



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY



Fall 2026
New Student Orientation
Michigan State University

New Student Orientation Newsletter

Hello Spartan Students,

Just like that, July is quickly coming to end! We hope you are finding time to relax and soak up the sun as you prepare for the fall semester. 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 episodes of **Spartan Orientation Station**, updates on **Welcome to State's NSO events**, registration for **MSU IT webinars**, and a new **Local Lansing Highlight** for you to check out. Thanks for reading!

🌟 Spartan Spotlight Posts 🌟

Use these posts as a starting point on your orientation journey! Be sure to read each post for important dates and deadlines, resources, and tips for success. If you have any questions about the information provided, 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](#)

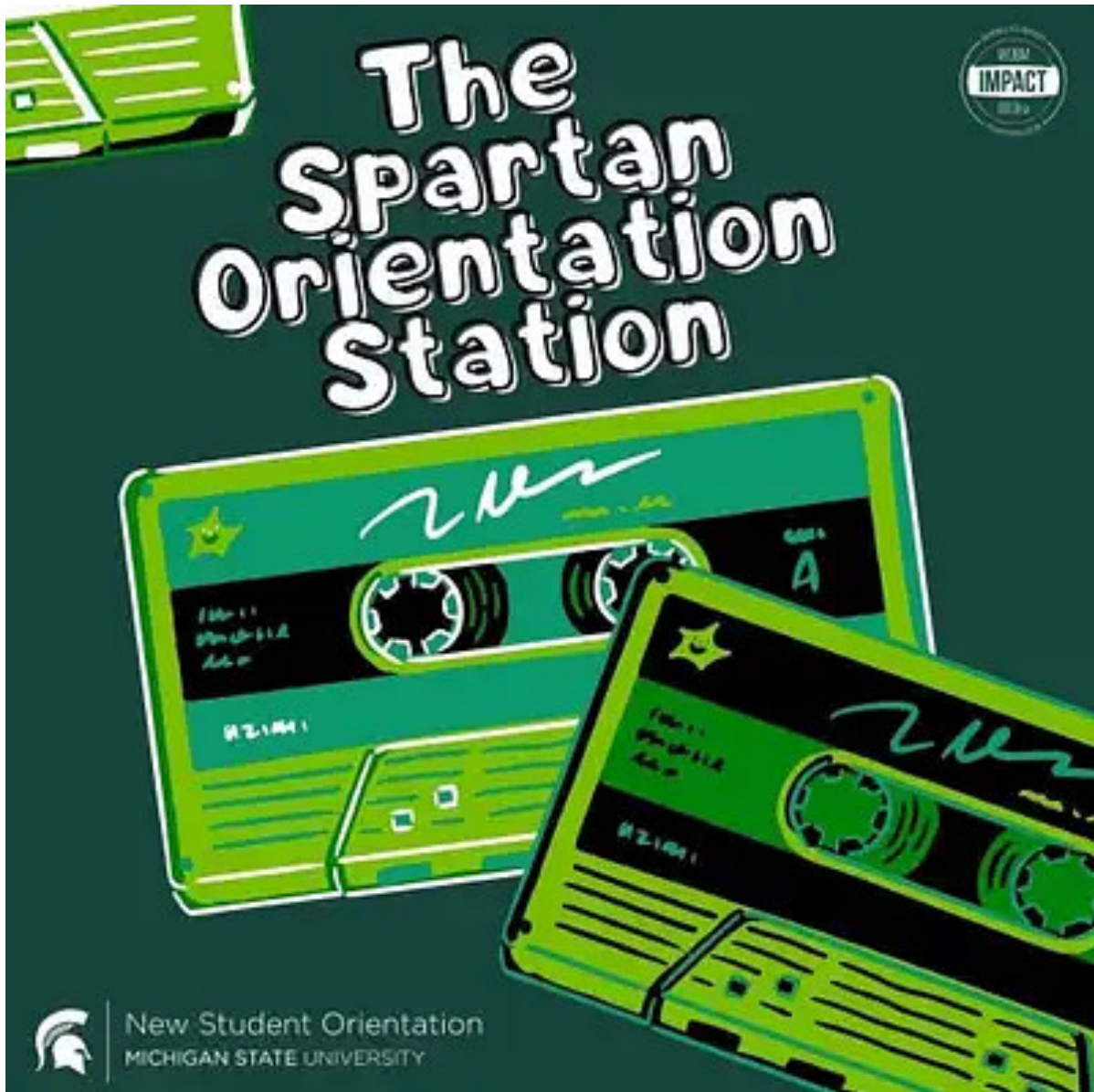
[Fall 2026 NSO - Checkpoint 5 Overview \(Updated\)](#)

[Getting Connected to the MSU WiFi](#)

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

[Study Space Highlights - MSU Horticulture Gardens](#)

🎤 Spartan Orientation Station 🎤



As part of NSO Checkpoint 4, we are happy to share the 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 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. 15 - Five in Five\(ish\): Hazing](#)

[SOS Season 4, EP. 16 - Fraternity & Sorority Life](#)



Spartan Quest - Fall 2026 Signup





As part of Welcome to State's NSO events (NSO Checkpoint 5), students will participate in **Spartan Quest**, a fun competition where teams use clues to explore campus in pursuit of MSU's missing mascot! Want to team up with your friends on the quest? You can use the button below to sign up together and be in the same group for the event. Please be advised that the majority of this event will take place outside, so dress accordingly and bring walking shoes. We can't wait to see you there!

[Sign Up for Spartan Quest](#)

🌐 Local Lansing Highlight 🌐



Looking for a fun adventure for an easygoing Sunday? The [East Lansing Farmers Market](#) hosts a variety of vendors selling everything from fresh produce and hot meals, to flowers and natural skincare. Throughout the season, the market also hosts special events like Spartan Appreciation Day, Autumn Fest, and Juneteenth celebrations. Whether you're hoping to explore the East Lansing community, pick up fresh food, or just enjoy the atmosphere, this is a great spot to visit!

Updates on Your Spartan Card

You are strongly encouraged to pick up your new Spartan Card at the ID Office — between **June 1, 2026 and August 20, 2026** — before Welcome to State events begin.

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 to bring: Physical passport, US driver's license or US state ID, and your Student ID number. Digital IDs will not be accepted. **Spartan Cards will not be given to friends or family on behalf of a**

student.

IT Webinar Opportunities

As a reminder, MSU IT is putting on a number of optional webinars to help students navigate the digital tools available at MSU. If you're interested, use the links below to save your spot!

[MSU Tech Essentials: A Guide to Course Technology Tools for Students | Tuesday, August 11, 2-3pm Eastern Standard Time \(EST\)](#)

- This informational webinar will introduce and demonstrate technology commonly used in classes at MSU, including D2L Brightspace, Microsoft Office 365, Google Apps, Kaltura MediaSpace, and more. We will also share resources for quick and easy access to tech support for students.

[Navigating Your MSU Courses: D2L Brightspace Basics for Students | Wednesday, August 12, 2-3pm EST](#)

- Join MSU IT for an engaging workshop designed especially for students who are new to D2L Brightspace, our primary platform for digital learning. Master the essential skills you will need to succeed in your classes at MSU. MSU IT staff will equip you with a thorough understanding of D2L Brightspace to set you up for success

[AI: A Student's Guide | Thursday, August 13, 2-pm EST](#)

- This webinar empowers students to use generative AI effectively and responsibly during their college career. We explore how AI can be a partner in various academic tasks for planning, collaboration, writing, and editing. We also cover how using AI fits into university expectations about academic integrity, and cover examples of how instructors include AI policies in their syllabi.



Important MSU Dates



AUG

31

Fall 2026 Classes Begin

SEP

07

University Closed (Labor Day)

OCT

19

Fall 2026 Middle of Semester

OCT

26

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OCT

27

Fall Break



What to Expect



NSO is so excited to keep in contact with you! Throughout the duration of NSO, you can expect various email reminders, text messages, and voicemails sent to you and your family/supporter on file. These communications are meant to provide the most up-to-date

information so you can act accordingly. If you have any questions about the communications you receive, please reach out to the NSO Office at (517) 355-8490 or by email at nso@msu.edu. **GO GREEN!**

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