



# KEDZIE REUNION

CLASS of 1974

## KEDZIE CAMPUS ARCHAEOLOGY FIELD SCHOOL

Exclusive Opportunity for the Class of 1974  
May 21 – 23, 2024

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### “MSU unearths observatory foundation more than a century old”

You may have read about the [discovery of the foundation](#) of MSU’s first campus observatory in summer of 2023. Workers from MSU’s Infrastructure Planning and Facilities (IPF) were installing hammock posts when they encountered a hard, impenetrable surface under the ground. Believing it to be either a large rock or building foundation, IPF called MSU’s Campus Archaeology Program. After cross-checking old maps, they determined that it was the foundation of the first observatory on MSU’s campus and it dates from 1881.

This summer, the MSU Alumni Office is partnering with the MSU Campus Archaeology Program to offer the Class of 1974 an exclusive field school experience May 21 – 23. You’ll have the opportunity to spend two days at the site assisting with excavations and cataloging.

You’ll learn more about the observatory and get an overview of the two days ahead at a reception on Tuesday evening. Wine and light hors d’oeuvres will be provided. On Wednesday evening, a presentation on the history of MSU’s Campus Archaeology Program will be conducted by Stacey Camp, associate professor of Anthropology and director of the program. And, during the course of the two days, you’ll also have the chance to reconnect with your classmates.

If you’ve ever wondered what it’s like to be an archaeologist or have an interest in connecting with the past, now’s your chance. Can you dig it?

This event is reserved for members of the Class of 1974 and space is limited. For spouses/partners of members of the Class of 1974, there are several options available to them, too. The registration deadline is May 7, but we suggest you don’t wait until then as this program is expected to fill quickly.

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## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, MAY 21		
TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
3 – 5 p.m.	Check-in	Rather Hall, MSU Campus
5:30 - 7 p.m.	Reception and Project Overview	Alumni @ MSUFCU, East Lansing
After 7 p.m.	Dinner on own	East Lansing/Lansing
WEDNESDAY, MAY 22		
8 – 8: 45 a.m.	Breakfast	Brody Square, MSU Campus
9 a.m.	Pick-up and transportation to site	Outside Rather Hall, MSU Campus
9:15 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Work on site Box lunch will be delivered	On site, MSU Campus
3:15 p.m.	Pick-up and transportation back to Rather Hall	
5 – 6 p.m.	Presentation – The MSU Campus Archaeology Program by Stacey Camp	Brody Hall, MSU Campus
After 6 p.m.	Dinner on own	East Lansing/Lansing
THURSDAY, MAY 23		
8 – 8: 45 a.m.	Breakfast	Brody Square, MSU Campus
9 a.m.	Pick-up and transportation to site	Outside Rather Hall, MSU Campus
9:15 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Work on site Box lunch will be delivered	On site, MSU Campus
3 p.m.	Pick-up and transportation back to Rather Hall	
By 4:30 p.m.	Program concludes and check out	Rather Hall, MSU Campus

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## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

### COST

\$115 per person.

For spouses/partners who are not an MSU alum and/or a member of the Class of 1974, there are three options available to them:

- Register and participate in the two-day field school – \$115. Limit one spouse/partner guest.
- Register and only attend the reception on May 21 and the presentation on May 22 – \$30. Limit one spouse/partner guest.
- Do not register nor attend any of the field school.

## WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE COST

- Reception on May 21
- Breakfast and lunch on May 22 and May 23, plus light snacks on site
- Transportation to and from the site on May 22 and May 23
- Presentation on May 22
- Exclusive t-shirt plus cooling towel

## ACCOMMODATIONS

Accommodations are in addition to the program cost. Participants have two options:

- 1) University housing in Rather Hall with communal facilities
- 2) Lodging by your own arrangements

### About Rather Hall

Rather Hall is located in the Brody Neighborhood on the west end of campus. It was renovated in 2012 and is known by Spartans for its contemporary, vibrant design and features:

- Community-style bathrooms
- In-room Wi-Fi
- Barrier-free options
- Community kitchen
- Cardio fitness room
- Air conditioning in public spaces

### Accommodations in Rather Hall

Cost per room for two nights:

- Single occupancy: \$100
- Double occupancy: \$70
  - If two single participants wish to share a room, the cost is \$35/person. When registering, you must know the name of your roommate/the person you'll be sharing the room with. We cannot provide roommate matching for single participants.
  - If a participant is sharing a room with a spouse/partner who is not participating, the participant should choose this rooming option when registering and is responsible for the paying the full cost of the room.

### Accommodations on Own

If participants choose to stay elsewhere, they are responsible for making their own arrangements. There is no hotel room block for this event. The Lansing area has many options for places to stay -

[ctrl.msu.edu/COTravelNEW/Hotels\\_MSULocal.aspx](http://ctrl.msu.edu/COTravelNEW/Hotels_MSULocal.aspx)

## PARKING

**Parking is not available on the MSU campus in close proximity to the excavation site.** Each morning, a shuttle will pick-up all participants from the lobby of Rather Hall and transport them to the site; at the conclusion of the day, the shuttle will return all participants to Rather Hall.

Parking is available in Lot 65, which is the lot surrounding the Brody Neighborhood, for the duration of the program. The cost is \$36 per vehicle and this will cover the period beginning May 21 at 2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. May 23. You may come and go from this lot during the program. Information will be provided in your confirmation email and you will purchase a pass on your own.

If you're not staying at Rather Hall, you should plan to either drive from your accommodations to Rather Hall and park (provided you've purchased a parking pass), have someone drop you off at Rather Hall, or walk to Rather Hall for shuttle pick-up in the morning.

### **PHYSICAL ACTIVITY LEVEL**

This is expected to be an active program with long periods of standing, sitting and bending. Participants should be prepared to work in various weather conditions, including light rain and high temperatures. This is Michigan, so be prepared for four seasons in one day!

We respectfully request that prospective participants consider the physical activity level and whether this program is a good fit for them. If there are any questions, we encourage prospective participants to contact the MSU Alumni Office prior to registering for the program.

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### **ACCOMMODATION**

Michigan State University encourages all individuals to participate in our programs and we strive to treat all participants fairly and equally and keep everyone safe while enjoying the program. Any requested accommodation should be made when registering.

The MSU Alumni Office cannot provide any ongoing assistance to participants, nor can the MSU Alumni Office accept responsibility for any participant who does not communicate such requests prior to the program. This will ensure the smooth and efficient operation of the program for all participants.

Any requested accommodation will be kept confidential and shared only with relevant MSU Alumni Office and university staff to ensure participants' requests are met to the best of our ability.

If there are any questions, we encourage prospective participants to contact the MSU Alumni Office prior to registering for the program.

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### **CANCELLATION POLICY**

After the registration fee is paid, a request for a refund must be made in writing by May 6 and will result in a \$15 administrative fee per person. We cannot issue any refunds after this date.

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### **QUESTIONS**

All questions can be directed to Amy Carnahan at [carnah10@msu.edu](mailto:carnah10@msu.edu).