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MICHIGAN STATE  
UNIVERSITY

# FALL CONVOCATION



2023

Thursday, August 24  
*Breslin Student Events Center*



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## MSU SHADOWS

MSU we love thy shadows when twilight  
silence falls. Flushing deep and softly  
paling O'er ivy covered halls. Beneath the pines  
we'll gather to give our faith so true.  
Sing our love of Alma Mater and thy praises MSU.

When from these scenes we  
wander and twilight shadows fade,  
Our memory still will linger where  
light and shadows played.  
In the evening oft we'll gather and  
pledge our faith a new, Sing our love for  
Alma Mater and our praises MSU.



## SPECIAL THANKS

Announcer:

Jeremy Whiting, General Manager of Impact 89FM

Sign Language Interpreters:

Annescia Dillard and Mieken VanderWaerden

University Mascot:

Sparty

University Student Radio Station:

Impact 89FM | WDBM-FM student radio station

WKAR TV Livestream

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## SPARTAN CODE OF HONOR

### ACADEMIC PLEDGE

“As a Spartan, I will strive to uphold values of the highest ethical standard. I will practice honesty in my work, foster honesty in my peers, and take pride in knowing that honor is worth more than grades. I will carry these values beyond my time as a student at Michigan State University, continuing the endeavor to build personal integrity in all that I do.”



# ORDER OF EVENTS

## Processional and Welcome

### Welcome Message

Thomas Jeitschko, Ph.D.

*Interim Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs*

### Land Acknowledgment

Emily Sorroche, Ph.D.

*Associate Director, Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion  
College of Agriculture & Natural Resources*

### Remarks and Induction of the Class

Teresa K. Woodruff, Ph.D.

*Interim President*

### Student Remarks

Emily Hoyumpa

*ASMSU President*

*Social Relations and Policy*

*James Madison College*

Rochisshil Varma

*Applied Engineering Sciences*

*College of Engineering*

### Faculty Remarks

## MSU Spartan Marching Band Drumline

### From Major to Mission

Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha

*Associate Dean for Public Health*

*College of Human Medicine*

### Introduction to Traditions

Singing of MSU Shadows and MSU Fight Song

Spartan Dischords

## Recessional

## FALL CONVOCATION

### *A Formal Academic Ceremony*

The Fall Convocation you are attending today and the Commencement ceremony that you will attend upon graduation are intended to be bookends to your college experience. Both are formal academic ceremonies that feature members of the University's faculty and administration in academic regalia.

The regalia that each faculty member and administrator wears communicates specific information about their level of education, their academic discipline, and the institution that awarded their degree. The majority of the faculty and administrators seated on stage have earned doctoral degrees. Those who have earned their doctorate wear robes bearing three bars of velvet on each sleeve and velvet panels on the front of the robe.

In addition to the robe, the hood also communicates information about the accomplishments of the person who wears it. The color of the velvet edging of the hood (visible around the neck in the front and down the back) signifies the discipline studied. Similarly, the tassel that you will wear when you graduate from MSU will be the color of the discipline of your major. Some of the colors and corresponding disciplines that you may see include:

Agriculture - Maize	Medicine - Green
Arts and Letters/RCAH - White	Music - Pink
Business - Drab (Tan)	Natural Science/Lyman Briggs - Gold
Communication - Royal Blue	Nursing - Apricot
Education - Light Blue	Philosophy - Dark Blue
Engineering - Orange	Social Science/James Madison - Citron
Law - Purple	Veterinary Medicine - Gray

Many institutions that award advanced degrees, such as the Doctorate of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree or Medical Degree, use hoods that have dark blue velvet edging signifying the discipline of Philosophy or Medicine. Other institutions award hoods for the Ph.D. and the M.D. that use the color of the actual discipline studied. Interim President Woodruff earned her Ph.D. from Northwestern University and her hood bears the color gold.



## **MSU Marching Band Drumline**

The Spartan Marching Band (SMB), founded in 1870 as a ten-member student group, is now comprised of 300 members. It has grown into one of the premier college bands in the nation and prides itself on its musical excellence, physical toughness, and extreme precision. The band has performed for five U.S. presidents, at four Rose Bowls, at two World's Fairs, and at one World Series.

The MSU Spartan Marching Band Drumline serves as an integral unit of the MSU Marching Band, performing at all home football games as well as several exhibitions.

