MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY



New Student Orientation Newsletter

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Hello Spartyan Families and Supporters,

Welcome to Michigan State University (MSU) and the MSU Family & Supporters Portal! This community-based website provides essential information to help you and your student prepare for MSU. Once you activate your account, you can customize your dashboard, comment on posts, bookmark resources, and connect with other families and

supporters. During your student's orientation journey, you'll discover MSU's academic support network, explore advising and enrollment, and learn about crucial campus resources. Starting today, you can expect to receive NSO Newsletter bi-weekly (every other week).

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



In this brief video, 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.**

New Student Orientation (NSO) - Spring 2027 Checkpoint Overview

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

5 Tips for Completing the FAFSA Correctly

Important MSU Dates

NOV
20

January 2027 NSO Experience Course Opens in D2L

NOV
26

NOV
27

University Closed (Thanksgiving)

DEC
18

January 2027 NSO Experience Course Due Date

DEC

University Closed (Winter Break)

24

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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