FALL CONVOCATION
Monday, August 30
Breslin Student Events Center

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
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

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
- Arts and Letters — White
- Business — Drab (Tan)
- Communication — Royal Blue
- Education — Light Blue
- Engineering — Orange
- Law — Purple
- Medicine — Green
- Music — Pink
- Nursing — Apricot
- Philosophy — Dark Blue
- Science — Gold
- Social Science — Citron
- 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.

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.