



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY



Fall 2026
New Student Orientation
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New Student Orientation Newsletter

Hello Spartan Students,

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** that will teach you about sustainability efforts at MSU and the Abrams Planetarium. If you haven't already, check out the [NSO Theme reveal on the NSO Instagram page](#), and thanks for reading!

 **Welcome from Dr. Portia Watkins** 

Welcome to the Spartan Family

In this [brief video](#), Dr. Portia Watkins, the Assistant Dean of Access, Transitions & Student Success, will give you a quick summary of what you can expect during your NSO journey. Our goal is to keep you informed and assured as you start your journey at MSU. We're here to help with anything you need, and can't wait to see you on campus!

 **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.

[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](#)

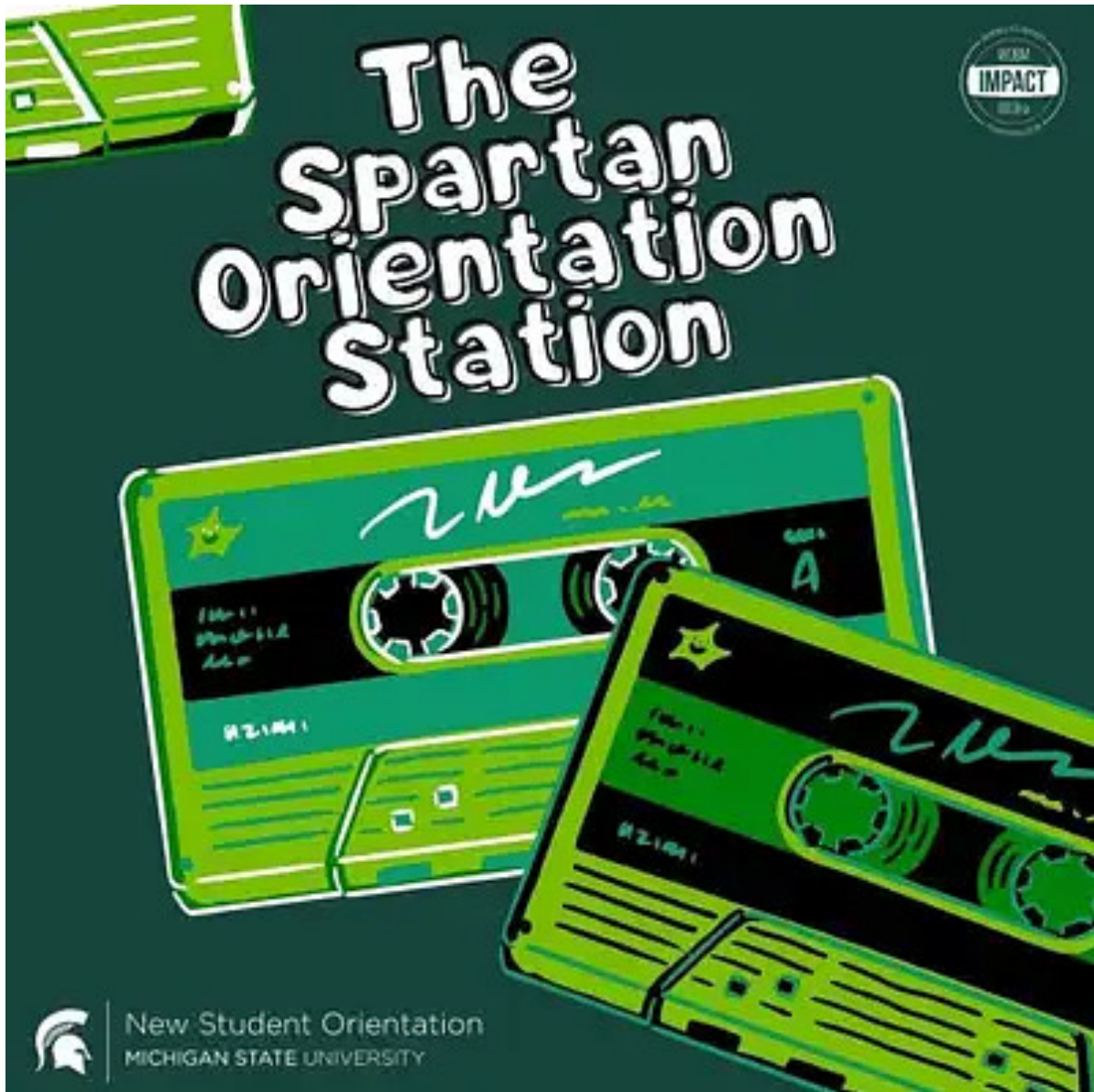
[ID Office Information for Fall 2026](#)

[Housing Updates for Fall 2026](#)

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

[Study Spot Highlights - Minskoff Pavilion](#)

 **Spartan Orientation Station** 



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

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

 **Important MSU Dates** 

APR
27
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MAY
01

Final Exams

MAY
01
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MAY
03

Commencements

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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