MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY



New Student Orientation Newsletter

Hello Spartan Families and Supporters,

October has already breezed by, but 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 new **Spartan Spotlight Posts**

about NSO Checkpoints 1 & 2. We're also introducing two new segments: **Local Lansing Highlights** and **What I wish They Knew**! Keep scrolling to learn more about the Lansing area gems and get testimonies from students about their college experience. Thank you for reading!

Welcome from Dr. Georgia Sawyer, Director of New Student Orientation



In case you missed the last newsletter, this brief video from Dr. Georgia Sawyer, the Director of New Student Orientation, 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 student 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.**

Spring 2027 NSO - Checkpoint 1 Overview

Spring 2027 NSO - Checkpoint 2 Overview

Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities (RCPD) - Spring 2027

5 Tips for Completing the FAFSA Correctly

Local Lansing Highlights



Looking to explore beyond the usual shops? Just a short drive from campus, **REO Town Marketplace** offers an eclectic indoor shopping experience with local flair. Whether you're hunting for vintage vinyl at The Record Lounge, browsing quirky oddities at Voodoo's World, or picking up a good read from Wayfaring Booksellers, there's something

for everyone. With nearby restaurants and street art, it's perfect for a laid-back afternoon adventure.

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!

Important MSU Dates

NOV
20

January 2027 NSO Experience Course Opens in D2L

NOV

University Closed (Thanksgiving)

NOV
26

University Closed (Thanksgiving)

NOV
27

DEC
18

January 2027 NSO Experience Course Due Date

DEC
24

University Closed (Winter Break)

JAN
03

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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