



**Fall 2026**  
**New Student Orientation**  
Michigan State University

### **New Student Orientation Newsletter**

Hello Families and Supporters,

We hope you're staying safe in this unpredictable June weather, and we're happy to have you back for another NSO Newsletter! The deadline for the **Summer 2026 NSO Experience** course was extended to **TODAY, Friday, June 12, 2026**. If your student hasn't completed the course, there is still time! 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 an update on Spartan Cards, new episodes of the Spartan Orientation Station podcast, a new Local Lansing Highlight, and a chance to hear from Spartan Students about their transition to college. Thanks for reading!

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## **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](mailto:nso@msu.edu) or by phone at **(517) 355-8490**.

[New Student Orientation \(NSO\) - Fall 2026 Orientation Overview](#)

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

[Fall 2026 NSO - Checkpoint 2 Overview](#)

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

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

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## **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

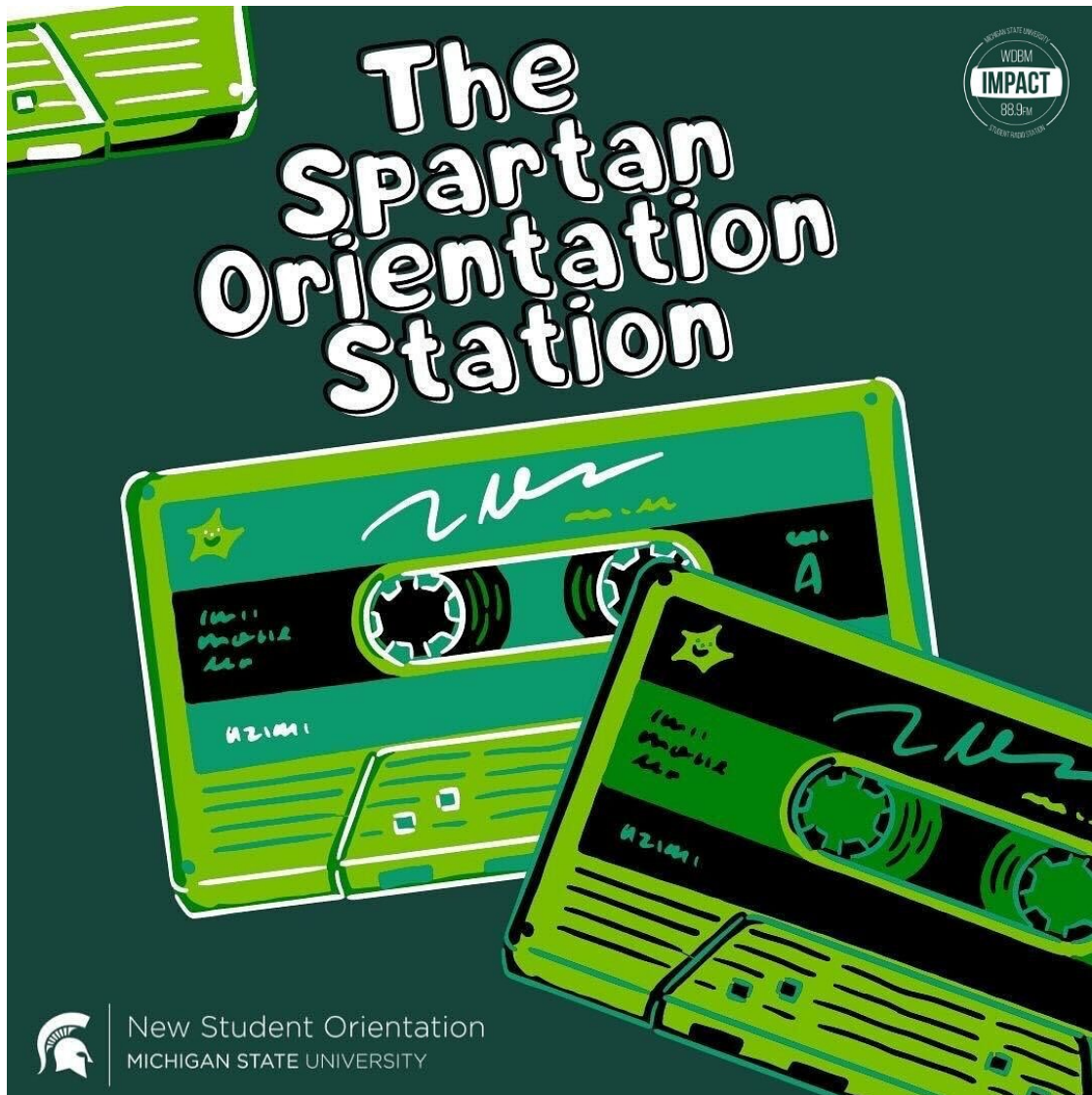
**When:** Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.

**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.

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### **Spartan Orientation Station Podcast**



As part of NSO Checkpoint 4, we are happy to share the two 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](#).

[SOS Season 4, EP. 7 - Five in Five\(ish\) - Health and Wellbeing](#)

[SOS Season 4, EP. 8 - Career Tips](#)

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## Local Lansing Highlights



Looking for a fun and exciting getaway just off campus? [High Caliber Karting and Entertainment](#) may be the perfect place. With high-speed go karts, axe-throwing, rage rooms, arcade games, and V.R experiences. Through the versatility of the activities, there is something for everyone!

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### **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 my family/supporters knew that becoming more independent means I'll still value their advice, but I also need the space to try things on my own — even if I make mistakes along the way."*

*"I wish my family/supporters knew that I'm learning to put academics first while still making time for friends, so I can have a balanced and healthy college experience.*

*"That staying healthy takes effort, and I need their understanding when I prioritize rest or self-care."*

*"Listen to [you student]. Just listen. A lot of the times, we just need someone to listen and make us feel understood. We come to you when we feel like no one else can understand us, so please try to be more open minded."*

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](mailto:nso@msu.edu). Thank you for your cooperation!*

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