



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY



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New Student Orientation Newsletter

Hello Spartan Families and Supporters,

May has officially begun, and we're glad to have you back for another NSO newsletter! 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 on NSO Checkpoint 2

(which begins TODAY) and NSO Checkpoint 3, so be sure to check the Spartan Spotlight Posts to learn more. We also have **two new episodes of our Spartan Orientation Station podcast**, and a new Local Lansing Highlight. Thanks for reading!

Welcome from Raven Baugh, Family & Supporter Orientation Coordinator

Welcome to the Spartan Family

In this [brief video](#), Raven Baugh, our Family and Supporter Orientation Coordinator, will guide you through staying connected with MSU resources, community engagement opportunities, and important orientation reminders. Our goal is to keep you informed and involved as your student starts their journey at MSU. We're here to support you during this transition, and happy to have you with us!

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.

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

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

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

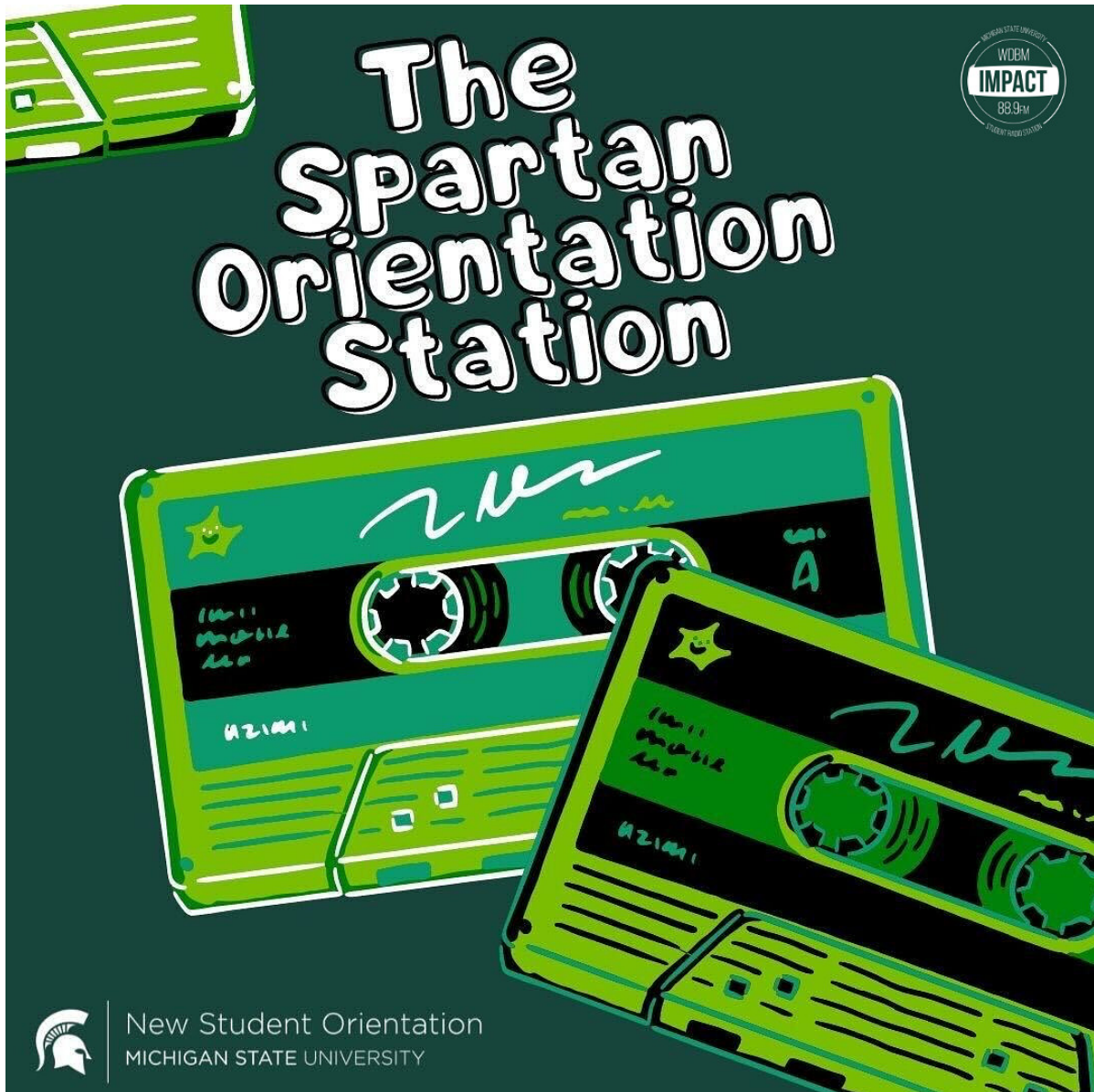
[Fall 2026 NSO - Checkpoint 3 Overview](#)

[Housing Updates for Fall 2026](#)

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

[Transitional Tip #3 for Spartan Families & Supporters !\[\]\(e474458956c9a37fbf9586ddb60a7fa1_img.jpg\)](#)

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. 1 - Earth Day Edition: Sustainability at MSU](#)

[SOS Season 4, Ep. 2 - Abrams Planetarium](#)

Local Lansing Highlights



Looking for a fun local spot to grab a bite? Located in an old train station just a short drive from campus, **Bobcat Bonnie's** offers a cozy, colorful atmosphere with creative comfort foods for every palate, including vegan, vegetarian, and gluten-free options. It's a favorite for brunch, dinner, or a casual hangout. Bonus: their outdoor patio is perfect when the weather is nice!

Important MSU Dates



Final Exams

01

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03

Commencements

[View more dates](#)

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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