Fall Welcome SCHEDULE 2020

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By choosing to attend the "school that's known to all," you have decided to become a part of an institution with demonstrated excellence across the state, the nation, and the world. Fall Welcome is an opportunity for you to gain more information about MSU in order to ensure that your time "on the banks of the Red Cedar" advances your knowledge and transforms your life.

● AUG. 27-31

ALL DAY FIRST YEAR/TRANSFER STUDENTS MOVE INTO RESIDENCE HALLS - VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT CAMPUS. PLEASE CONSULT YOUR MOVE-IN SCHEDULE FOR YOUR ASSIGNED MOVE-IN TIME AND DAY. Residence hall students will have a virtual hall meeting at 8 pm on the day they move in, beginning 8/27. Invitations to the virtual meeting will be sent to students' MSU email on the day of move-in with details on how to join the meeting. Residence hall students will have a virtual floor/community meeting at 9 pm on 8/31. Invitations and log in instructions will also be shared with students through their MSU email on 8/31. Please plan to participate so that you can get important information about living in the residence halls this year and begin to virtually meet some of your neighbors and the staff. See REHS "Live-On" link for more information liveon.msu.edu/2020_Fall_Housing.

● THURS., AUG. 27

ALL DAY RESIDENCE HALLS MOVE-IN WILL CONTINUE AS SCHEDULED.

11 AM - 4 PM (EST) SPARTAN LUCK OF THE DRAW - At the top of every hour, students can enter a drawing to win a Spartan prize from the prize spinning wheel. Students will be provided a drawing link to win via social media sites including Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Hosted by Student Life.

8 PM (EST) RESIDENCE HALL FLOOR/HALL MEETINGS are REQUIRED - Residence hall students will have a virtual hall meeting at 8 pm on the day they move-in, beginning 8/27. Invitations to the virtual meeting will be sent to students' MSU email on the day of move-in with details on how to join the meeting.

● FRI., AUG. 28

ALL DAY RESIDENCE HALLS MOVE-IN WILL CONTINUE AS SCHEDULED.

12 – 1 PM (EST) FEM FEST 2020 - VIRTUAL LUNCH & GET TO KNOW WSS AND CGEG - Fem Fest is comprised of four separate online events, and that information can be found here: bit.ly/msufemfest. Join Women*s Student Services (WSS) and Coalition of Gender Equity Groups (CGEG) in a virtual lunch and info session. Hosted by Women*s Student Services. Link to attend this Zoom here: msu.zoom.us/j/95757974688.

6 - 9 PM (EST) SPARTAN BASEMENT "KICK-BACK" - Join us for the Spartan Basement "Kick Back" Jam Session. The event will include guest "shout outs" from VIP Spartans, live performances, and will feature the IMPACT 89 Radio staff. Event participants will have the opportunity to win prizes and giveaways. Event will be hosted on the IMPACT 89 radio station and prizes and giveaway information will be posted on Facebook Live. Jointly hosted by Student Life and Impact 89 radio station.

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● SAT., AUG. 29

ALL DAY RESIDENCE HALLS MOVE-IN WILL CONTINUE AS SCHEDULED.

8:30 AM - 12 PM (EST) COGS GRADUATE SCHOOL - VIRTUAL WELCOMING AND RESOURCE FAIR - All NEW and RETURNING Graduate Students are invited to attend the Graduate School's Virtual Welcoming and Resource Fair. COGS will be there! Additional information coming soon and will be posted on grad.msu.edu/events/graduate-school-welcoming-and-resource-fair-0. Be sure to check the COGS website for additional activities, events and updates: cogs.msu.edu/upcoming-events. Hosted by The Council of Graduate Students (COGS).

1 – 6 PM (EST) JAMES MADISON COLLEGE (JMC) VIRTUAL REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATION (RSO) FAIR - JMC students only. Visit the JMC Welcome Week website for a full schedule of information sessions at jmc.msu.edu/welcome-week.

1:30 PM (EST) RHA VIRTUAL Q&A WITH A FORMER CONTESTANT FROM THE TV SHOW, THE BACHELOR - Tune in with RHA for a live Q&A with Blake Horstmann, a former contestant on ABC's reality tv shows *The Bachelorette* and *Bachelor in Paradise* via Zoom. The location of the zoom link will be posted on RHA's website at rha.msu.edu and Instagram, Twitter and Facebook. Hosted by RHA.

7 – 9 PM (EST) JMC TRIVIA NIGHT/ STUDENT Q&A, ZOOM WEBINAR - JMC students only. Join JMC Director of Diversity Programming & Student Engagement Amber Benton to test your knowledge of all things JMC and MSU. Prizes will be awarded to top finishers. Visit the JMC Welcome Week website for a full schedule of information sessions at jmc.msu.edu/welcome-week.

7 PM (EST) RHA AND UAB VIRTUAL SPARTAN BINGO – Bingo Bingo Bingo! Join us online for a fun and rewarding Virtual Bingo Game Night. There will be corny jokes, prizes and an overall good time that you don't want to miss. This is an easy way to win some MSU gear while still practicing social distancing. We look forward to seeing you there! Check out @MSU_UAB for link to event! Hosted by University Activities Board (UAB) and Residence Halls Association (RHA).

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● SUN., AUG. 30

ALL DAY RESIDENCE HALLS MOVE-IN WILL CONTINUE AS SCHEDULED.

10 AM - 2 PM (EST) JMC VIRTUAL REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATION (RSO) FAIR - JMC students only. Visit the JMC Welcome Week website for full schedule of information sessions at jmc.msu.edu/welcome-week.

7 – 9 PM (EST) JMC TRIVIA NIGHT/ STUDENT Q&A, ZOOM WEBINAR - JMC students only. Join JMC Director of Diversity Programming & Student Engagement Amber Benton to test your knowledge of all things JMC and MSU. Prizes will be awarded to top finishers.

7 – 11 PM (EST) SPARTAN ENGAGE U EVENING ACTIVITIES - (Coordinated with Residence Education and Housing Services as an extension of community building activities.)

- **MOVIE NIGHT with RHA and UAB (7 pm EST)** Enjoy two FREE movies at the comfort of your own room! FREE popcorn and candy bags along with MSU t-shirts, provided while supplies last at your local neighborhood pick up station. Keep an eye out for the movie codes for FREE Spartan access. Be sure to follow @MSU_UAB and @MSURHA for the most up to date event information!
- **SPARTAN NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (7-9 pm EST)** Please join the MSU Museum for an amazing interactive tour of the MSU Museum. The tour will be provided via Zoom, and will include all the newest collections featured at the MSU Museum. Please go to the MSU Museum website at museum.msu.edu to retrieve the Zoom link for the event. Hosted by MSU Museum.
- **PLANETARIUM STARTACULAR SHOW (7-9 pm EST)** Please join the Abrams Planetarium staff for an interactive "Sky Over MSU" experience. Event will explore the constellations, planets and other observable phenomena that can be seen in the skies over MSU using the virtual software called Stellarium via a Zoom link. Please RSVP using the following Zoom link for the event at forms.gle/VzK5fDzCHFtHgnSv8. Event information can also be found on the Abrams Planetarium website at abramsplanetarium.org.
- **SPARTY SMART TRIVIA (9-11 pm EST)** Participants will have the opportunity to win prizes during each round. We will host three rounds including a social media lightning round. Delivered via Zoom and Live Stream on YouTube. Participants will win prizes. Hosted by Student Life.
- **SPARTAN SCAVENGER HUNT (9-11 pm EST)** Join us for a virtual campus wide scavenger hunt delivered via MSU Student Life Facebook Live. Event participants must post pictures of scavenger hunt items or locations on the MSU Student Life Facebook page or send pictures to our MSU Student Life departmental email. The first correct posting will win that round, and a total of 10 rounds will be provided for a chance to win first, second, and third place prizes based on the number of rounds won. Event will be virtual but additional points will be awarded for onsite location picture posts or historical picture posts of items. Watch our social media throughout the day to get scavenger hunt clues prior to the event. Hosted by Student Life.

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● MON., AUG. 31

ALL DAY RESIDENCE HALLS MOVE-IN WILL CONTINUE AS SCHEDULED.

ALL DAY "FILL THE BUS" SERVICE PROJECT - University wide service project hosted by the Center for Community Engaged Learning (CCEL). Event announcements will be shared via Zoom on CCEL's website at communityengagedlearning.msu.edu.

ALL DAY SPARTAN SPIRIT AFFILIATE DAY - Wear your favorite Spartan paraphernalia to show your Spartan spirit associated with your organization, program, division, or college etc.

10 - 11 AM (EST) FALL CONVOCATION - Official Welcome event for all incoming Spartans.

- The formal ceremony that marks the beginning of each academic year that welcomes the newest members of the MSU community to our "pioneer land-grant university". President Samuel L. Stanley Jr., M.D., Provost Teresa K. Woodruff, Vice-President and Associate Provost, Denise B. Maybank, Ph.D., Vice President and Associate Provost for Student Affairs and Services, and Mark Largent, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education & Dean of Undergraduate Studies will extend greetings to you during the event. As a new student, you are **REQUIRED** to attend this formal ceremony.

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM (EST) MIDDAY MEDITATION AND YOGA - Recreational Sports and Fitness staff will conduct a mindfulness activity of yoga or mediation via Zoom. Check Recreational Sports and Fitness website for Zoom link at recsports.msu.edu. Program will be virtually presented at various iconic locations on campus. Hosted by Recreational Sports and Fitness.

1 PM (EST) JMC COLLOQUIUM, ZOOM WEBINAR - JMC students only. This event is REQUIRED for JMC students. Interim Dean Linda Racioppi, Assistant Dean Jeff Judge, JMC faculty and staff will provide background on what to expect during your time at JMC, as well as resources to help you be successful. Visit the JMC Welcome Week website for a full schedule of information sessions at jmc.msu.edu/welcome-week.

3 – 4:15 PM (EST) LIVE IT! @ JMC, ZOOM WEBINAR - JMC students only. This event is REQUIRED for JMC students. LIVE IT! @ JMC Is an interactive workshop designed to introduce first-year students to concepts of diversity and civility. This event is REQUIRED for JMC students.

5 – 8 PM (EST) CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES - Opportunities for students to get information on part-time jobs, internships, and advice for preparing for job fairs. Check out the Career Services pavilion during the Sparticipation virtual event hosted on the Easy Fair Event (EVF) platform.

5 – 8 PM (EST) SPARTAN SPECTACULAR - Join us for Spartan Spectacular, an event hosted over five days from Monday, August 31 to Friday, September 4, starting with our Fall Welcome Spartan Spectacular Kick-Off event followed by an innovative and virtual edition of **SPARTICIPATION** highlighting hundreds of student organizations, departments, programs, and sponsors. The event will also feature Spartan Showcase, a talent showcase event. We will also host Spartan Spirit, our pep rally event kicking off our athletic season highlighting our athletic teams, MSU marching band, and Sparty. The event will feature some new and spectacular components in addition to our traditional Spartan Spectacular events. A platform engagement tutorial demonstration will be hosted at the start of the event each day to provide strategies on navigating the ***virtual event platform***.

5 - 8 PM (EST) FALL WELCOME SPARTAN SPECTACULAR FEATURING FALL WELCOME SPARTAN SPECTACULAR KICK-OFF AND SPARTICIPATION - Hosted on Easy Virtual Fair (EVF) by the Department of Student Life.

7 - 8 PM (EST) COGS WELCOME WEEK TRIVIA NIGHT - Join COGS for a virtual trivia night hosted by TriviaHub Live. Come meet new people and play for a chance to win fun prizes. RSVP to receive the Zoom link here: bit.ly/COGSTrivia.

7 – 8:30 PM (EST) "FRONTLINE: CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC" DOCUMENTARY, ZOOM WATCH PARTY (JMC STUDENTS) - JMC students only. A special report on the government response to the coronavirus and the human toll investigates the federal response versus Washington State, the outbreak's U.S. epicenter; and in the Midwest, how the outbreak impacts poor children.

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8 - 10 PM (EST) SPARTAN VIRTUAL DANCE PARTY - Join us for a Spartan virtual dance party featuring our own award-winning radio station Impact 89FM. The event will feature a wide variety of music genres, appearances by VIP Spartans, and other Spartan DJ's. Dance lessons will be provided. The event is hosted by Student Life and Impact Radio 89FM via the radio station and Facebook Live.

9 PM (EST) ALL RESIDENCE HALL FLOOR/HALL MEETINGS - Residence hall students will have a virtual floor/community meeting at 9 pm in their residence hall.

● TUES. SEPT. 1

ALL DAY "FILL THE BUS" SERVICE PROJECT - University wide service project hosted by CCEL.

ALL DAY RESOURCE CENTER FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (RCPD) WELCOME ORIENTATION WORKSHOP - The RCPD's Welcome Orientation Workshop (WOW) introduces campus resources to students who are recently registered with the RCPD. Learn about the RCPD office and receive vital information towards becoming a successful Spartan such as how to access accommodations, support services, and opportunities available at MSU!"

9 – 11 AM (EST) COLLOQUIUM WITH YOUR COLLEGE - Please see the Fall Welcome website at studentlife.msu.edu/fall-welcome/colloquium-with-your-college.html for detailed information on colloquium schedule times and locations as they vary by college. You are REQUIRED to attend this session that completes your introduction to your college and major. Each college offers sessions where new students learn about activities in the college, and have an opportunity to engage with faculty about expectations and strategies for success in the particular field of study. The Neighborhood Student Success Collaborative will meet with "exploratory preference" students.

10 - 11 AM (EST) LIVE RESOURCE CENTER FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (RCPD) WELCOME ORIENTATION WORKSHOP - Live (Zoom) Q&A sessions with RCPD. RSVP by Friday, August 28 at rcpd.msu.edu/programs/wow.

11 AM - 8 PM UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES BOARD'S (UAB) 40TH ANNUAL U-FEST - A day of fun with FREE virtual activities, entertainment, giveaways, food and more for ALL students. Enjoy trivia, workout classes, virtual tours, crafts, and so much more! Check out the UAB website UABevents.com and our social media @MSU_UAB for a more detailed schedule.

1:30 – 3 PM (EST) "VIRAL JUSTICE" – DISCUSSION WITH DR. RUHA BENJAMIN, ZOOM WEBINAR - JMC students only. This event is REQUIRED for JMC students. Professor Benjamin examines the twin plagues of COVID-19 and police violence – a double crisis creating a portal for humanity to rethink all we have taken for granted about the social order and life on this planet. Be sure you completed the summer readings prior to attending this discussion. Please visit bit.ly/2EkobHc to submit at least one question to ask our guest speaker, Professor Ruha Benjamin. Please note some questions may not be answered due to time constraints.

2 - 3 AM (EST) LIVE RESOURCE CENTER FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (RCPD) WELCOME ORIENTATION WORKSHOP - Live (Zoom) Q&A sessions with RCPD. RSVP by Friday, August 28 at rcpd.msu.edu/programs/wow.

2 - 3 PM (EST) COMMUTER/ TRANSFER STUDENT MEETING - New students to MSU who do not reside on campus and students who have previously attended another post-secondary institution but are new to MSU are REQUIRED to attend this session. Information on making MSU your "home away from home" and an opportunity to meet fellow commuting Spartans are the goals of this session. Important information about such topics as transfer of credits, parking, and feeling connected to MSU will be highlighted. The Commuter/Transfer meeting will be hosted virtually via Zoom, and students will receive an informational email with the Zoom link for meeting participation.

2:30 PM (EST) HONORS COLLEGE CONVOCATION - The Honors College Convocation is a short welcoming ceremony with alumni, faculty, and current student speakers for our over 600 new students. All new students are expected to attend. A link to view the convocation will be sent by 2:30 pm on September 1. It will be held virtually and it will be followed by a HC Green Teams Zoom reception with an assigned time (either 3-3:30 pm or 4-4:30 pm) with a smaller group of Honors College staff and student leaders.

3:30 PM (EST) ACADEMIC SCHOLARS PROGRAM WELCOME - The Academic Scholars Program (ASP) looks forward to welcoming new members during the virtual ASP Convocation Tuesday, September 1 at 3:30 pm EST. Join us to celebrate the start of the year and connect with program staff about Fall resources & opportunities! Zoom access information will be sent to your MSU email address on Monday, August 31. Attendance is expected from all ASP members.

4 – 5 PM (EST) JMC WRITING CONSULTANCY/MC 201 MEET & GREET, ZOOM WEBINAR - JMC students only. This event is REQUIRED for JMC students. Learn about academic peer support options available to you during your first year at JMC.

5 – 9 PM (EST) FALL WELCOME SPARTAN SPECTACULAR - Fall Welcome Spartan Spectacular featuring **SPARTICIPATION (5-8 pm)** and Fireworks Display (**Rescheduled**), Hosted on EVF by the Department of Student Life (**Fireworks Display will be live streamed via Facebook Live, will be rescheduled**).

7 – 8:30 PM (EST) COGS GAME NIGHT - Join us for an evening full of games. There will be a variety of Jackbox Games and several breakout rooms for students to play in smaller groups. One lucky winner will receive a prize pack from Impact Radio. Sign up information will be posted COGS website and social media.

7 – 8 PM (EST) "CHISHOLM '72: UNBOUGHT & UNBOSSED" DOCUMENTARY, ZOOM WATCH PARTY - JMC students only. Recalling a watershed event in US politics, this Peabody Award-winning documentary takes an in-depth look at the 1972 presidential campaign of Shirley Chisholm, the first black woman elected to Congress and the first to seek nomination for the highest office in the land.

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● WED., SEPT. 2

CLASSES BEGIN

**A MONDAY schedule is observed on Wednesday, September 2. All other days run as scheduled.

ALL DAY "FILL THE BUS" SERVICE PROJECT - University wide service project hosted by CCEL.

5 - 8 PM (EST) FALL WELCOME SPARTAN SPECTACULAR FEATURING SPARTICIPATION - Hosted on EVF by the Department of Student Life. **FINAL DAY OF SPARTICIPATION**.

7 - 8 PM (EST) FEM FEST GUIDED VISUAL ART TUTORIAL - Sign up to attend this event here: msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_RNoI4LBKTD-_HaFn7I-cHQ.

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● THURS., SEPT. 3

4 – 8 PM (EST) GREEK FALL WELCOME (GFW) - Join MSU's Fraternity and Sorority Life for Greek Fall Welcome virtually through Easy Virtual Fair. Fraternity and Sorority Life provides students the opportunity to find their home away from home here at MSU. Greek Fall Welcome is hosted by all 4 governing Greek Councils - Interfraternity Council (IFC), Multicultural Greek Council (MGC), National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), and the Panhellenic Council (PC). This all-inclusive event, put on by a committee of Fraternity and Sorority Life members, brings together all 62 chapters and is a great opportunity to learn more about the Greek community. By attending GFW, you will be able to virtually speak with chapter members and learn more about the benefits of Fraternity and Sorority Life, opportunities to join a chapter, and what it means to be a member of this community at MSU.

5:30 - 7:30 PM (EST) LESBIAN, BISEXUAL, GAY, AND TRANSGENDER RESOURCE CENTER (LBGTRC) VIRTUAL FALL WELCOME EVENT VIA ZOOM - Meet campus partners. Learn of services for LGBTQA+ students at MSU. Meet LGBTQA+ Student Groups. Check us out on Facebook at facebook.com/MSULBGTRC/.

7 – 8 PM (EST) FEM FEST GUIDED LIVE SPOKEN WORD POETRY SLAM AND BRIEF POETRY WORKSHOP - Live Spoken Word Poetry Slam and brief poetry workshop via Zoom. Hosted by WSS and MSU Writing Center.

● FRI., SEPT. 4

ALL DAY SPARTAN SPIRIT GEAR DAY - Wear your favorite Spartan paraphernalia to show your Spartan spirit!

11:30 AM (EST) SPARTAN SPIRIT - The Spartan Spirit event featuring the best pep rally in the land will kick off our athletic season by highlighting our athletic teams, the MSU marching band, and Sparty. Event will be virtually hosted via YouTube premiere.

9 PM (EST) VIRTUAL FIREWORKS DISPLAY - Streaming live at livestream.com/wkar/spartanfireworks, live streamed via WKAR.

7 – 9 PM (EST) FEM FEST VIRTUAL CONCERT WITH IMPACT 89 RADIO - WSS, Womxn's Council and Impact 89 will host a virtual concert featuring local musicians in the MSU and Lansing community. Artists will perform a few songs then will be interviewed about feminisms in their music.

● THURS., SEPT. 10

6 – 9 PM (EST) SPARTAN REMIX - Spartan Remix is MSU's Annual Multicultural Welcome Festival that takes place each fall on the Thursday after Labor Day. This unique event is a celebration of art, music, and culture where diverse communities come together in celebration, education and pride of their communities. The Office of Cultural & Academic Transitions coordinates the event with a diverse group of students who volunteer to be part of the Spartan Remix Planning Committee. Join this year's virtual event on Thursday, September 10th, first, by interacting with MSU's multicultural student organizations from (6-7:30 pm) through EasyVirtualFair featuring a LIVE CHATS portion. Then, stay tuned for a LIVE-Streamed Show from (7:30-9 pm) featuring sounds by CJ the Gifted, performances and special guest appearances. The LIVE-streamed show will be aired on ZOOM and live-streamed to Facebook and YouTube. For more information visit ocat.msu.edu

● WED., SEPT. 16

5 PM (EST) FALL VETERANS ORIENTATION - Join the Student Veterans Resource Center (SVRC), Peer Advising for Veteran Education (PAVE), and the Neighborhood Student Success Collaborative (NSSC) in learning about services and resources for military-affiliated students. This event is primarily aimed at those who have served or are currently serving in the military, but military dependents are also welcome to attend. The event will be virtually via Zoom. An event Zoom link will be sent to student veterans prior to the event. Check the SVRC website for more information at veterans.msu.edu/.

DATE AND TIME TBD STUDENT PARENTS ON A MISSION (SPOM) AND STUDENT PARENT RESOURCE CENTER WELCOME EVENT - Please visit SPOM's website for information on upcoming events at studentparents.msu.edu.