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MICHIGAN STATE  
UNIVERSITY

# FALL CONVOCATION



2021

Monday, August 30  
*Breslin Student Events Center*



## 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 — White	Music — Pink
Business — Drab (Tan)	Nursing — Apricot
Communication — Royal Blue	Philosophy — Dark Blue
Education — Light Blue	Science — Gold
Engineering — Orange	Social Science — 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. President Stanley earned his medical degree from Harvard Medical School and his hood bears the color crimson.

# ORDER OF EVENTS

## Processional and Welcome

### Welcome Message

Teresa K. Woodruff, Ph.D.

*Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs*

### Land Acknowledgment

Emily Sorroche, Ph.D.

*College of Agriculture & Natural Resources*

### Master of Ceremonies

Mark Largent, Ph.D.

*Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education &  
Dean of Undergraduate Studies*

### Faculty Remarks

Marcos (Danny) Caballero, Ph.D.

*Associate Professor, Physics Education  
College of Natural Science*

### Student Remarks

Addison Walton

*English and Arts & Humanities*

*College of Arts & Letters and Residential College in the Arts and Humanities  
Poem: "Precious"*

Georgia Frost

*ASMSU President*

*Political Theory and Constitutional Democracy  
James Madison College*

Nikunj Agarwal

*International Student Association President*

*Environmental Economics and Agribusiness Management  
College of Agriculture & Natural Resources*

Ishwari Kapale

*Freshman Class Council 2021 President*

*Computer Engineering  
College of Engineering*

### Remarks and Induction of the Class

Samuel L. Stanley Jr., M.D.

*President*

### Introduction to Traditions

*Singing of MSU Shadows*

*Spartan Dischords*

### Recessional

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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: David Brown, Staff Emeritus,  
MSU Alumni Office

Sign Language Interpreters:  
Annescia Dillard and Mieken VanderWaerden

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## MSU Spartan Jazz Nonet

The Spartan Jazz Nonet is a young,  
swinging college group  
performing the repertoire of the  
great jazz masters as well  
as a wide range of soul,  
swing, blues and gospel.

Recent appearances include:

Dizzy's Club Coca Cola-New York, NY,  
Detroit International Jazz Festival,  
Jazz @ the Center Series-Detroit, MI,  
Detroit Symphony Club Series  
@ the Max, Notre Dame, Monterey, Elmhurst,  
Jazz @ Lincoln Center's Jack Rudin Collegiate Festivals,  
Trinidad Tobago and Japan-International tours,  
and numerous venues throughout the  
State of Michigan.





## 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.”

