



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY



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New Student Orientation Newsletter

Hello Spartan Students,

Believe it or not, June is almost over! As always, 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 5**, a new Study Space Highlight, THREE new episodes of our **Spartan Orientation Station podcast**, info about the Migiziwazison Living Community, 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](#)

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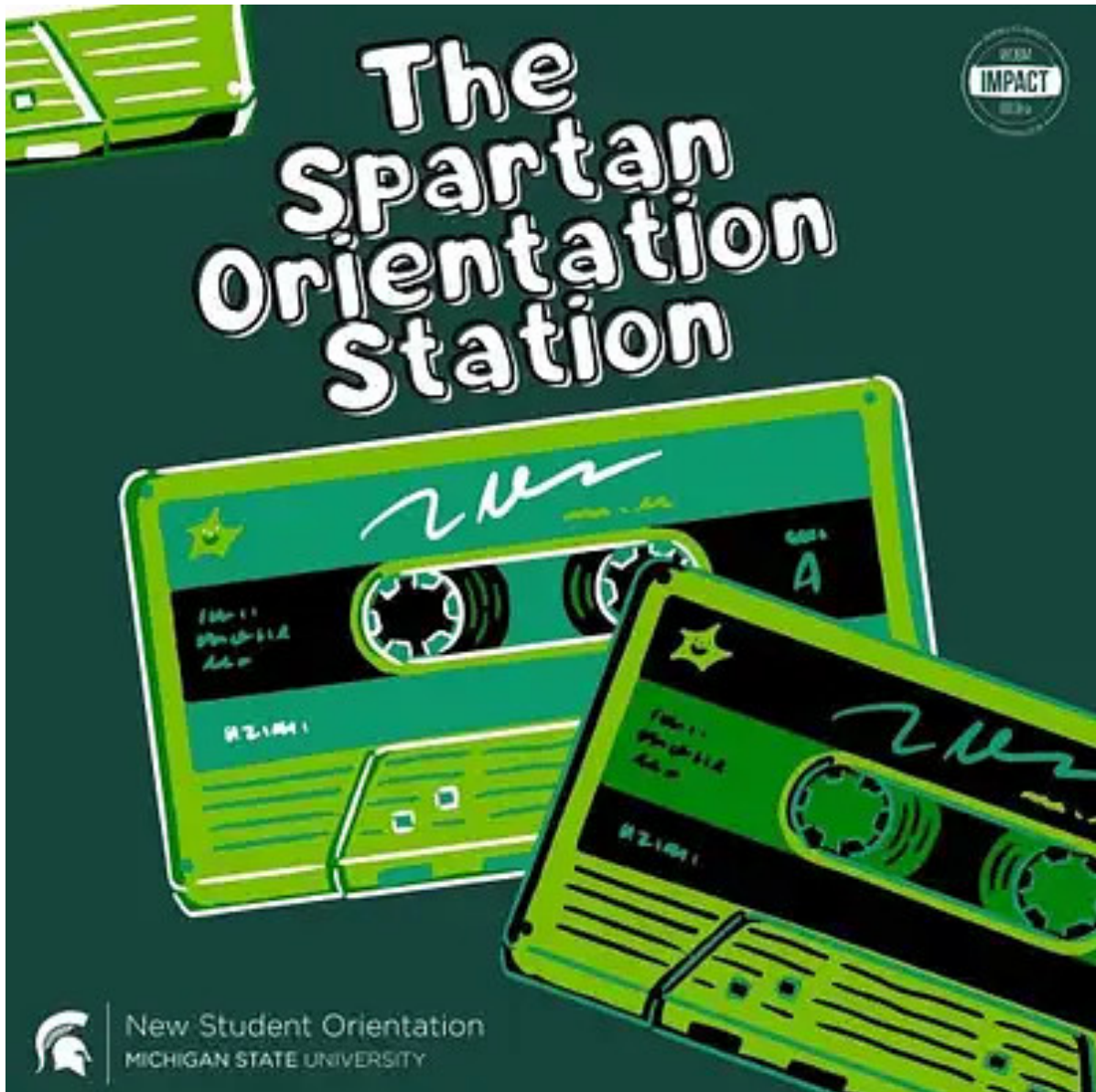
[Fall 2026 NSO - Checkpoint 5 Overview](#)

[Study Spaces Highlights - MSU Union](#)

[Getting Connected to the MSU WiFi](#)

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

🎙️ Spartan Orientation Station 🎙️



As part of NSO Checkpoint 4, we are happy to share the newest episode 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. 9 - Five in Five\(ish\): Residence Hall Packing Tips](#)

[SOS Season 4, EP. 10 - Five in Five\(ish\): Top 5 Eats](#)

[SOS Season 4, EP. 11 - Five in Five\(ish\): Campus Safety Tips](#)



Migiziwazison Living Community



Are you interested in living with students in a shared community rooted in Indigenous studies, and the knowledges, cultures, and leadership of Native and Indigenous peoples? If so, join our Migiziwazison Living Community in the fall of 2026 and help us shape the program! Click the button below for more information.

[Learn More](#)



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.**



Local Lansing Highlight





Looking for a relaxing outdoor getaway just off campus? [Lake Lansing Park](#) is a great place to spend time with friends and enjoy nature. The park offers many amenities such as kayaking, volleyball courts, picnic spaces, scenic walking area, and a beach area, it is the perfect place to unwind during warm weather.

IT Webinar Opportunities

The following webinars are hosted by the MSU IT Educational Technology team to help students navigate the digital tools available at MSU. Both sessions are optional to attend, but all incoming students are welcome!

[Wednesday, August 12, 2026 | Navigating Your MSU Courses: D2L Brightspace Basics for Students](#)

- 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.

Thursday, August 13, 2026 | AI: A Students guide

- 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

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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