than a year later, I think that message is every bit as current and vital.

Of the survivors of sexual assault, I wrote that we share their anguish and that our first obligation is to help them recover and become whole. I said that we could not change the past but vowed to devote time and resources to fostering healing and creating a culture that provides a safe environment for all members of our community.

As acting president, my approach has not changed. The university is taking on a recommitment to our core values while increasing active listening, deep reflection and genuine concern.

I am grateful for all who join me in working to restore trust in the university we love. The Spartans highlighted in this magazine further inspire all of us with their contributions to making MSU truly extraordinary as we advance our land-grant mission.

In that vein, I plan to use my time as acting president to nurture and promote initiatives that will strengthen our reputation as a top-100 university. We need to ensure the remaining tasks related to the Facility for Rare Isotope Beams are completed on time, so it can begin to advance science and our understanding of the universe. We need to find ways to play a greater role in the exciting IceCube Neutrino Observatory at the South Pole. Our Africa initiative needs to grow and blossom even further.

Our multifaceted autonomous vehicle program, which draws on the expertise of the social and natural sciences, law and engineering, needs to flourish and contribute to the vitality of the state's auto industry. Our health care initiatives, including genomics and personal health, need to be nurtured to gain national and international prominence.

To our many generous donors, loyal alumni and members of the campus community modeling excellence every day, I thank you. As we work to recover from our institutional crisis, I invite all Spartans and friends of Michigan State to join us on this important journey.

Satish Udpa
ACTING PRESIDENT, MSU

“...Our first obligation is to help (survivors) recover and become whole.”



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Dear Readers,
 What a difference a year can make. This time last year, we'd hoped to be sending you a special issue of *Spartan*. While we didn't publish that issue, the press did. An early version of our work was released by the *State News*—where it became known as the “teal issue.” Many of you have asked us to publish that magazine. So we're pleased to bring you excerpts in this magazine and we've posted it, as it existed in May 2018, on the alumni website. We believe it's never too late to do the right thing. We hope you agree. Additionally, you'll also find inside more news and stories of remarkable Spartans working for the good of all.

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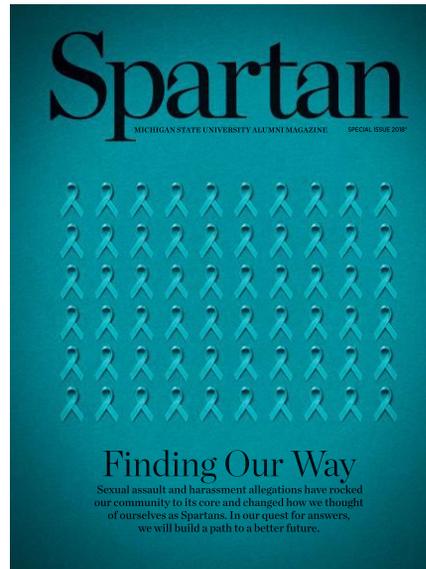
FEELING APPRECIATED

I would like to say thank you for featuring me in the 2013 Class Notes section of the fall 2018 issue of *Spartan Magazine*. Honestly, I was having a bad day and when I received the magazine, my day was brightened. It was a very pleasant surprise!

Kelechi Uchendu, '13
 SOUTHFIELD

WHERE CREDIT IS DUE

My compliments on the work you and your staff put into the last issue of *Spartan Magazine*, and my appreciation for the letters section of the



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Paula M. Davenport
 Paula M. Davenport

current issue of the same. That sort of honesty, accountability, and context renews my pride at being part of this Spartan family.

Omar Sofradzija, staff
 EAST LANSING

FOR THE SAKE OF HEALING

I'm an adult survivor of sexual abuse as a child. I am writing this as a request that your editorial staff consider printing the issue regarding MSU and the sexual abuse scandal. I like many folks across the country, was disappointed that your editorial work was preempted.

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Now more than ever, I believe it is imperative that you, as representatives of your school, should return to the responsible journalism free of external influence.

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With respect,

Andrea DeMaggio
LAKE HOPATCONG, NEW JERSEY

POETIC JUSTICE

Thank you for sending the new issue of *Spartan*. It's beautiful, and more than just substantive. The letters column is a force on its own and the response to the "suppressed" issue makes a bigger statement, I think, than that issue would have if it hadn't been buried.

And I'm delighted to have "A Theory of Wind" included. As I read it, following the "letters" column in seemed to strike some chords, like the pine tree trying to keep things quiet, and only making them louder in doing so.

Dan Gerber, '62
SANTA YNEZ, CA

INSPIRED BY SPARTANS

I have been enjoying the coverage and the new *Spartan Magazine*. It was great to read about Spartans following their dreams engaged in fulfilling work. Kendra Levine speaks about being thrilled to work for McDonald's and to be a part of its sustainability efforts. The picture of Michael Kolaczowski clearly

expresses his glorious feeling about his performance in *Chicago* and all of the opportunities that have accrued to him. These Spartans are grateful for their MSU education and experience. These young Spartans inspiring courageous stories of very different fields are interesting reads.

Betty J. Sanford
EAST LANSING

TRANSPARENCY IS NECESSARY

Thank you for your work as Editor of *Spartan Magazine*. It has to have been a challenging year for you, especially with what happened with the "Teal Issue." Perhaps by early 2020, the new president will endorse a teal edition, as more time will have passed.

Ed Aboufadel, '86
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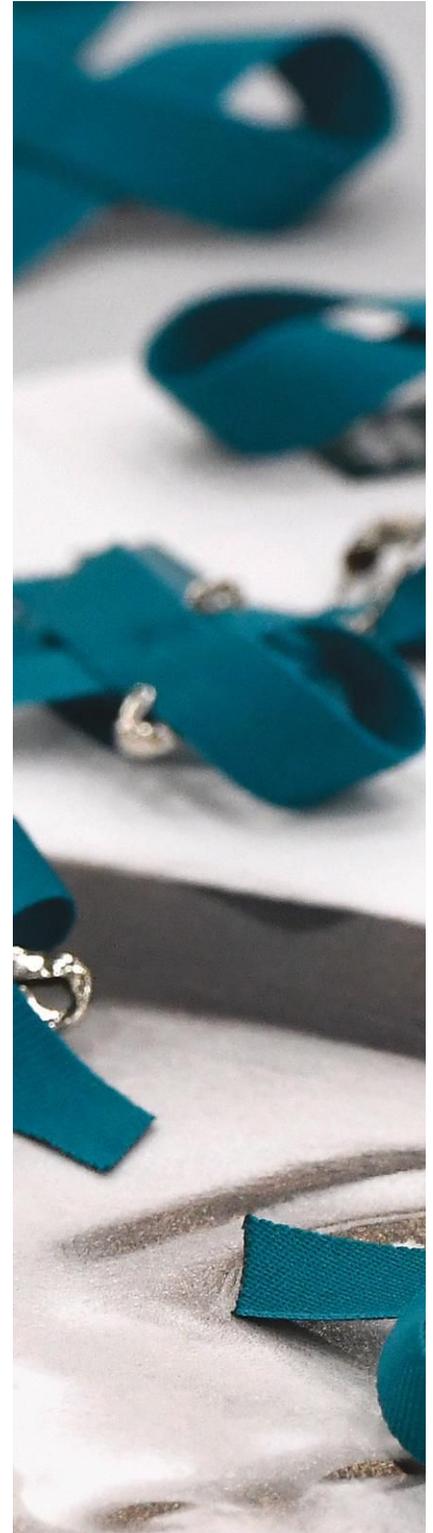
IMPRESSED

Just a word to say how impressed I am and how much I enjoyed reading the new issue of *Spartan*. Full of timely, lively stories. The cover story is particularly compelling and informative. Also loved your note ("Your Voices") and your courage in publishing a wide variety of letters including those critical of the university. Full and robust discussion of ideas and issues. That's what our university needs to stand for!

James Spaniolo, '68

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News & Views from MSU



Healing Forward

*MSU Acting President Satish Udpa
delivers heartfelt apology to survivors*

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TAKING IT TO THE STREETS IN 2018
 Marches and rallies at the Rock brought the MSU community together to call for changes in the wake of the Larry Nassar sex abuse scandal.



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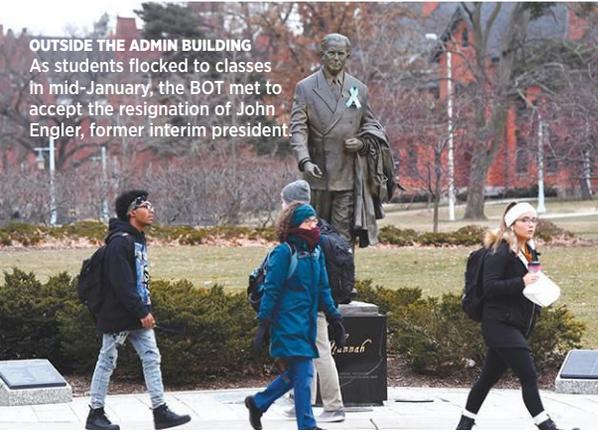


STANDING GUARD
 A teal ribbon plastered to John Hannah's statue symbolizes support for survivors.



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LEST WE FORGET
 Survivors and their families tied 250 teal ribbons on trees across campus after Nassar's sentencing.



OUTSIDE THE ADMIN BUILDING
 As students flocked to classes in mid-January, the BOT met to accept the resignation of John Engler, former interim president.



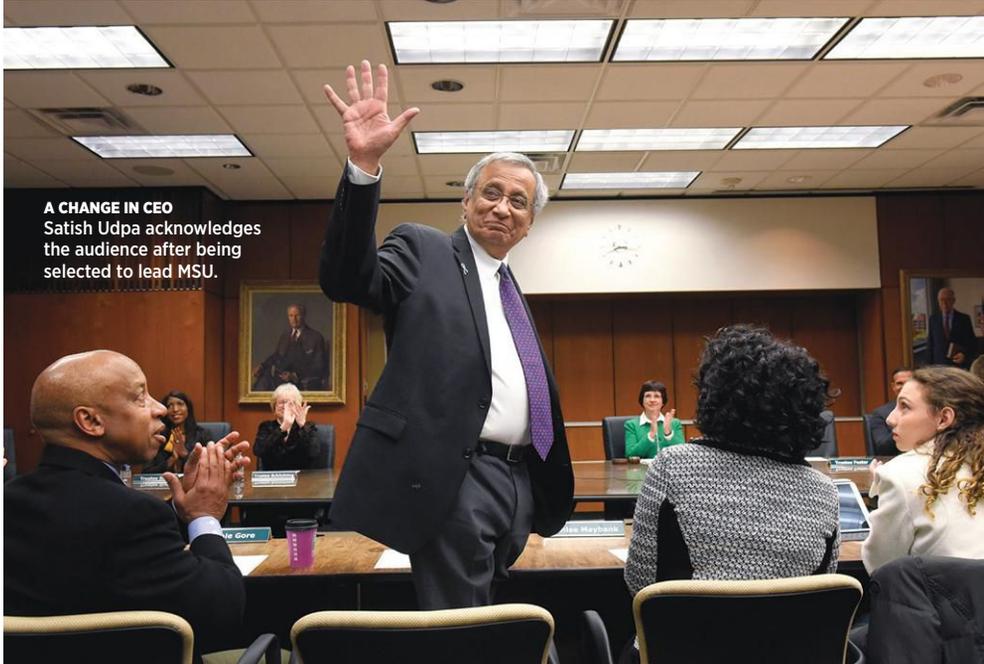
NEW CHAIR OF BOT
 Trustees in January elected Dianne Byrum to lead their group.



IN THE SCRUM
 Trustee Brian Mosallam speaks in February to reporters after the BOT meeting in which Satish Udpa was chosen as acting president.



REPENTANT
 Kelly Tebay, a new trustee, tells survivors she's sorry it took so long for MSU's formal apology.



A CHANGE IN CEO
 Satish Udpa acknowledges the audience after being selected to lead MSU.



STUDENT SENTIMENT
 A passerby channels solidarity with survivors, whose names were emblazoned on the Rock last year.



#GOTEAL
 Students created their own campaign to raise awareness of survivors and to urge their peers to report sexual assault and harassment.

#GOTEAL

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With Respect and Care

Satish Udpa, new acting president, sets kinder, compassionate tone at MSU

Satish Udpa, who in January succeeded John Engler as MSU's acting president, delivered a thoughtful apology to sexual assault survivors at the start of the February Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting.

"On behalf of this university I love, as acting president and an executive officer, and as a former dean and faculty member, I realize the need to formally apologize and to effectively atone," Udpa said.

"I am sorry you were subjected to the pain and humiliation of sexual assault by somebody you should have been able to trust. We failed to comprehend and acknowledge your injuries. We were too slow to grasp the scope and enormity of the offense you endured. And we failed to treat you with the respect and care you deserved even as we sought to make amends.

"My commitment to you today is that we will listen more closely, ask more caring questions and act more thoughtfully as all of us work to advance the culture of this campus to one focused first on safety and respect," he said.

Additionally, the BOT announced the unanimous decision to re-establish a healing assistance fund for survivors and their families.

Three new trustees, one appointed and two elected in November, have now joined the other five members of the BOT.

A short biography on the new BOT members follows.

The next BOT meeting is April 12.



NANCY M. SCHLICHTING

In December, former Gov. Rick Snyder appointed Nancy M. Schlichting to the seat vacated in November when Trustee George Perles retired. Schlichting served for 14 years as CEO of Detroit-based Henry Ford Health System. She led the health system through a financial turnaround while creating award-winning quality and patient safety, customer service and diversity initiatives. Schlichting brings more than 35 years of executive experience in four major health systems and has served on more than 80 corporate and community boards.

Bachelor's, Duke University, '76; MBA, Cornell University, '79



BRIANNA T. SCOTT

Brianna T. Scott was elected in November to an eight-year term that began in January. She was the first African-American assistant prosecutor in Muskegon County. There, she worked on felony criminal sexual conduct and neglect-abuse cases, among others. In 2005, she founded an all African-American female law firm in Muskegon and now employs a full-time staff of five. She is a past president and first person of color to lead the Muskegon Rotary Club and has acted as chair of its Diversity and Inclusion Committee since 2013.

Bachelor's, MSU Broad College of Business, '97; JD, Wayne State University, '20



KELLY TEBAY

Kelly Tebay was elected to an eight-year term that began in January. She is director of corporate relations at United Way for Southeastern Michigan, helping to engage residents with private-sector partners and to raise money in support of social justice and educational work in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. Tebay began her career in professional fundraising with work in state government and for a host of state and federal political campaigns. She's served on the James Madison Academic Diversity Initiative.

Bachelor's, MSU James Madison College, '08; Master's, MSU College of Social Science, '11

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CHEW ON THIS AWHILE
Colleen Turner, '01, and Ronan Eustace, both DVMs, relax after performing dental work on an African lioness. Turner teaches vet med at MSU and volunteers at Potter Park Zoo.

Jaws of Life

And you thought you had a toothache

Ever had a root canal? Ulana feels your pain. Root canals are never fun, but always necessary. And humans aren't the only mammals that need them.

Animals often hide painful symptoms of diseases that can develop into serious illnesses. That's why health and dental check-ups are commonplace at Potter Park Zoo in Lansing—home to more than 500 animals. Some 40 Spartans help care for them.

Dr. Ronan Eustace, the zoo's director of animal health, routinely ensures that all animals from mandrills to snakes are healthy and vibrant.

The zoo's Veterinary Department is equipped to handle most dental issues, but Dr. Colleen Turner's expertise was needed

when Dr. Eustace noticed a more complicated issue with Ulana, a female African lion.

Turner is an MSU alumna and veterinary dentist with the College of Veterinary Medicine. She's a regular zoo volunteer. She performed a safe and successful root canal on Ulana on a snowy January day.

The zoo hopes to raise enough funds to purchase new x-ray equipment that will perform digital dental radiographs on such critters as the big cats. It would enable early prevention and detection of dental disorders—because let's face it, two- and four-legged animals just *hate* root canals.

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NUMBER OF VOLUMES ON NYT NOTABLE BOOKS OF 2018 WHICH INCLUDES *WHAT THE EYES DON'T SEE*, BY DR. MONA HANNA-ATTISHA.

YOUR SPECIAL GUIDE

MSU's campus is among the largest in the U.S. It can be a difficult place to navigate for new students and visitors—let alone those with visual impairments and other disabilities. Enter Michael Hudson, director of MSU's Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities, and graduate student Aditya Mathew. With help from various campus partners, they've created the **MSU Guide App** with accessibility functions in mind. Its tools include a wand (point at a building for its name to appear), maps and search. Wheelchair-accessible entrances are color-coded on the buildings. Visit your app store for this freebie.



HAMMER TIME

Spartan football staff and Munn Ice Arena fans and players will benefit from slated improvements to the Skandalaris Football Center and the hockey facility, the second oldest in the Big Ten. Plans call for August completion of additional offices for football coaches as well as improvements to The Demmer Family Hall of History, all within the football building. Hockey fans are sure to delight in the addition of new hi-tech video screens in the Munn Ice Arena. Other upgrades include; improvements to locker rooms, a weight room, practice facilities, and creation of a new hockey Hall of Honor, all by fall 2020.

Spartan Rower Lands National Prize

Nicole Marek receives USRowing's prestigious Ernestine Bayer Award

MSU rowing's Nicole Marek, a senior, embodies the Spartan ethic to do good. And she lives it on land and on water.

The two-time Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association National Scholar and four-time Academic All-Big Ten selection acted as a spokesperson, advocate and shoulder to cry on during trying times on campus in the wake of Larry Nassar's crimes.

She gathered teammates in hotel lobbies to write press releases and organized a meeting with the MSU Board of Trustees.

Marek's leadership and compassion for others helped spearhead campaigns to implement positive changes for student-athletes at universities across the Big Ten.

A participant at the U23 women's selection camp, Marek is the ultimate role model for women in rowing, making it safer for rowers everywhere to succeed.

Mia Inman, a teammate, nominated the former team captain for the 2018 Ernestine Bayer Award.

The honor, formerly known as U.S. Rowing's Woman of the Year Award, celebrates outstanding women in crew.

Honorees are selected by female members of the USRowing Board of Directors.

"I must also give credit to my fellow seniors and teammates at MSU who all stepped up and worked together to make our voices heard.

"My hope is that all women and girls feel empowered to speak up for what is right," Marek said.

MSU Head Coach Matt Weise said: "The maturity, tenacity and confidence she exuded ... inspired her teammates and created multiple opportunities for the rowers to affect change in the university."



BOTH OARS IN THE WATER
Award-winning former crew captain Nicole Marek, front, organized teammates to speak out against sexual assault.

GO WILD

Want to walk the trails of a living research center? Just a hop, skip and jump away from campus is the 400-acre Corey Marsh Ecological Research Center. A hub for scientific research in natural resource restoration, it now welcomes visitors. Feel free to meander along five walking trails and enjoy such low-impact, non-motorized recreational activities as wildlife-viewing, photography, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. Plug 9422 Herbison Rd., Laingsburg, into your GPS.



ENTREPRENEURS
The Feigenson brothers parlayed frosting recipes into a soft-drink empire still beloved for its rainbow colors and fruity flavors. Way to Faygo!

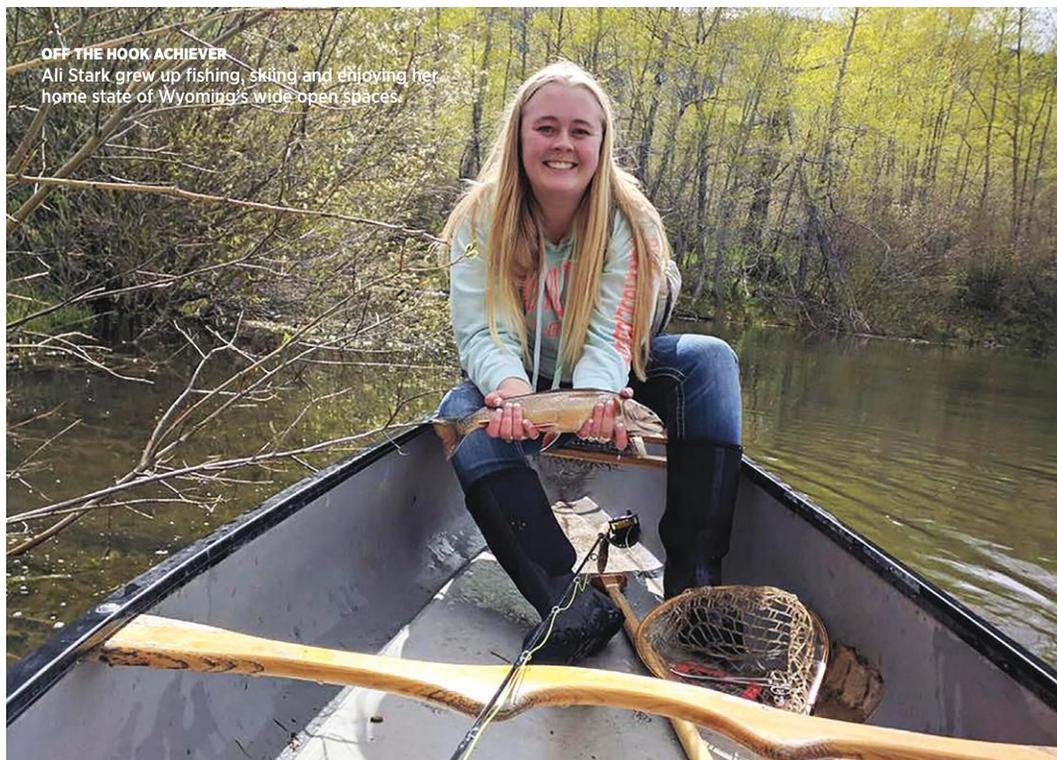
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FAYGO: DETROIT'S ONE TRUE POP

Lots of cities have favorite sons, but Detroit has a favorite pop—the origins of which go back 111 years. Now, Joe Grimm, MSU journalism professor, brings its vibrant tale to life in *The Faygo Book*. “I was drawn by the many colors of Faygo and the commercials with cartoons, celebrities and songs from my youth,” Grimm said. One such tune, *Remember When You Were a Kid?* jumped on music charts back in the day. Its popularity led the Spartan Marching Band to add the catchy melody to its repertoire.

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A multitude of donors like you gave more than \$482 million to fund scholarships, fellowships and out-of-the-class-room learning experiences during the university's *Empower Extraordinary* campaign, which ended last year. Such generosity fuels students' pursuits of dreams in every field imaginable. Thank you.



OFF THE HOOK ACHIEVER

Ali Stark grew up fishing, skiing and enjoying her home state of Wyoming's wide open spaces.

ACADEMIC ROCK "STARR"

Ali Stark forsakes Harvard to pursue ambitions at MSU

Ever heard of the Cowboy Code of Ethics?

It's an ethos that embodies multiple characteristics, including: grit, passion, integrity and optimism.

Michigan State junior Ali Stark embraces this code. Growing up in Laramie, Wyoming, Stark spent most of her childhood fishing and skiing. But when she finishes her education at MSU she'll depart with three bachelor's degrees.

Yes, you read that right, three degrees—one in genomics & molecular genetics, another in cellular & developmental neuroscience, and a third in Spanish—AND she's a member of the Honors College.

In 2016, Stark was offered the STARR scholarship, a prestigious full-ride package

open to high-achieving students from Michigan's Upper Peninsula and Wyoming.

There was one little hitch: she'd already been accepted to Harvard. But after a campus visit, she ultimately chose to make MSU her academic home. When she's not in class, she spends time in a lab, participates in multiple student groups and volunteers. She said she is extremely grateful to those who have assisted her.

Soon, Stark will be taking advantage of MSU's Study Abroad offerings. Her life goal: Develop treatments for Alzheimer's and other neurological diseases.

Now that's pure passion and grit.

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What's Up Doc?

You may not have to fast before a blood draw after all

New research shows fasting blood tests may be unnecessary and even detrimental for diabetics. Typically, patients are told not to eat or drink for at least 8 hours before cholesterol tests. However, fasting may not be necessary, a new MSU study confirmed.

In fact, diabetics who fast but take their medications as prescribed may experience plummeting blood sugar that may cause faintness, confusion or loss of consciousness.

When severe, this hypoglycemia may contribute to falls, auto accidents and other dangerous consequences

Dr. Saleh Aldasouqi, the study's author, is an endocrinologist in the College of Human Medicine. He said the fasting protocol is based on 1970s guidelines.

More recent studies have concluded that eating prior to having a cholesterol test does not alter its pivotal components.

Canada and Europe have already changed their guidelines and no longer require fasting for such labs.

"We encourage patients who receive orders for a lab test to ask their doctor if fasting is really necessary, and if so, how they should handle their diabetes medications during the fasting period to account for the changes in their blood sugar levels," Aldasouqi said.

U.S. guidelines have not yet become mainstream. But Aldasouqi hopes diabetes organizations will take a lead in disseminating emerging changes in lipid testing.

TOP 25

U.S. News & World Report ranked all four of MSU's participating online graduate programs in the nation's top 25 this year. The respective master's degree programs and rankings: education (5), criminal justice (10), nursing (17), and non-MBA graduate business (23). Factors considered in the rankings include student engagement, services and technologies, faculty credentials and training, and expert opinions on the academic quality of programs. Student excellence is also considered in the online master's degree programs.



FIRST UP: AN ACUTE-CARE HOSPITAL
McLaren Greater Lansing broke ground last fall on what will be a new health care campus close to the university.

McLaren Building Campus Near MSU

McLaren Greater Lansing is building a new \$450 million health care complex adjacent to the MSU campus. A 240-bed hospital will be constructed first. A cancer center and medical services buildings will follow. The development will rise from land the MSU Foundation sold within the University Corporate Research Park, at the intersection of Forest and Collins roads. MSU will continue partnering with the organization, as it does with Lansing's Sparrow Health System. Officials expect full completion in 2022.

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Rising from the Wreckage

Artist Joe Butts finds renewal and catharsis in crafting a giant scrap-metal phoenix symbolizing his new life. BY SYDNEY NASEEF, '20

Artist Joseph “Joe” Butts knows firsthand what it’s like to crash and burn, but he also knows it’s possible to rise burnished and better from the ashes. He channeled all of those feelings into a behemoth, show-stopping sculpture, *The Phoenix*.

“It’s a symbol of hope, and renewal and rebirth. I think that resonates with a lot of people. I know it resonated with me. I’ve been through (difficult) things in my professional life and my personal life ... but the idea of hope and renewal was (my) inspiration,” said Butts, ’98, a Detroit native and first-generation MSU graduate.

Last fall, he entered the 10-foot-tall, 1,800-pound scrap-metal bird—boasting a 17-foot wingspan—in ArtPrize, the internationally revered Grand Rapids-based art competition.

Some 500,000 art lovers flocked to the weeks-long contest. At its culmination, they honored the 3-D big bird with a people’s choice award.

He started the 18-month project by scouring junkyards, flea markets, antique shops and thrift stores for suitable materials. Working in a studio outside his Oxford home, he used welding skills he’d picked up as an MSU art major.

It was like a big jigsaw puzzle, Butts said.

And every piece is captivating. Look closely and you’ll see the bird’s wheelbarrow chest, carved wooden beak, giant marble eyes, 300 custom-cut steel feathers and dozens of circular saw blades. Embellishments include license plates, small bells, horseshoes and more.

From start to finish, creating the sculpture was cathartic, Butts said.

It embodies his victory as a twentysomething over his great-

She encouraged him to take his art to the next level and focus on it professionally.

In 2012, he turned an outbuilding on his rural property into a studio and began entering his mixed-media 3-D works in art shows.

Four years later, he decided it was time to share the ebullience and strength he’s enjoyed during his 17 years of sobriety.

“When you’re at that ... visceral level of existence, you don’t really have any self-worth. You’re just kind of down and out. Art wasn’t even on my radar.”

est personal battle—alcoholism.

“When you’re at that ... visceral level of existence, you don’t really have any self-worth. You’re just kind of down and out. Art wasn’t even on my radar,” he said.

Butts spent a couple of years under addiction’s spell before experiencing a “moment of clarity.” It was then that he decided to stop drinking.

He went back to college, became a high school art teacher, and felt a resurgence in his creativity and ambition. He also met his wife, Lisa.

“*The Phoenix* went together so easily for me,” he said. “It was like writing my (life) story—rising up, wings spread, just feeling free of all this negative stuff.”

Soon, the avian sculpture will also take flight. Ripley’s Believe It or Not Museums and Entertainment snared *The Phoenix* and the sculpture is expected to be displayed in one of their venues.

Like the artist, the sculpture is ready to soar.



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Professional genealogist Kenyatta Berry's work bridges generations and sparks genuine connections. BY DANIEL SMITH

For Kenyatta Berry genealogy is more than names and places found on a U.S. Census record, more than the ethnic percentages lining a DNA report.

Rather, genealogy, among the nation's most popular hobbies, is about discovering details and truths that create compelling stories.

"And those stories enlighten people, bridge generations and spark pride," said Berry, '94, Broad College of Business, a professional genealogist, author and host of the *Genealogy Roadshow* on PBS.

Berry's fascination with genealogy began during her time at Thomas M. Cooley Law School, where she earned a JD degree in 1998. While digging into a friend's ancestral history, a prominent African-American family from the southeast, Berry uncovered newspaper reports, biographical sketches and other documents that produced a vibrant family portrait. The friend's great-great grandfather, for instance, was born in Georgia in 1833 to a white father and an enslaved African-American mother before becoming a distinguished pastor and outliving three wives.

Berry, who later investigated her own family's roots—enslaved Virginians-turned-upstate New York farmers—launched Azani Media in 2004

to help others connect to their past through DNA, research and technology. "Through this research, you grow connected to history and see how lives are intertwined, so much so that it can become an obsession."

Berry's passion for genealogy, deep work in the field and role as president of the Association of Professional Genealogists later led to an on-air opportunity with PBS. In 2013, the Detroit native hosted

that add depth to their stories."

With *Genealogy Roadshow* on hiatus since 2016, the Santa Monica, California-based Berry turned her attention from the small screen to the page with the November 2018 publication of *The Family Tree Toolkit*, a 288-page tome designed to help novice genealogists navigate the often-daunting process of ancestral research. The how-to book blends investigative instruction, including

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the debut episode of *Genealogy Roadshow*. She spent the subsequent three years visiting a dozen cities, unpacking the ancestral backstories of everyday Americans, showcasing local genealogical societies and sharing tangible tips to guide viewers' own research adventures.

"I love seeing the impact the show's had on people," said Berry, who specializes in enslaved genealogy, a particularly complex area that requires knowledge of both African-American and European genealogical research. "People often think one thing, but discover new truths

an exhaustive chart on where one can find particular records in each state, alongside tips for interviewing family members and strategies to construct more lively, detail-filled stories.

"I wanted to make it easier for people given all the information genealogy can entail," said Berry, who left her 17-year career in the software industry behind in December 2017 to focus solely on her genealogical pursuits. "Genealogy isn't just about finding Census records, but knowing what's important in those records and interpreting the information."



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The beauty of genealogical research, Berry continued, is that the effort inevitably prompts conversations with grandparents and older family members, driving introspec-

tion and connections to individuals both past and present.

“Genealogy is ultimately about rebuilding family unity and tying people together at a time when peo-

ple so desire genuine connections,” she said. “That’s the piece I find incredibly rewarding.”

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Hardwood Revivalists

Aaron Loomer and Chad Amo bring tangible connection to some of college basketball's most iconic teams, including two championship Spartan squads BY DANIEL SMITH

As MSU undergraduates in 2000, childhood buddies Aaron Loomer and Chad Amo lived for Spartan basketball. Fixtures in the Izzone during Breslin Center games, the Detroit-area natives earnestly tracked the team's historic march to the national title. "Right down to watching the championship game against Florida in Chad's Case Hall dorm room, I remember every moment of that championship season," Loomer beamed.

Today, as one half of the founding quartet of 19nine, Loomer and Amo have resurrected that vaunted Spartan squad and a number of college basketball's most revered teams, including the Magic Johnson-led 1979 MSU group, with vintage apparel, most notably replica uniform shorts—thankfully, gratefully—cut in modern lengths.

"From Magic and 'The Flintstones' to so many others, our gear is a tangible connection that brings fans back to some of the most iconic moments in college basketball history and awakens deep emotional ties," Amo said.

Initially a T-shirt company founded in 2011, 19nine moved into the college licensing space in 2013 before squarely focusing on hardwood history with its 2015 acquisition of Retro College Cuts, a New York City-based manufacturer of nostalgic basketball shorts. That deal provided 19nine the runway to grow nationally

with a differentiated product dedicated solely to celebrating NCAA hoops. And not surprisingly given Loomer and Amo's MSU ties, Sparty emerged a top priority.

On a Thursday morning in 2015, Loomer ventured up to East Lansing from his Indianapolis home for a meeting with MSU's licensing director. After securing an agreement that allowed 19nine to recreate gear from cherished Spartan

"MSU was the ultimate get for a pair of Spartan loyalists like Aaron and myself," Amo said, teasing "a long list of other Spartan shorts [he'd] love to bring to market."

In subsequent years, 19nine has continued to build its licensing portfolio, inking deals with nearly 30 schools boasting heralded hardwood histories—Indiana, Marquette, Purdue and Wake Forest to name a few. The company

“There's no shortage of inspiration in the college basketball marketplace and we'll continue digging for the right stories and teams we can bring to life with great detail and authenticity.”

squads, Loomer celebrated with a mid-afternoon visit to The Riv for Burgerama.

"That burger never tasted so good," said Loomer, who oversees the company's licensing program and wholesale accounts.

Soon after, 19nine released replica versions of the white shorts Magic & Co. wore in 1979 before later debuting green shorts from that same championship squad and the distinctive white bottoms from the 2000 team.

sells its retro basketball shorts and vintage athletic apparel at 19nine.com and at college bookstores.

"It's been a lot of hard work to get to this point, but a complete labor of love," said Amo, who handles 19nine's website, licensing deals and relationships with printing vendors.

Looking to add about eight new schools to its portfolio each year, 19nine's current focus rests in gaining a deeper foothold on the East Coast and with schools from major conferences.



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The company is also exploring new collaborations like a recent partnership with former MSU standout Adam Ballinger—which brought the letterman’s whimsical caricatures to 19nine T-shirts.

“There’s no shortage of inspiration in the college basketball marketplace and we’ll continue digging for the right stories and teams we can bring to life with

great detail and authenticity,” Loomer said.

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Lessons *in* Leadership

Former MSU President Clifton Wharton's fellowship program gave young academics a chance to see his administration in action, and set many on a path to become leaders themselves. Three former participants recall Wharton's trailblazing example.

BY TOM KERTSCHER | B&W PHOTOS FROM UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES & HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS

By the time Clifton R. Wharton Jr. became president of Michigan State University—the first African-American to head a major, predominantly white university in the United States—he had already reached other milestones. They included being the first African-American admitted to Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies and the first African-American to earn a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Chicago.

In 1970, MSU trustees, on a 5-3 vote, appointed Wharton as MSU's 14th president. It was a time of tremendous change and cultural upheaval for the country. Protests about civil rights and the Vietnam War were roiling campuses across the country—right up to the lawn outside the MSU president's home.

Through it all, Wharton proved to be an extraordinary man and mentor.

As a young adult, he had experienced firsthand the value of observing and working around top-level leadership. Now in a position

to offer this opportunity to others, Wharton created the Presidential Fellows Program at Michigan State. The aim was to give students and junior faculty members experience in university administration. Fellows worked alongside Wharton and other members of his administration, learning about management and organizational operations.

Of 13 Spartans who participated in Wharton's program, three went on to lead universities themselves. When *Spartan* approached Wharton about doing a feature article about him, he suggested the magazine instead highlight the accomplishments of students he counseled in the fellows program. We agreed.

We interviewed three MSU alumni about their recollections of Wharton's influence on them. Two were fellows and one was Wharton's assistant when the program launched.

You will meet: Teresa A. Sullivan, former president of the University of Virginia; Carl S. Taylor, MSU sociology professor; and James Spaniolo, retired president of the University of Texas at Arlington.





PRESIDENTIAL FELLOWS
Teresa Sullivan, center, and
Carl S. Taylor, fourth from
left, were among the first
Presidential Fellows. MSU
President Clifton Wharton
is on the far right.

Teresa A. Sullivan

Wharton Was a Role Model for Handling Challenges

Before she took on top university administration jobs, Sullivan established herself as an important sociologist at the University of Texas (UT). She authored or co-authored six books (including two on middle-class debt with Elizabeth Warren, the former Ivy League professor and current U.S. senator). Her first book was published in 1978, but its title, *Marginal Workers, Marginal Jobs: The Underutilization of American Workers*, resonates today. Indicating Sullivan's early expertise in labor force demography, a Duke University reviewer said the book "raises issues that have long been neglected in labor economics and the sociology of work."

In leadership, however, is where Sullivan has spent most of her career. At UT, Sullivan, as provost, eventually had presidents of the nine state university systems reporting to her. She went on to the University of Michigan, where as provost, she oversaw nearly a third of the school's \$5 billion annual budget.

But it was at the University of Virginia,

as the first female president of the school founded by Thomas Jefferson, that Sullivan was tested like never before. She arrived on campus amid waves of controversy after a student was killed by an ex-boyfriend, a star on the university's lacrosse team. And in 2012, two years after Sullivan was appointed, UVA's Board of Visitors removed her over concerns that the university was not adapting to financial and technological pressures.

Two weeks later, after students, faculty, administrators and alumni rose to her defense, the board unanimously reinstated her. Then in 2014, *Rolling Stone* published an article portraying UVA as a campus where sexual assaults were common. (The magazine later retracted the article and reportedly paid a UVA fraternity \$1.65 million to settle a defamation lawsuit.) When Sullivan announced she would step down when her contract ended last July, *The Washington Post* said she had led Virginia "amid one of the most tumultuous leadership tenures in the state flagship's modern history."

And yet, she can claim many accomplishments. As president, Sullivan is credited with developing a new strategic plan for UVA, creating a new financial model to ensure stability and transparency, and improving faculty compensation. Also during her tenure, the university completed a \$3 billion fundraising campaign, launched the Data Science Institute and the Brain Institute, and invested more in student services, such as advising and career services. Mark G. Yudof, president emeritus of the University of California system, has said that Sullivan promoted innovation while preserving the core of a prestigious public institution. She is now helping MSU navigate its presidential search during a critical time in its history.



A TEACHER, TOO
Wharton enjoyed popping into classrooms to talk with students.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

May 2018

Hired by MSU BOT to advise it on presidential search process

2010–July 2018

President and sociology professor, University of Virginia

2006–2010

Provost and executive vice president for academic affairs; sociology professor, University of Michigan

1975–2006

Rose from sociology instructor to executive vice chancellor for academic affairs, University of Texas

1970

Earned a bachelor's degree from James Madison College and the Honors College, MSU



SULLIVAN RECALLED THAT WHARTON took over leadership at Michigan State during a time of student protests while having been appointed by a board that was split in its support of him. The insights she gained from him helped her later in her career. Sullivan was a presidential fellow at Michigan State from 1970 to 1971.

“It was a tough time for higher education institutions all over the country, and it was not easy at Michigan State, but I think that he helped to keep it more calm at MSU than it was at some places. I think that was because he was willing to listen to student activists and to people who opposed the student activists and others. I think that brought MSU out of that period in stronger shape than some other schools were.

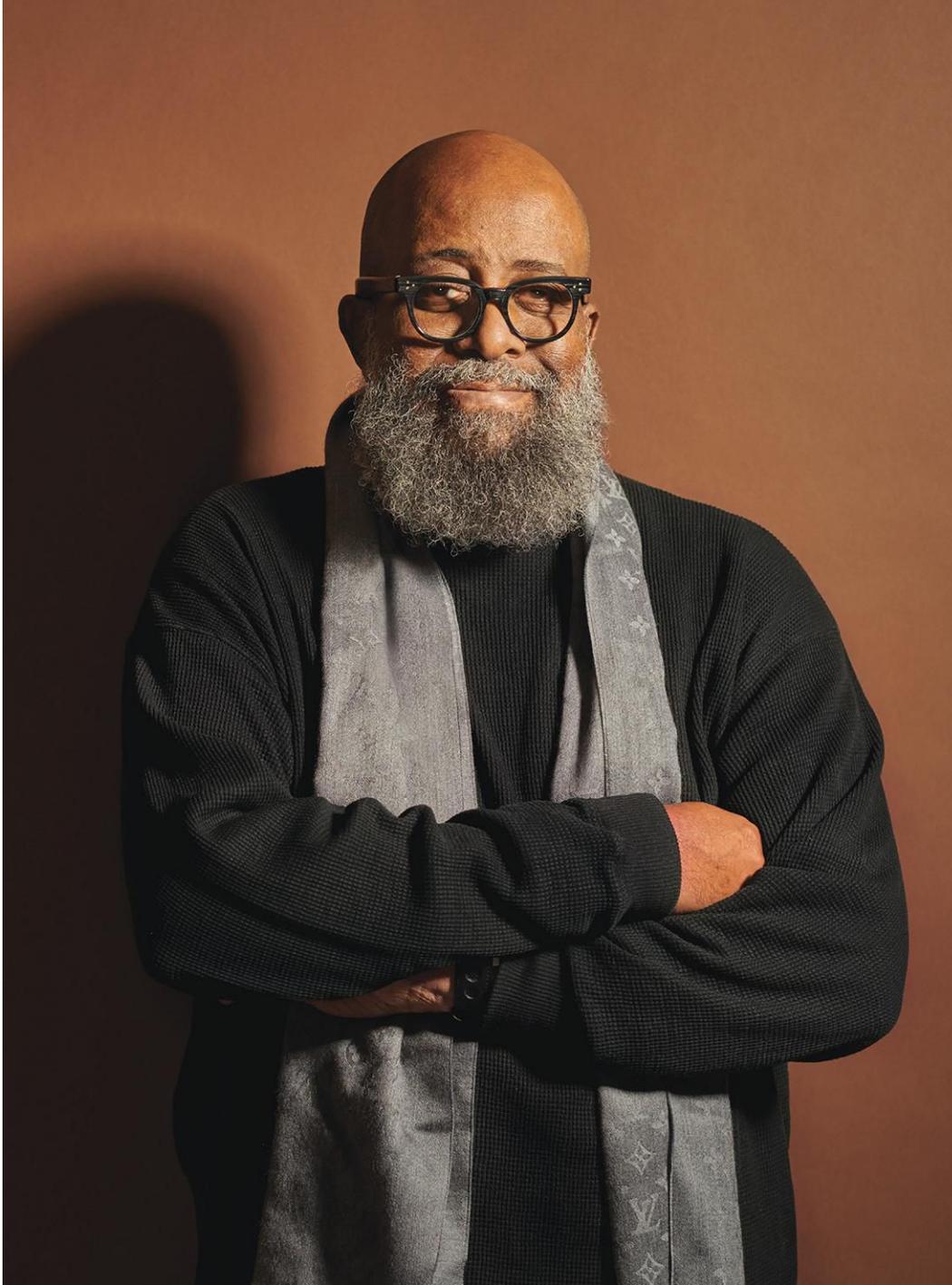
“He was really open about the different parts of the job, and if you haven’t held a job

like that, you really don’t understand how many different things there are that you are dealing with. He made me aware of how many constituencies there are at the university, and that was something that has held me in good stead. Often, somebody will come to you with a complaint and the complaint sounds totally justified, and you think to yourself, ‘This person must be right.’

“Clif taught me there was always more than one side to every story. You don’t make a decision until you hear what the other people involved have to say about what happened.

“He has an incredible administrative temperament. He would be taunted and provoked, but I never saw him lose his temper. He was always very even-tempered, congenial, he just didn’t let people get under his skin. I’ve always taken that as a model for a way you interact with those who disagree with you.”

KEEPING YOUR COOL
Sullivan, above, cites Wharton’s composure amidst difficulties as a model for university presidents. In 1970, she earned a bachelor’s degree from MSU’s James Madison College and the Honors College.



CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

2019

Receives MSU Community Engagement Scholarship Lifetime Achievement Award

1994-present

Professor, currently in the Department of Sociology, Michigan State University

1971-1980

Earned a bachelor's and a master's in the College of Social Science in 1971 and 1976, respectively. Earned a Ph.D. in Education in 1980

PROF WITH STREET CRED

Taylor is a sociologist whose career blends academic research, writing and his personal experiences growing up in Detroit.

Carl S. Taylor

'I Learned How to Be a Better Person, a Better Man'

Taylor, an MSU sociology professor whose research focuses on reducing violence among American youth, has worked with communities, foundations and government agencies, including the Guggenheim Foundation, the Charles Stewart Mott

Foundation, the FBI Academy and the Children's Defense Fund, in understanding gangs, youth culture and violence. He also serves as the principal investigator for the Michigan Gang Research Project and is a senior fellow in University Outreach and Engagement at MSU.

He has established a national reputation as

an ethnographer and has worked in some of the most isolated and distressed communities in our nation. His books include *Dangerous Society*, about urban gangs, and *Girls, Gangs, Women and Drugs*, which is drawn from a sociological study in Detroit.

LIKE SULLIVAN, TAYLOR WAS ONE OF Wharton's presidential fellows in 1970 and has vivid recollections.

"I had never met any male who could type that fast. I was fascinated by that. I came from the school that was probably relatively sexist. I was an athlete, and I was always taught that girls type. The other thing that stood out about (Wharton) was he was very carefree and yet at the same time very disciplined. I never saw him angry. He was very kind, very articulate, very diplomatic—very diplomatic. I'm a kid from Detroit, and I had been exposed to mature, good leadership in my community, despite what the media tries to say. But Wharton was in a league of his own. I had never met anyone who spoke three languages fluently. And I had not seen anyone take command of different groups. He certainly wasn't perfect, but he was the closest thing to it that I had seen. And I didn't always agree with him.

"I remember in the heat of student demonstrations a young woman—she was very much a live-wire activist—and she was screaming like a banshee at Wharton and then she spit, and it landed on Clif's shirt and lapel. I lunged toward her, and I did not mean to do her any good, I assure you of that. Clif put his hand out and stopped me. When we got back to the office, he called for me. I just knew that he was going to tell me, 'I appreciate you, but don't do that,' and congratulate me. But, boy, he chewed me a new one. Clif's not profane, but boy, was he stern with me, and was I angry at him. I didn't like getting chastised, and I explained to him that where I came from, when I'm in the streets, you spit on somebody, that was a death sentence. And he looked at me, 'Well, you're not on the

streets. This is the office of the presidency.' He taught me something that day.

"My parents had high expectations of me, but Clif was the one who polished me. And a lot of it wasn't verbal. I asked him one day why he didn't wear an afro. It was 1970—what kind of black man doesn't have an Afro? Because I had a big, bushy Afro. He said, 'That's not my style.'

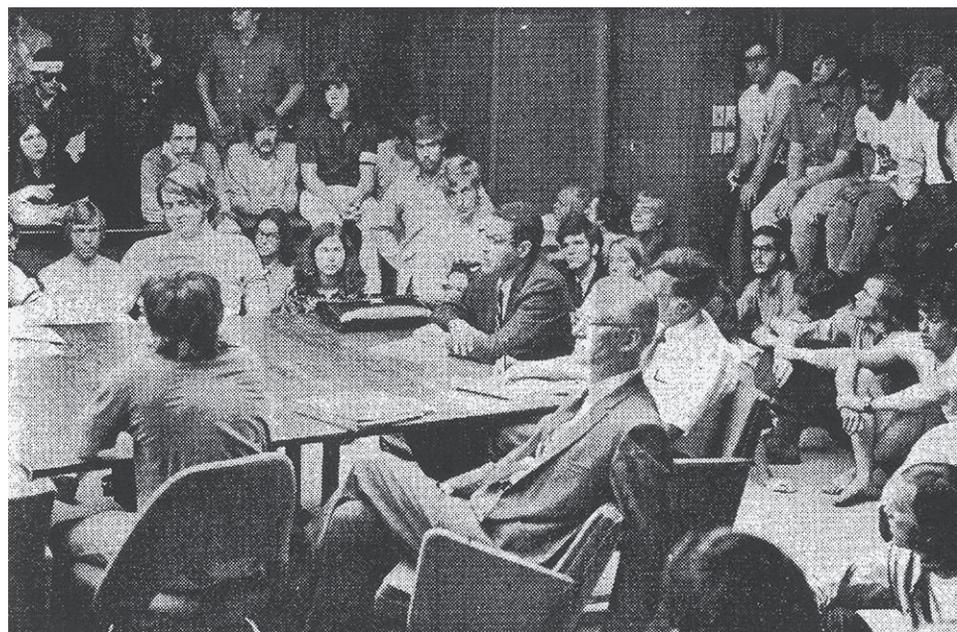
"Clif allowed me to grow and allowed me to breathe, and at the same time, he regulated me. I learned how to be a better person, a better man because of Clif Wharton. I treasure those years with him, and it meant everything to me knowing that I could pick up the phone at any time in need. So I talked to him about everything. We have a very, very close and special relationship, and I deeply appreciate it. He helped me graduate from (the school of) street machismo. Before, if I'd been angry with someone, I'd say, 'Let's take this outside.' You know what that means. He'd say, 'That's unacceptable, Carl.' I had a hard time with that, because that's the way I was raised. I look at Clif and what he did. He made me take the hard way. There's only one way to do it, and that's the right way."

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STUDENT PROTEST

Anti-war protest by students, 200 activists crashed a Board of Trustees meeting in a tense, four-hour stand-off with Wharton.





James Spaniolo

Working with Wharton 'Changed My Whole Career'

At the University of Texas at Arlington (UTA), where he served as president from 2004 to 2013, Spaniolo was credited with numerous advancements. UTA evolved from a campus known as a commuter school to a four-year institution where students want to live.

He oversaw construction of the College Park District, a 20-acre mixed-use development anchored by a new arena for the school's basketball and volleyball teams. College Park also has residence halls and apartments for 600 students, plus retail and restaurant space. Under Spaniolo's leadership, enrollment rose from 25,000 students to more than 33,000, and annual spending on research tripled, going

from \$22 million to \$66 million. Private giving rose from \$5.8 million in 2005 to more than \$20 million in 2012. "He's heightened a sense of pride in the institution," Raymund Paredes, the state's higher education commissioner, said when Spaniolo announced his retirement.

Previously, as dean at MSU's College of Communication Arts and Sciences, Spaniolo oversaw an enrollment increase of more than 1,000 students and helped establish the James H. and Mary B. Quello Center for Telecommunication Management and Law in 1998 by raising more than \$3.5 million. He was also a professor in the School of Journalism and taught courses on the First Amendment and communications law.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

2016-present

President and CEO, the North Texas Commission, a consortium of institutions including businesses, local governments chambers of commerce, and local universities

2004-2013

President, University of Texas at Arlington

1998-2004

Dean, College of Communication Arts and Sciences, Michigan State University

1977-1989

Counsel to such media organizations as the *Miami Herald*, *Detroit Free Press* and Knight Foundation.

1968

Earned a bachelor's degree in the College of Social Science and the Honors College, MSU



PLANS COME TOGETHER

Left, Spaniolo welcomes fans to the 2012 opening basketball game in UTA's new College Park Center.

SPANIOLO HAD JUST GRADUATED from MSU when he went to work with Wharton as an assistant to the president, 1970-1972.

"It was something that I didn't anticipate doing. It was a great opportunity, and it changed my whole career.

"I had a chance to not only work with President Wharton, which was the most heady part of the whole experience, but I was also the recording secretary for what he called the executive group, which was the vice presidents. So I had an opportunity to sit in a lot of meetings, informal and otherwise, and be involved in projects and various things that a 23-year-old would never have an opportunity to do.

"There were a lot of challenges. There was a lot of acrimony on the board of trustees at the time. Dr. Wharton was appointed on a 5-3 vote. In addition to having three trustees who had voted against his appointment, other tensions flared. And they didn't cease when he became president. There were the Vietnam protests. I was a part of all those conversations and discussions about what to do and how to proceed. The thing I remember most is that he had this calm about him. I never saw him agitated in public, and there were a lot of challenges. And of course the elephant in the room was that here is the first black president of a major public research institution, and that presented its own set of challenges.

"I remember one time when Dr. Wharton was in a meeting and he was able to demonstrate a fluency in Spanish that surprised people. There were some Hispanic students who were protesting about something, and when he answered them in Spanish, it was rather disarming and surprising to them.

"In selecting Dr. Wharton, Michigan State demonstrated that it was able to look beyond its own heritage in bringing in someone who had a different set of experiences. And I think that it helped Michigan State extend itself and mature into a major university. What President

Wharton brought was a whole new dimension, and he helped create a new reputation and perception of Michigan State University as not just a state university, but as an emerging national university.

"I was not contemplating ultimately having a career in higher education. But I think having worked for him, having been so impressed with how he handled himself and his responsibilities as president of the university, planted in my mind that it was a really noble undertaking to be president of a university. I think it motivated me and encouraged me to pursue that opportunity.

"I had never met someone as brilliant and as impressive as him. Forty-six years later, that's still true. I've worked with a lot of leaders over the years and, consciously or unconsciously, I think you try to adopt strategies and approaches and a style that you felt worked for the people you respect; and on the other side of that coin, you try to learn how not to do things.

"I learned from him the importance of being able to listen and reflect, to engage in conversation, to respect the people you are working with—even when people disagree with you—and to try to reach rational decisions and conclusions."



EYE OF THE STORM

President and Mrs. Wharton meet participants in a 1972 Peace Walk by The Rock.

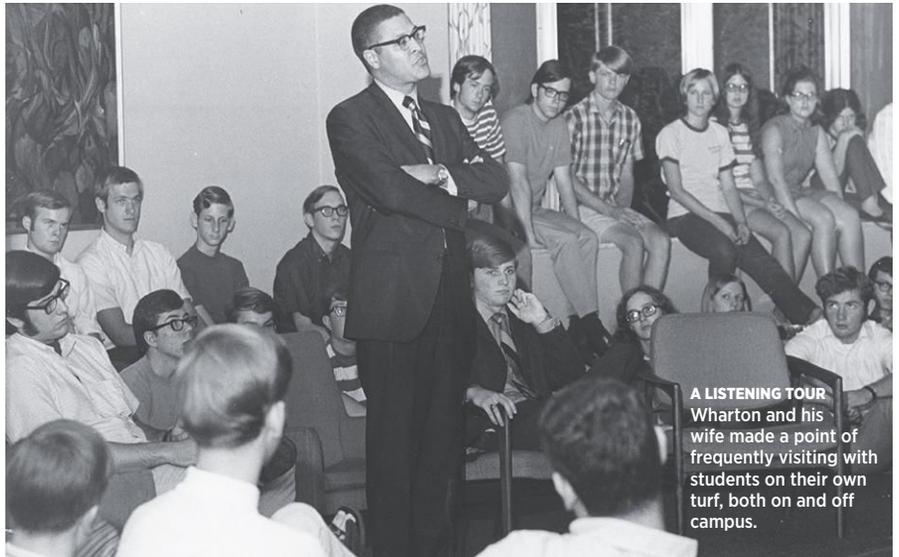
Origins of the Presidential Fellows Program

During his tenure as Michigan State's president from 1970 to 1978, Clifton Wharton created a Presidential Fellows Program to give students and junior faculty members experience in university administration. The fellows worked alongside Wharton and others in his administration.

The program's creation can be traced all the way back to the Marshall Plan, a U.S. economic aid program that Secretary of State George C. Marshall called for on June 5, 1947—two years after World War II ended—in a speech at Wharton's commencement at Harvard University.

As *The Washington Post* put it, the Marshall Plan “provided unequalled sums of money to an impoverished Western Europe, stopping a humanitarian disaster and helping spur long-term economic recovery.”

Wharton said the plan led him to change his intended career path from U.S. diplomat like his father, the late Clifton Wharton Sr., the first African-American foreign service officer to become an ambassador. Instead, the younger Wharton decided to focus on foreign economic development. In 1948, he was hired as an executive trainee in Nelson Rockefeller's organization, the American International Association



A LISTENING TOUR
Wharton and his wife made a point of frequently visiting with students on their own turf, both on and off campus.

for Economic and Social Development, to work in Latin America.

“During my first year as a trainee, I was exposed to many facets of the Rockefeller family operations, such as finance, audit, press and public relations, international relations, philanthropic methods and program administration,” Wharton recalled.

“This experience enabled me to learn, at the top, how it all worked. It provided me, at 22, with operational and leadership lessons of great value.

“At MSU, I decided to develop a program that enabled young academics—students and faculty—the opportunity to learn by exposure just as I had,” Wharton said.

A \$60,000 Rockefeller Foundation grant helped launch the two-semester fellows program.

As Wharton recounts in his memoir, *Privilege and Prejudice: The Life of a Black Pioneer*, fellows developed a project, attended Board of Trustees meetings and other meetings with Wharton, and every other week, as a group, attended biweekly workshops with Wharton.

EXPLORE

VIDEOS:

Watch a 2015 PBS *NewsHour* segment about Wharton, titled “Why an American trailblazer fears we’re losing the next generation of ‘black pioneers,’” at go.msu.edu/pioneer

Watch Wharton speak about “Living with Racism/Racial Identity” at go.msu.edu/visionary

CLIFTON R. WHARTON HIGHLIGHTS

<p>1926 Born in Boston.</p>	<p>1943 Enters Harvard University as a teenager.</p>	<p>1948 Earns master's degree in international affairs from Johns Hopkins University. He had been the first African-American admitted to the university's School of Advanced International Studies.</p>	<p>1958 Becomes the first African-American to earn a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Chicago. Joins the Agricultural Development Council, an international organization headed by John D. Rockefeller III, serving as an associate in Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam until 1964.</p>	<p>1960s Teaches economics at the University of Malaya. Research interests ranged from supply response of perennial crops and international trade to economics of subsistence agriculture and impact of the Green Revolution. Becomes vice president of Agricultural Development Council.</p>
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Equal Billing

Former first couple—for whom Wharton Center is named—shared one another’s missions

THE STORY OF CLIFTON R. WHARTON’S MSU presidency would not be complete without a bow to his wife, Dolores (Duncan) Wharton. Together, the couple casts a “single shadow,” the Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, Notre Dame’s late president, wrote in a letter printed in Clifton Wharton’s autobiography.

At MSU, Mrs. Wharton embraced and expanded the role of first lady. She increased visibility and appreciation of the arts; opened Cowles House, then the presidential residence, for inclusive events that drew students, faculty, staff and community members; and made frequent visits, with her husband and alone, to dine and dialogue with students in their on- and off-campus residences.

To get a full picture of her involvement during and after her MSU tenure requires a bird’s-eye view of her broader commitments at home and abroad.

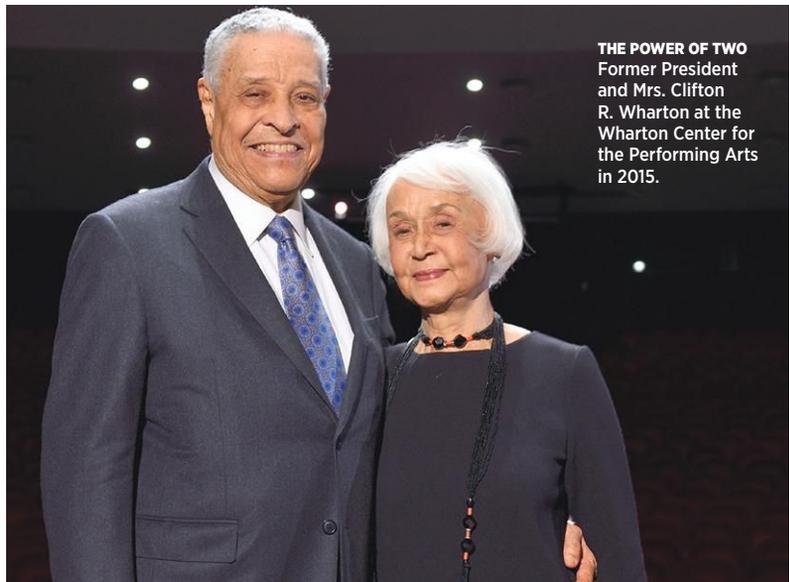
She was founding chair and CEO of the Fund for Corporate Initiatives Inc., a nonprofit devoted to strengthening the role of minorities and women in the corporate world.

A pioneer in her own right, she was the first woman and first African-American elected to the boards of the Phillips Petroleum Co., the Kellogg Co., and the Gannett Co. Inc.

In the arts world, she was appointed to the National Endowment for the Arts’ Council on the Arts and the Michigan Council on the Arts. In addition, she was a trustee of such revered organizations as the Museum of Modern Art, the Aspen Institute and the Asian Society.

When she and her husband lived in Southeast Asia, she conducted a survey of Malaysian artists for her book, *Contemporary Artists of Malaysia: A Biographic Survey*.

In the area of public service, she was a board member of the National Public Radio and New York Governor Mario Cuomo’s Council on Fiscal and Economic Priorities.



THE POWER OF TWO
Former President and Mrs. Clifton R. Wharton at the Wharton Center for the Performing Arts in 2015.

In education, she belonged to the boards of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the Albany Law School and the SUNY Fashion Institute of Technology, among others.

In 1982, MSU named its new \$22 million cultural center the Clifton and Dolores Wharton Center for the Performing Arts, in recognition of their distinguished joint service to the university.

THREE YEARS AGO, THE WHARTONS JOINTLY RECEIVED the Lifetime Legacy Award from the Executive Leadership Council for their forward-thinking corporate functions.

Mrs. Wharton earned a bachelor’s degree in fine arts from Chicago State University. She has received nine honorary degrees.

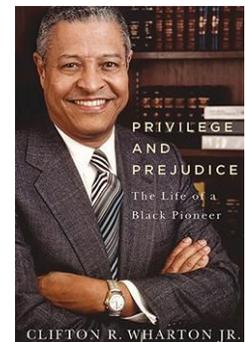
“My greatest good fortune lay in having Dolores as my incomparable spouse and strong life partner, who helped me meet every challenge and rise to every occasion,” Clifton Wharton wrote in his autobiography.

“She and our successful marriage have been at the heart of whatever I have achieved. My life would not have been possible without my marriage to a wonderful woman.”

In 2015, MSU Press released Clifton R.

Wharton Jr.’s autobiography, *Privilege and Prejudice: The Life of a Black Pioneer*. It is available as an e-book and in print at msupress.org.

Academics and scholars may study Wharton’s personal papers, held by the MSU’s University Archives & Historical Collections.



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1970

Becomes president of Michigan State University, serving until 1978. He was the first African-American to head a major, predominantly white university.

1978

Becomes chancellor of the State University of New York system, serving until 1987. He was the first African-American to lead the nation’s largest university system.

1982

Becomes the first African-American chairman of the Rockefeller Foundation, serving until 1987. Also in 1982, the Wharton Center for Performing Arts at MSU, Michigan’s largest performing arts center, opens.

1987

Becomes the first black CEO of a Fortune 500 company as chairman and chief executive of the TIAA-CREF in New York, which was then one of the world’s largest pension funds.

1993

Chosen deputy secretary of state by President Bill Clinton, becoming the highest-ranking black official in State Department history. (He resigned 10 months later after having been excluded from foreign policy activities, according to the *New York Times*.)



FINDING FULFILLMENT

Gina DeLapa, '87, is becoming a brand all her own, with books, speaking engagements and more that blend years of lessons learned along her winding career path with her witty insights into the human experience.

BY NANCY NILLES

Gina DeLapa's latest book, *Thriving at Work*, is a perfect merging of her varied careers, uniting her experience as a writer, speaker and career counselor into a crisp volume of tips for success on the job and beyond.

DeLapa, '87, travels the country giving motivational speeches for a range of clients. She's established herself as her own brand and turned her observations into three books and counting. Her first, *Ultimate Reminders for Everyday Life*, began in a red leather journal as a collection of advice for a friend's son as he entered high school.

Thriving at Work focuses on four main topics: self-care; leadership, etiquette, and professionalism; workplace drama; and how to find meaning and fulfillment.

All three books feature succinct lessons that mix wit and wisdom from a self-described “smart-alecky Catholic.” They touch on deep topics while remaining deceptively breezy and direct, sprinkled with personal stories that reveal that some of the lessons are hard-won.

The author has enjoyed multiple pursuits in her search for personal fulfillment, beginning in college when she decided to transfer to MSU after realizing that Northwestern University wasn’t the right fit.

“I think what most of us crave even more than happiness is fulfillment,” DeLapa said in an interview from her San Diego home. Fulfillment, she explained, is deeper than the fleeting nature of happiness. It entails fully developing our abilities and character and making meaningful contributions to our world.

DeLapa comes from an entrepreneurial family. Her parents, Jim (’58) and Judy (’59 and ’85) DeLapa, met at MSU and went on to found a frozen foods company, where Gina gained her first work experience—through both the employer’s and employee’s perspectives.

After graduating with an advertising degree and

aspirations of writing, DeLapa worked as a copywriter and editor, developing a niche in financial writing.

Although she was making a living using her gifts, it wasn’t rewarding. “I wanted a career that would let me help people more directly with their lives. I also figured out I wasn’t put on earth to write about 401(k) plans,” she said.

After months of soul searching, she discovered a master’s program in career counseling at the University of San Diego. It brought together her family background in business, her communication skills and her desire to help others.

But after working in the field for a few years, she noticed that her profession wasn’t helping people succeed once they got jobs. She enrolled in an etiquette certification program in Washington, D.C., and started her own company to help new graduates.

Several iterations and expansions later, DeLapa is now a “solo-preneur” with books, speaking and teaching engagements, a free weekly “Monday-Morning Pep Talk” e-newsletter, frequent television appearances in San Diego and more.

“Don’t be afraid of a career path that seems to take a lot of twists and turns,” she said. “Because ultimately everything does connect and does contribute to where your career is and where it’s headed.”



Browse these helpful tips from Gina DeLapa's book *Thriving at Work* and apply them to your professional goals

On self-care:

*Say No with a Smile,
Say Yes to What Matters*

If you want your life to be less stressful and more fulfilling, you're going to have to say no to a lot more opportunities, even good ones. Your reward? More time for the contributions you were meant to make, the ones that light you up.



On professionalism:

4 Tests of Constructive Feedback

1. Is this the best time and place?
2. Am I the one who needs to bring this up?
3. Is the other person capable of hearing and benefiting from what I'm wanting to say?
4. Does it need mentioning at all?

Sometimes the answer is “No, but I need to say this anyway.” In that case, don't be afraid to speak up. But if the answer to these questions is just plain no, try biting your tongue. Better to put your energy where it will give you the best return on your investment.



On workplace drama:

The Weapons that Defeat Drama

A winner's mindset. Too often, we see drama as normal or inevitable. In truth, it is neither. Once you accept this, solutions become much simpler.

Self-confidence. Self-confidence does not mean cockiness, false bravado or lone-ranger syndrome. It simply means trusting in your basic decency and worth, and trusting your ability to handle what life throws at you.

Dispassion. Dispassion says, “I care about you but I'm not responsible for you. I'll do my part, but I'm not going to own your baggage or negativity.” No matter how much you want to help, don't become someone else's counselor. Just leave that to professionals.

A willingness to be wildly uncomfortable. Defeating drama rarely happens in one hit-and-run encounter. And more often than not, it gets harder and rougher before it gets easier and smoother. Keep holding your ground—you don't need your boundaries to be liked. You just need them to be respected.

Courage. Courage allows us to admit our mistakes, honor our limitations and deal with them constructively. All of these things help put drama in its place. While you can't become someone else's counselor, there is no shame in seeking out counseling yourself. It doesn't mean you're weak—it probably means you're strong. For what it's worth, today's technology allows you to receive therapy through your phone or laptop.

Kindness. Though it may sound counterintuitive, being kind to someone who is being unkind (or just dramatic) can make drama melt. But don't be kind to change someone else. Be kind because it's the right thing to do. Be kind because tonight when your head hits the pillow, the only behavior you really have to be at peace with is your own.

On making your mark:

To Find Your Calling, Answer this Question

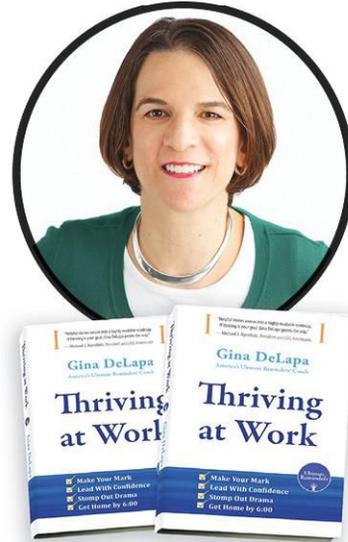
What is it you can't not do?

As an example, I can't not write. Often I write to figure out what I'm thinking. I write because it's cheaper than therapy. It is almost as much a part of me as breathing.

But I also live to encourage other people, to make them laugh and inspire their best—in short, to remind them of their infinite worth. Writing and speaking are a means to this much higher end.

To live your calling, then, you need two things: (1) to use your gifts, the ones that often make you lose all track of time, and (2) to discern which outcomes make you feel most alive and contributing.

Your calling doesn't have to be lofty. It just has to be genuine. It just has to be yours. As the saying goes, "What comes from the heart reaches the heart."



More from Gina DeLapa

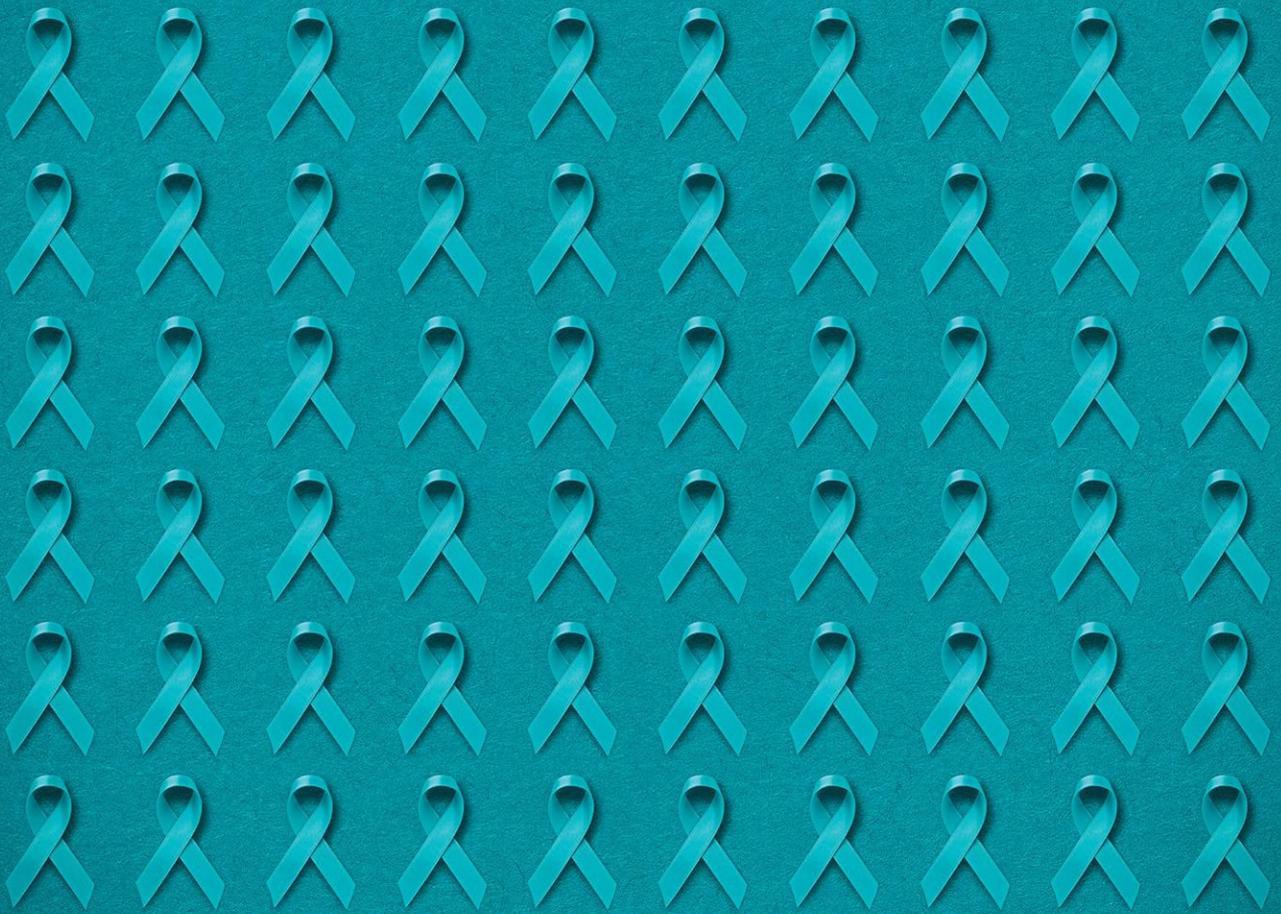
- DeLapa's inspirational books include *Thriving at Work*, *Ultimate Reminders for Everyday Life* and *Ultimate Reminders for College Students*
- Watch DeLapa's webinar for the MSU Alumni Lens, "More to Life than This—Finding Your True Mission" at: go.msu.edu/true-mission
- DeLapa's website has free downloadable tips and worksheets on a variety of topics, including setting goals, preparing for grad school, public speaking and decluttering, along with recipes and additional stories from her life. Log on to: go.msu.edu/reminders
- Sign up for DeLapa's free *Monday-Morning Pep Talk* emails at: go.msu.edu/pep-talk

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Finding Our Way

Sexual assault and harassment allegations have rocked our community to its core and changed how we thought of ourselves as Spartans. In our quest for answers, we will build a path to a better future.

* Excerpted and condensed from the unpublished Spartan magazine's proposed spring 2018 special issue.

The Long Fight to Be Heard

Decades of female activism have been building toward this historic moment of cultural reckoning.

BY STEPHANIE J. NAWYN

The history of organizing against sexual violence in the United States goes back further than most people realize. Shortly after the Civil War ended, black women began protesting the gang rapes of other black women by white police officers and civilians during the Memphis Riot in 1866.

Black female leaders such as Anna Julia Cooper, Ida B. Wells and Fannie Barrier Williams were at the forefront of early organizing to stop sexual violence.

Since that time, women have continually spoken out against sexual victimization, but it was not until the 1960s and 1970s that significant improvements in laws and policies were realized. The first rape crisis centers in the United States opened in 1972, the same year as the passage of Title IX, which prohibits sex discrimination in publicly funded educational institutions.

Title IX has been an important piece of legislation. It requires educational institutions to respond to sexual violence against women. In addition, it defines sexual assault and harassment as forms of sex discrimination that impede women's equal access to education.

During the 1970s and 1980s, organized efforts against sexual violence picked up steam, with such phrases as "no means no" becoming more recognizable. Meanwhile, American attitudes slowly started to shift in the direction of seeing rapes committed by acquaintances, romantic partners or spouses as legitimate crimes.

In 1994, the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) passed, which greatly increased the resources available to combat sexual assault and intimate partner violence, while also creating policies and funds to serve and protect victims of such violence. VAWA was renewed several times, with some expanded protections for Native

American women, female immigrants and the LGBTQ population.*

This history demonstrates that while people have been speaking out against sexual violence for over 150 years, progress has come in fits and starts. Social movement experts point out that people can toil away attempting to create change for years, but they will see the fruits of their labors only during particular historical moments.

We are seeing something similar at MSU. Our campus has a long history of serving survivors of sexual violence and of taking actions to prevent sexual assault. Our first anti-sex-discrimination policy was implemented in 1955, well ahead of Title IX.

In 1980, the MSU Sexual Assault Program was created, providing counseling specifically for sexual assault survivors. We are one of the few universities with a domestic violence shelter on campus, MSU Safe Place. And the MSU Research Consortium on Gender-based Violence is a collaboration of some of the top gender-violence experts in the world.

However, these efforts have not resulted in continuous improvement. Despite the efforts of numerous faculty, staff and students, we still struggle with sexual violence on campus, both in our inability to prevent it and in our inadequate response when its occurrence comes to light.

The depth of knowledge on campus about gendered violence and how to best address it is not uniformly shared across the university. Many of

"I see a university faced with the incredible opportunity to challenge the culture that exists on college campuses across America and students ready to meet it head on."

Liz Schondelmayer, senior
MSU Today

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‘It’s Not Your Fault’

The psychological impact of sexual abuse can take years to overcome, as survivors internalize blame for their suffering. The damage is worsened when others invalidate or dismiss their stories.

BY JENNIFER JOHNSON AND JULIA FELTON

One of the most insidious things about sexual abuse is that it alters a victim’s sense of self. Wanting to believe that the world is fair and that bad things do not happen to good people, both those who have experienced abuse and those around them sometimes look for things the victims must have done (or not done) to cause what happened.

Abusers often encourage this perception, suggesting that the victim deserves what is happening or that the abuse is not really abuse. In turn, victims internalize this message and start to perceive their abuse through this lens.

As licensed clinical psychologists, we have talked with hundreds of people who have survived sexual or physical abuse to try to help them heal from their experiences.

Many of our patients do not initially recognize that what happened to them was physical or sexual abuse. As a result, one of the greatest risks of any kind of abuse is that victims incorporate it into their sense of who they are. And they start to believe they deserved these damaging experiences and are unworthy of being believed, validated or protected.

Psychological abuse is thought to underlie almost every other form of maltreatment. The dynamics become even more intense and the pressure to minimize or deny abuse becomes even stronger when there is an ongoing, intimate relationship, or when there is an imbalanced power dynamic between the abuser and the abused (e.g., parent, partner, relative, teacher, doctor, boss).

This power dynamic can strongly affect how others respond if the abuse is brought

to light. In many cases we have worked on as therapists, the reaction of others after the abuse (i.e., whether the abused are believed and protected, or blamed and invalidated) has had more effect on long-term psychological well-being than the original event.

The reaction of others either underscores or contradicts the message of the abuse: that the person deserves to be hurt and neglected, or deserves to be protected and helped to heal. The responses of those with power or authority (parents, supervisors, teachers, mentors, doctors and clergy) are especially influential.

Unfortunately, the people hearing about the abuse may be distressed by it and have reasons to hope that what they are hearing is not true. They may feel guilty for failing to protect the victim, or they may be close to or even related to the accused perpetrator. For example, reports of sexual abuse of daughters by fathers or stepfathers disclosed to mothers are especially challenging, and especially damaging if the daughter is not believed.

These challenges can impede those who are hearing reports of abuse from believing them and responding appropriately.

Furthermore, abusers may be charismatic, popular and persuasive, behaving differently in public than in private settings.

“If we recognized how difficult it is for survivors to tell their stories, every piece of information they provide would be treated with diligence and care. And every voice would be given equal weight.”

Elizabeth C. Tippet
Associate Professor of
Law, University of Oregon
First appeared in *The
Conversation*

However, 95 percent of all campus rapes go unreported, according to the Center for Public Integrity. In the U.S., an estimated 63 percent of sexual assaults are not reported.

Therefore, if a child, student, patient, friend or anyone else tells of abuse or assault, the listener's default response should be to believe and protect that person. The fact that Larry Nassar was not held accountable, nor his many victims' reports believed, makes what happened particularly horrific.

It is especially difficult for victims to come forward with their stories if their abuser has cultivated a popular public persona. In addition, the potential for internalizing blame is a barrier to reporting.

It can take time, from months to even years, for people who have experienced abuse to process their feelings about it and regain normal functioning.

Family and friends can unintentionally make things worse by urging the person to "get over it," because they don't know how to respond to a person's pain.

This is not helpful.

What is helpful: protecting the person from the perpetrator and putting boundaries in place to prevent continuing abuse, validating that what happened is wrong and undeserved, hearing and empathizing with the person's pain, and encouraging the person to seek professional help if needed.

The sooner boundaries are put in place to end the abuse, and the sooner the person experiencing abuse gets support, the sooner she or he will start to heal.

Survivors of abuse need to know that what happened to them was wrong, and that it's never justified. They need to understand—and believe—that they did not deserve what happened, and that it has nothing to do with who they are or their value as a person.

No one can take another person's value and worth from them.

"Have we lost sight of a reality that by saying nothing, when seeing something very wrong, we are condoning victimization of innocents because no one cared enough to courageously speak truth to power?"

Rich Sternberg, '65
Member, College of Arts
& Letters National Alumni
Board

What happened to them was the fault of the person who did it.

As for those who did not believe or protect them, that is their failing—it's not the survivor's shortcoming.

Martin Luther King Jr. said that injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. Those who use relational or positional power to hurt, demean, belittle or take advantage of others must be told that this behavior is unacceptable.

And they need to be stopped.

A powerful way to do this is for those who are being hurt to speak up, as difficult as that may be.

And those who are given the sacred trust to hear these painful stories must listen and respond appropriately.

Moving forward, it's important that MSU be open to hearing the truth, no matter where it comes from.

Be willing to question the popular and the powerful, as well as ourselves; be willing to sit with the distress of those around us and not try to avoid it; and be willing to do the right thing—even when it is difficult.

We must and we can do better.

Both authors are affiliated with the MSU College of Human Medicine's public health division in Flint. Jennifer Johnson is one of the university's C.S. Mott Endowed Professors of Public Health, and Julia Felton is a clinical psychologist.

The Making of ‘Go Teal’

What started as one project among a small group of MSU students has blossomed into a movement to fight sexual abuse and honor its survivors.

BY ALLISON BERTRAM, '18

The news of Larry Nassar’s crimes and other subsequent allegations of sexual assault and harassment on campus have caused turmoil among various communities at Michigan State University and around the nation. Dissatisfaction with the response from people in power added to these feelings of distress and prompted many students to take action.

One creative response by a group of students from the College of Communication Arts & Sciences has made a particularly powerful impact, sparking a movement to eradicate sexual assault and abuse that its creators hope will last beyond their time on campus.

It all started when Yi Rong, Tianyi Xie and Lorraine Fu attended a Friday Idea-A-Thon hosted by advertising and public relations Professor Ross Chowles.

In the wake of Nassar’s trials in Ingham and Eaton counties, morale and Spartan pride were dwindling on campus and in the East Lansing community.

Chowles prompted attendees to think of a creative way to make something positive out of this horrible situation.

Rong, Xie and Fu developed the idea of honoring the survivors through a video of a wilting flower in reverse, showing a metaphorical regaining of confidence. They sought the help of Amanda McCafferty to assist with PR and marketing for the project. McCafferty introduced Carlie Wirebaugh to complete their team of five.

The idea of honoring the survivors went a step further with posters. Fu shot photos of people with serious expressions, bare shoulders and teal-painted lips—a symbol of

the vulnerability and exposure that results from a culture of victim shaming.

These stark photos created a call to action for general society to “Speak Up” against sexual assault. The models who posed for the posters also shared their voices in the first Go Teal YouTube video, “Together, We Bloom.”

Xie also developed an idea to provide the community with a tangible, visible response: a black poster displaying the name of every known abuse survivor who publicly came forward, with a teal ribbon safety-pinned in front of each name.

The poster reads, “Out of the darkness, take a ribbon to acknowledge their strength.”

“We wanted to make sure we were sending the right message and not offending any of the survivors by using their names on these posters,” McCafferty said.

“We wanted to encourage their strength and acknowledge them, and what they’re doing for other survivors as well.”

In addition to the original display space in the Communication Arts & Sciences building, the Go Teal group hung the interactive ribbon posters across campus, including at the Hannah Administration Building.

The group even sent a ribbon poster to be showcased at the March 2018 Women in Advertising Conference in Chicago, where it

“When people are brave enough to come forward, we owe it to them to do everything we can to investigate these cases thoroughly, using all available resources for support.”

Debra Martinez, '00
Senior Investigator,
MSU Office of Institutional
Equity



IT'S ON US
MSU students hosted a variety of sexual assault prevention and awareness events in April 2018.



was presented by Professor Henry Brimmer.

Go Teal's goal is to create an environment that empowers everyone to speak out about sexual assault. "We want the MSU community to come together as one to express our support for the survivors," Wirebaugh said.

Rather than promoting a political motivation, group members said they strive to foster a community that everybody is a part of, whether they agree with administrative decisions or not.

The group's efforts have gained positive responses; professors have donated out of pocket for supplies, while friends and fellow students have volunteered to help with everything from cutting ribbons to being models.

Although all of the original Go Teal group members have graduated, they aren't worried about the initiative changing. "We see it as a movement, not us as individuals," Wirebaugh said. "It would be cool to have a group dedicated to keeping the movement alive, but it doesn't have to be exactly how we've been doing things."

Allison Bertram, '18, graduated with a bachelor's degree in professional writing from the College of Arts and Letters, and is an editorial assistant for Spartan.

This story originally appeared in *Ing Magazine's* April/May 2018 issue. Since then, two edits were made to the piece, acknowledging the graduation of the students associated with the article.

The Power of Speaking Up

As women find their voices—and their numbers can no longer be ignored—they also find their way toward security, validation and, most importantly, healing.

BY RUTH STERNAMAN AND CINDIE ALWOOD, '97

The recent #MeToo movement started an avalanche of new and never-before-reported claims of sexual harassment and abuse. As survivors ourselves—and staff members who help other survivors through the Greater Lansing Women's Center—we're intimately familiar with the effects of such violence.

However, even now, sharing our personal stories is alternately a cause for terror and a release from fear. Our own memories of assault recently resurfaced as hundreds of young women, including many MSU athletes, collectively pierced the darkness of their abuse by Larry Nassar.

After enduring years of silence—obscured by layers of shame, fear and guilt—these young women formed a community. Their sheer numbers and eerily similar stories made them impossible to doubt.

Sexual assault encompasses every facet of our society, yet the problem has often gone unrecognized. Victims' stories have only recently broken through the silence to grab the attention they deserve.

There are many factors at play in this silence. Often, women who work to support their families don't report workplace abuse because they need to keep their jobs. Women who are disabled or are in some way disadvantaged often fail to report abuse by the very people who have power over them.

Students in schools and universities trust their leaders to prevent abuse and investigate it when it does occur.

Yet the women who go public with their stories are all too often treated as if they were somehow responsible for what happened to them. Victim blaming is still very prevalent

in our community. Sometimes even family members won't believe someone who says they were abused.

The result? Victims may feel ashamed, threatened by their perpetrators and leery of legal remedies.

But the toll of silence can be devastating.

Those who don't come forward probably do not realize that harboring such repugnant secrets can manifest later through health and relationship problems, an inability to maintain jobs, low self-esteem, depression, anxiety and other disorders.

One of the things the Women's Center of Greater Lansing provides is counseling and support groups for women. Support groups are crucial to help survivors feel believed in a safe place and among peers who share their survivor stories. This is an important step in moving from victim to survivor.

Often, support group members are the only people who really understand what it feels like to experience sexual assault and its aftermath. Group members learn they are not "less than" because of this experience. They know that life can go on and things will eventually get better.

The era of covering up this abhorrent behavior has to be over. No perpetrator is successful without the enabling of others. Whether it's family or an organization, in the

"One survivor spoke out, and then we saw hundreds follow. That's what it's all about. We want that to continue. We want sexual assault to be eliminated."

Amanda McCafferty, '18
College of Communication
Arts & Sciences

case of sexual harassment, someone always knows.

Yes, it's risky to stick your neck out and tell what you saw or what you suspect is happening.

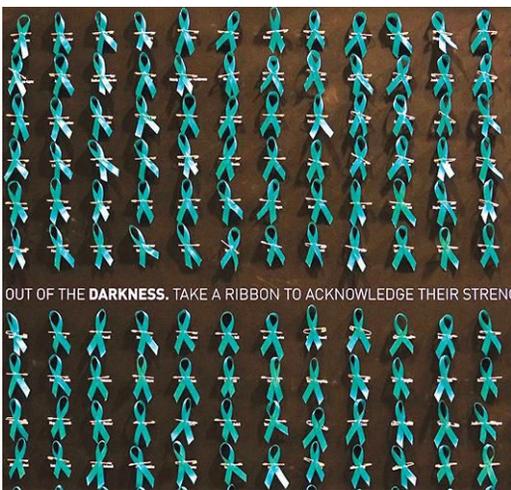
Violence against women is about power and control. Until we fully value women's lives and are willing to protect them at all costs, the violence will continue. Women have always talked about sexual assault—it's just that no one was listening. It's time to start listening to our girls and women.

One voice is often drummed out, but the voices of many saying the same things are heard. Now their voices are beginning to be believed. Our goal is to nurture a community of women who are strong, support each other and feel empowered.

It is a new day.

No more silence. No more shame. No more!

Both authors work at the Greater Lansing Women's Center. Ruth Sternaman, M.A., LPC, is a therapist and facilitator of support groups. Cindie Alwood, M.A., CRC, '97, is executive director of the rehabilitation-counseling program.



OUT OF THE DARKNESS

Students posted boards of teal ribbons people could wear to honor the survivors who spoke out in court.

“At a university, we have a special responsibility for creating environments where people feel empowered to speak, and ensuring the safety of our students and the MSU community.”

Sanjay Gupta, '90
Dean, Eli and Edythe L. Broad College of Business

“We have to find a fiber of resilience, spun in green and white. We have to look failure straight in the eye and acknowledge (it) with humility. We have to search for meaning in the broken shards and commit with steely resolve to restore lost dignity.”

Prabu David
Dean, College of Communication Arts & Sciences

Campus advisory group led by MSU professor brings together experts to recommend responses to sexual violence

“Our Relationship Violence and Sexual Misconduct Expert Advisory Workgroup consists of people who have been addressing issues with relationship violence and sexual misconduct for their entire careers. They have worked in the fields of prevention, drug service, research, intervention and advocacy their entire careers. We have a lot of substantive knowledge at the table, and we're working with a lot of other groups throughout campus and throughout the broader region, our state and our nation to get other ideas, to get other suggestions so that what we're thinking about in terms of how to move this university forward reflects our knowledge, our experience, but also the knowledge and experience of a lot of diverse groups as well.”

Rebecca Campbell, '93, '96
Professor, Dept. of Psychology

A Commitment to Change

While we are haunted by the crimes and allegations of abuse and harassment in our “house,” we will learn from the survivors’ experiences and take action.

BY DR. ANDREA AMALFITANO, '84, '89, '90

Like the rest of the world, I was devastated when I learned about the scope of Larry Nassar’s criminal activities. Yet I am inspired by the raw courage displayed by the survivors of his abuse as they came forward and faced him in two separate courtrooms. Words cannot begin to express my admiration for their bravery in bringing a predator to justice, which I hope will assist in their healing process.

As interim dean of the MSU College of Osteopathic Medicine (COM), I am deeply, personally invested in this healing.

We must pursue the truth, no matter what, in light of allegations of sexual harassment against my predecessor, Dr. William Strampel.

While our pain cannot begin to approach that which the survivors are enduring, we are profoundly hurt that Nassar and Strampel have also harmed the reputation of our college, our alumni, our students and our very profession.

As for our path forward, I met with students, faculty and staff at all three of our sites, listened to their questions, and took to heart the pain and concern they’d expressed.

I promised that we’d listen and take action on what we learned. I also encouraged them to hold *me* accountable and on task to introduce real, substantive changes.

I recently convened a task force of faculty, staff and students to address how we could begin moving forward. This group facilitated additional listening sessions, and our students conducted their own survey about sexual assault education.

In this vein, we have recently contracted with a consulting firm to guide us through a climate review of our college.

This external review will provide us with an unfiltered look at our most serious challenges and help us confidently embark upon the difficult task of repairing broken trust and moving our college into a brighter future.

We are working alongside our partners in MSU’s colleges of nursing and human medicine, as well as the MSU HealthTeam, to implement new patient-care policies for students, athletes and the public.

We’re also examining our curriculum for opportunities to enhance education around difficult conversations—whether they’re related to sexual assault, harassment or other topics that might be hard to broach with a patient, a peer or a supervisor.

While challenging, we hope these efforts will continue to honor the courage of the survivors as we take the first steps toward our future.

The COM is just beginning this journey. We have a lot of work to do. But as long as we remember that we’re striving to build a better future, we will emerge as a stronger institution, known for training, and graduating, world-class physicians who will help define us as a premier medical school.

Dr. Andrea Amalfitano, '84, '89, '90, is now dean of the MSU College of Osteopathic Medicine. He penned this in 2018 when he was interim dean. It has been edited for length.

“There are paths forward that can help bring truth, healing, wholeness and restoration for the survivors, first and foremost, as well as the MSU community. May we have the wisdom and courage to choose wisely.”

Cynthia Jackson-Elmoore,
Dean, Honors College

Being a Spartan Now

BY STEPHANIE MCCANN, '09

“It’s true that membership in the Spartan Nation means being part of something special. But it is undeniable that our something special is tarnished.

It has been diminished.

And until we right this wrong, restore the justice and humanity that Nassar stole from the survivors, and take the necessary steps to ensure this can never happen again, it will remain so.”

Louise Knott-Ahern, '96
Freelance writer

Larry Nassar is not MSU. Lou Anna K. Simon is not MSU. The institutional trauma created by a culture of avoidance is not MSU.

The students I teach, the faculty I work with, the staff who support every corner of this community—we are MSU.

How do we reconcile being a Spartan with the harm caused to so many people at the hands of another fellow Spartan? How do we put on our green and not feel embarrassment, anger, or shame?

It is in the remembering that Nassar does not have the power to define the MSU community. It is in the remembering that anyone who covered up Nassar’s abuse does not have the power to define the MSU community.

I am reclaiming what it means to be a Spartan. Being a Spartan means having deep empathy, it means speaking our truth, it means believing one another, and it means showing up when we feel most vulnerable. No one gets to push me out of MSU, including Nassar.

I am an MSU alumna, MSU faculty member, and MSU parent. I am a social worker who strives to help others find their healthiest selves. I am a therapist for the Firecracker Foundation, which provides healing therapeutic services to children and families when child sexual abuse occurs.

To say that Nassar’s sexual abuse at MSU is personal to me would be an understatement. It is betrayal. It is a reminder that as a survivor myself, I have deep empathy for the courage it takes to speak your truth without attachment to the judgment of others.

I am a Spartan, and I am a survivor. And I still bleed green. I believe people heal when they are heard.

#SpartansListen #SpartansWillShowEmpathy

Stephanie McCann, '09, LMSW, teaches classes in the College of Social Work. She originally posted this on LinkedIn.

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us have been toiling for a long time without seeing the needle move in the way that we had hoped.

But this is how social change happens; many people work for it over a long period of time without seeing much progress, and then the right historical moment comes along that provides fertile ground for that work. With the larger culture engaging with #MeToo and Time's Up, with powerful men finally being held accountable by the people whom they have abused for far too long, this is a historical moment that could nurture change in many facets of society.

And now, because of the bravery of numerous women who spoke out publicly about the abuse they experienced from Larry Nassar, MSU is in a historical moment that makes change not just possible but inevitable.

The voices of survivors are being heard in ways that they have not been in a long time. The voices of our scholars and service providers are now guiding the changes that we as a university community must make.

And MSU supporters, especially alumni, also have an important role to play in these changes. Alumni showing their support for anti-sexual-violence work is essential for those changes to happen. When alumni call or write MSU to encourage bold action to address sexual violence, when they make gifts in support of that action, they become part of the process of making MSU a safer place for all of our students and employees.

It is through collaborations of alumni, faculty, staff and students that we will make MSU into the university we know it can be, and people will look back at this moment in time and point to those collaborations as the catalyst that put MSU on the path to becoming a world leader in addressing campus sexual assault.

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*At press time the federal funding for VAWA had expired and was being discussed by Congress.

RELATIONSHIP VIOLENCE RESOURCES

MSU Safe Place

- Business office (517) 355-1100 ext. 2
- Shelter or immediate support (517) 355-1100
- Advocacy and follow-up (517) 432-9570 or (517) 353-9999
- Community education, volunteer opportunities, counseling, support groups, temporary emergency shelter, and advocacy.
- All services are free and confidential.

End Violent Encounters, Inc.

[EVE, Inc.] (517) 372-5572

- Shelter, support, and community education programs for the Greater Lansing area.
- All services are free and confidential.

SEXUAL ASSAULT RESOURCES

MSU Sexual Assault 24-Hour Hotline (517) 372-6666

- Support, advocacy, and information for all members of the campus community.
- All services are free and confidential.

MSU Sexual Assault Program (517) 355-3551

- Individual and group counseling, consultation regarding sexual assault trauma, and educational programs offered.
- All services are free and confidential.

Office of Institutional Equity (517) 353-3922

Where to report sexual assault on campus; sexual assault investigations.

Olin Health Center (517) 353-1733

- The Center for Sexual Health Promotion at Olin aims to provide accurate information about sexual wellness.
- Confidential HIV and STI testing.

Sparrow Hospital Sexual Assault Clinic (517) 364-3641 or (517) 285-2203 Emergency (517) 364-3729

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) on staff. Go to Sparrow ER.

CRISIS HELP LINES & COUNSELING SERVICES

MSU Sexual Assault 24-Hour Hotline (517) 372-6666

MSU Safe Place (517) 355-1100

LGBT Hotline (517) 332-3200

MSU Counseling Center (517) 355-8270

EVE, Inc. (517) 372-5572

LEGAL SERVICES

Legal Services of South Central Michigan (517) 394-3121

Provides custody and divorce assistance.

EVE, Inc. (517) 372-5572 or MSU Safe Place (517) 355-1100

Can accompany victims to court hearings or explain the legal process.

ASMSU Legal Services (517) 355-8266

Provides MSU students with completely free legal consultation. Lawyers can give advice and represent students in court.

POLICE SERVICES EMERGENCY: 911

MSU Department of Police and Public Safety (517) 355-2221

East Lansing Police Department (517) 351-4220

MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

Ingham County Emergency Services (517) 372-8460 or (800) 372-8460

Sparrow Hospital Mental Health Center (517) 482-6570

SEXUAL HARASSMENT RESOURCES

Office of Institutional Equity (517) 353-3922

MSU Sexual Assault Program (517) 355-3551

Six Steps to Support a Survivor

It takes courage for a survivor of sexual assault or domestic violence to share their story with anyone. Never underestimate your power to affect the course of a survivor's healing journey. Here are some tools—words, actions and resources—that can help you support someone who shares personal experiences with you.

You don't have to be an expert—you just have to be yourself. If someone shares their experience with you, you're probably a person they look to for support, compassion and guidance. Although you can't take away what happened to someone, you can be a source of comfort.

1. LISTEN

Sometimes you don't even need words (or at least not a lot of words) to be there for someone. Many people share that being able to tell their story to someone else lessens the weight of isolation, secrecy and self-blame. Listening is in and of itself an act of love.

2. VALIDATE

Think about a time when you felt vulnerable or faced a crisis, and think of what helped you the most. Chances are it was not a specific conversation you had, but the knowledge and comfort that the person or people you told were there for you, believed in you, were on your side and were committed to supporting you through a hard time. There are some helpful phrases you can use to show you care.

"I'm so sorry this happened to you."

"I believe you."

"This is not your fault."

"You're not alone. I'm here for you and I'm glad you told me."

Oftentimes, a survivor may feel like what happened to them is their fault. We are bombarded with victim-blaming myths and attitudes in our society, and they can sink in...deeply. But no action excuses a person hurting someone else. Violence and abuse is never the victim's fault. That responsibility and shame lies with the perpetrator. It can be helpful to communicate that gently and repeatedly.

"Nothing you did or could've done differently makes this your fault."

"The responsibility is on the person who hurt you."

"No one ever has the right to hurt you."

"I promise, you didn't ask for this."

"I know that it can feel like you did something wrong, but you didn't."

"It doesn't matter if you did or didn't _____. No one asks to be hurt in this way."

3. ASK WHAT MORE YOU CAN DO TO HELP

Violence and abuse is about power and control. It is vital for survivors to regain their sense of personal power. Instead of pushing someone into taking actions for which they are not ready, ask how you can support them.

4. KNOW WHERE TO POINT SOMEONE FOR MORE HELP

You can best help a survivor by offering options and leaving space for them to decide where to go from there. See page 40.

5. KEEP AN OPEN HEART

Remind a survivor that you are available should they want to talk about their experiences further. The healing journey can be a long one. It can be full of many challenging—but sometimes joyful and liberating—conversations. It can make a big difference for a survivor to know that you are there to support them along the way.

6. FINALLY, CARE FOR YOURSELF

There is a limit to what we are able to take in and process. The stories of someone else's hardships related to a traumatic event can impact or become a part of us. This experience of secondhand trauma—often called vicarious trauma—is a human response to coming face to face with the reality of trauma and the difficulties of the human experience.

Courtesy of Joyfulheartfoundation.com

"I never knew how afraid [Nassar's accusers] were that I wouldn't believe them, because that's not an option."

Det. Lt.
Andrea Munford, '96
MSU Special Victims Unit

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Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity brothers strike a pose for the 1949 yearbook. The Greek organization was the first of its kind at Michigan State College.

Presidential Search Update

“ The outcome so far is a set of extremely qualified candidates with great promise for leading MSU forward.

Michigan State University is approaching an exciting point in its life as our presidential search committee considers a strong group of applicants seeking to become the university's next president.

Our search committee is a diverse and inclusive group including representatives of the Board of Trustees, alumni, faculty, staff, deans, students and others. Trustee Joel Ferguson graciously stepped aside in January when he learned Trustee Brianna Scott was interested in joining, allowing fresh perspective from a new board member earlier in the process.

The board retained MSU alumna and University of Virginia President Emerita Teresa A. Sullivan last year to assist us, and we picked Storbeck/Pimentel and Associates to facilitate the national search. MSU's Relationship Violence and Sexual Misconduct Expert Advisory Workgroup helped us prepare for the 22 forums we held with members of the campus community. Those sessions gave us a wealth of perspective to help develop search materials and selection criteria.

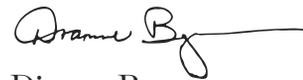
Now we're looking over a very promising set of applications. It is a diverse, highly accomplished and experienced group of leaders holding high-level positions who seek to become our next president.

The board is charged with making the final selection. It is our goal to announce the new president by June and welcome him or her to campus by the start of the 2019-20 academic year in July.

The search committee has worked to keep the MSU community updated through direct email, media interviews and our website. We have heard calls to disclose the names of applicants, but here we must exercise the discretion that state law allows us. We do not want the fear of jeopardizing existing employment relationships to discourage prospective candidates from applying. Search committee members and trustees all signed confidentiality statements for this reason.

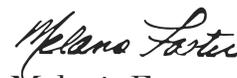
The outcome so far is a set of extremely qualified candidates with great promise for leading MSU forward. I look forward to introducing one of these extraordinary individuals as Michigan State's 21st president.

Sincerely,



Dianne Byrum

CO-CHAIR, PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE



Melanie Foster

CO-CHAIR, PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

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How May We Be of Service?

Indiana-based Spartan gives his all to benefit others. Will you?

Visiting Indy? We hope you get to meet Rick Rosales. A leader in service both professionally and personally, he makes the community a better place and exemplifies the best qualities of our Indy Spartan family.

As the director of Community and Mentor Engagement at Indiana Department of Correction, Rosales integrates his passion for service with a rewarding career by positively impacting the prison environment with community-based resources and classes.

Rosales serves as a mentor at Starfish Initiative, providing guidance to economically disadvantaged high school students while helping them achieve their dreams of graduating high school and going to college.

Rosales even uses his vacation time as an opportunity to serve. He recently volunteered at Bike Denver with his dad and ran with Achilles

International, a non-profit that connects able-bodied runners and athletes with disabilities through athletic training and events.

“Serving my community introduces me to some of the kindest and most compassionate people and being surrounded by those types of people breathes new life in what is sometimes a frustrating and stressful daily routine,” Rosales said.

“I serve, simply, because it’s the right thing to do.”

On April 13, you too will have opportunities to volunteer. That’s when Global Day of Service participants, mostly Spartans, will perform work to help non-profits, schools, communities and more.

Register today. Or create a project of your choosing.

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Awards Honor 11 Who Embody Spartan Values

Alumni gala celebrates those who are making the world a better place through their achievements in science, business technology, the arts, law, and beyond.



The Grand Award winners are, from L to R in back row: Elizabeth Anne Shanahan, Roger Neil Beachy, Gloria Santona, and Manoj Kumar Saxena. Front row: Sandra Elaine Pierce, David Patrick Kelly, Patricia Geoghegan, Jennifer Ann Heemstra, Shannon L. Wilson, and Marc Sherwood Conlin. Missing: John Reed Koza.

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Michigan State University provides a world-class education to thousands of students every year, equipping them to excel in their post-graduate endeavors. Many Spartans make lasting impressions in their professional fields. Others represent Spartan Nation to their communities in outstanding ways. Some earn notable accomplishments early in their lives.

Accomplishments of all kinds were recognized at the 2018 Grand Awards gala at the Kellogg Center. Economists, biologists, scientists, entrepreneurs, engineers and other outstanding Spartans received plaudits and medallions.

These Spartans continue to make an impact on a global level. They have realized such momentous achievements as having a lead role in the realization of IBM's Watson computer system, blazing new paths for women in the engineering field,

and establishing a classical music program for people in all walks of life in India, and other achievements.

Because of the Spartans who have set these examples and continually reach higher, MSU has advanced from serving primarily as an agricultural college to a world leader in education, science, technology and the humanities.

Please join in as we welcome this year's class of Alumni Grand Award recipients.



DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

Recipients include alumni who have differentiated themselves by achieving the highest level of professional accomplishment

ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD
Recipients include alumni who have demonstrated service to MSU and/or commendable public service on a local, state, national or international level



YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD
Recipients include alumni under age 40 who have distinguished themselves through a high level of professional accomplishment

HONORARY ALUMNI AWARD
Recipients include those non-alumni candidates who have made an outstanding impact on behalf of MSU



PHILANTHROPIST AWARD
Recipients include those individuals, families, associations, corporations or foundations that have generously demonstrated ongoing financial support and leadership to MSU

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD



“What Michigan State University gave me was a sense of diversity in opinions, diversity in race and ethnicity, diversity in religion and diversity in politics, and in that milieu I learned science and I absorbed my own role in the future of science.”

Roger N. Beachy

Ph.D. in Plant Pathology, College of Natural Science, Michigan State University | Post-Doctoral Fellow, Cornell University | B.A. in Biology, Goshen College

He's a professor of Biology at Washington University in St. Louis, developer of the world's first genetically modified food crop, an avid skier and a Spartan.

Roger Beachy currently serves as senior science advisor for several start-up companies and multiple non-profit institutes in China and Italy. He previously served as founding executive director of the World Food Center at UC Davis. President Obama appointed him to the National Science Board (current), and director and chief scientist of the National Institute of

Food and Agriculture at the USDA. He was founding president of the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center, held leadership roles at The Scripps Research Institute, and was director of the Center for Plant Science and Biotechnology at Washington University.

Beachy is a member of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences and received the 2001 Wolf Prize in Agriculture.

Aside from an urge to hit the snowy slopes in winter, Beachy says that working to improve the human condition via food and agriculture

gets him up in the morning. This noble motivation led him to develop the world's first genetically modified food crop, a variety of virus-resistant tomato. His work has been replicated by researchers around the world and has led to the production of many types of virus-resistant plants.

“What binds Spartans is that as learned and trained individuals, we contribute to society, improving life for those whom we serve and with whom we interact daily.”

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD



“A Spartan is someone who has the privilege of getting a fabulous education, a fabulous preparation for life. A Spartan is someone who is going to go out into the world and make his or her mark and give back to MSU.”

Patricia Geoghegan

J.D., Yale Law School | L.L.M. in Taxation, New York University | B.A. in History, College of Arts & Letters and Honors College, Michigan State University

A former Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP Tax Department co-head and Executive Compensation Group head, this committed Spartan began her career working in the Akers Hall cafeteria.

In her 33-year career at Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP, Patricia Geoghegan became her law firm's second female partner, focused on equipment finance and executive compensation, and supervised many pro bono tax projects. She was an adjunct professor at Brooklyn Law School during the financial crisis and went on to become an

attorney in the U.S. Treasury's Office of Financial Stability and special master for TARP Executive Compensation.

Geoghegan has served on several boards and is a member of the MSU New York City Women and Philanthropy group. She was the 1993 College of Arts and Letters Commencement speaker and received the College of Arts and Letters Distinguished Alumni Award in 1997.

As an alumna, philanthropist, and volunteer, Geoghegan embodies the deepest values of the MSU

land-grant mission. Her college experience—from serving others in the Akers Hall cafeteria to coursework in history, art history, philosophy and economics—added value to her career. She believes that it is important to keep broad horizons and that a background in the liberal arts better prepares students for careers in a variety of fields.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD



“I have come to think of Michigan State University not as a land-grant university, but as a ‘life-grant’ university.”

David Patrick Kelly

Ph.D. and M.A. in Economics, College of Social Science, Michigan State University | B.A. in Economics, University College Dublin

He’s managing director and chief global strategist of J.P. Morgan Asset Management, a marathon runner and a Spartan.

David Kelly brings over 20 years of economic insight, perspective and experience to his team of 28 professionals at J.P. Morgan Asset Management, where he’s focused on the investment implications of an evolving economy. He currently sits on J.P. Morgan Fund’s operating committee.

Prior to joining J.P. Morgan Asset Management, Kelly served as economic advisor to Putnam

Investments, and as senior strategist/economist at SPP Investment Management, Primark Decision Economics, Lehman Brothers and DRI/McGraw-Hill. He is lauded for translating the world of economics in a colorful, entertaining and understandable way at many national investment conferences, and as a frequent guest on CNBC, Bloomberg and other financial media outlets.

A native of Ireland, Kelly says that being a Spartan allowed him to understand what it is to be an American. Thanks in part to his

MSU degrees, he embodies what it means to be an active global citizen... even having run marathons in both New York and Dublin.

“As Spartans, we recognize what we owe MSU for the education we received, for the life-long friends we made and, in many cases, for the partners with whom we have shared our lives.”

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD



“The great thing I got from Michigan State University was learning how to learn and learning how to think about things.”

Gloria Santana

J.D. cum laude, University of Michigan Law School | B.S. in Biochemistry, College of Natural Science, Michigan State University

Serving as counsel in the Chicago office of Baker & McKenzie LLP, she's former executive vice president, general counsel, and secretary of McDonald's Corporation, a once-aspiring doctor and a Spartan.

After a nearly 40-year career with McDonald's, Gloria Santana now makes a powerful impact on Baker & McKenzie client services, focusing on sustainability issues, mentorship, and diversity and inclusion. She joined McDonald's as an attorney upon graduating law school with aspirations to become general counsel, a position she

achieved in 2001. As a member of the senior leadership team, Santana led McDonald's worldwide legal, compliance, regulatory and corporate governance functions.

Santona is recognized for her commitment to pro bono legal services and among her numerous recognitions, was named one of the "50 Most Powerful Latinas of 2017" by *Fortune*.

Santona vigorously pursues her goals and new opportunities. For example, when her dream as a student to become a doctor didn't work out, she decided to

try law school instead. Santona says she is committed to providing MSU's female students with new opportunities through her work with MSU Women's Leadership Institute.

"For me, it's more about the 'little victories' than any particular defining moment. I'll work very hard to accomplish a goal and once it's done, I move on. I don't spend much time looking backward."

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD



“I think it’s not an overstatement to say that a big part of who I am today is because of the trajectory at which Michigan State University was able to launch me into the work.”

Manoj Kumar Saxena

M.B.A., Eli Broad College of Business, Michigan State University | M.S. in Management Sciences, Birla Institute of Technology & Science

He’s executive Chairman of CognitiveScale, an auto-racing enthusiast and a Spartan.

Manoj Saxena is currently a founding managing director of The Entrepreneurs’ Fund IV, a seed fund focused on business-to-business artificial intelligence market with nine active investments. He previously served as the first general manager of IBM Watson, where his team built the original cognitive systems. Prior to IBM, Saxena successfully founded and sold two venture-backed software companies within a five-year span.

He serves on the board of AI Global, a nonprofit promoting practical and responsible applications of AI and the Saxena Family Foundation. Recently, Saxena retired as chairman of the U.S. Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas and San Antonio. He holds nine software patents.

Saxena says he likes building things, going fast—evident in his driving passion for racing—and helping brilliant people build great companies.

“We are living in the midst of a Cambrian explosion in technology

and I am passionate about putting these technologies to work for the betterment of society and our planet. Our lives are defined by purpose. Without that, success is an empty stage.”

ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD



“ I think my self-discovery has been that I really like helping people. It became obvious I should give back to MSU.

Marc Sherwood Conlin

M.B.A. in Production and Quality Control, Eli Broad College of Business, Michigan State University | B.S. in Electrical Engineering, College of Engineering, Michigan State University

Marc Conlin has been an important member of the MSU campus community for 54 years. He began his career with MSU's Department of Physics and Astronomy in 1969 as a student stockroom manager and went on to become its administrative assistant and business operations manager before assuming his current role. Once the student manager, he served as staff advisor for MSU's campus radio network, and was responsible for obtaining its FM station license, WDBM.

For his outstanding service and performance, Conlin received the

MSU Jack Breslin Distinguished Staff Award in 2009 and twice received the MSU Department of Physics and Astronomy Distinguished Staff Award in 1998 and 2014. In addition to his legacy as an esteemed employee, he has established endowments through planned gifts to support the Colleges of Natural Science and Engineering and has also supported the new Broad Business Pavilion and other new construction projects on campus.

While he's never technically left MSU, he's had a varied journey on

campus and beyond. He's traveled Europe, is a Florida regular, and even attended the Outward-Bound School in Colorado for mountain climbing, survival and leadership. He is beloved by his colleagues, who have recognized him professionally and personally.

“Recently, my department surprised me with a birthday party that included past chairs and other people that I have worked with. They decorated our conference room and even my lawn at home. I was completely surprised!”

ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD



“Being encouraged to try something new, being encouraged to take some risks, was the difference between me having this wonderful career in engineering and going down a wonderful new path.”

Elizabeth Anne “Betty” Shanahan

M.B.A., University of Chicago Booth School of Business | Master of Software Engineering, Wang Institute of Graduate Studies | B.S. in Electrical Engineering, College of Engineering, Michigan State University

She’s an associate vice president for Administration and Operations at DePaul University, a one-time Blue Angel-flyer and a Spartan.

Before joining DePaul University, Betty Shanahan was a consultant to MSU’s executive vice president for Administrative Services. For nearly 12 years, she served as executive director and CEO of the 20,000-member Society of Women Engineers, helping make a critical impact on the recruitment and advancement of women in the profession. She spent the 24 years prior in development, engineering

management, and marketing management for the electronics and software industries.

Upon graduating from MSU, Shanahan became the first female engineer employed at Data General Corporation. She was awarded the 2010 Claud R. Erickson Distinguished Alumni Award from the MSU College of Engineering and in 2013, received an Honorary Doctor of Science degree from the University of Connecticut.

“My greatest moment was when one of our first Alliant Computer customers, The National Center for

Atmospheric Research, could divert a plane before it flew into dangerous wind shear thanks to our parallel-processing technology.”

Shanahan went on to have another memorable experience involving a plane: taking an accompanied 45-minute flight in the F/18 Hornet, Blue Angel 7. As the Navy pilot executed rolls, loops and dives, she faced the stomach-turning challenge much like she has the various stages of her career and enjoyed the ride.

YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD



“My experience at MSU, it exposed me to a lot of different cultures and I think it prepared me to be comfortable in putting myself out there in a completely different environment.”

Jennifer Ann Heemstra

M.M. in Piano Performance, Cleveland Institute of Music | B.M. with honors, College of Music, Michigan State University

She’s a professional pianist and entrepreneur, performer to over 65,000 Indian children, adults, and water buffalo, and a Spartan.

Jennifer Heemstra is founder of the Kolkata Classics Trust in India, which provides free health services for trafficked women, educates children and exposes citizens to classical music. In 2017, she founded the Pitch Pipe Foundation, a U.S.-based NGO through which Heemstra organized and headlined “On the Road,” a patriotic salute to our veterans. She most recently organized 50 concerts to support the

National Salute to Veteran Patients at Veterans Affairs medical facilities nationwide.

Heemstra has received the Secretary of State Award for Outstanding Volunteerism Abroad from John Kerry. She was recipient of the MSU College of Music Distinguished Alumni Award and was its 2017 Commencement speaker.

Through her organizations, Heemstra recruits world-class musicians to travel the world and join professionals for performances.

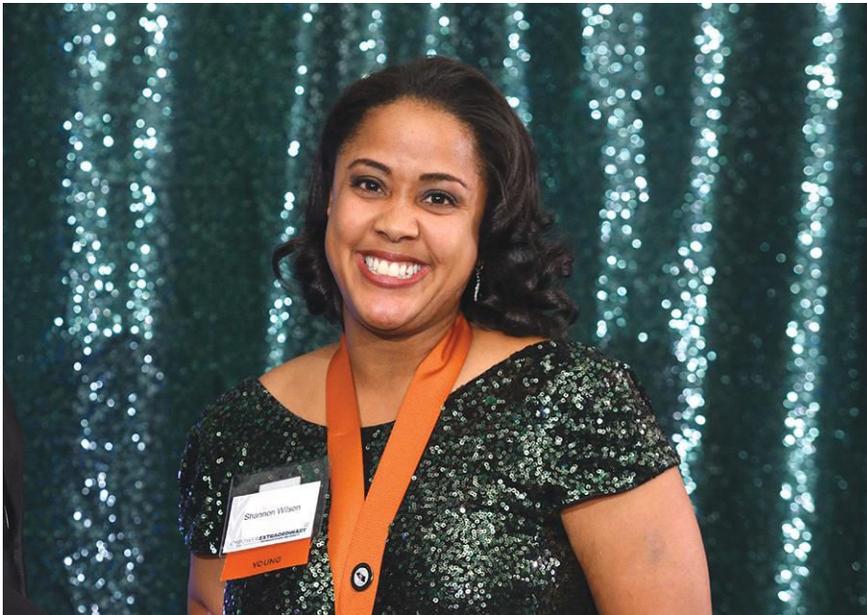
At her Kolkata Classics, children

were so engaged by her western classical music performances, they were unfazed by passing water buffalo during open-air concerts in India’s poorest slums.

A proud Spartan, Heemstra says she often relies on the well-rounded education and entrepreneurial skills she gained from MSU.

“I have realized the ability to communicate, reflect the beauty of the world through music and underscore our shared humanity is what truly makes me feel successful.”

YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD



“MSU helped me to grow into the person I am. It gave me a sense of responsibility for my community. It gave me a realization of what possibilities were out there, what I could accomplish and it gave me a roadmap of how to get there.”

Shannon L. Wilson

M.P.H. in Hospital and Molecular Epidemiology, University of Michigan | B.S. in Medical Microbiology, Lyman Briggs College, Michigan State University | Dr.P.H. in Public Health Leadership, University of Illinois-Chicago

She's the former executive director of the African American Health Institute, spouse of a Spartan, and mother of two future-Spartan daughters.

Since 2010, Shannon Wilson served as executive director of the African American Health Institute. She is currently an adjunct faculty member of both Grand Valley State University and Michigan State University's Colleges of Human Medicine where she prepares future physicians and health care professionals.

Wilson was previously the assistant vice president of Alliance for Health for West Michigan. Prior to that, she served as scientific program coordinator for the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention/Northrop Grumman and was a health disparities epidemiologist for the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

Wilson is proud member of the Spartan community, made up of everyday people who do amazing things not for the fame and fortune,

but because it is the right thing to do.

“Whether it be through advocating for policy-level changes that affect lead levels in our city or making sure that every child in my community has access to healthy food and beverages—the work that we do matters. My life is about helping others to be their best selves.”

HONORARY ALUMNI AWARD



“There is no question, I think Michigan State gave [my spouse and my children] the foundation that they needed to have the confidence and the content to go get that job.”

Sandra Elaine Pierce

M.B.A. in Finance, Wayne State University | B.A. in Business Administration and Marketing, Wayne State University

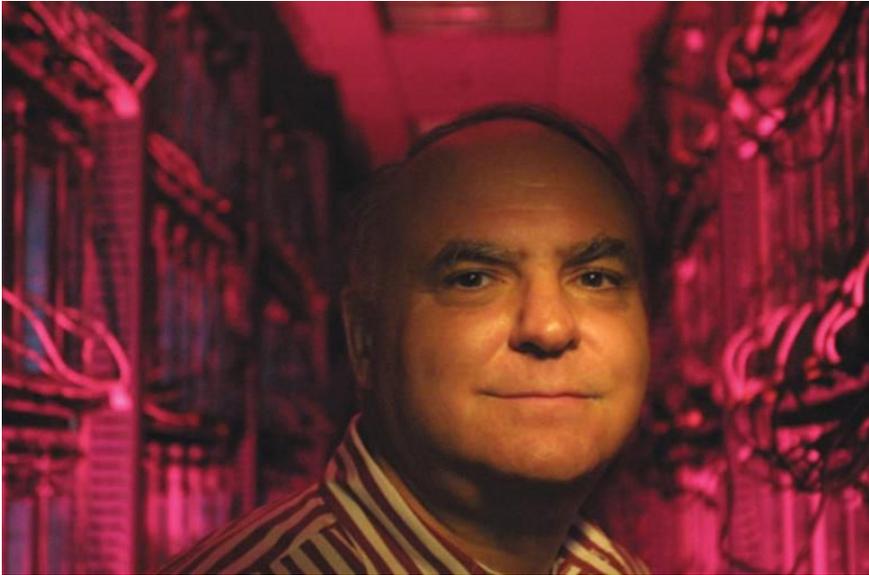
She's senior executive vice president, private client group and regional banking director, chairwoman of Huntington Bank Detroit, a grandmother of five and an honorary Spartan.

Sandra Pierce began her career as a teller at National Bank of Detroit (J.P. Morgan Chase) where she spent 27 years. She has gone on to lead the Huntington Private Bank, Huntington Insurance Agency and Huntington Auto Finance and RV/Marine. She manages Huntington's community development initiatives and Huntington's regional presidents.

Among her numerous board memberships and civic involvements, Pierce is a board member of the Penske Automotive Group, ITC Holdings Corp. and Barton Malow Company. She is currently the chair of the board for Henry Ford Health System. In 2016, Pierce was named one of *Crain's* Detroit Business's "100 Most Influential Women" and was named one of American Banker's "Most Powerful Women in Banking" consecutively from 2015 through 2018.

A parent of two Spartan alumni, a current Spartan sophomore, and spouse to a Spartan, Pierce is a passionate advocate for Michigan State University. She has served as a moderator and host committee member for several MSU events and is known to give valuable advice and nurture many relationships on behalf of MSU. The university is proud to welcome her as an honorary Spartan. As is evidenced by her storied 40-year career, her legacy embodies the spirit of our most-revered alumni.

PHILANTHROPIST AWARD



“I’m a supporter of the Michigan State University College of Engineering because of its (various achievements). It seems to me everyone who has been fortunate should give back for future (programs and students).”

John Reed Koza

Ph.D. in Computer Science, M.S. in Mathematics and Computer Science, and B.S. in Computer Science, University of Michigan

He’s a computer scientist/entrepreneur/professor, “father” of genetic programming and a Spartan benefactor.

John Koza has been a consulting professor in the Departments of Medicine and Electrical Engineering at Stanford University since 1988. He is author of four books on genetic programming, and the focus of his research is on automatically solving problems using a minimum of human-supplied information.

He was co-founder, chairman and CEO of Scientific Games Inc., where he co-invented the rub-off instant lottery ticket used by state lotteries.

Koza committed \$12.7 million to MSU’s College of Engineering and BEACON Center for the Study of Evolution in Action—the largest individual gift in the college’s history. His generous contribution is helping position MSU as the leader in this important field of scholarship.

Koza said he is delighted to make the investment in the

BEACON Center and the College of Engineering and believes they are the best place to carry forward his life’s work.

“My personal connections to BEACON, MSU and the partner institutions have been very gratifying, and I look forward to what we can do together.”

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Class Notes

News from Spartans Around the World

1960s

LARRY BIELAT, '60 (Education), has published a novel titled *Lake Paradise*, which depicts a cancer patient trying to live the remainder of his life to the fullest.

TILDA NORBERG, '63 (Social Science), founder of Gestalt Pastoral Care, has been awarded a coveted research grant focused on "Grace Examined: Evaluating Gestalt Pastoral Care Spiritually Integrated Strategies for Clinical Effectiveness." The grant, administered by Brigham Young University, is funded through the Templeton Foundation.

JOANN (FOURNIER) TRYLOFF, '63 (Education), has published her book, *My Heart Belongs to Teaching*.

JUDY ZEHNDER KELLER, '67 (Business), MA '73 (Education), was honored on October 3 by the Underground Railroad and received the 2018 Underground Railroad Empowerment Award.

MILTON A. COHEN, '68 (Arts and Letters), recently published *The Pull of Politics: Steinbeck, Wright, Hemingway, and the Left in the Late 1930s* with the University of Missouri Press.

RITCH EICH, MA '68 (Education), a retired health care executive and leadership expert, has released his fourth book, *Leadership CPR*.

1970s

KEN DECKER, '71 (Engineering), was honored at the 2018 Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE) Artificial Lift Conference in Texas.

MICHAEL PITT, '71 (Social Science), has been inducted into the Wayne State University Law School Alumni Wall of Fame. He is the co-founding partner of Pitt McGehee Palmer & Rivers, one of Michigan's largest civil and employment rights law firms.

GEORGE W. GREGORY, '72 (Social Science), has been named as the winner of the 2018 Outstanding Achievement Award by the Solo and Small Firm section of the State Bar of Michigan.

SUSAN WHITALL, '74 (Arts and Letters), has published *Joni on Joni: Interviews and Encounters with Joni Mitchell*. This book includes interviews from 1966 to 2014 and features Cameron Crowe's never-before-anthologized *Rolling Stone* piece.

KENDALL B. WILLIAMS, '74 (Business), has been named a Fellow by the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers.

MELINDA JONES, '76 (Agriculture and Natural Resources), received the Sharon J. Lilly Award of Achievement from the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) in recognition of her dedication to the tree care industry.

KAREN SCHAEFER, '76 (Social Science), has joined Rochester, NY-based law firm, Barclay Damon, as part of their Trust & Estate Practice Area, along with six other attorneys.

JOHN WEBB, '79 (Engineering), was honored as 2018 Father of the Year by the American Diabetes Association in Atlanta.

1980s

COLEEN KING, '83 (Communication Arts and Sciences), is the president and founder of Lansing and St. Joseph-based King Media, which received the 2018 PR News Boutique Firm of the Year, Agency Elite Award, and two honorable mentions by the PR News Platinum PR Awards.

NORA WINELAND, '83, DVM '84 (Both in Veterinary Medicine), has been named state veterinarian of Michigan in succession of **JAMES AVERILL, '99, DVM '01, PhD '09 (All in Veterinary Medicine)**.

SALLY JOHNSON, '84, MS '87 (Both in Agriculture and Natural Resources), professor of animal poultry science at Virginia Tech, has been reappointed as the Paul Mellon Distinguished Professor of Agriculture by President Tim Sands and Interim Executive Vice President Cyril Clarke.

KIM SHOOK, '84 (Engineering), has been promoted to chief operations officer of BASIC, a Portage, MI-based human resources solutions firm.

BETH BURNS, '86 (Engineering), has published her second book, *Inner Strength, Outer Success: A Savvy Girl's Guide to Financial Empowerment*.

SAM SMITH, '89 (Engineering), published a book, *Detour: Agent Orange*, depicting a Marine Vietnam veteran's battle with total paralysis from Guillain-Barre Syndrome, which is caused by Agent Orange.

1990s

ERIC W. JOHNSON, '90 (Natural Science), was appointed to serve as chair of the Family Law Committee by the Ohio State Bar Association.

LINDA MEEUWENBERG, MA '90 (Communication Arts and Sciences), received the 2018 Distinguished Alumni Award from Ferris State University, where she earned her associate's and bachelor's degrees. She also received the Golden Eagle medallion for the 50th anniversary celebration of the class of 1968.

FREDERICK STURMAN, '90 (Business), released a young adult novel (published under the name Griffin Stark) for young girls who experience bullying, *Immortal Girl5*—which highlights the lives of five immortal, crime-fighting sisters—was inspired after Stark's experience working with an anti-bullying organization. He also founded the Sheepdog Movement to help the worldwide fight against teen bullying, and served as a combat medic with the US Air Force.

BRIAN P. O'CONNOR, '91 (Communication Arts and Sciences), has been promoted to vice president, brand and corporate communications at Princess Cruises, the world's largest international premium cruise line. He currently serves on the executive committee of the ComArtSci Alumni Board of Directors.

JOHN VEIHL, '91 (Engineering, Honors College), was honored with an innovation award at the CommScope 2018 Innovators in Action summit.

CLASS NOTES

ANGELA ERTLSCHEWIGER, '92 (Business), received the Spirit of Life Award at the Georgetown Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center's Women and Wine event last April.

JASON NERAT, MBA '93 (Business), has formed an investment management firm, Nerat Capital LLC, after gaining more than 25 years of experience in finance and capital markets.

RYAN OKERSTROM, '93 (Social Science), was named vice president of operations for Huffmaster Protective Services Group.

KENYATTA BERRY, '94 (Business), host of PBS's "Genealogy

Roadshow," has released her first book, *The Family Tree Toolkit: A Comprehensive Guide to Uncovering Your Ancestry and Researching Genealogy*.

KRISTIN (MERRITT) EILENBERG, '94 (Lyman Briggs, Natural Science), served as an advisor for the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), which was created in the summer of 2018 by the European Union. This initiative standardizes data protection laws across all 28 EU countries and imposes strict new rules on controlling and processing personally identifiable information. Eilenberg's primary focus was to educate stakeholders about the logistics and potential impact of restricting the health

care and research industry's access to data.

ANGELA KELLY, '94 (Social Science, Education), has been appointed managing partner for the Detroit office of Ernst & Young LLP.

KURT KWIATKOWSKI, '96 (Agriculture and Natural Resources), MS '05 (Business), MSU's corporate executive chef, earned the title of Chef of the Year for 2018 from the Michigan Chefs de Cuisine Association (MCCA).

SUZANNE ODOM, '96 (Arts and Letters, Social Science), has joined national law firm Jackson Lewis P.C. as a principal in the firm's Greenville office, where she focuses on ERISA plans,

employee benefits and executive compensation matters.

VITO P. GIOIA, '97 (Business), was elected to the Board of Directors at the Detroit Athletic Club.

MARIANNE CARDWELL, '98 (Social Science, Honors College), has been named project coordinator by the Polis Center in Indianapolis. She'll support projects that use geospatial data and technologies on behalf of Polis' partner communities while cultivating new project opportunities.

LINDA (MCWRIGHT) LOGAN, PhD '98 (Human Ecology), has been named vice president and chief inclusion officer at Olivet College.

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MATT MALONEY, '98 (Natural Science), is the founder and CEO of GrubHub, the nation's leading online and mobile food ordering company. GrubHub serves over 14.5 million users through 80,000 takeout restaurants in more than 1,600 cities.

JEREMY CNUUDE, '99 (Business), JD '03 (Law), has been named partner at the Detroit office of FisherBroyles, LLP, the first and world's largest cloud-based law firm partnership.

MATT JACKSON, '99 (Communication Arts and Sciences), was promoted to partner and managing director of Lambert, Edwards & Associates, Michigan's largest public relations and investor relations firm.

2000s

SCOTT ANGOVE, '00 (Arts and Letters), recently received the Chicago Sports Legacy Award for "exemplary leadership in advancing youth sports in greater Chicago. The award was presented by the Butkus Foundation in recognition of Scott's role as co-founder of the Chicago Hockey Initiative, a nonprofit dedicated to increasing access to the game of hockey throughout Chicagoland.

MICHAEL FRANTZ, '03 (Social Science), a Frantz Ward partner, has been appointed to the Board of Governors for the Ohio State Bar Association.

ASHLEY FARKAS, '06 (Communication Arts and Sciences), was featured in *Las Vegas Weekly's* Women of Intrigue issue, which identifies 12 women in the community who are "movers and shakers." The story covered her love of yoga, passion for PR, and her experience after being shot in the shoulder at the Route 91 Harvest Festival in October 2017.

DOMINIC VICARI is the operating partner of Joe Muer Seafood, and owner of Andiamo Italia in Fenton. He attended in '03.

ANGELA HAAS, PhD '08 (Arts and Letters), has published a new book, *Key Theoretical Frameworks: Teaching Technical Communication in the Twenty-First Century*, which offers new curricular and pedagogical approaches to teaching technical communication. She draws on social justice methodologies and cultural studies to give a voice to a new generation of scholars.

2010s

CHRIS TYLER, '10 (Business), was recently named senior vice president of Operations at Astera Credit Union.

AUDREY DAHLGREN, '11 (Communication Arts and Sciences), will return to her Lansing roots as a sports reporter on WLNS, Channel 6, to succeed Jay Sarkar.

PETER NELSON, '12 (Music), released his newest jazz album, *Ash, Dust, and the Chalkboard Cinema* in August 2018, which tells the story of his five-year battle with a mysterious illness.

MARIA NOVOTNY, '13, PhD '17 (Both in Arts and Letters), received the 2018 Hope Award for Innovation from the National Infertility Association. This national award recognizes "an individual and/or organization/corporation that has demonstrated the creation and application of an innovative product, service or medical procedure that has enhanced the lives of those diagnosed with infertility."

AMY POCHODYLO, '13 (Lyman Briggs, Natural Science, Honors College), and DANA SCHRAUBEN, '16 (Natural Science), have been chosen by the Knowles Teacher Initiative to be members of its 2018 Cohort of Teaching Fellows.

BRIANNA BUCKLEY, '14 (Arts and Letters), was cast as Badger in the Chicago premiere production of *Fantastic Mr. Fox*, adapted from the book by Roald Dahl. The play ran from December 14, 2018 to January 12, 2019 at Victory Gardens Theater.

CHRISTIE POITRA, PhD '15 (Education), now serves as the assistant director of the MSU Native American Institute.

ALYSE WAY, '16 (Engineering), was presented with the 2018 Rising Star award at the Women of Color STEM Conference in Detroit.

CALEB ERBERT, JD and MJ '18 (Law), was recently named associate at Kerr Russell in Detroit.

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When Twilight Silence Falls

1930s

CARL J. JORGENSEN, '35, of Fort Collins, CO, May 3, age 98

1940s

JANE L. COONS, '40, of East Lansing, May 23, age 98

MYRON M. MASNY, '40, of Sun City, AZ

ALICE H. LANDSTRA, '42, of St. Petersburg, FL, May 19

ALICE K. (KING) PARKER, '42, of Milford, DE, Apr. 27, age 97

SYLVIA M. (PALOMAKI) AHO, '43, of Storrs Mansfield, CT, May 8, age 97

DONALD W. GARNETT, '43, of Grand Ledge, Jun. 25, age 96

ELEANOR G. HUZAR, '43, of Minneapolis, MN, May 7, age 95

MAX H. KELLEY, '43, of Hastings, May 26, age 98

JOHN A. WILSON, '43, of Burlington, WI, Apr. 27, age 97

MILDRED L. (BUTLER) HOFFMAN, '44, of New Port Richey, FL, May 29

JEAN M. (GUEST) HOGBERG, '44, of Evergreen, CO, Dec. 8

BARBARA A. (BATES) KAYE, '45, of Lansing, Mar. 28, age 94

SUSAN M. (MOORE) TULL, '45, of Palisades, NY, Apr. 28, age 94

MARY T. (TOBEY) WILSON, '45, of Lansing, Feb. 6, age 94

MARY M. (MARSHALL) EVERETT, '46, of Clinton Township, Jan. 19, age 92

MARGUERITE S. (JACKSON) SCHAEFER, '46, of Slingerlands, NY, Jun. 19, age 95

SHIRLEY M. LUNDBLAD, '47, of Plymouth, May 5, age 93

MAE L. BECK, '48, of Naples, FL, Jul. 17, age 92

MILDRED N. (HOPPING) BUTLER, '48, of Chico, CA, Nov. 5

PHYLLIS J. (ELSBY) LESSENS, '48, of Grand Rapids, Jun. 19, age 91

RUTH W. (SELZER) MCLEOD, '48, of Gaines, Apr. 11, age 91

ANNE E. (LINSLEY) ROBINSON, '48, of Traverse City, Apr. 27, age 91

VIRGINIA R. (BROWN) SCHAEIDIG, '48, of Millersburg, May 16, age 92

JOYCE L. (ROCKWELL) SUCAET, '48, of Warren, Jun. 24, age 92

ROBERT F. WRIGHT, '48, of Jersey City, NJ, May 18, age 92

GEORGE L. BAER, '49, of Flushing, Mar. 19, age 94

LORYMA J. (SHELTRAW) CHAPLIN, '49, of Bloomington, IN, May 11, age 90

ELBERT B. DIXON, '49, of Melbourne Beach, FL

ROSEMARY C. (CARROLL) HAUSENBAUER, '49, of Mishawaka, IN, May 30, age 90

HARRY G. HEDGES, '49, of Washington, DC, Jun. 7, age 94

VICTOR R. KEIGLEY, '49, of Mishawaka, IN, Jun. 20, age 92

FRANK A. KUNZE, '49, of Melbourne, FL, May 28, age 93

CATHERINE A. MALERICH, '49, of Rochester, Jun. 1, age 90

SUZANNE R. (RUMBOLD) OSMER, '49, of Grand Rapids, Feb. 13

ROBERT G. PACK, '49, of Oscoda, May 23, age 92

RUSSEL G. SCOVILL, '49, of East Lansing, Jun. 19, age 92

1950s

 **MARJORIE R. (PETERSEN) BARNES, '50**, of Ann Arbor, Jun. 4, age 97

RAYMOND G. LAWSON, '50, of Troy, May 6, age 91

 **G EDWARD LEUTZINGER, '50**, of Lakewood, OH, May 25, age 90

WILLIAM J. MASSEY, '50, of Fullerton, CA, May 1, age 90

RICHARD C. MASSUCH, '50, of Watertown, WI, Jun. 12, age 92

RICHARD W. PRIOR, '50, of Naples, FL, May 9, age 91

DOUGLAS A. RENIGER, '50, of North Palm Beach, FL, May 30, age 89

RAYMOND J. SAARI, '50, of Muskegon, May 30, age 91

RICHARD G. SAYERS, '50, of Jackson, May 26, age 92

JACK D. SEIBOLD, '50, of Okemos, May 8, age 89

RICHARD M. SHUSTER, '50, of Hastings, Jul. 10, age 89

EDWARD SOERGEL, '50, of Lansing, May 18, age 92

ROBERT S. STERLING, '50, of Lansing, Apr. 20, age 90

ALEXANDER J. TAIT, '50, of East Lansing, May 27, age 92

GORDON G. THOMAS, '50, of Gaylord, Apr. 23, age 79

WILLIAM L. VALLETT, '50, of Old Hickory, TN, May 4, age 91

GRANT VANPATTEN, '50, of Saratoga Springs, NY, May 9, age 93

JOSEPH F. BABIARZ, '51, of Boca Raton, FL, Jun. 5, age 90

ROBERT C. BOSTON, '51, of Lacey, WA, May 15, age 88

ROBERT D. BUCHANAN, '51, of Indianapolis, IN, Apr. 24, age 88

FRANK A. CEDERWALL, '51, of Greenville, May 26, age 93

JAMES E. CORBIT, '51, of Dowagiac, Jun. 4, age 93

UNO W. FILPUS, '51, of Augusta, GA, May 2, age 92

JOHN J. FLEMING, '51, of Norton Shores, Jul. 15, age 90

BARBARA L. (DAVIS) HAMILTON, '51, of State College, PA, Jun. 26, age 95

MASARU KAWAGUCHI, '51, of San Mateo, CA, May 9, age 92

BERT H. LIVERANCE, '51, of Chapel Hill, NC, Apr. 25, age 88

GEORGE F. MCKENZIE, '51, of Hightstown, NJ, Jul. 26, age 93

DWIGHT L. PATTON, '51, of Lynchburg, VA, Jul. 15, age 89

ROBERT E. RESSEGUIE, '51, of Titusville, FL, May 4, age 93

HAIG H. SERGENIAN, '51, of St. Louis, MO, Apr. 21, age 88

JACK W. SIGAN, '51, of Rapid River, Apr. 12, age 90

WARREN A. STODDARD, '51, of Northville, Apr. 6, age 101

ROBERT H. WASSERMAN, '51, of Ithaca, NY, May 23, age 92

LLOYD R. WRIGHT, '51, of Round Hill, VA, Jun. 17, age 89

THOMAS M. BEHNFIELD, '52, of Phoenix, AZ, Jun. 22, age 87

ROBERT M. CLAFLIN, '52, of Bangor, ME, Apr. 27, age 96

WILLIAM J. DAVIS, '52, of Vancouver, WA, May 7, age 88

THEODORE L. DEYOUNG, '52, of Fair Oaks, CA, Apr. 15, age 87

IN MEMORIAM

FREDERICK F. JEWELL, '52, of Ruston, LA, May 1, age 89

LOIS F. (FISHER) LING, '52, of Hinsdale, IL, May 21, age 87

BETTY L. (SWEE) MERRITT, '52, of Newport Beach, CA, Jun. 12, age 88

EDWARD F. MILLER, '52, of Niles, May 23, age 87

DONALD D. SCHELDE, '52, of Katy, TX, Jun. 22, age 91

SHIRLEY H. WEAVER, '52, of Mt. Prospect, IL, Jun. 1, age 91

CLARENCE C. WILLS, '52, of Lansing, May 4, age 90

EDWARD S. CLELAND, '53, of Grass Valley, CA, Mar. 2, age 87

JOEL M. DALKIN, '53, of Glencoe, IL, Jun. 28, age 87

MILTON A. FRANCIS, '53, of Oxford, May 3, age 90

RICHARD H. GOLDSWORTHY, '53, of Twin Lake, Jun. 17, age 86

RUTH (WEAVER) HAGER, '53, of Dayton, OH, Jul. 21, age 86

WARREN G. HUDSON, '53, of Charleston, WV, May 20, age 86

STANLEY C. KITCH, '53, of Newaygo, Dec. 16, age 88

FERRIS I. LARSEN, '53, of Madisonville, KY, Jul. 24, age 87

DONALD F. MCAULIFFE, '53, of Norwalk, CT, Jul. 14, age 90

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WILLIAM R. ROOD, '53, of Muskegon, Jun. 13, age 88

WILLIAM E. CLARK, '54, of Syracuse, NY, Apr. 27, age 89

MARCILLE L. (PRIDGEON) DALGLEISH, '54, of Grand Rapids, Jun. 12, age 92

ARTHUR D. FREEL, '54, of Kingsford, Jun. 12, age 93

DALE A. GREEN, '54, of Sanford, May 22, age 85

DANIEL W. GRENIOWICKI, '54, of Gainesville, GA, Jun. 3, age 85

MARTIN C. KOHLIGIAN, '54, of Petoskey, Jul. 17, age 89

FRANCES (LOSTUTTER) OVERHOLT, '54, of Washington, DC, May 17, age 94

BLAINE F. PARKER, '54, of Lexington, KY, Jun. 17, age 94

WILLIAM J. POSTULA, '54, of Portage, Jun. 13, age 87

DONALD B. RICHARDS, '54, of Cass City, Jun. 20, age 84

WILLIAM J. SIMMONS, '54, of Grand Rapids, May 19, age 94

ROBERT C. SMITH, '54, of Matthews, NC, May 13, age 85

HARRY E. SUTPHEN, '54, of Grand Blanc, Jul. 8, age 90

WILLIAM G. TURNEY, '54, of East Lansing, Jun. 28, age 86

JANET I. (STUMPFIG) WOLDT, '54, of Venice, FL, May 19, age 85

JOHN G. CARTWRIGHT, '55, of Traverse City, May 15, age 85

JOHN R. DAVIDSON, '55, of Vero Beach, FL, Jul. 1, age 87

PATRICIA W. (WARD) D'ITRI, '55, of Detroit, Jun. 30, age 84

JACK M. FERRIS, '55, of Easton, MD, Jun. 4, age 92

BARBARA H. (WINSTON) RICE, '55, of Holt, Jun. 13, age 85

MAXINE E. (LAPEER) SPENCER, '55, of Jackson, May 17, age 91

MILTON A. STEADMAN, '55, of Tampa, FL, Jul. 17, age 85

WILLIAM E. THOMAS, '55, of Chapel Hill, NC, May 4, age 97

DALLAS W. WIXOM, '55, of Lakewood, WI, Jul. 18, age 84

ANN M. (GUSTAFSON) BEACH, '56, of Mesick, Jun. 4, age 82

MARY T. (HOTOP) BONGERS, '56, of Bangor, May 1, age 84

SALLY A. BROHOSKI, '56, of Malvern, PA, May 11, age 84

WILLIAM H. CHAPPELL, '56, of Pontiac, Apr. 27, age 80

THOMAS B. CORNELL, '56, of Dallas, TX, May 20, age 84

BARBARA W. (WRIGHT) FOX, '56, of Clemson, SC, Jun. 6, age 90

JOYCE A. (CROW) GRAY, '56, of Traverse City, May 8, age 83

JAMES J. HALL, '56, of Bloomfield Hills, May 1, age 83

JOHN P. HYNES, '56, of Gladwin, Jun. 29, age 84

ABDO R. KALLIEL, '56, of Grand Rapids, Jul. 3, age 88

EDWIN T. KANEKO, '56, of Colorado Springs, CO, Apr. 26, age 87

TED U. KEPPLER, '56, of El Paso, TX, May 18, age 84

BARBARA J. (CARLS) KIRSCH, '56, of Jupiter, FL, May 19, age 83

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DONALD S. ORTHNER, '56, of Mason, Jul. 3, age 89

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HARRY E. PREIN, '56, of Grand Rapids, May 12, age 85

LLOYD G. RITZEMA, '56, of Lowell, Sept. 25, age 85

RICHARD W. ROWLEY, '56, of Springfield, VA, Jul. 8, age 84

NANCY L. (MCCALL) SCOTT, '56, of Columbus, OH, Apr. 2, age 84

BERNARD A. BARTOS, '57, of Midland, Jun. 5, age 82

JOHN C. BURCHFIELD, '57, of Sylvania, OH, Jul. 13, age 83

ADRIENNE S. (DOUGLAS) CHAMBERS, '57, of Scottsdale, AZ, May 27, age 83

THOMAS D. CLINE, '57, of Pittsburgh, PA, Jun. 17, age 82

JUDITH M. (JORDAN) GRAY, '57, of Clermont, FL, Apr. 28, age 82

BRADLEY S. GREENBERG, '57, of Okemos, Jul. 26, age 83

DEAN E. HALEY, '57, of Flushing, May 19, age 87

MARY L. (STALKER) KING, '57, of Manlius, NY, Apr. 17, age 83

ARTHUR M. LEE, '57, of Bellaire, Jul. 6, age 83

RICHARD D. MENDELL, '57, of Temple, TX, Jun. 13, age 83

ROBERT C. POHLMAN, '57, of Minden City, May 13, age 85

DONALD W. RENN, '57, of South Thomaston, ME, May 5, age 86

JACK B. SAMPLES, '57, of Novi, Apr. 25, age 83

ROBERT W. SEERLEY, '57, of Athens, GA, May 19, age 87

MARY L. (COMBS) SMALLEY, '57, of La Crosse, WI, Jun. 7, age 82

HERBERT WEISSBLUM, '57, of Freeland, WA, Dec. 26, age 89

CARL J. ARNOLD, '58, of Clinton, SC, May 15, age 89

HENRY BARBER, '58, of Guilford, CT, May 22, age 95

THOMAS C. BLOODGOOD, '58, of Bloomington, IN, Jun. 15, age 81

DONNA J. (HEMSTREET) FERGUSON, '58, of Traverse City, Jul. 3, age 84

OLAN D. FORKER, '58, of Ithaca, NY, May 9, age 89

PASTOR R. GONZALEZ, '58, of Youngstown, OH

THOMAS GRIFFITH, '58, of Marquette, May 21, age 87

STUART K. MATHESON, '58, of Phoenix, AZ, May 18, age 84

THOMAS W. MCDONELL, '58, of Washington, May 31, age 92

DWAIN E. MORSE, '58, of Santa Barbara, CA, Jun. 2, age 86

FLOYD C. OLMSTED, '58, of Flint, Jul. 15, age 83

LEE F. SCHRADER, '58, of Hudson, WI, Apr. 21, age 85

ROBERT R. WALLIS, '58, of Oconomowoc, WI, Jun. 10, age 82

CHARLES H. WING, '58, of Okemos, Jun. 17, age 81

RICHARD D. BARDEN, '59, of South Haven, Jun. 24, age 87

DONALD C. BECKER, '59, of Hedgesville, WV, Jul. 20, age 86

JAMES A. BRUCE, '59, of Sanford, FL, May 24, age 92

MARSHALL N. BRUNDEN, '59, of Fairhope, AL, Apr. 23, age 83

PAUL W. BUEHLER, '59, of St. Johns, Jun. 14, age 83

BRIAN M. CARMODY, '59, of Mt. Pleasant, SC, Jul. 4, age 82

PATRICIA M. (LYNCH) COSTELLO, '59, of Warren, Apr. 23, age 81

GEORGE E. DAY, '59, of Walkersville, MD, May 20, age 81

PATRICIA R. (ELLINGSON) FINCH, '59, of Okemos, Jun. 15, age 82

EDMUND E. HARDY, '59, of South Portland, ME, Jun. 22, age 84

JUDITH A. HARRIS, '59, of Dallas, TX, Jul. 12, age 81

VIRGINIA (HANSON) HAWN, '59, of Sheridan, May 3, age 94

JOHANN F. INGOLD, '59, of Sault Sainte Marie, May 12, age 91

CHARLES J. JEZEK, '59, of Gettysburg, PA, May 6, age 86

L. WAYNE JOHNSON, '59, of Maple Grove, MN, Apr. 29, age 89

WALTER H. JORGENSEN, '59, of Sun City West, AZ, Jun. 16, age 83

JOHN M. MACGREGOR, '59, of Roscommon, May 5, age 84

JAMES W. MONKS, '59, of Hyde Park, NY, Apr. 25, age 86

WILLIAM A. MORGAN, '59, of Markleeville, CA, Apr. 14, age 84

CAROL A. (MALAN) NEWMIN, '59, of Lancaster, PA, Jun. 11, age 79

HAROLD R. SMOCK, '59, of Anacortes, WA, Jul. 16, age 91

JOSEPH R. STOLTZ, '59, of Washington, DC, Jun. 28, age 82

JACK J. SURES, '59, of Canada, May 12, age 83

ROBERT N. VERBURG, '59, of Stanwood, Jun. 2, age 81

ROBERT C. WURDOCK, '59, of Dearborn, May 22, age 91

1960s

CHARLES R. BARR, '60, of Sherman, TX, Jun. 28, age 86

RICHARD K. BELL, '60, of Naples, FL, May 29, age 79

JAMES R. BRUMBACK, '60, of Fenton, Apr. 26, age 81

ALBERT EGRES, '60, of St. Johns, Jul. 16, age 79

RONALD B. HOLTSBERRY, '60, of Exton, PA, Jun. 5, age 81

JOYCE A. (WILSON) HOPKINS, '60, of Mason, May 13, age 79

CRAIG W. LARSON, '60, of Haslett, Jan. 23, age 82

CHARLES G. LIDDLE, '60, of Raleigh, NC, Apr. 19, age 82

AALDERT MENNEGA, '60, of Sioux Center, IA, Jun. 12, age 87

DONALD C. RENTSCHLER, '60, of Saint Clair Shores, May 15, age 80

BERNARD M. RIGGS, '60, of Jackson, Jun. 17, age 91

GRETCHEN L. SNOWDEN, '60, of Fort Collins, CO, May 11, age 80

NORMAN R. SODERSTROM, '60, of Carol Stream, IL, Jun. 24, age 83

DONALD J. SOLTYSIAK, '60, of Hellertown, PA, Jul. 5, age 80

DONALD C. STOLZ, '60, of Grand Ledge, Jun. 11, age 80

JAMES P. STOUFFER, '60, of Columbus, OH, May 11, age 81

GERALD E. ABRAHMS, '61, of San Rafael, CA, Mar. 9, age 85

LAURALEA (BROWN) BERNS, '61, of Hanahan, SC, Jul. 5, age 79

JACK A. BOEHM, '61, of Williamsburg, Jul. 22, age 79

ROGER O. BOHN, '61, of Milford, Apr. 7, age 81

MARVIN S. KAPLAN, '61, of Columbus, OH, May 8, age 89

JOHN H. SIMMONS, '61, of Belmont, Jun. 7, age 80

RICHARD B. SMITH, '61, of Brunswick, ME, Apr. 30, age 87

FORREST G. WELLINGTON, '61, of Payson, AZ, May 22, age 85

ARNOLD G. BERLAGE, '62, of Corvallis, OR, May 13, age 88

JAYNE A. (HOFFS) CUMMINGS, '62, of Holland, Jul. 16, age 78

CHRISTOPHER J. CUMMINS, '62, of Midlothian, VA, May 9, age 77

WILLIAM B. DAVIS, '62, of Tempe, AZ, May 23, age 97

EILEEN M. EARHART, '62, of Oxford, OH, Apr. 18, age 89

ROBERT C. ERICKSON, '62, of Holt, Mar. 10, age 81

RICHARD I. HARRIS, '62, of Hingham, MA, Jun. 26, age 83

KENNETH M. MATTESON, '62, of Interlochen, Apr. 28, age 82

DAVID J. MERKLE, '62, of Sparta, Jun. 6, age 78

RANDOLPH R. MICHAEL, '62, of Gaylesville, AL, May 17, age 79

ROSE A. NOVEY, '62, of Saginaw, Jun. 30, age 81

WALTER E. PAGE, '62, of Lone Tree, CO

DOUGLAS K. POTTER, '62, of Denver, CO, Jul. 4, age 78

JUDITH A. (TAMBORNINI) ZIELKE, '62, of Clarkston, Jun. 12, age 78

EDITH J. (JOHNSON) AVISE, '63, of Irvine, CA, May 31, age 101

KENNETH H. CARRICK, '63, of Farmington, Apr. 28, age 87

STANLEY R. CRISSMAN, '63, of Angola, IN, Apr. 19, age 79

ROBERT F. DENDY, '63, of Nashville, TN, Apr. 14, age 80

ROBERT A. KAUER, '63, of Durango, CO, May 25, age 76

FRANCES G. MANNING, '63, of Laingsburg, Jun. 18, age 87

PAUL W. MIDDENTS, '63, of Fpo New York, NY, Apr. 19, age 79

JOHN G. RAJTIK, '63, of Chambersburg, PA, Jun. 16, age 89

GEORGE A. RICHARDSON, '63, of Clay, Apr. 26, age 76

EDWARD F. SARNO, '63, of Lancaster, OH, Apr. 24, age 77

LENORE P. SCHRAM, '63, of Nashville, Jul. 4, age 91

FREDERICK W. SHEPARD, '63, of Murray, KY, Jun. 19, age 81

JEAN M. STONER, '63, of Eaton Rapids, May 2, age 87

JANICE C. (VILLENEUVE) WRIGHT, '63, of Detroit, Jun. 14, age 79

FRANK W. BRUTT, '64, of Fort Walton Beach, FL, Jun. 11, age 87

RICHARD D. ERICKSON, '64, of Farwell, Apr. 12, age 85

JAMES M. HARGITT, '64, of Lansing, Jun. 13, age 80

GAIL L. HOPKINS, '64, of Rives Junction, May 4, age 75



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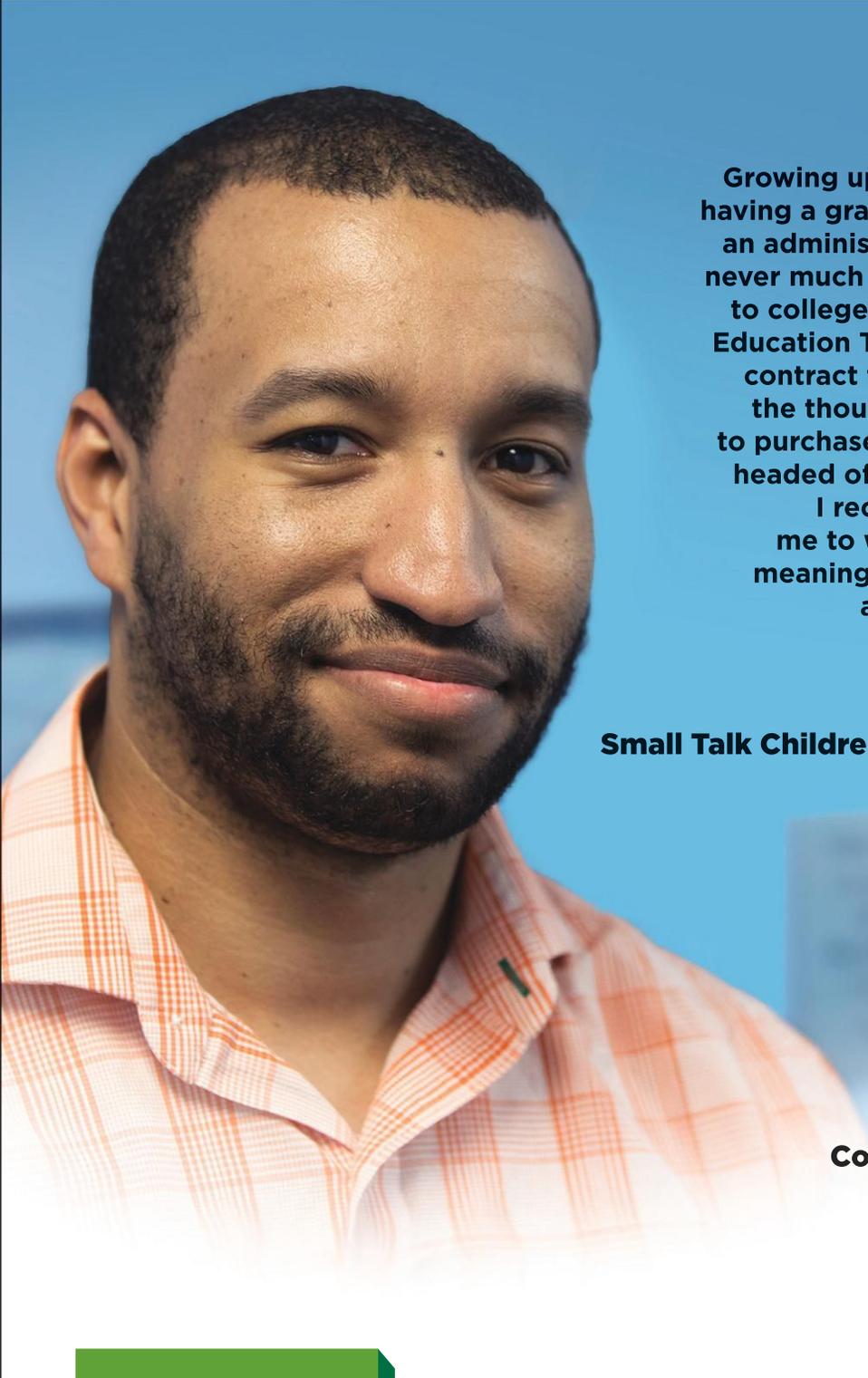
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JOHN H. KAPKE, '64, of
Thurmont, MD, Nov. 5, age 76

JAMES A. LESTER, '64, of
San Diego, CA, May 7, age 78

CAROLYN P. (WELLS) NOLAN, '64,
of Richmond, VA, Mar. 18, age 78

WILFRED G. SAWYIER, '64, of
Albuquerque, NM, Jul. 5, age 93

MARLLIN L. SIMON, '64, of
Auburn, AL, May 29, age 78

PHILIP W. SLAYTON, '64, of
Battle Creek, Jun. 7, age 77

BENJAMIN J. TAYLOR, '64, of
Rensselaer, NY, May 31, age 76

CAROL (BARTLET) WARSOP, '64, of
Fletcher, NC, May 31, age 76

SHARON L. BORDEN, '65, of
Hanover, IN, May 27, age 74

LAWRENCE M. COOPES, '65, of
Frankenmuth, Jun. 19, age 74

RICHARD E. CZARNECKI, '65, of
Dearborn, Jul. 15, age 87

HAROLD L. DOWELL, '65, of
Peoria, IL, Jun. 24, age 91

ELMER D. EPLER, '65, of
Colorado Springs, CO, Jun. 17,
age 85

JUDITH S. GAZEGIAN, '65, of
Niagara Falls, NY, Apr. 25, age 75

KENNETH R. JOHNSON, '65, of
Holland, Jun. 7, age 77

ROBERT L. LASTACY, '65, of
Hudsonville, May 23, age 74

THOMAS J. MCCALLUM, '65, of
Clinton Township, Jun. 20,
age 79

LYNNE A. PERRIN, '65, of
Grand Rapids, Jul. 8, age 75

BEVERLY E. (VAUCK) PFEIFLE, '65,
of Littleton, CO, Feb. 15, age 75

SUSAN K. VANDYKE, '65, of
Milwaukee, WI, Jun. 7, age 75

JON P. WEERSING, '65, of
Midlothian, VA, Jun. 12, age 75

RALEIGH J. WILKINSON, '65, of
Homer Glen, IL, May 13, age 84

WILLIAM M. BREMER, '66, of
Grand Rapids, May 24, age 75

GRACE (JOHNSON) DROSTE, '66, of
Arlington, VA, Mar. 26, age 93

CHARLES E. GARRISON, '66, of
Holt, May 30, age 75

RICHARD B. HARPER, '66, of
 Mooresville, NC, Apr. 27, age 73

JANET K. (MILANO) IHLE, '66, of
Wyoming, Jun. 24, age 76

STEPHEN C. JOHNSON, '66, of
Mokena, IL, Jul. 23, age 79

PATRICIA J. LAFLAME, '66, of
Hartsville, TN, Feb. 19, age 94

LARS O. LANDE, '66, of Ann Arbor,
May 12, age 75

KAYE S. LEISHER, '66, of Oscoda,
Apr. 24, age 82

ROBERT L. MARK, '66, of Bethany,
MO, Apr. 7, age 75

HEATHER A. MCPHERSON, '66, of
Oshkosh, WI, Jul. 13, age 74

EMERSON W. ARNTZ, '67, of
Macomb, Jun. 4, age 75

JON A. BELLGOWAN, '67, of
Lindstrom, MN, May 20, age 78

LEONARD M. CAPUTO, '67, of
Chattanooga, TN, May 18, age 72

KENNETH H. CARLSON, '67, of
Melbourne, FL, Jul. 2, age 73

LOYD W. CONARD, '67, of
Middleville, May 20, age 83

DANIEL H. GENDEL, '67, of
Shrewsbury, NJ, May 7, age 72

JOHN W. KESNER, '67, of
Severna Park, MD, May 18,
age 73

ROBERT A. MASSEY, '67, of Oscoda,
Jun. 30, age 76

C MICHAEL NOLAND, '67, of
Winter Haven, FL, May 10,
age 79

MILES J. PURCELL, '67, of Saginaw,
Dec. 23, age 76

KIM A. (GARTSIDE) RUBIN, '67, of
Santa Fe, NM, May 16, age 72

WILLIAM E. SCHAEFER, '67, of
Freeland, May 25, age 75

ROBERT J. STEPHAN, '67, of
Belmont, Jun. 3, age 82

FRANCIS L. BROKAW, '68, of
Sun City West, AZ, Apr. 22, age 85

CHARLES A. COLE, '68, of
St. Joseph, Apr. 28, age 72

EARL W. FINLEY, '68, of
Tucson, AZ, Apr. 25, age 88

JOHN F. GRASHOF, '68, of
Blairsville, GA, May 13, age 76

MAXWELL T. HAMILTON, '68, of
Palm Harbor, FL, May 30, age 96

WAYNE E. HUMBERT, '68, of
St. Michael, MN, May 6, age 90

RONALD P. KEMERLY, '68, of
Lake Charles, LA, Jun. 26, age 72

JANE T. (ZONTEK) KULPINSKI, '68,
of Ann Arbor, Jun. 5, age 95

TIMOTHY I. MACLEAN, '68, of
Tacoma, WA, Jun. 9, age 72

CARL D. MACPHERSON, '68, of
Tucson, AZ, Nov. 20

RICHARD F. MEYER, '68, of
Carlisle, MA, Jul. 15, age 71

RICHARD L. NORRIS, '68, of
Venice, FL, Jun. 15, age 87

MATTHEW L. PIERNICK, '68, of
Dearborn Heights, Feb. 9

GRETA A. PLAISIER, '68, of Grant,
Jun. 9, age 92

HENRY A. ROGERS, '68, of
Midland, Feb. 13, age 86

HAROLD V. SAUSER, '68, of Clio,
Jun. 18, age 90

GARY D. SPARBEL, '68, of Portage,
Jul. 16, age 72

ARNO H. WALLSCHLAEGER, '68, of
Columbus, OH

PAUL WITKOWSKI, '68, of
Port Clinton, OH, Jun. 22, age 78

JAMES C. CLEEREMAN, '69, of
Escanaba, Jul. 7, age 81

CURTIS R. DUVALL, '69, of
Blanchard, May 15, age 71

HOWARD C. HENRY, '69, of
Rives Junction, Jun. 19, age 89

LUKE M. LITTLE, '69, of
South Lyon, Apr. 17, age 71

MICHAEL P. MARVIN, '69, of
Estero, FL, Jul. 2, age 71

DAVID J. MINDERHOUT, '69, of
Bloomsburg, PA, Jul. 4, age 71

SHIRLEE A. MURPHY, '69, of
Greensboro, NC, Jul. 2, age 84

LAWRENCE J. ONESTI, '69, of
Bloomington, IN, Jul. 9, age 79

BEVERLY J. OSTIEN, '69, of
Mt. Juliet, TN, Apr. 30, age 72

KENNETH D. SWANSON, '69, of
Chicago, IL, Jun. 11, age 71

MARY S. (WARFIELD) VENNERS, '69,
of Jackson, Jul. 11, age 71

KENNETH R. WOTRING, '69, of
Lansing, May 19, age 71

1970s

NEIL R. COTE, '70, of Foxfire
Village, NC, May 29, age 85

HOWARD W. DREW, '70, of
Berrien Springs, Jun. 20, age 87

MARY J. (BURNS) HOWARD, '70, of
Sheridan, Jul. 10, age 85

MOREY A. KAYS, '70, of Punta
Gorda, FL, Aug. 13, age 75

MARYLOU KOVACH, '70, of
Port Huron, Jul. 13, age 84

MARTHA A. (YAHNKA) LUNEKE, '70,
of Raleigh, NC, Apr. 21, age 83

LINDA J. (JOHNSON) MUELLER, '70,
of Coeur D'Alene, ID, May 30,
age 69

KAREN K. (ELDRIDGE) PETERS, '70,
of Canton, Jun. 16, age 70

RONALD K. RICHMOND, '70, of
Grand Ledge, May 3, age 91

CHARLOTTE L. (ADLER) ROHRING, '70,
of Manistique, Apr. 12, age 89

DIANNE H. SEIBOLD, '70, of
Okemos

WILLIAM W. SHELLEY, '70, of Williamston, Jun. 26, age 69

MING-WU WU, '70, of Sacramento, CA, May 20, age 84

WILLIAM E. BARKYOUMB, '71, of Lansing, May 19, age 69

ERNEST R. BURNELL, '71, of Saginaw, Jun. 9, age 74

EDGAR G. CONLEY, '71, of Las Cruces, NM, Jun. 28, age 72

DAVID M. DEAN, '71, of Stuart, FL, Mar. 29, age 71

TIMOTHY A. LEE, '71, of Chicago, IL, Jun. 3, age 68

CHARLES A. LEIBEL, '71, of Alpharetta, GA, Apr. 18, age 76

ANTHONY M. LONGHINI, '71, of Chesaning, Jun. 2, age 79

JANE A. (WIGSTEN) MCGONIGAL, '71, of Ithaca, NY, Jul. 10, age 89

JO ANN (SMITH) MEDLER, '71, of Northport, Jul. 2, age 73

HARRY E. PIKE, '71, of Sault Sainte Marie, Jun. 21, age 83

STEVEN C. SEEBURGER, '71, of Saginaw, Jul. 16, age 70

ROBERT L. BAYN, '72, of Logan, UT, Apr. 17, age 67

GARY R. KELLY, '72, of Slidell, LA, Jun. 23, age 67

RICHARD E. RYAN, '72, of Grand Rapids, Mar. 5, age 88

GERALD E. SNYDER, '72, of Jackson, Jul. 26, age 81

JAMES B. THOMAS, '72, of Penobscot, ME, Jun. 16, age 87

CONSTANCE M. (HOWSON) BEAUPRE, '73, of Phoenix, AZ, Jun. 11, age 67

RUTH E. DENNIS, '73, of Nashville, TN, May 26, age 89

ALBERT H. ELIE, '73, of Grand Blanc, Jul. 26, age 75

ROGER W. EVANS, '73, of Rochester, MN, Jul. 4, age 66

MICHAEL L. IDEMA, '73, of Grandville, May 6, age 67

BETTY M. (WENTZELL) MITCHELL, '73, of Pembroke, GA, May 23, age 66

THOMAS C. PASTOR, '73, of Battle Creek, Jul. 18, age 71

RODNEY L. PETERSON, '73, of Las Vegas, NV, Jun. 6, age 67

JAMES K. RICHARDSON, '73, of Colorado Springs, CO, May 12, age 70

DAVID L. SOLI, '73, of Lake Orion, Jun. 26, age 72

ROBERT M. SPRAGUE, '73, of Grand Blanc, May 2, age 67

GERALD A. STUEBER, '73, of Chagrin Falls, OH, Jan. 3, age 66

DENNIS P. TERRY, '73, of Fort Thomas, KY, May 29, age 72

SANDRA M. THOMPSON, '73, of East Lansing, Jun. 12, age 74

DENNIS R. WARREN, '73, of Cedar Rapids, IA, Mar. 22, age 76

DIANN (GARNER) WOODARD, '73, of Brownstown Township, May 6, age 66

LANNIE J. (RUTTMANN) ZIMMERMAN, '73, of Grand Haven, Jul. 14, age 66

HENRY C. BUTLER, '74, of Brooklyn, NY, Jul. 2, age 69



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CYNTHIA A. HOSIMER, '74, of Laingsburg, May 19, age 65

MARY P. LABADIE, '74, of Kalamazoo, Apr. 24, age 66

MARY A. LIPSCOMB, '74, of Xenia, OH, May 8, age 83

DANIEL A. SANDAHL, '74, of St. Johns, Jun. 22, age 67

FRANCIS J. SIECINSKI, '74, of Brighton, Jul. 9, age 83

CHRIS E. SMITH, '74, of Eagle, May 2, age 66

LOUIS P. ALVEY, '75, of Bourbonnais, IL, May 16, age 68

ROSEMARY E. (GLEASON) BRAT, '75, of Fredericksburg, VA, May 17, age 64

KATHLEEN P. DISLER, '75, of Battle Creek, May 20, age 67

CRAIG M. NOSAL, '75, of Austin, TX, May 4, age 70

SANDRA L. STEEVES, '75, of Rochester, NY, Jul. 18, age 65

BARBARA J. BRANDT, '76, of San Mateo, CA, Jun. 20, age 71

GEORGE BUIS, '76, of Ann Arbor, Jul. 18, age 86

STEVEN J. DEKRUYTER, '76, of Grand Rapids, Jun. 10, age 64

KRISTINE L. (SCARBRO) GOLDBLATT, '76, of East Lansing, Apr. 27, age 67

LAVERNE S. HAGENBUCH, '76, of Pacific Palisades, CA

BARBARA A. HAWKE, '76, of Bay City, Jun. 20, age 63

DOROTHY F. QUIST, '76, of Cedar Springs, Jul. 26, age 84

JOAN I. SCHWARTZ, '76, of Lapeer, Apr. 21, age 88

JOSEPH E. TORTORIELLO, '76, of Kenosha, WI, Jul. 3, age 89

JOY E. (DEARMAN) ADCOCK, '77, of Belmont, May 15, age 92

WENDY L. (SMITH) BUONODONO, '77, of Howell, Jun. 29, age 62

TIMOTHY J. HEATH, '77, of Roseville, CA, Jul. 3, age 64

MICHAEL J. ROSSO, '77, of Milton, FL, May 7, age 62

GARY R. SAWICKE, '77, of Sun City, AZ, Jul. 18, age 74

GEORGE F. THEODORE, '77, of Pontiac, Jul. 16, age 87

EDWARD A. BARCLAY, '78, of Birmingham, May 14, age 62

MICHELE A. HENDERSON, '78, of Norman, OK, Mar. 19, age 63

GAIL ANN MARTIN, '78, of Grand Rapids, Apr. 29, age 78

STEVEN J. MCLEAN, '78, of Clarksville, Jun. 4, age 63

ADDIE M. WINSTON, '78, of Lansing, May 19, age 76

MARY R. (DUNN) BRICKER, '79, of DeWitt, May 24, age 61

HELENE M. DEHOEK, '79, of Caledonia, May 13, age 86

BARBARA W. DESGUIN, '79, of South Yarmouth, MA, May 27, age 71

GARY P. GALAZIN, '79, of Southfield, May 31, age 72

BONNIE D. MIKKELSON, '79, of Indianapolis, IN, Apr. 23, age 75

DENNIS W. STANFORD, '79, of Lake Leelanau, Feb. 17, age 64

1980s

WILLIAM S. ANSERT, '80, of Mesa, AZ

PHYLLIS I. (BOSS) BEUKEMA, '80, of Spring Lake, Apr. 29, age 94

CHRISTINE C. FORRISTER, '80, of Coldwater, Jun. 11, age 70

MARY E. HELFER, '80, of Denver, CO, Apr. 29, age 81

SUZAN R. SELEWSKI, '80, of Taylor, May 1, age 60

DEREK L. CHISHOLM, '81, of Chesterfield, VA, Jul. 1, age 58

KENNETH G. NEFF, '81, of St. Louis, MO, Jul. 9, age 61

NANCY L. STAGER, '81, of New Baltimore, Jul. 10, age 79

BRENT D. ALBERTSON, '82, of Dublin, OH, Jun. 15, age 57

JAMES E. BARKMAN, '82, of Lansing, Jul. 11, age 69

THOMAS A. COVER, '82, of Bloomfield Hills, May 11, age 67

MICHAEL E. MISPAGEL, '82, of Athens, GA, Jul. 13, age 69

DONNA B. CLARK, '83, of Las Vegas, NV, Jun. 6, age 93

DAVID T. NOWLEN, '83, of Phoenix, AZ, Sep. 26, age 56

JAMES L. PECKHAM, '83, of Tampa, FL, May 21, age 64

DIANE L. (MIELKE) SHERMAN, '83, of Honor, Apr. 30, age 62

GERALD L. WALKER, '83, of Rockwood, TN, May 18, age 74

LINDA M. (BOHLAND) ADAMS, '84, of Cadillac, Jun. 24, age 57

TIMOTHY J. HAYNES, '84, of Lansing, Jun. 30, age 56

JAMES A. POSHEK, '84, of Estero, FL, May 16, age 55

ELIZABETH A. WIZOREK, '84, of Ionia, Apr. 24, age 58

LINDA M. BUTER, '85, of Henderson, NV, Apr. 29, age 55

BRENDA G. (WILLIAMS) BAXTER, '86, of Holt, May 28, age 66

DAVID A. DONOVAN, '87, of Lititz, PA, Jul. 19, age 56

ELAINE R. LAPINE, '87, of East Lansing, Jul. 7, age 65

MICHAEL J. MASTERSON, '87, of Okemos, May 31, age 56

JAMES A. RAPP, '87, of Lansing, Jul. 27, age 72

SUSAN J. WOLCOTT, '87, of Pottersville, Jun. 8, age 68

JAMES R. CLARK, '88, of Waterford, Dec. 4, age 51



SHARON K. (HAMMOND) KING, '88, of East Lansing, Jul. 18, age 75

CAROL S. LARSON, '88, of Easton, PA, Jul. 10, age 54

SCOTT D. PIERPONT, '88, of Holt, Jul. 19, age 52

GREGORY A. BROWN, '89, of Flushing, Jun. 17, age 61

1990s

EDWARD L. DAVIES, '90, of Fresno, CA, May 23, age 77

ELIZABETH A. EVERETT, '90, of Carmel, IN, July 24, age 50

GREGORY K. MARTIN, '90, of Mishawaka, IN, May 3, age 61

JUDITH R. REASE, '90, of Glendale, AZ, Jun. 28, age 50

SHEHREZAD MUZHER, '91, of Flat Rock, Jun. 26, age 48

MARK J. KELLEY, '93, of Whitehall, Jul. 2, age 50

ERNEST L. RUSSELL, '93, of Goodyear, AZ, Jun. 1, age 73

KATHLEEN A. FENSKE, '94, of Holt, May 25, age 66

BEVERLY E. FERGUSON, '94, of Mason, May 10, age 94

STACIE J. LEWIS, '94, of West Bloomfield

PAUL J. WITUCKI, '94, of Chattanooga, TN, Feb. 1, age 65

PEGGY S. MCNEW, '96, of Empire, May 29, age 68

ANDREW M. DAILEY, '97, of Holland, Jul. 9, age 43

BEVERLY J. (ELLER) TERRY, '97, of Fowlerville, Jul. 3, age 71

MARTHA J. BURNS, '98, of Gaylord, May 23, age 67

KATHLEEN T. (TUTTLE) PAFF, '99, of Charlotte, May 25, age 65

2000s

ASHLEY S. BROOKS, '00, of Sarasota, FL, May 13, age 40

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BRIAN C. FINDLAY, '01, of Bath,
Apr. 15, age 39

MUHAMMAD A. SIDDIQUI, '04, of
Skokie, IL, May 20, age 39

RICHARD B. POWELL, '05, of
Ann Arbor, May 16, age 48

JULIA R. (RABE) HOY, '06, of
Strongsville, OH, Jul. 6,
age 33

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Rochester, Jun. 7, age 31

MATTHEW S. NORMAND, '09, of
East Lansing, Jan. 3, age 36

STEVEN SCRANTON, '09, of
Rockford, Apr. 28, age 65

2010s

CORRINA K. VANHAMLIN, '10, of
Lansing, Jul. 19, age 36

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Lansing, Jun. 20, age 35

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Rock, Jun. 14, age 73

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Lansing, May 7, age 91

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Jul. 11, age 89

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age 51

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Jun. 27, age 68

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ALI A. SHUSHTARI, of Lansing,
Apr. 15, age 92

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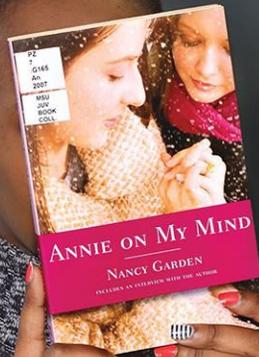
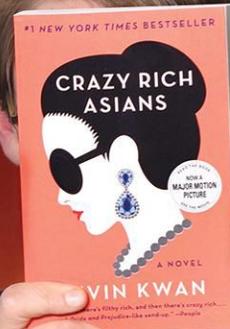
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