

# Success @ State

**“On the Banks of the Red Cedar,  
There’s a School That’s Known to All...”  
And You Are Now a Part of It!**

Congratulations on choosing to be a part of one of the finest institutions of higher education in the nation! Your time at MSU will produce some of the most memorable moments of your life. Whether it is taking a class that captivates your mind, exploring your interests by getting involved in a student organization, sampling the ice cream at the MSU Dairy Store, cheering the Spartans to victory, or meeting new friends, your time at MSU will indeed be special. The intent of the short articles contained in this newsletter is to provide some information about what you (and your parents) can expect when you arrive on campus. Also, check out [fallwelcome.msu.edu](http://fallwelcome.msu.edu) for information on your first few days at MSU!

## \$partan Money \$marts

Tuition, books, recreation, food...it all costs money. There is no single answer to questions about money and how much it costs to be a student at MSU, but there are some general guidelines that may help you in making financial decisions.

- 1. Make a list of anticipated expenses.** From this list, families should decide which are covered by the student, which by the parent/guardian, etc. There is no one right answer to who should pay for which part of college, but knowing ahead of time may alleviate a lot of tension later.
- 2. Credit Cards.** Students will receive countless offers to get a credit card. Some students find credit cards a safe and convenient means of payment. Others, however, (if not careful) find themselves owing significant money to the credit card companies. As such, students and parents are encouraged to discuss credit card use prior to arrival on campus. In cases where a student obtains credit cards for “emergencies”, everyone should agree what constitutes an emergency.
- 3. Working while enrolled in school.** The decision to work depends on a variety of factors such as class load, job demands, financial needs, and the individual student. Students who are good at time management and take no more than 15 credit hours per semester may be able to work between ten to twenty hours per week. In fact, research indicates that working less than twenty hours per week in an on-campus job helps students become better acquainted with the institution and complements their academic learning. Students are encouraged to make school their top priority. However, with proper time management, students can enjoy sufficient time to prepare for their classes, socialize, participate in extracurricular activities, and work.

To learn more about part-time student jobs, contact Career Services, 113 Student Services, (517) 353-9510, or visit their website at [CareerNetwork.msu.edu](http://CareerNetwork.msu.edu).

*Dear New Spartan,*

*MSU is looking forward to your arrival to campus, and we are ready to offer you an experience that can be one of the best of your life! Our world-class academic programs, our many services and resources, our beautiful campus, the quality of our advisors and professors, the exposure to other community members from diverse cultures and backgrounds, and the excitement of Big Ten Conference Athletics, all combine to create an unequalled pride in the hearts of MSU students.*

*MSU cares about your success as a student. We hope you will immerse yourself in your academic program, get involved in student organizations, and attend special events and activities to make the most of your undergraduate experience at MSU.*

*We look forward to seeing you soon!*

*—MSU Faculty and Staff*

Don't miss

**Fall Welcome Spartan Spectacular!**

**Tuesday, August 30, 2016  
4-10pm, Cherry Lane Field**

For more information visit  
[fallwelcome.msu.edu](http://fallwelcome.msu.edu)

## Arrival Information

**For students living in residence halls and on-campus apartments:** First-year students can move into the residence halls beginning **Sunday, August 28** at 8am. Returning students can move into the residence halls and University Village apartments beginning **Monday, August 29** at 8am. Move-in for Spartan Village residents varies depending on lease agreements. On move-in day, staff will provide 20-minute parking passes for unloading. Information regarding long-term parking can be found on the pass. For additional information on move-in, please visit [liveon.msu.edu](http://liveon.msu.edu) and select the *Fall 2016: Welcome to MSU!* article.

**For commuter/transfer students:** To access a copy of your personalized Fall Welcome schedule, go to the Fall Welcome website at [fallwelcome.msu.edu](http://fallwelcome.msu.edu) and log-in to print your schedule. If MSU is the first college or university you have attended on a full-time basis and you are a commuter student, or if you are a new transfer student, please plan to attend the Commuter/Transfer Student Meeting at 2pm on Tuesday, August 30 in B115 Wells Hall. Please contact the Department of Student Life at (517) 355-8286 or [stulife@msu.edu](mailto:stulife@msu.edu) with any questions.

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Visit [fallwelcome.msu.edu](http://fallwelcome.msu.edu) for information on all Fall Welcome Activities.

**First Year/  
New Students  
and Family  
August, 2016**

*This is the first  
in a series of  
newsletters  
designed to enhance  
your transition  
to Michigan  
State University.  
Subsequent editions  
will be available  
on-line at the  
Department of  
Student Life website  
[studentlife.msu.edu](http://studentlife.msu.edu)  
on October 17, 2016,  
January 16, 2017,  
and April 10, 2017.*

## Fall Welcome -Aug 28 - 30

Fall Welcome is a continuation of your orientation to Michigan State University. Throughout the three days of Fall Welcome, many exciting (and fun) events will occur across campus. By attending these events, you will become better acquainted with the campus, meet other students, and begin forming connections to MSU's faculty and staff members who are here to help you succeed.

For new students who will be living in residence halls, a copy of the 2016 *Fall Welcome Handbook* will be given to you once you move in. The handbook will provide specific information regarding Fall Welcome activities as well as resources on-campus and in the East Lansing community. For new students residing on campus, Fall Welcome begins on **Sunday, August 28**. You may begin moving into your new on-campus home at 8am. The first official Fall Welcome activity for on-campus students will take place at 7pm when you will meet the other new students on your residence hall floor for dinner. Following this, hall and floor meetings will be scheduled as a way of providing you with some basic information about your new living community. All new students can view and print their *individualized* Fall Welcome schedule at [fallwelcome.msu.edu](http://fallwelcome.msu.edu).

If you are interested in getting involved, check out the list of Registered Student Organizations that is available on the Department of Student Life's website at [studentlife.msu.edu](http://studentlife.msu.edu). The list has contact information for all of the 825+ organizations. Interested in meeting some of the organizations' members in-person? Then plan to attend **Fall Welcome Spartan Spectacular** at Cherry Lane Field from 4-10pm on Tuesday, August 30 to be a part of **Sparticipation '16**. For more information visit [fallwelcome.msu.edu](http://fallwelcome.msu.edu).

## Fill the Bus!

Spartans are generous to others and their community. Be a part of a campus-wide service effort to support organizations in the greater Lansing community. When buying your supplies, buy extra to **Fill the Bus!**

For more information visit [www.servicelearning.msu.edu/](http://www.servicelearning.msu.edu/).

## Student ID Cards

Students who did not receive their ID card at AOP or need a replacement can go to the ID Office located in the International Center, 427 N. Shaw Lane, Rm 170. A government issued photo ID such as a driver's license, State ID or passport is needed to obtain your ID. Hours of operation are M-F, 8am-4:45pm. For more information, you can call (517) 355-4500 or send an email to [idoffice@msu.edu](mailto:idoffice@msu.edu). Your first ID card is issued to you at no cost. Replacement cards are \$20.

## ContactMSU

University directory and information services (ContactMSU) staff are available to help you navigate campus, find the information you need, learn about events, or connect you with departments, individual staff or students with published numbers. Their service is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. You may reach them at [contactmsu@msu.edu](mailto:contactmsu@msu.edu), (517) 355-1855 or by dialing 0 from campus phones. The directory that the ContactMSU staff utilize is also populated by the contact information stored within the University's staff and student databases.

## Study Abroad Fair

Are you thinking about studying abroad? Now's your chance to come and browse virtually all of MSU's programs at the 2016 Study Abroad Fair on Thursday,

October 6th from noon to 6pm at the Breslin Center.

Sponsored by the Office of Study Abroad, the fair offers you the opportunity to explore your options among the more than 275 study abroad programs offered at MSU and begin planning ahead for your own experience abroad. It will feature programs representing a variety of academic fields and locations. You can talk with program leaders, representatives from partner institutions, former participants, and academic advisers. The fair provides a "one-stop shopping" experience for everything you need to know

about choosing a study abroad program.

Staff from the Office of Study Abroad will be on-hand to answer questions and help you understand what you need to know before studying abroad. Representatives from other support units will also be available to help with questions about travel logistics, funding opportunities, health issues and more. Academic advisers can offer assistance about individual degree requirements.

Watch your email for updates or check the web at [studyabroad.msu.edu/safair](http://studyabroad.msu.edu/safair) for more details.

## Billing/Financial Aid Information (517) 355-3343 • (800) 775-4323

The first bill for the fall semester is produced in mid-July. Your attendance confirmation and payment (if any) is due in the first part of August. The specific due date will appear on the billing statement. You must pay at least the minimum amount due, or confirm attendance if no payment is required (credit balance, zero minimum amount due, or zero balance) to become registered. If you have a balance due, you must submit the minimum payment amount, either by mail or on-line using the ePay system, or a late fee will be assessed. You may pay an electronic bill on-line by credit card or ACH funds transfer and confirm attendance at [stuinfo.msu.edu](http://stuinfo.msu.edu).

**Students Receiving Financial Aid at [www.finaid.msu.edu](http://www.finaid.msu.edu)** — Your bill will reflect any actual or pending financial aid awarded at the time the bill was created, except for College Work Study awards, which must be earned by part-time work during the academic year. Private scholarship checks should be endorsed and sent to the Office of Financial Aid at 556 E. Circle Dr, Room 252, East Lansing, MI 48824. These checks are disbursed according to instructions received from the donor. Stafford or Parent Loans are paid directly to your MSU student account once you have completed all required loan actions such as your promissory note and no sooner than 10 days before the start of classes (temporary credits are issued if loans are ready to disburse but there are more than 10 days remaining before class starts). You can view whether you have completed all required actions by visiting [stuinfo.msu.edu](http://stuinfo.msu.edu) and select Financial Aid (Check Your Aid).

**Refunds of Financial Aid** — If you have completed registration and have excess financial aid, which has been finalized as of August 19, 2016, a refund will be processed for you the week of August 22. If you have signed up for direct deposit, the funds will be transferred to your bank account. Otherwise, a check will be mailed to your local address, if one is available. If you have no local address on file, checks are mailed to your permanent address. For students who complete registration after August 19, refunds are produced nightly starting on August 22 and mailed the following workday through September 1, and then weekly thereafter. Students may enroll in direct deposit on-line at [stuinfo.msu.edu](http://stuinfo.msu.edu).

Questions about your bill or payment? Students with questions about their bill or payment may contact the Student Accounts Office, which is a part of the Controller's Office, 426 Auditorium Rd, Room 140, (517) 355 3343, [www.ctr.msu.edu](http://www.ctr.msu.edu).

## Campus Bus Service

The Capital Area Transportation Authority (CATA) provides bus service to all of the greater Lansing area and to MSU. Campus service operates 24/7 during fall and spring semesters with service beginning Monday, August 29, 2016. MSU students may ride the bus for \$.60 a ride when they show their valid MSU ID. Students wanting to purchase a bus pass instead of paying for each ride have several bus pass options. Passes exist for all of CATA's routes, on- and off-campus, and exclusively for Route 32 that travels between the commuter lot, located at the corner of Mt. Hope Road, Farm Lane, and the parking ramp on Shaw Lane across from Shaw Hall. For specific information regarding CATA's routes and bus pass information, please call (517) 432-2282, visit CATA's website at [cata.org](http://cata.org) or email us at [info@cata.org](mailto:info@cata.org).

## Parking On Campus

New students with freshman academic standing who are residing in residence halls generally are **not** permitted to have vehicles on campus. Commuter students who plan to drive to and park on campus must register their vehicles with the MSU Police. Questions related to parking should be directed to the MSU Police, (517) 355-8440. The MSU Police website, [police.msu.edu](http://police.msu.edu), also contains useful parking-related information.

## Personal Problems

No matter how experienced, mature, and emotionally stable students are, there will be times when feelings and thoughts associated with life issues may become uncomfortable for students to handle alone. If students don't feel they are making progress toward resolving it in a few weeks, they may want to talk to someone about it.

The Counseling Center offers MSU students services for a variety of personal challenges including depression, stress, substance abuse, family relationships, career decision making, cultural identity, lesbian/bi/gay/transgender issues, interpersonal conflicts, relationship violence and sexual assault. Students can call for a consultation with one of the staff members. Contact the Counseling Center at (517) 355-8270 or check out their website at [www.counseling.msu.edu/](http://www.counseling.msu.edu/).

## Acquaintance Rape

Acquaintance rape is sexual assault without consent involving a friend, a date or an acquaintance. Educational programs about acquaintance rape and sexual assault are offered on campus during the year. If a friend confides in you after a sexual assault, it is important that you believe that person and help them get appropriate resources by calling the 24-Hour Sexual Assault Crisis Hotline at (517) 372-6666.

## Confidentiality of Student Records

Many students and parents assume that parents have the same access to their children's education records, such as grades and disciplinary records, in the same way as they did in high school. This is not the case.

Once a student reaches the age of 18 or attends a postsecondary educational institution, a parent's rights with respect to their children's education records transfer to the student. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, a federal law otherwise known as FERPA ([www.reg.msu.edu/ROInfo/Notices/PrivacyGuidelines.aspx](http://www.reg.msu.edu/ROInfo/Notices/PrivacyGuidelines.aspx)), protects the privacy of a student's education records. FERPA requires that the University, with certain exceptions, obtain the student's written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from the student's education records. However, the University may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent, unless the student has advised the University otherwise. The University has designated the following information as directory information:

- Student's name;
- Student's local address (if listed);
- Student's local phone number (if listed);
- Student's permanent address (if listed);
- Student's permanent telephone number (if listed);

- MSU NetID email address (if listed);
- Current enrollment status or dates of attendance;
- Program level (undergraduate, graduate, professional);
- Class (freshman, sophomore, junior, senior, etc.);
- Major field of study;
- Current term candidacy for degree and/or teacher certification;
- Employment status as a graduate teaching or research assistant, office address and office phone number;
- Information pertaining to awards and honors achievements;
- Degree(s) earned from MSU and effective date(s);
- Participation in officially recognized University activities and sports, including weight and height of athletic team members;
- The most recent educational agency or institution attended;
- The registration documents of student organizations which contain the names and addresses of the officers and the statement of purpose of the organization.

Students also have the option to request that the University not disclose directory information without their prior written consent. Students must notify the Office of the Registrar in writing or online at [www.reg.msu.edu/StuForms/DirRestrict/DirRestrict.asp](http://www.reg.msu.edu/StuForms/DirRestrict/DirRestrict.asp) if they desire to opt-out of disclosure of directory information.

Questions about the release or disclosure of a student's education records under FERPA should be directed to the Office of the Registrar at (517) 355-3300, [reg@msu.edu](mailto:reg@msu.edu) or [www.reg.msu.edu](http://www.reg.msu.edu).

## MSU Sustainability — Be Spartan Green

At Michigan State University, green is more than a color. It's an attitude of personal responsibility and hard work that is shared by students, faculty, and staff who, through both small steps and big collective actions, show how daily intentional actions can make a big impact – and a better world.

Today, MSU is one of the world's top research universities and one of the nation's top sustainable campuses. And every day—through teaching, research, outreach, and campus innovation—Spartans are working to improve the quality of life at MSU and in communities around the globe.

Our actions are powered by more than a century-and-a-half commitment to empowering ordinary people to do extraordinary things. Working together we can move mountains—or preserve them for future generations.

There are plenty of opportunities for students to get involved in sustainability at MSU; visit [www.bespartangreen.msu.edu](http://www.bespartangreen.msu.edu) to see how you can Be Spartan Green!

Visit [fallwelcome.msu.edu](http://fallwelcome.msu.edu) for information on all Fall Welcome Activities.

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**REMEMBER: Wednesday, August 31, 2016 attend Monday Classes.**

MSU is an affirmative-action, equal-opportunity employer.

# Quick Phone Contacts

(all numbers in area code 517 unless specified)

Questions?	Program/Office/Service	Phone
Campus Operator		355-1855
Counseling	Counseling Center	355-8270
Cultural Issues	Office of Cultural and Academic Transitions	353-7745
	Multicultural Center	432-7153
E. Lansing Housing Codes	Code Enforcement & Neighborhood Conservation	319-6870
Fall Welcome	Department of Student Life	355-8286
Financial Aid	Office of Financial Aid	353-5940
Fraternities/Sororities	Department of Student Life	355-8286
General Questions/Info	Department of Student Life	355-8286
Health	MSU Student Health Services	355-4510
Library	MSU Libraries	353-8700
Ombudsperson	Office of the Ombudsperson	353-8830
On-Campus Housing Options	Residence Education & Housing Services	884-5483
	Toll Free	877-954-8366
Parking	MSU Police	355-8440
Recreation	Recreational Sports and Fitness Services	
	IM Circle	355-4710
	IM East	353-3136
	IM West	355-5250
Rental Housing -	MSU College of Law Rental Housing Clinic	336-8088
Legal Questions	ASMSU Legal Services	353-3716
Safety	MSU Police (non-emergency)	355-2221
Sporting Events	Athletic Ticket Office	355-1610
Student Employment	Career Services	355-9510
Student Organizations	Department of Student Life	355-8286
Summer Courses		
Off-Campus	MSU Summer Study	355-3300
Wharton Center Events	Wharton Center Box Office	432-2000

## Report your immunization history

The University requires all new undergraduate students to complete the Immunization Self-Report form at ***immunize.msu.edu***. Failure to complete this requirement will affect your ability to register and enroll. This information is helpful to the University in the delivery of routine healthcare and in the unlikely event of a disease outbreak.

