



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY



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New Student Orientation
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New Student Orientation Newsletter

Hello Spartan Families and Supporters,

We hope that your July has been off to a great start! We are one week closer to welcoming you and your Spartan to campus in August, and we couldn't be more excited! As we get closer to the beginning of the fall semester, please be sure to double-check any requirements and deadlines to ensure a smooth transition to campus. If you ever need a

refresher on what was shared in previous issues, you can visit our [communications archive](#).

In this week's newsletter, we have information an update on **NSO Checkpoint 5**, more episodes of the Spartan Orientation Station podcast, a new Local Lansing Highlight, and more thoughts on what Spartan Students want you to know about their college experience. Thanks for reading!

Spartan Spotlight Posts

Here are some posts to help you and your Spartan begin your orientation journey at MSU! Be sure to read each post for important dates and deadlines, resources, and tips for success. If you have any questions about the orientation podcast, please feel free to reach out by email at nso@msu.edu or by phone at **(517) 355-8490**.

[Fall 2026 NSO - Checkpoint 1 Overview](#)

[Fall 2026 NSO - Checkpoint 3 Overview](#)

[Fall 2026 NSO - Checkpoint 4 Overview](#)

[Fall 2026 NSO - Checkpoint 5 Overview \(Updated\)](#)

[Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities \(RCPD\) for Fall 2026](#)

[Getting Connected to the MSU WiFi](#)

Spartan Card Updates

Incoming students are strongly encouraged to pick up their new Spartan Card at the ID Office between **June 1, 2026 and August 20, 2026**.

Where: MSU ID Office, 427 N. Shaw Lane, Room 170 inside the

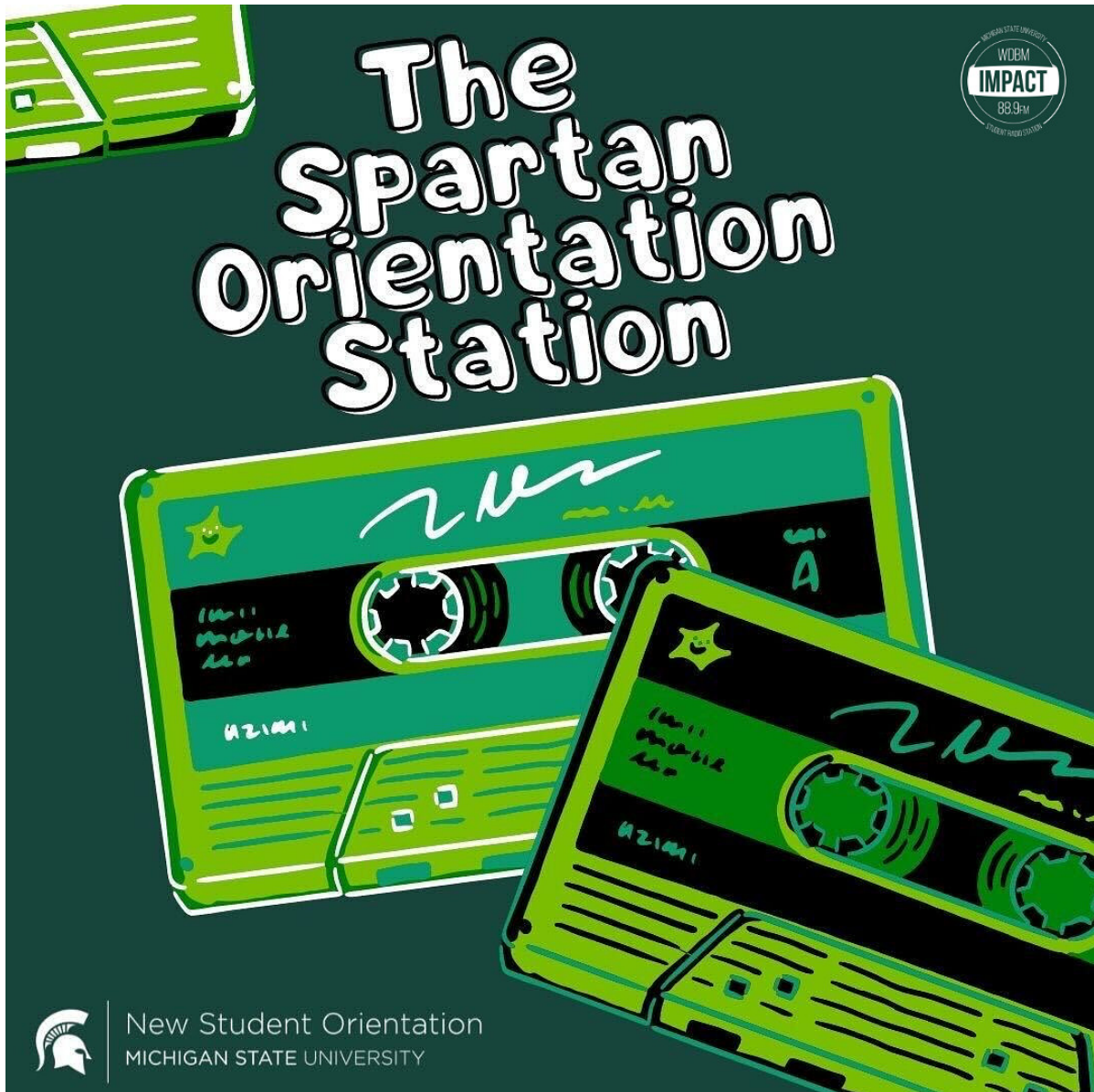
International Center

When: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.

What students should bring: Physical passport, US driver's license or US state ID, and their Student ID number. **Digital IDs will not be accepted.**

Please note that Spartan Cards will not be given to friends or family on behalf of a student. See the [ID Office website](#) for full details.

Spartan Orientation Station Podcast



As part of NSO Checkpoint 4, we are happy to share the three newest episodes of the **Spartan Orientation Station (SOS) podcast**. This podcast brings together campus partners from across the MSU community to discuss key resources and important topics that help you and your Spartan navigate the orientation process. You can listen to past seasons of SOS with transcripts on the [Impact89FM website](https://www.impact89fm.com/).

[SOS Season 4, EP. 13 - First-Year Engineering CoRe Experience](#)

[SOS Season 4, EP. 14 - Family Fridays Edition: Navigating the College Transition](#)

[SOS Season 4, EP. 15 - Five in Five\(ish\): Surplus Store & Recycling](#)

Local Lansing Highlights



Looking for a unique and artsy place to explore off campus? [Old Town Lansing](#) is filled with vintage shops, local cafes, murals, and community events that make every visit enjoyable. The area is known for its creative atmosphere and often hosts art festivals and local markets throughout the year. Whether you are shopping, taking pictures with friends, or trying a new coffee place, Old Town is a fun place near campus to visit!

What I Wish They Knew

We asked some Spartan Students how they feel about their transition to MSU, and here are some things they want their families and supporters to know...

"I wish they knew that the independence of living alone is nice, but

balancing school, chores, and sharing space can be a lot sometimes —and that their love and check-ins make all the difference."

"Independence feels crucial for me to exist as a person in this world. Independence doesn't mean that I want to kick my parents out of my life at all, but rather that I want to be the first line of defense in my life for all of my successes, struggles, and failures...I still look to them for help and guidance, but ultimately the decisions in my life are mine."

"Each student needs different support for their mental or physical health. Follow your students lead. You may not know exactly what they need. They know themselves best!"

"I wish [they] knew that budgeting and paying bills is still a learning process for me, and I might make small mistakes at first, but each one teaches me how to be more responsible."

Stay tuned to NSO Newsletter to hear more from Spartan Students!

Additional Communication

NSO is so excited to keep in contact with you and your student this summer! Throughout the duration of NSO, you can expect various email reminders, text messages, and voicemails sent to you and your student. These communications are meant to provide the most up-to-date information so you and your student can act accordingly. If you have any questions about the communication you receive, please reach out to the NSO Office at (517) 355-8490 or by email at nso@msu.edu. Thank you for your cooperation!

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