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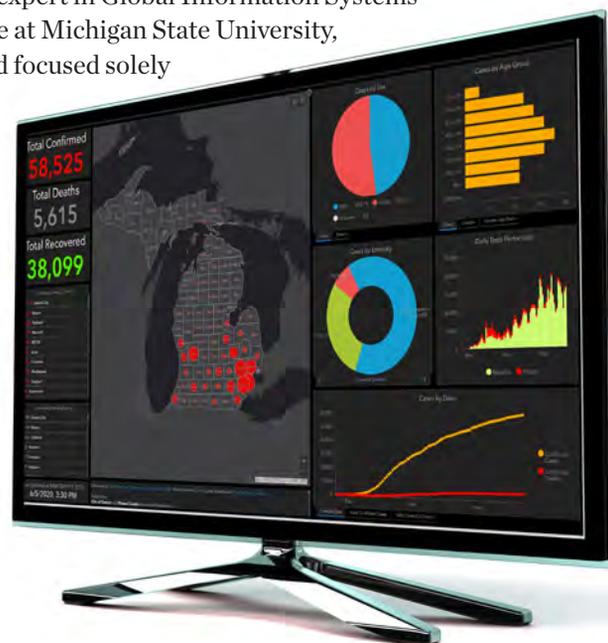
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I want to thank you for supporting MSU during the past several months, which have been challenging. But as you know, we have been an innovative, accessible and life-changing model for higher education for 165 years.

Today we face converging and difficult circumstances, from a global pandemic disproportionately affecting Black, Hispanic and Indigenous communities to the recognition after brutal killings of Black Americans that racism is often still embedded in our society and institutions.

Our values require a more equitable and inclusive experience for our Spartan community. We will continue to do the hard work required to ensure that all who study and work here can achieve their highest potential in a truly respectful, welcoming and supported community—and most importantly, one that is safe.

One thing that remains constant is my admiration for our faculty and staff. Last spring, they swiftly pivoted to offer high-quality, remote learning. As for our students, I’m honored to welcome into our alumni ranks the Class of 2020, members of which completed their programs despite pandemic-driven disruption.

In addition, we all are appreciative of our researchers, physicians, faculty, staff, alumni and others who, during the height of the pandemic, did a great deal to provide personal protective equipment to first responders, conducted testing, undertook vital research and continued outreach that will benefit people the world over.

Presently, we’re working to ensure MSU will safely re-open for in-person and remote instruction. Planning is overseen by a team of experts led by two top MSU physicians with deep experience in public health and safety. Fall will look different here as we wear face coverings and apply social distancing protocols. But the fundamentals of the Spartan experience and the value of an MSU degree will remain strong.

Confronting society’s greatest challenges is what we do. I intend that we be ready for the opportunities and challenges that we will face, now and into the future.

Thank you for all you do for MSU. I hope to see you soon on the banks of the Red Cedar.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "S. L. Stanley Jr." in a cursive script.

Samuel L. Stanley Jr., M.D.

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DEAR READERS:

As we enter the fifth month of a worldwide pandemic, it will come as no surprise that the entire Spartan community has experienced a significant amount of change over the last 120-plus days. While our reality began to shift to a new normal of working from home, we also said goodbye to Paula Davenport, who retired on June 3. The Spring 2020 issue,

that she edited, featured many Spartans who look forward to serving you as destinations and businesses safely re-open.

Also, I want to make you aware that we have changed our schedule and will be printing the Spartan magazine three times a year going forward—winter, spring and fall.

As we began to adjust to all these changes, stories about Spartan heroes continued to pour in. Inspired, we knew we needed to find a way to share your stories this summer. So we pushed forward the development of a new online space for editorial content and are bringing to you our first digital-only issue for summer 2020.

In this issue you will find the work of many members of our team. Writing for the Spartan magazine was a new assignment and required the guidance of an experienced editor. Occasionally you get lucky—we had a few more weeks with Paula.

Without a doubt, we have taken some big leaps over the last several months. And, while more change may come, my hope is that Paula enjoys her retirement and feels the gratitude of the entire Spartan nation for a job well done.

So, here's to summer... a season known for calling us up and out. For inviting us to move past our fears and into new experiences that help us grow.

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A REFRESHING READ

Kudos on the spring issue of Spartan! What a fun read. Good, well-written news about MSU alumni and their interesting achievements, and great photos.

I was interested to learn an MSU graduate started SmashBurger—there's one in Anchorage now.

Margie Bauman, '64
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

LASTING IMPRESSION

Thanks for the well-executed Spartan Magazine, spring 2020.

I was saddened to note that Dr. Bertram P. Karon had died. I had Dr. Karon for Intro to Psychology in the '70s and something he said in a lecture has stuck with me through the years.

They were words to the effect of: "It's OK to think whatever you want to think because you can't control your thoughts anyway. What you can control, and what you are responsible for are your words and your actions."

I am grateful to MSU professors for introducing me to so many ideas that shaped my character—and maybe even my thoughts.

Dan Alpert, '73,
TROY, MICHIGAN

EASIER ON THE EYES

At my age I have started reading the Obits. In the MSU mag the obits are nice but no way do I read over them. Don't have the time to scan through them. I have a suggestion that you might consider to make it easier for your readers to identify grads from their school and year.

My other alma mater, the University of Pennsylvania, lists by year but adds a college identifier. In my case a V for the College of Veterinary Medicine. I can ether look for the class year or scan through the obits for a V. Makes it simple and fast and should be easy for you to add to your obits.

George E. Eyster, '68
WILLIAMSTON, MICHIGAN

SPARTAN IN HOSPITALITY

I appreciate you including me in such a beautiful feature and the entire issue is incredible. What a perfect time to highlight the hospitality industry.

I have saved every issue of the magazine and find myself thumbing through some as far back as 2012 during this downtime. We will be continuing an annual donation to the school as we were not able to renew our football tickets this year. Hoping to catch a game here and there when we can get in town. It's always great to be back on campus. Go Green!

Courtney Cawley Gray, '04
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

THE BEST OF US

I love the article and the layout of my Spartan Story in the spring issue. You and your staff represent all of us so well. Continued success with all you do. Stay safe and well during this very difficult time. Go Green!!

Abundant blessings.

Tanya Hart, '71
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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News & Views from MSU



Leading by Example

This spring, Sparty led by example and donned a mask as a way to increase awareness of the COVID-19 virus and as a symbol of what we can all do to slow its spread. Countless Spartans have stepped up in the fight, —read about some of their efforts in the following pages.

“ I was thinking ... I can do this. I can put up a similar dashboard [to a Global Information System one] using just the Michigan data that is publicly available from the state.



Mapping a Virus: Visualizing COVID-19 in Michigan

As cases of the novel coronavirus began spreading across the globe earlier this year, Jonnell Sanciangco, a Michigan State University doctoral candidate specializing in spatial methodologies in the Department of Geography, Environment and Spatial Sciences, began a routine of checking of a Johns Hopkins University dashboard, one of the few websites sharing daily COVID-19-related data at the time.

Sanciangco, an expert in GIS, wondered if a similar dashboard focused solely on the state could be of use to local health care,

government officials and other interested parties, especially those needing to make decisions related to the outbreak.

Thanks to Sanciangco, the Michigan COVID-19 dashboard is updated daily with information provided by the state. The panel features data at the state and county level, and users can explore the information based on demographic characteristics such as sex, age groups, race and ethnicity.

The dashboard is publicly available on the Space, Health and Community Lab website.

SPARTANS JOIN TASK FORCE TO ADDRESS RACIAL DISPARITIES IN HEALTH CARE



Debra Furr-Holden



Randy Rasch

In April, Michigan created the Michigan Coronavirus Task Force on Racial Disparities.

The task force is acting in an advisory capacity to the governor and studies the causes of racial disparities in the impact of COVID-19 and recommends actions to immediately address such disparities and the historical and systemic inequities that underlie them.

There are two Spartans on the task force. The first is Debra Furr-Holden, the C.S. Mott Endowed Professor of Public Health at MSU and the director of the Flint Center for Health Equity Solutions. The second is Randy Rasch, a professor and dean of the MSU College of Nursing.

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Number of new MSU COVID-19-related research projects

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INNOVATIVE PROCESS FOR REUSING N95 MASKS DEVELOPED

Partners provide financial backing

In early April, MSU Extension, in partnership with Sparrow Health System, developed a new way to sanitize N95 respirator masks, allowing for reuse among medical personnel during the coronavirus pandemic.

The Consumers Energy Foundation granted \$100,000 in critical start-up funds for the project.

The protocol—awaiting Food and Drug Administration emergency approval—involves heating N95s in commercial ovens to kill off contaminants, including the virus that causes COVID-19.

“Our scientists in the Food Processing and Innovation Center were able to spool up this process in less than a week,” said Jeff Dwyer, extension director. “Having clean Personal Protective Equipment, especially N95 masks, has the potential to save lives in hospital settings in Michigan and throughout the world. We are grateful that the Consumers Energy Foundation saw the potential and is willing to help fund our front-line workers.”

Delta Dental of Michigan also provided \$25,000 for the efforts and was the first corporate partner to get involved.



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Identifying patients most at risk from COVID-19 through nanotechnology

By *Adrian de Novato*

What if doctors could not only diagnose a COVID-19 infection, but identify which patients are at the greatest risk of death before any major complications arise? One MSU scientist believes nanotechnology may be the answer.

In a new paper, Morteza Mahmoudi, assistant professor in the Department of Radiology and Precision Health Program in MSU's College of Human Medicine, proposed a point-of-care diagnostic platform that uses either nanoparticles or magnetic levitation to diagnose infection and assess future risk.

“Such technology would not only be useful in protecting health care centers from becoming overwhelmed,” Mahmoudi said, “but could also prevent severe shortages of health care resources, minimize death rates and improve management of future epidemics and pandemics.”

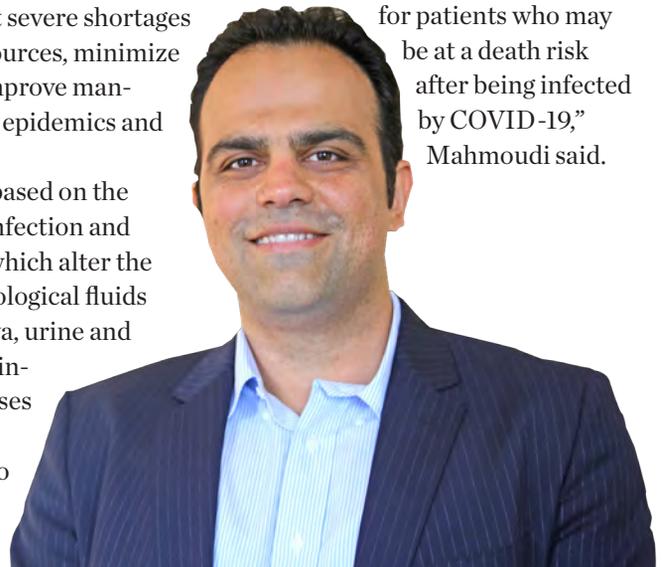
The concept is based on the varying levels of infection and stages of disease which alter the composition of biological fluids such as tears, saliva, urine and plasma. Different infections and diseases create different patterns specific to the viral load and

disease stage, somewhat akin to a fingerprint. Mahmoudi said that being able to identify and catalog those patterns would be key to any breakthrough in diagnostic technology.

To begin, a patient's biological fluid is introduced to a small collection of nanoparticles less than one-thousandth the diameter of a human hair. The unique surface of the particle collects proteins, lipids and other molecules from the fluids in a pattern that Mahmoudi refers to as a biomolecular corona, or crown.

“By analyzing the composition of the crowns at the surface of tiny particles together with statistical approaches, the platform may provide a ‘fingerprint’ pattern

for patients who may be at a death risk after being infected by COVID-19,” Mahmoudi said.





LEADING RESEARCHER, ADVOCATE FOR WOMEN IN SCIENCE NAMED PROVOST

Following a national search, President Samuel L. Stanley Jr., M.D., names Teresa Kaye Woodruff provost and executive vice president for academic affairs.

“Teresa’s experience and credentials are impeccable. But more importantly, she has a great understanding of education and research at a university with the scale and impact of MSU,” Stanley said.

As provost, Woodruff will be the chief academic officer for the university, providing leadership for academic programs, research and outreach involving faculty, students and staff. Woodruff also will be an MSU Foundation Professor of obstetrics gynecology, reproductive biology and biomedical engineering.

Woodruff is an expert in ovarian biology and reproductive science. In 2006, she coined the term “oncofertility” to describe the merging of two fields: oncology and fertility. Oncofertility is now globally rec-

ognized as a medical discipline.

In addition, she is an advocate for women in science and led efforts to change federal policy to mandate the use of females in fundamental National Institutes of Health research. She is past president of the Endocrine Society and current editor-in-chief of Endocrinology. Widely recognized for her commitment to teaching and mentoring, Woodruff was presented with the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring by President Barack Obama in an Oval Office ceremony in 2011.

She succeeds current interim provost Teresa A. Sullivan, who was appointed in September 2019. President Stanley and the Board of Trustees have thanked and praised Sullivan for her outstanding service and leadership during an important time of transition and change.

Woodruff will start Aug. 1.

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MSU’s first ever virtual commencement was broadcast to over 40,000 people on Facebook Live on May 16. The virtual event did not replace an in-person ceremony and members of the class of 2020 will be invited to participate in a future in-person commencement. The recording of the event, which has over 200,000 views, can be accessed through MSU’s official Facebook page: go.msu.edu/virtual-2020

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Number of years MSU consecutively earned “gold status” as a veteran-friendly school by the Michigan Veteran Affairs Agency.





Newcomer from Newcomb

Mónica Ramírez-Montagut named new Broad Art Museum Director *by Morgan Butts*

Mónica Ramírez-Montagut was recently appointed director of the Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum (MSU Broad). Ramírez-Montagut, most recently director of the Newcomb Art Museum at Tulane University, joined MSU Broad this month.

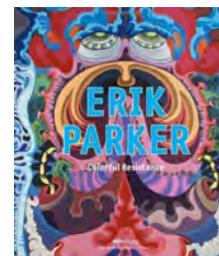
Ramírez-Montagut brings nearly 20 years of arts and culture experience to the MSU Broad, in addition to her background as a trained architect. Throughout her extensive career, her approach to art is known for being both publicly engaged and socially conscious.

“I am elated to welcome Mónica to our Spartan community. Her wealth of experience in arts and culture will be a driving force in furthering the mission of the museum to be both a teaching institution and cultural hub for our community,” said MSU President Samuel L. Stanley Jr., M.D. “I am confident she will bring a fresh perspective to MSU and a renewed energy to the museum, our university and Michigan’s arts community.”

Ramírez-Montagut led a dynamic rebrand of the Newcomb Art Museum, developing an exhibition program focused on issues relevant to the community, and made the museum a popular gathering place for students and locals alike. Under her leadership, the Newcomb Art Museum presented numerous exhibitions, including *Per(Sister): Incarcerated Women of Louisiana*. That exhibition was developed in partnership with formerly incarcerated women, community organizations, stakeholders, and those directly impacted by the prison system and is currently on view at the Ford Foundation for Social Justice in New York.

“Mónica has made the Newcomb Museum a destination, transforming it into an integral part of the city of New Orleans as well as a driver of curricular innovation at Tulane,” said Judith Stoddart, associate provost for university collections and arts initiatives.

Ramírez-Montagut has lived in the United States since 2002. She earned her bachelor’s degree in architecture from the Universidad Iberoamericana in Mexico City and her master’s and doctoral degrees in architecture from the Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya in Barcelona, Spain. She is the author of “KAWS” and “Erik Parker, Colorful Resistance,” both books published by Skira Rizzoli and The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum, and notable essays on Zaha Hadid and Frank Lloyd Wright. She is also co-editor of “Revisiting the Glass House: Contemporary Art and Modern Architecture,” published by Yale University Press.



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BERRY BOUNTIFUL

Patrick Edger, assistant professor in the MSU Department of Horticulture, received a \$1.13 million grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to research the genes connected to superior fruit quality in blueberries and cranberries. Edger's lab is working to generate the first pangenome—a roadmap of all the genes within a group—of the genus *Vaccinium*, a shrub species that both blueberries and cranberries belong to. By building a pangenome, Edger and Ph.D. student Alan Yocca hope to identify new genes that could lead to a firmer, more flavorful and aromatic blueberry.

Firm fruit is easier to machine harvest, and machine harvesting can help blueberry growers increase their profit margins.

“Labor for picking fruit is scarce,” Edger said. “For growers, not to have to hire people to pick fruit—if they can be harvested by machines—increases their profitability.”

While planning for this project, Edger and Yocca conducted a national survey of 500-plus growers, breeders, processors and others in the blueberry industry. Machine harvestability was a top priority across all regions throughout the U.S. — Alex Tekip

Top 5

Michigan regularly ranks in the top five states nationally for blueberry production, with annual harvests contributing more than \$118.5 million to Michigan's economy.

Go White Go Red

One of few naturally blue foods, blueberries don't start out that way. They first appear white, turn red and finally blue, making July the perfect month for the “All-American” berry. July is National Blueberry Month.

Berry Interesting

The annual North American blueberry harvest, spread in a single layer, could cover a four-lane highway from Chicago to New York.

NANOPARTICLE CHOMPS AWAY PLAQUES THAT CAUSE HEART ATTACKS

A tiny particle invented by scientists shows promise for helping some people at risk of having heart attacks.

The new nanoparticle chomps away at portions of plaques that can block arteries to and from the heart. In essence, the discovery works from the inside out.

Bryan Smith, associate professor of biomedical engineering at MSU, and a team of scientists created a “Trojan Horse” nanoparticle that can eat debris—reducing and stabilizing plaque.

It shows potential for treating atherosclerosis, a leading cause of death in the United States.

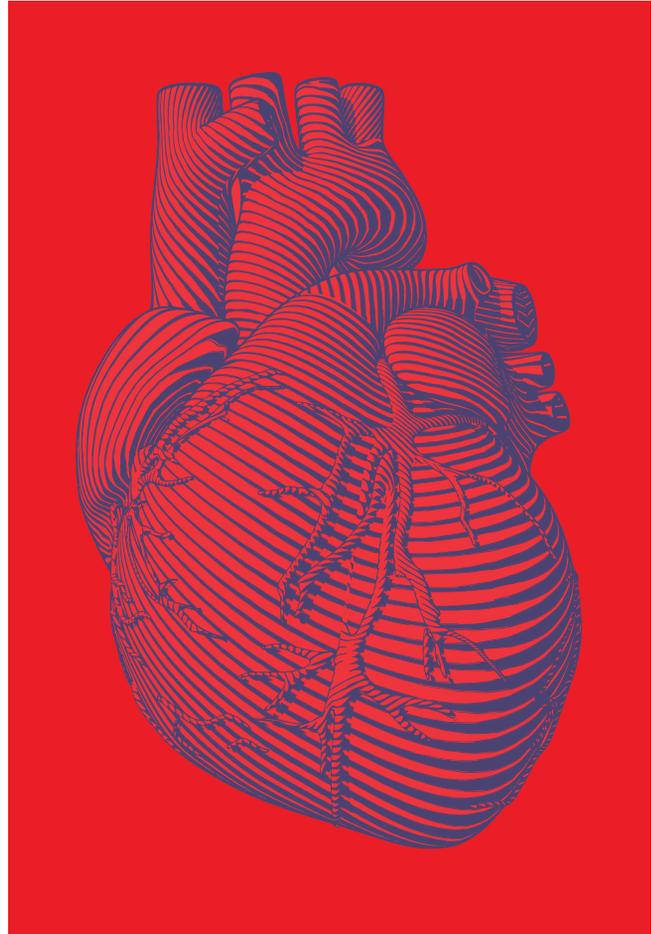
The results, published in the current issue of *Nature Nanotechnology*, showcase the nanoparticle that homes in on atherosclerotic plaque due to its high selectivity to a particular immune cell type—monocytes and macrophages.

Once inside the macrophages in those plaques, it delivers a drug agent that stimulates the cell to engulf and eat cellular debris. Basically, it removes the diseased/dead cells in the plaque core. By reinvigorating the macrophages, plaque size is reduced and stabilized.

Smith said that future clinical trials on the nanoparticle are expected to reduce the risk of most types of heart attacks, with minimal side effects due to the unprecedented selectivity of the nanodrug.

Smith’s studies focus on intercepting the signaling of the receptors in the macrophages and sending a message via small molecules using nano-immunotherapeutic platforms. Previous studies have acted on the surface of the cells, but this new approach works intracellularly and has been effective in stimulating macrophages.

“We found we could stimulate the macrophages to selectively eat dead and dying cells—these inflammatory cells are precursor cells to atherosclerosis—that are part of the cause of heart attacks,” Smith said. “We



could deliver a small molecule inside the macrophages to tell them to begin eating again.”

This approach also has applications beyond atherosclerosis, he added.

“We were able to marry a groundbreaking finding in atherosclerosis by our collaborators with the state-of-the-art selectivity and delivery capabilities of our advanced nanomaterial platform. We demonstrated the nanomaterials were able to selectively seek out and deliver a message to the very cells needed,” Smith said. “It gives a particular energy to our future work, which will include clinical translation of these nanomaterials using large animal models and human tissue tests. We believe it is better than previous methods.”

Smith has filed a provisional patent and will begin marketing it later this year.

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Number of MSU student-athletes to win All-Big Ten Honors for academic excellence, including seven with perfect 4.0 GPAs.

Coming to MSU was One of the Best Decisions of My Life

Perhaps one of the greatest Spartan basketball players ever, Cassius Winston penned this love letter to his alma mater.

Dear Michigan State Basketball,
Coming to Michigan State University was one of the best decisions I made in my life.

I don't regret my decision to come here at all, whether it be on the court or off the court. I feel like on the court, I achieved everything I could as a player. I grew, I got better and my weaknesses I made them into strengths, in a sense. Off the court, it's been amazing. The way the campus treats me, the way the professors interact with me, the way the students interact with me. It's been an amazing experience here for me at Michigan State.

Stepping on campus going into Wonders (Hall) my first year, there were so many unknowns. I didn't know what this journey would bring to me, I didn't know what Michigan State would present to me. I came in open-minded and excited. I embraced the journey. I didn't rush the results, I embraced every step of it. Looking back on it, and where I'm at now, I think I chose the best route to do it. I didn't try and look too far ahead. I didn't think about what was next. I stayed in the moment and enjoyed each and every moment that I could, through the ups and the downs. It wasn't all pretty, it wasn't all sweet, but I stayed in the moment. I fought my way through the downs and I embraced the ups. I think my journey here has been amazing for me.

Being a senior and playing on the team, especially at Michigan State, you know you're guaranteed two more games. Once your regular season is over, you know you've got a game in the Big Ten and a game in the NCAA Tourney. You know your time is coming to an end, you know one of those games is going to be your last, but you know you've got two more, at the least, and you've got a chance to make a run. You know you've got a chance to make a run in the tourney, to make a run in the NCAA Tourney, so you have a chance to play a lot more games.

That's a whole other season if you get to win. You're in practice and you're preparing, and we had our last game on the Breslin, but it wasn't my last game. In my head, it wasn't going to be my last game. I still had a lot more to prove, I still had a lot more to do. And then all of a sudden, we practiced hard one day and by the end of practice, the season's over. You can't prepare for something that's going to stop without you knowing. Initially, you're in shock.

My career here at Michigan State is over. There's no more games. It doesn't hit you at that moment. It probably hits you a couple of days later when you're ready go get up and go to practice. March time is when you go harder and you get ready to

win a championship. You're ready to go to practice, but you have nothing to do, there's literally nothing to do. It's crazy things can end so suddenly.

To my fans, my teammates, my coaches, thank you. Thank you for sticking with me, thank you for being there for me when it was tough, thank you for being by my side. It was amazing.

My time here at Michigan State has been great and I credit all to you guys. I couldn't do it by myself. I couldn't do it without a family to embrace me. I appreciate everyone who had a part of this journey. I appreciate everyone who pushed me, who got me better, who motivated me.

I like where I'm at now, I like how I ended my career, I like the things that I've accomplished and hopefully I can carry that over to the next step.

The biggest lesson I've learned here during my time is to embrace every moment, embrace every day. Don't try to shortcut anything, don't try to get out of anything, don't try to look past anything. Whatever moment you're in, whatever you're doing at that moment, that should be the most important thing to you because it flies by, it flies by. If you blink too fast, your career could be over just like that. Embrace it, enjoy every step of it, enjoy the journey. The results at the end you can't really worry about right now, just try and enjoy every moment you're in. If you do that, you're going to get everything out of the university that you want.

Go Green ... Cassius Winston



1. Cassius Winston kisses center court in the Breslin Center on Senior Day, March 8, 2020. It ended up being his last game in Spartan uniform.
2. Embracing teammates as he leaves the floor for the final time.
3. Setting the offense during the game.
4. Holding the 2020 Big Ten Championship trophy after beating the Ohio State Buckeyes 80-69 at the Breslin Center.
5. Talking with Coach Izzo.

Driving Change Through Education

Charged with bringing about change, MSU's new AVP and Title IX coordinator, Tanya Jachimiak, prioritizes self-examination of strengths and weaknesses, recalibrating attitudes, relinquishing old habits that do not work, and embracing new ideas and methods.



As I stepped into the position of associate vice president for the Office for Civil Rights and Title IX Education and Compliance at Michigan State just six months ago, I met a team with an unwavering commitment to creating a safe and healthy campus.

The unconscionable acts that came to light over the past several years clearly show that all universities must prioritize resources aimed at preventing harassment and violence in all their forms. What drew me here was the solid foundation in both the areas of prevention and response and a community ready for change unlike any other.

First is the success of the Prevention, Outreach and Education department. It was recently recognized by the Everfi Impact Award for Excellence in Sexual Assault Prevention. Having this team honored by an international organization acknowledges the significant impact our educational programs have had—in 2020 more than 90% of the campus community participated in the program's training.

Additionally, the Resolution Office has created a groundbreaking hearing process and the Office

for Institutional Equity has implemented practices that are grounded in care and fair process for all parties.

I have sought to learn about how the office has operated and what drives the individual members of the team. I have sought to hear from community partners and students. I have been inspired to explore ways to fully integrate my office with the campus community. What does this mean? This means that we remain open and willing to meet the needs of the campus community. It means that we lead our work with compassion; we seek to cultivate an inclusive environment for all; and we ensure equity and fairness in all that we do. This means that we approach each day by asking ourselves how we can be of service to the community and remain grounded in our principles.

As President Stanley creates a strategic plan for the university I will align my office with this plan to solidify our mission and ensure that our campus community's needs are met around issues of violence and harassment prevention and response.

Additionally, I have been restructuring and reallocating our talent and resources to ensure that community members receive timely, caring responses. We also began to track instances of bias by subcategories, which will allow us to understand patterns and address systemic and climate issues.

My priority is to continue to develop relationships across the university and to implement improvements to make campus a safe, inclusive space.

“ I joined MSU because it has built and continues to support a solid foundation in both the areas of prevention and response.

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The Power of the Underdog

Engineer Kevin Conroy helped elevate a small company into a medical research behemoth working to fight the second deadliest cancer in the United States. Now, Exact Sciences is harnessing its prowess to expand coronavirus testing. BY LOIS FURRY

A global pandemic may have made the class of 2020—and all of us—feel like underdogs. But Kevin Conroy believes being an underdog is a gift.

“Eleven years ago, I joined a small team with a lofty goal,” said Conroy, who grew up in gritty Flint. “We wanted to eradicate colon cancer through amazing DNA tools to detect it early. We were underdogs for sure. The science was complex and unproven, and many doubted or even dismissed us,” he told soon-to-be graduates in a virtual commencement address this spring.

Conroy, the company’s CEO, said he tapped his Spartan resolve to help propel Exact Sciences Corp. in the creation of Cologuard—an inexpensive, noninvasive home screening test for colorectal cancer, the second deadliest cancer in the United States.

“We’ve now helped more than 4 million people,” Conroy said in his address. The test is correct 87% of the time.

“It’s incredibly energizing to know that our collective ability and experience are making a real difference in the early detection of cancer, a space

in which few companies have been able to carve out a leadership position,” he said.

But Exact Sciences isn’t resting on its discovery.

“When the pandemic hit, our team adapted our technology to test people for the coronavirus. I’m just as excited we’re putting our skills and know-how to work bringing other products to market where we can make a similar difference,” he said. “We now have the capacity to run millions of novel coronavirus tests this year.”

Over the past decade, Exact Sciences, based in Madison, Wisconsin, has added four more research enterprises. A publicly traded company, it moved its workforce of 4,000 into a new 169,000-square-foot laboratory and warehouse in Wisconsin last year.

This year the College of Engineering presented Conroy with one of its most prestigious awards, the Claud R. Erickson Distinguished Alumni Award, recognizing technical leadership, entrepreneurship and innovation in engineering.

He assured MSU’s soon-to-be engineering alumni—faced with unexpected unemployment rates and



countless unforeseen challenges—that they too can prevail.

His prescription for beating the odds? “Relish your role of being an underdog. Underdogs have the advantage that they don’t have a lot to lose, so they think and act differently. They challenge the status quo. Underdogs are tough and resilient, just like Coach Tom Izzo and his team.”

When faced with adversity, the United States always rises to the occasion, Conroy said. “Now you have the ingenuity to help secure our



nation's and world's prosperity and build a brighter future.

“Remember, engineering is ultimately about helping others. We build and invent new things to improve people's lives. Whether through medical innovations, new methods of transportation or just ways of keeping our planet healthy.

“We need you more than ever and we need that character that defines Michigan State graduates.” 🦁

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“Successful people train their minds by following simple principles and practices. They shut down negative thoughts to cultivate rich, prosperous ideas. They focus on things they can control, and as they gain mastery over those factors, any sense of anxiety fades away.

After the Whistle

Bennie Fowler made a career in the NFL. Now he is hoping he can inspire others to live their dreams.

BY LIAM BOYLAN-PETT



Early in the 2012 MSU football season, wide receiver Bennie Fowler lost his rhythm against Notre Dame. Late in the game, he dropped an easy 19-yard pass that should've been a touchdown. He heard the groan of the East Lansing crowd as the ball slipped through his fingers. He failed to catch a single pass. Notre Dame hammered MSU 20-3.

On social media, Fowler saw posts about his dismal play, the epitome of MSU's abysmal performance. On campus, students glared at him. Fowler feared he'd lost his mojo.

But fortunately, before the season's start, he'd read a life-changing book, "The Monk Who Sold His Ferrari" by Robin Sharma. It's a fable about how to live with courage, balance, feelings of

abundance and joy. It helped Fowler crawl out of his slump.

"I started to understand the journey is what it's really all about," Fowler said. "It's about perseverance in the face of adversity." So he beefed up his workouts and intensified his focus on the practice field.

Fans will recall that Fowler starred in 2014's Rose Bowl championship win over Stanford.

Since his successful MSU career, he has faced many ups and downs in the NFL. He went undrafted in 2014—but he worked his way into the league, catching the two-point conversion that clinched the 2016 Super Bowl win for the Denver Broncos.

Since then, he's signed with and been released by multiple pro teams. He's currently a free agent but continues his conditioning, always looking for another chance to prove himself in the big leagues.

Meanwhile, he's written a self-help book, "Silver Spoon: The Imperfect Guide to Success," featuring stories about overcoming adversity.

The son of a Ford Motor Co. executive and an attorney, Fowler grew up in a suburb of Detroit and attended private schools. Compared to some of his inner-city peers, his life may have looked idyllic.

"We all come from different backgrounds," Fowler said, "but I believe we all share similar principles and



Bennie Fowler '14,
College of Social Science

characteristics that can help us succeed.”

Achievers, athletes and others, he said, “train their minds by following simple principles and practices. They shut down negative thoughts to cultivate rich, prosperous ideas. They focus on things they can control, and as they gain mastery over those factors, any sense of anxiety fades away.”

In addition to promoting his book, Fowler is trying to launch his own business, which will strive to encourage others to achieve their best.

Remember, he said: Life’s about the journey—even after a bad day or a bad game.

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ABOVE: Bennie Fowler #13 tries to avoid Raymon Taylor #6 and Thomas Gordon #30 of the Michigan Wolverines during the fourth quarter at Spartan Stadium on November 2, 2013 in East Lansing, Michigan. Michigan State won the game 29-6.

A Network of Support

Broadcast journalist Rhonda Walker uses her success and abundant energy to empower inner-city teen girls in the Detroit area to become confident, successful leaders. **BY RUSS WHITE**

Rhonda Walker has been motivating people in Detroit with her energy, enthusiasm, style and passion for 20 years. The award-winning and versatile journalist starts her day at 2 a.m. to co-anchor the weekday morning show for WDIV-TV 4 News Detroit, an NBC affiliate where she's worked since 2003.

Walker's dynamism borders on the superhuman. After starting her work day long before dawn, she doesn't go home to nap later. Instead, she works to give back to her adopted hometown as the founder, president and CEO of the Rhonda Walker Foundation (RWF).

"I've been a lifelong volunteer since growing up in the Lansing area. It's just a part of who I am," she said.

Her organization, founded in 2003, works to help inner-city girls stay on a path to success through a five-year program that begins in eighth grade. Walker wanted to go beyond the one-off school presentations she'd done as part of her broadcast career, and instead offer girls a more sustained message and support structure by building longer relationships.

The foundation's Girls into Women Program is built on five program pillars: college preparation, personal development, career development, health and wellness, and community

outreach and cultural awareness, Walker explained.

"My inspiration came from working here as a broadcast journalist and becoming involved in the community. I got to know a lot about its needs," said Walker, who was born in Detroit and moved to East Lansing at age 2. (She attended nursery school on MSU's campus, joking, "That's when I started at Michigan State.")

“My philosophy has always been that anything is possible and I really try to instill that in the girls in the foundation. Be fearless.”

To date, the RWF boasts a 100% high school graduation and college enrollment rate. In all, 235 participants have gone on to earn college degrees so far. Scholarships are also provided when the girls complete their senior year of high school.

RWF currently has 51 girls enrolled in its preparatory academy afterschool program, Walker said.

Girls are nominated for admission into the Girls into Women Program by one of five Detroit partner

schools in the spring before they enter eighth grade.

The students develop confidence and self-esteem in a variety of workshops on etiquette, public speaking, goal setting, conflict resolution, presentation skills and even weekend retreats.

"We're just trying to build them up into being the best that they can be," Walker said.

"Every teen has the opportunity to be matched with a carefully screened professional female mentor who provides strong support and critical guidance. Although we ask our volunteer mentors to stay connected for one year, the bond often becomes so strong that the mentoring relationship may last for the remainder of the program," she said.

"I think it's important we all remember it's on each of us to give back and make our communities better places," Walker said. "I feel incredibly fortunate to have this career. There is much to be expected of me and what I can do with my blessings. I want to empower kids in Detroit who are less privileged and have fewer resources and opportunities."

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Rhonda Walker '91,
Communication Arts
and Sciences



SPARTANS ANSWERING

Spartans rise to the occasion as the coronavirus pandemic presents unique and new challenges around the world.

As the coronavirus pandemic has swept the globe, families, communities and companies have faced some of the biggest challenges of our time. Spartans, naturally, have stepped up to help, both personally and professionally, whether they work in a medical field, in business or in government. While it would be impossible to showcase every Spartan who is rising to this historic moment, the following pages highlight some of the remarkable work we've heard about that MSU alumni have been part of around the world. The impact of COVID-19 continues to evolve, but throughout it all, Spartans have shown that they are ready to help in the fight.

BY LIAM BOYLAN-PETT



THE CALL

Heroes of the Pandemic

Whether a first-year nurse or an infectious disease expert, Spartans on the front lines of the coronavirus pandemic were thrust into life-saving roles. They responded resoundingly, using their knowledge, training and skills to comfort, protect and inform.

Mia Taormina Osteopathic Medicine, D.O. '04 – Physician

For Dr. Mia Taormina, each day of the coronavirus pandemic so far has been pretty much the same. She wakes up, takes her 6-year-old daughter to day care (she qualifies for emergency child care) and hits the ground running at her job.

Taormina is an infectious disease specialist serving multiple hospitals at Edward-Elmhurst Health in the Chicago suburbs. Once the pandemic reached Illinois, Taormina was seeing about 40 patients per day, seven days a week—and 90% of those patient visits were COVID-19 related. Between patients, Taormina was on a conference call each day with other mem-

bers of the hospital organization to discuss everything related to COVID-19—from strategy and cutting-edge treatments to how many gloves and N95 masks the hospital system had. Even after she went home at night, she made calls to COVID patients who were not hospitalized and sent informational emails to hospital staff before finally closing her eyes. Then she woke up the next morning and did it all over again.

“It feels like the longest week ever,” Taormina said, but she had no plans of slowing down. Taormina plans to keep fighting until the coronavirus is no longer affecting daily life. “I somehow feel that my contribution is getting us closer to the finish line,” she said. “And I do know that I don’t plan on stopping until I really know that it’s over.”

While Taormina said in May that she doesn’t think the pandemic will end soon, she urged everyone to look to experts for guidance and to read articles with primary sources. That, she said, is how the world will inch back toward normal.



COURTESY DUPAGE MEDICAL GROUP



Abby Nowicki
 Education, '18;
 Nursing, '19 – Nurse

Abby Nowicki never thought that, less than a year into her career as a nurse, she would face a pandemic. Since it began, Nowicki, who works at a hospital in Southeast Michigan, has thought about calling it quits more than once. She was overwhelmed by how immense it all was in one of the country's hot spots. "We got overrun," Nowicki said. Patient after patient would enter the emergency room with mild COVID-19 symptoms and then deteriorate rapidly.

Drawing on the strength of her co-workers and her own urge to fulfill her duty, Nowicki kept showing up for her patients. "I truly feel that my time at MSU prepared me for all of this," she said. "It taught me to stand tall on my own belief and it taught me that I am confident enough to get through this." She was still getting through it as the summer months approached. Seeing the number of cases in the hospital fall has also helped buoy her. Now that she's faced a pandemic, she has also learned how to get through one.

Stephanie Yuhasz Machak
 Social Science and
 Nursing, '07 – Nurse
 anesthetist

Abby Barker
 Education, '15 –
 Physician assistant

Stephanie Yuhasz Machak and Abby Barker didn't know it when they played field hockey at MSU, but their athletic careers helped prepare them for work on the front lines in the fight against the coronavirus. Machak, who was a goalie on the team before graduating in 2007, is a nurse anesthetist at

C.S. Mott Children's Hospital at the University of Michigan. Barker, who was an All-American in 2014, is a physician assistant at two hospitals in inner-city Columbus, Ohio. "If you work in the emergency room or the ICU, they call you adrenaline junkies," Machak told the Lansing State Journal, "because you have these moments where you have to make these split-second decisions and your heart rate is up and people are looking at you like, 'What do we do?'"

The two had to react quickly as COVID-19 made its way through their hospitals. The atmosphere was not far from the fast-paced game of field hockey—only it was not a

game. "It's not just a goal going in the net," Machak said. "At this point, it's someone's life." With such high stakes, Machak and Barker took solace in knowing they were ready to handle whatever was thrown at them.

Stephanie Yuhasz Machak (left) and Abby Barker (right)



COURTESY ABBY NOWICKI / STEPHANIE YUHASZ MACHAK / ABBY BARKER

Kevin Clark

James Madison, '87 –
Emergency services manager

As an operations manager at NYC Emergency Management, Kevin Clark is used to ever-evolving job duties. When many in his office were sent home to work after the coronavirus entered the New York region, Clark was thrust into yet another new role—and he was happy to pick up a job in the field. Clark helped with the logistics in bringing the hospital ship USNS Comfort to New York and assisted in setting up a field hospital at the Javits Center in the city. NYC Emergency Management worked with members of the U.S. Armed Forces, including the Navy, Marines, Department of Defense and National Guard to support New York's medical systems.



The USNS Comfort hospital ship travels up the Hudson River as it heads to Pier 90 in New York on March 30, 2020. It was there to help ease the pressure on New York hospitals during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Gretchen Whitmer

Communication Arts and Sciences, '93;
Law, J.D. '98 – Governor

“My number one priority is the health and safety of Michiganders,” Gov. Gretchen Whitmer said in a statement, “and I will continue to work tirelessly to protect both lives and livelihoods.” Making difficult decisions, Whitmer has led Michigan as the pandemic ravaged pockets of the state. With no end to the pandemic in sight and many tough decisions still ahead, Whitmer's leadership is key to moving Michigan forward.



Gustav J. Lo

Human Medicine, M.D. '88 –
Hospital leader

Compared to the southern part of the state, early cases of COVID-19 in northern Michigan were minimal. That didn't stop Dr. Gustav Lo, medical director of Northern Michigan MedCenter, from taking precautions. Lo and his team acted quickly, obtaining 30 COVID-19 swab test kits from an FDA-approved private laboratory by March 20. On top of that, the NMMC employed an alternative test—one that required only saline and a sterile container. Being ahead of the pandemic was the best way to fight it. Lo helped position northern Michigan communities ahead of the curve.



The Industrious Front Line

Whether providing food to Michiganders in need or making personal protective equipment for frontline workers, working outside of the health care industry has not stopped Spartans from doing what they can to help. Businesses large and small have gotten creative—that’s what Spartans do.

John Paul Jerome
Natural Science, Ph.D. '12
Detroit City Distillery

Mike Forsyth
Agriculture & Natural
Resources, '05;
Social Science, MURP '08
Detroit City Distillery

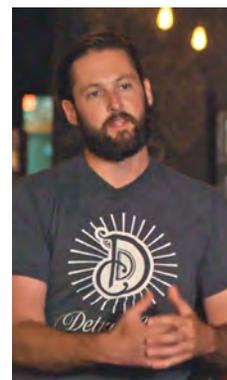
The stay-at-home order in Michigan did not slow down John Paul Jerome, the master distiller at Detroit City Distillery. Instead, work picked up at the craft-spirit maker’s Detroit factory as workers used the company’s still to produce more than 15,000 gallons of hand sanitizer as of early May. Along with co-founder Michael Forsyth, Jerome and the Detroit City Distillery team supplied the Detroit

Police Department with hand sanitizer and distributed thousands of gallons to hospitals and clinics throughout the state. “We had an opportunity to help,” Jerome said. “So why wouldn’t we?”

Jerome and Forsyth had some fun while hustling to produce the sanitizer, too. They bottled a special-edition “Shutdown Bourbon” available for sale via curbside pickup in May. It sold out in less than a week.



John Paul Jerome



Mike Forsyth





Phil Fioravante
Engineering, '84
Creative Foam Corp.

In normal times, Phil Fioravante's Creative Foam Corp. would be competing against other parts suppliers for a chance to work with General Motors Co. But during the pandemic, everyone put aside their business rivalries and worked together. So, when GM devised a plan to manufacture 200,000 ventilators in March, Creative Foam took its spot on the production line, producing the foam parts for the GM ventilators.

Earvin 'Magic' Johnson
Honorary Doctorate of
Business, '10
Magic Johnson Enterprises

The Spartan community is more than familiar with the influence and determination of Earvin "Magic" Johnson. So it's no surprise that he stepped up to fund \$100 million in loans for minority- and women-owned businesses through his insurance company, EquiTrust Life Insurance Co. The loans will be distributed through the Small Business Administration's federal Paycheck Protection Program in



Mat Ishbia
Business, '03
United Wholesale Mortgage

During his time at MSU, Mat Ishbia was known as a bench player on the 2000 National Championship basketball team. Today, he's the chief executive officer at United Wholesale Mortgage, which is the nation's No. 2 overall lender and the largest wholesale lender, according

to HousingWire. Ishbia remains team oriented. "We are family," he told his employees during a companywide video call in April as the coronavirus wreaked havoc on the economy. Then he promised that all 5,800 jobs in the company were safe. "There will be no layoffs. I will sleep on your couch before I lay anyone off," Ishbia said. "We're going to do this together. If this month sucks, and next month sucks, I don't care. No one is losing their job. No one on this call is losing their job."

partnership with MBE Capital Partners, a New Jersey-based nonbank lender that works closely with minority-owned businesses. In general, if companies retain their workforces, PPP loans can function more like grants, backed by the SBA. Johnson's funding will reportedly go toward some 5,000 loans that have already been approved. Thanks to Johnson, recipients of the loans will gain access to capital that they've been unable to secure from major banks and credit unions.



Linda Hubbard
Business, '82
Carhartt



Linda Hubbard, Carhartt's president and chief operating officer, knew the company would help once the pandemic hit. "Since Carhartt was founded in 1889, we have been committed to serving and protecting hardworking people," she told the MSU Broad College of Business. So, when needed, Carhartt shifted its manufacturing operations to produce 2.5 million medical masks and 50,000 gowns for critical workers. Carhartt halted production of new inventory to create the masks and gowns in its facilities in the United States and Mexico. Hubbard said Carhartt had a duty to live up to its past: "Answering the call during times of need has always been an integral part of Carhartt's history."



Kirk Mayes
Communication Arts and
Sciences, '99
Forgotten Harvest



Mohd Ifwat Mohd Ghazali
Engineering, M.S. '14; Ph.D. '19
Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia

Mohd Ifwat Mohd Ghazali is a senior lecturer at Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia in Nilai, Malaysia. When strict quarantine measures were enacted in the country, he had some time on his hands. He knew personal protective equipment was in high demand, so he brought together a team to produce low-cost face shields. Ghazali specialized in 3D printing/additive manufacturing while studying electrical

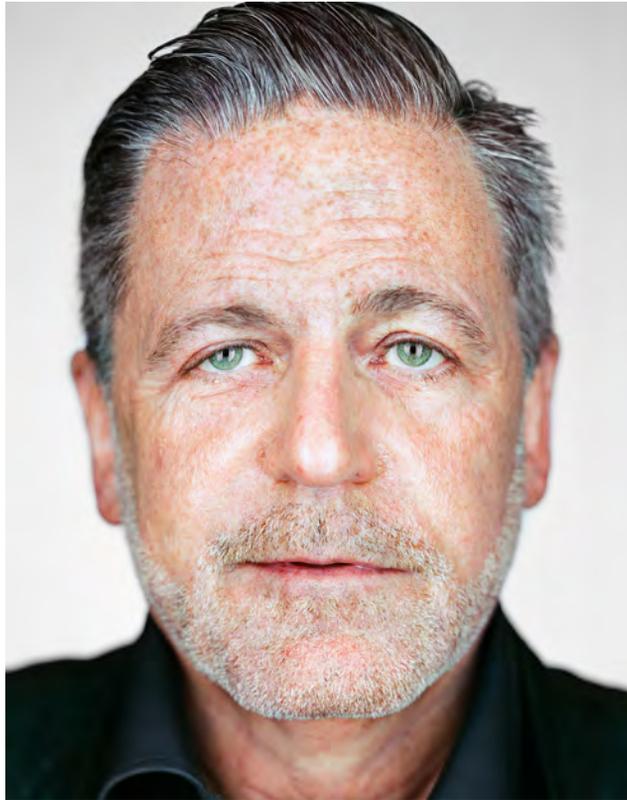
engineering at MSU, and he put his experience to good use: Ghazali and his team made face shields using 3D printers. They also created a network of approximately 4,000 people across Malaysia who had 3D printers to create and send PPE to hospitals, clinics, quarantine centers and police departments. The masks contributed to the flattening of the curve in Malaysia, and Ghazali was happy to be a part of it. "As a Spartan, I put my experience to good use in this crazy time," Ghazali told MSU International Studies & Programs.

Forgotten Harvest is one of the largest food organizations in the country. It has been redirecting food that would end up in the waste stream to Michiganders in need for 30 years, sourcing food from grocery stores and large corporations. When the pandemic hit the Detroit area, Forgotten Harvest CEO Kirk Mayes acted quickly. The organization partnered with the city of Detroit to help local restaurants donate their

surplus to people and families in need during the coronavirus outbreak. Forgotten Harvest did have to adjust how to deliver food to those in need during the outbreak, creating a supersite model where workers set up a mobile pantry that parked at 15 pop-up sites to distribute food boxes. "Not doing our job is not an option," Mayes told the Michigan Chronicle. "We had to find a new way to service the community."

Dan Gilbert
Communication Arts
and Sciences, '83 - Bedrock

When Dan Gilbert started Bedrock, a Detroit-based real estate firm, in 2011, he wanted to be there for small businesses. He made good on that promise in 2020, when, because of the economic hit fueled by the coronavirus pandemic, Bedrock announced that it had waived all rent, expenses and parking fees for restaurants and retail tenants that qualified as “small businesses” for the months of April, May and June.



Sean Williams
Social Science, '10
Detroit Vs Everybody

Sure, it's Detroit Vs. Everybody, but it's also Everybody Vs. COVID-19. That's the way Sean Williams and the folks at the Detroit Vs. Everybody clothing line feel, at least. With the company's brick-and-mortar stores closed during the pandemic, creating the COVID-19 shirts and hoodies was one way to boost sales. But, more importantly it was a way for Williams to support the fight with 20% of proceeds going to the Detroit Small Business Stabilization Fund. The COVID-19 shirt struck a nerve. Michigan's Lt. Gov. Garlin Gilchrist wore it over a button-down shirt as he presided over the Michigan Senate in April.

Sean Williams (right) and Tommey Walker, two of three business partners in Detroit Vs. Everybody.

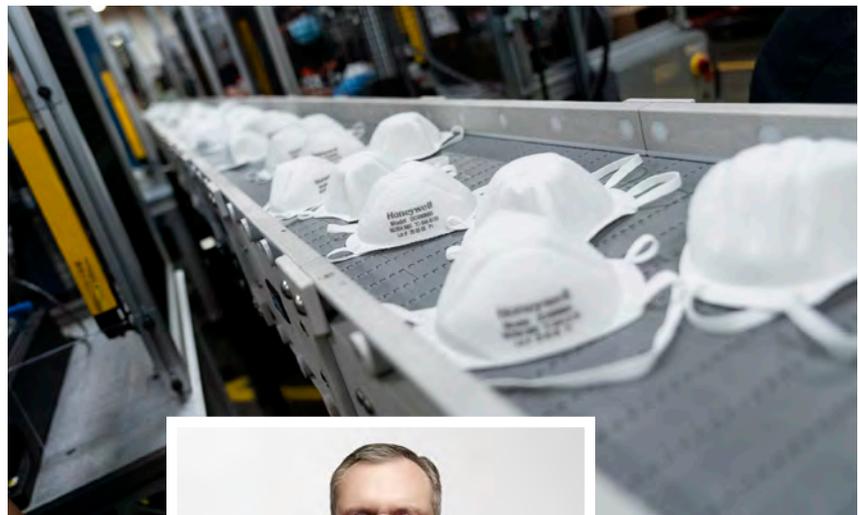


Kevin Conroy
Engineering, '88
Exact Sciences

To keep up with coronavirus testing needs, states asked for help from private companies. Exact Sciences partnered with the state of Wisconsin to bolster testing capabilities. Exact Sciences is best known for Cologuard, an at-home colon cancer screening test. CEO Kevin Conroy said in a statement that Exact Sciences adapted its technology to test people for the new coronavirus, giving the state much-needed relief. “It takes people, it takes great science, and it takes incredible equipment and engineering and software,” he said. He was happy to offer all of those things to become a resource to run millions of tests.

Darius Adamczyk
Engineering, '88 - Honeywell

When the federal government asked for help, Honeywell was quick to respond. The company rapidly converted one of its facilities to manufacture N95 masks. Darius Adamczyk, CEO of Honeywell, was eager to help, and manufacturing masks that are critical to health care workers was the perfect solution. “The decision was a very easy one for Honeywell,” Adamczyk wrote in a statement, “mainly because we already had several solutions in place that we knew would be helpful. For example, we were already a manufacturer of N95 respirator masks, but we have been able to very quickly start up two new production lines in the U.S., one in Rhode Island and one in Arizona, which will produce 20 million masks per month.”



A portrait of Kinitra Brooks, a woman with dark, wavy hair and glasses, wearing a yellow top and a necklace with circular pendants. She is smiling and looking towards the camera. The background is a lush, dark green jungle with various tropical plants, including large monstera leaves, a purple bird of paradise flower, and a red bird of paradise flower. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting her face and the vibrant colors of the plants.

KINITRA BROOKS

College of Arts and Letters

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Growing the Seeds of Knowledge

Endowed Chair Kinitra Brooks studies

Afrofuturism — intertwining the past with the future.

BY DEVON BARRETT

This is a story about how seeds are planted for the future. But like most stories about the future, in order to fully understand it, we need to take a closer look at the past.

In this case, we're talking seventyish years in the past—in the 1950s.

Two seeds were planted in that decade.

The first happened when Audrey Leslie (nee Munford) graduated from Michigan State University with a B.A. in philosophy and then began work on her master's in English. She went on to marry John Leslie and become a beloved teacher and administrator for Montgomery County Public Schools in Rockville, Maryland.

The second happened when something called Afrofuturism began to gain traction as “a thing” in its earliest form, and in the ensuing decades it took shape in many ways: in music; in visual art; in performance; and eventually in comics, fiction and fashion.

The two seeds planted in that decade were not related, and nobody could've imagined a scenario in which they would eventually take root, become intertwined and grow into the same tree.

Coming to East Lansing

Fast-forward to the fall of 2019. Kinitra Brooks is standing on the back steps of Linton Hall on the campus of MSU. She's wearing a green dress and quirky glasses, answering an email on her iPhone. She looks fresh and alive standing among some of MSU's oldest and most traditional buildings.

We're supposed to be talking about how she got here. Here, as in on this Earth; but also here, in East Lansing, a scholar of Afrofuturism and the newest member of the English faculty in the College of Arts and Letters.

A few short weeks later, she'll take the stage to deliver the faculty message at the annual Investiture for Endowed Faculty. She'll talk about her family,



PRESIDENT SAMUEL L. STANLEY JR., M.D., PRESENTS DR. KINITRA BROOKS WITH HER MEDALLION DURING THE INVESTITURE FOR ENDOWED FACULTY

about roots, literal and figurative, and about how they shaped her academic career. She'll talk about how she's excited to put down a few roots of her own here at MSU.

Then she'll walk across the stage, shake hands with President Samuel L. Stanley Jr., M.D., and bow her head to accept a gold medallion.

On the front, it reads "ENDOWED CHAIR, MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY."

On the back: "Kinitra D. Brooks. Audrey and John Leslie Endowed Chair in Literary Studies."

Ancestral roots

Brooks comes from rootworkers. Healers. A long line of women who used storytelling and spirituality to pass knowledge from generation to generation. They used that knowledge, and their various botanical concoctions, to cure what ailed their communities.

Her life's work is based there: on her ancestors, their culture, and where it all fits into the past, the present and the future.

In unearthing and rediscovering these pieces of history, Brooks became part of a community of her own: one that was building a vast field of research centering on Afrofuturism. Brooks' specific focus is on Black women and the pursuit to upend their stereotypical portrayal as "dangerous" or "demonic" or "voodoo woman" characters in contemporary genre fiction.

These are literary studies as Ye Olde English Professors of Yore have never seen them before, and those studies served her well. To a point.

She worked her way up to the position of endowed professor in the Honors College at the University of Texas at San Antonio. But as her work started to take off, so, too, did the feeling of being hemmed in by old

norms. Folks started to have opinions on how she should be, and what she should study as an English professor. And, while they may not have been overt, those opinions impeded her ability to branch out, and they stunted the growth and the diversification of literature as a discipline.

But then she found Michigan State, and the Audrey and John Leslie Chair in Literary Studies, and saw something in both that made her feel like this was a place where she, and her work, could thrive.

The feeling was mutual. In her work, but also in her ebullience, her confidence and her deep investment in growing her field, Michigan State saw a future it wanted to be a part of.

Freedom and growing ideas

In the classroom, Brooks encourages her students to call upon the same kind of introspection that inspires her. She asks them: Where did you come

from? And what parts of your past and your family's history are you going to bring with you as you create your own place in the world?

Outside the classroom, being the Leslie Chair gives her the freedom to continue asking herself those questions, pursuing the answers and nurturing the seeds of her own big ideas.

"We all have our own different plants and seeds within this world of futurism. Futurism is huge and varied—there are feminist futures and queer futures and Indigenous futures, and MSU has the potential to become a center of excellence in all of those areas, but you can't do all of that yourself," she says.

So she's using her position to help grow other people's big ideas, too. Brooks and her colleagues from across the university, including the MSU Libraries and the MSU Museum, are laying the groundwork to establish Michigan State as the premier location for the study of race, gender, sexuality and class in the genres of science fiction, fantasy and horror.

So much of Afrofuturism is about world building. What better place to explore that than within the worlds depicted in MSU's extensive comics collection? And what better place to display related Afrofuturist art and artifacts, and create new visual and digital experiences around them, than within the MSU Museum?

Brooks' vision for the future is vivid: There will be guest lecturers, visiting artists and research fellows from other institutions, and she hopes to also develop workshops to foster the next generation of writers and students in her field.

The importance of having a critical mass of people and resources devoted to these areas of study goes far beyond

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simply bringing Afrofuturism to new audiences—or, for the staid, bringing something new to Michigan State and to the larger institution of Ye Olde English Department of Yore.

"Afrofuturism isn't just about Black people in the future," Brooks says. "It's about changing and expanding race, gender, sexuality, class—all these markers of identity. Afrofuturism is a recovery project: bringing together the stories and the traditions and the histories that we lost during the trans-Atlantic slave trade, during Jim Crow, during Jane Crow. Then weaving everything together so we can decide what we want to take with us into the future, and what we're going to teach our own kids."

Audrey and John Leslie

We don't know, exactly, what sort of stories, traditions and histories Audrey Leslie learned about as a student of philosophy and English in the 1950s, but

whatever they were, they stuck with her for life, and she was proud to have learned them at MSU.

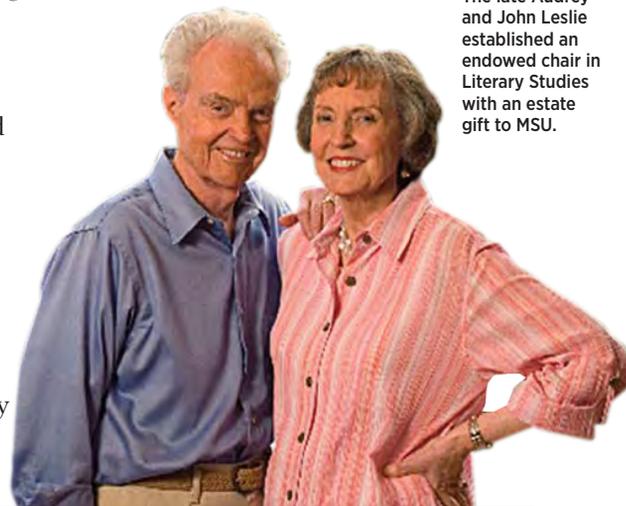
So in 2005, Audrey Leslie and her husband, John, sat down and wrote out some instructions in their estate plans. When they died, a gift of \$2.5 million would be put in an endowment at MSU to establish the Audrey and John Leslie Endowed Chair in Literary Studies.

"The study of literature improved my understanding of the human condition," Audrey said when she and her husband made the gift. "And the study of the development of our language improved my appreciation for the power and versatility of English. Everyone can benefit from these studies."

Audrey added: "Establishing such an endowment gives us a unique opportunity to help maintain the quality of a program we want to see perpetuated, and gives us a feeling that what we believe is important will continue to be passed on to future generations."

The seeds were planted. They were watered. Their roots intertwined the day Kinitra Brooks came to Michigan State. And now they're growing into a pretty fantastic tree.

The late Audrey and John Leslie established an endowed chair in Literary Studies with an estate gift to MSU.



Introducing Our Newest Endowed and Honored Faculty

Like Brooks, these 2019 endowed faculty members and University Distinguished Professors are moving MSU and big ideas forward through their research, teaching and discoveries.



OPENING DOORS TO NEW DISCOVERIES

RESILIENCE RESEARCHER



Robin Buell

University Distinguished Professor
and MSU Foundation Professor
College of Natural Science

MSU has a long-standing reputation as a leader in plant science research, and Buell's work in the area of plant genomics is helping to meet a rapidly growing need for more resilient plants that not only produce more yield, but that can survive the extremes brought on by climate change.

MICROBE MANAGER



Sean Crosson

Professor Rudolph Hugh Endowed Chair
College of Natural Science

"MSU has provided a great opportunity to be part of a large microbiology program with breadth and strength in fundamental physiology, pathogenesis, microbial ecology and evolution. Plus, the opportunity to interface with investigators from the plant and animal sciences who are interested in microbes is very exciting to me. It's a real privilege to have this job."

GLOBAL EQUALIZER



Carl Davidson

University Distinguished Professor
College of Social Science

"What I'm interested in is, how can society continue to enjoy the benefits of globalization, but in a way that ensures that the benefits are distributed in a more equitable manner."

TECTONIC TECHNICIAN



Jeffrey Freymueller

Thomas A. Vogel Chair for
Geology of the Solid Earth
College of Natural Science

"I'm going to start some new things in Hawaii and Iceland—looking at whether these islands are starting to subside under the growing weight of their volcanoes. Right now, measurement networks in these places are not well poised for looking at these deep problems. People are looking at the shallow parts of the systems, but looking at the deep parts is a long-term project, a long-term need for data. It might require a decade—and we can get it started with the endowment funds. ... That's the beauty of having resources."

BONE ANALYZER

Laura McCabe

MSU Foundation Professor
College of Osteopathic Medicine

McCabe's internationally recognized research program has been continuously funded for nearly 20 years. Her work in the area of bone cell differentiation, bone formation, and development of new strategies for the prevention and treatment of osteoporosis has made her a sought-after voice in her field and has generated an expansive body of work, including an impressive stack of book chapters, peer-reviewed articles and patents.



ANTIBODY ACTIVIST



David Morgan

MSU Foundation Professor
College of Human Medicine

Morgan has devoted his entire career to the study of Alzheimer’s disease, and his research has been a driving force behind several clinical trials of antibody injections, which activate an immune system response to stop the buildup of protein in the brains of Alzheimer’s patients. His ongoing work focuses on identifying who is at risk for the disease and finding the proper drug to treat the risk.

OBSERVER OF OFFICES



Brent Scott

Frederick S. Addy
Distinguished Professor
Eli Broad College of Business

A professor in the Department of Management, Scott’s research focuses on the role of mood and emotions, organizational justice and overall well-being in the workplace. He has unearthed some surprising findings about the detrimental effects of “fake smiling” and people’s unfortunate tendency to treat “unattractive” workers more harshly—things that should make all of us think twice about our interactions in the office.

**THE POWER OF
ENDOWED FACULTY**

The strongest institutions need the best minds, the most talented researchers and the most capable teachers. Building a solid base of faculty talent enriches the academic environment, which attracts the brightest students.

**TURNING IDEAS
INTO ACTION**

INJURY INNOVATOR



Michele J. Grimm

Wielenga Creative Engineering
Endowed Professor
College of Engineering

Grimm’s current work lies at the intersection of engineering and obstetrics. Her understanding of injury biomechanics, and the computer models she’s developed to assess them, have helped to shed light on the pathomechanics of neonatal brachial plexus injuries.

WATER WHISTLEBLOWER



Mona Hanna-Attisha

C.S. Mott Endowed Professor
of Public Health
College of Human Medicine

“Dr. Mona” put Flint in the national spotlight when her research revealed that local children were displaying critically high blood lead levels, due to corrosion in the city’s aging pipes. As the director of the Pediatric Public Health Initiative, Dr. Mona continues to build community and clinical programs to improve outcomes for the kids of Flint, whose childhoods were interrupted by the health issues brought on by lead poisoning.

PREVENTION PROPONENT



Todd Lucas

C.S. Mott Endowed Professor
of Public Health
College of Human Medicine

Lucas’ research into the psychosocial causes of racial health disparities is providing insight to the medical community about why people decide not to pursue preventive health screenings, namely for colorectal cancer. His research has re-

vealed that access and affordability aren’t the only root causes, and that intangibles like emotion, personality characteristics and social environments also play a crucial role, and could be addressed by psychological interventions and better health communication strategies.

WATER WATCHER



Pouyan Nejadhashemi

MSU Foundation Professor
*College of Agriculture and
Natural Resources*

Nejadhashemi is a leading expert in water resources modeling, examining water and its distribution, movement and quality in a variety of environments. He and his research team consult with national and international governmental agencies to help them make informed decisions on water resource management, sustainable crop production and climate change mitigation strategies.

EVOLUTION ENGINEER

Robert Pennock

University Distinguished Professor
Lyman Briggs College

As one of the co-PIs who started the BEACON Center, Pennock is the lead developer of the Avida-ED software platform: a now-widely used computer program used to study evolution in action. It allows students and researchers to observe the Darwinian principles of evolution through digital modeling, which takes much less time than trying to watch it happen in nature.



TURNING IDEAS INTO ACTION

BIOMETRICS BELIEVER



Arun Ross

College of Engineering

Ross specializes in biometrics, computer vision and machine learning, and is director of the iPRoBe Lab (integrated Pattern Recognition and Biometrics). He is an advocate for the responsible use of biometrics and has served as a presenter and panelist at events organized by NATO and the United Nations, where issues related to collecting and sharing biometric data go hand in hand with immigration, border security and counter-terrorism.

COLLABORATOR FOR CULTIVATORS

Scott Swinton

University Distinguished Professor
College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

“MSU is a place with low barriers to cross-disciplinary work with biologists, engineers and social scientists. In the real world, problems are all connected. Farmers don’t just work on environmental management, they don’t just work with animals, they work with all these things together. So it’s important that we as researchers work together if we’re going to provide policy-relevant information to influence government and support decisions by farmers and managers.”



MALARIA MYSTERY-SOLVER



Terrie Taylor

MSU Foundation Professor
College of Osteopathic Medicine

Though she has been treating children with malaria in Malawi since 1986, Taylor’s biggest discovery came after years of watching families and communities deal with the sudden loss of a once bright, vibrant, healthy child to the disease. The devastation sparked something in her—a new determination to root out the cause of sudden death due to malaria. Her care and tenacity are helping to unearth answers that could change the course of malaria treatment in Africa.

SUPPLY CHAIN SENTINEL



Vedat Verter

John McConnell Endowed Chair of Business Administration
Eli Broad College of Business

Verter is chairperson of MSU’s renowned Department of Supply Chain Management, and his research focuses on service chain design, hazardous materials logistics, sustainable operations and health care operations management. His expertise is highly relevant in the wake of the novel coronavirus pandemic as businesses look for guidance in how to respond, from retooling their operations to produce critical health care equipment to addressing worker safety and well-being and preventing the spread of disease in the workplace.

INSPIRING OUR STUDENTS & LIFTING UP OUR COLLEAGUES

TEACHER OF TEACHERS



Ann Austin

University Distinguished Professor
College of Education

“In the same way that people study business- or agriculture, I study higher education. I also study faculty—how we carry out our missions, our teaching, our research. I really see the faculty as essential to the quality of the university. One of the most exciting parts of my career has been co-leading the Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching and Learning. We have about 40 universities that are all working together to support doctoral students to make sure that our next generation of faculty are prepared to be excellent researchers but also to be excellent teachers at the same time.”

PEDAGOGICAL PHOTOSYNTHESIZER



Christoph Benning

University Distinguished Professor and MSU Foundation Professor
College of Natural Science

“I’ve had a large number of students that I had the fortune to mentor, and so I take it as a big part of my job to educate people and to train people to be successful in the scientific environment and to make discoveries on their own.”

DISEASE DECODER



Christina Chan

University Distinguished Professor
College of Engineering and College of Natural Science

“One of our most significant research accomplishments has been through the collab-

oration with graduate students at MSU. We were able to identify these markers in the bloodstream that might be able to identify whether or not a person will be developing Alzheimer's. Being named a University Distinguished Professor is an honor. ... But I think it's an honor that belongs to all of my students. Without the students, it would be very difficult for MSU to be a world-class research institution."

GALAXY GUIDE



Megan Donahue

University Distinguished Professor
College of Natural Science

"I was interested in science from the time I was 12, but I couldn't imagine astronomy as a paying gig. It wasn't until I decided to commit to a graduate school that had an astrophysics program that I really started to think of myself as an astronomer at all. Coming to Michigan State as a professor gave me a chance to teach from my own book in an interactive way. Students answer questions in class and explain it to each other—if you can't explain it, you probably don't understand it."

ATHLETICS ADVOCATE



Daniel Gould

Gwen Norrell Professor in Youth Sport and Student-Athlete Well-Being
College of Education

"I am passionate about conducting research on practical issues critical to those working in the world of sport, and then working to translate

what was learned to help sport stakeholders maximize the benefits of sport participation. Helping everyone involved reap the benefits of educational athletics is what I am most proud of."

IMPACT INVESTIGATOR



Dalton Hardisty

Geological Sciences
Endowed Professor
College of Natural Science

"I am particularly proud and feel a sense of responsibility to have an endowed position, and I take it very seriously. I am looking forward to being a leader in the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences and helping the department maintain its status as a leader going forward."

TRIUMPH TEACHER



Robert Hausinger

University Distinguished Professor
College of Natural Science

"Teaching has two facets here: the classroom, and the teaching I do in the laboratory. The real pleasure of working with students is when you see those aha moments. Where they learn something in class, and then they come into the lab and they're working, and suddenly they realize, 'Oh that's what the professor was trying to get across to me!' It's really exciting to see them understand how they can apply book learning to real-world examples."

FINANCIAL PLANNER



Andrei Simonov

Philip J. May Endowed
Professor in Finance
Eli Broad College of Business

Simonov is the faculty director of MSU's Financial Markets Institute, a program for highly motivated finance and accounting students in the Eli Broad College of Business who want to pursue a career in investment banking, sales and trading, research or asset management. With years of expertise, Simonov is able to work closely with students in the program to construct a curricular plan that will set them up for academic and career success.

STRUCTURE SONOGRAPHER



Lalita Udpa

University Distinguished Professor
College of Engineering

Udpa is an expert in the area of non-destructive evaluation (NDE), which uses high-frequency sound waves to "see" into materials in order to determine the health of the structures they comprise. Udpa and her team are working to build MSU's reputation as a best-in-the-country institution for NDE. As a minority woman in a male-dominated field, Udpa is also enthusiastic about empowering young girls to pursue careers and find their own passion in the field.

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Spartans Connect and Inspire



A.J. FOYT NEVER DID IT THIS WAY

Established in 1948 by Lambda Chi, the Junior 500 race was inspired by the Indianapolis 500. Teams built push carts and the course went around West Circle Drive, a total of 1.1 miles. Beginning as a competition between men's dorms, fraternities and co-ops, the race grew to include the various living units associated with the university. At its height the event drew national press coverage and took place every year until 1972, after which it became sporadic and then stopped.

Connecting with Alumni

New challenges and opportunities

While always proud to be an MSU alumnus, I am especially inspired by the generosity, candor and courage exhibited by fellow Spartans over the past several months.

First and foremost, be assured that we here in the MSU Alumni Office acknowledge the immense pain and emotional toll that systemic racism continues to exact from our community. As President Stanley stated in his message to alumni, we agree that our values require a more equitable and inclusive experience for the Spartan community. Be assured that we will continue to do the hard work required to ensure a truly respectful, safe and welcoming community, including participating in bias training and a thoughtful examination of our programming and communications.

We also recognize the dramatic impact of the coronavirus on our community, from those who have lost family, friends or employment to those who have stepped forward selflessly to alleviate the suffering of others. Operating remotely during the pandemic has certainly presented unique challenges, but the experience has also provided the opportunity to find new ways to connect with you and the entire MSU community.

Recently, we helped more than 5,000 donors connect with projects that support emerging and ongoing needs such as emergency funds for students, resources for faculty research, and the MSU Food Bank. We held our first ever virtual Sparty 5k Race in June. Over 1,180 Spartans of all ages

participated, representing nearly all 50 states in the U.S. We launched “Go Green, Go Live!,” a streaming show featuring alumni doing great things and promoted the notable work coming from our colleges and units in the wake of the pandemic.

This summer, we will continue to enhance our efforts as we look forward to engaging and connecting with all of you. We will monitor the public health situation as we near regularly scheduled fall events and do our best to keep everyone updated in a timely fashion. Inclusivity, health and safety will continue to be our priorities as we look at meaningful engagement opportunities.

Finally, I want to congratulate the class of 2020. We all know they faced some real obstacles unique to this time, including an abrupt end to their time on campus, virtual interviews and networking, a challenging economy, public health concerns and the uncertainty of a “new normal.” I know this group will achieve many great things, while enriching what it means to be a Spartan. And, with the support of the entire Spartan Nation we can help ensure their success regardless of the circumstances.

Go Green!



Nick McLaren, '99

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MSU ALUMNI OFFICE



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Class Notes

News from Spartans Around the World



SUMMER ON THE MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

1960s

VERN SCHOOLEY, '61 (Engineering), received the A. Sherman Christensen Award at the U.S. Supreme Court for his exceptional leadership to the American Inns of Court association. Schooley was recognized for his work at the state and federal level in promoting ethics, civility and excellence in the practice of law.

GEORGE A. COLBURN, M.A. '64, Ph.D. '71 (Both in Social Science), wrote, produced and directed "Young Hemingway & His Enduring Eden," a 75-minute documentary feature exploring Ernest Hemingway's youthful summers spent in Charlevoix, and his lifelong reverence for northern Michigan. Colburn's documentary was screened in Charlevoix.

PATRICIA D. STOKES, '64 (Social Science, Honors College), recently published "Using Paired Constraints to Solve the Innovation Problem," a book defining innovation as both a problem and a problem-solving process. Stokes is an adjunct professor of psychology at Barnard College, Columbia University. Her research interests

focus on skill acquisition and problem-solving processes.

1970s

KAREN A. BOSCH, '70 (Education), and her daughter Morghan Bosch, have published "Being Charley: Embracing Differences," the story of an autistic Canada goose unlike his siblings. The children's book conveys a message of understanding and accepting differences.

KEITH S. YODER, M.A.T. '72, Ph.D. '74 (Both in Natural Science), professor of plant pathology in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Virginia Tech, has been conferred the title of professor emeritus by the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors. A member of the Virginia Tech faculty since 1976, Yoder made significant contributions to the tree fruit industry in Virginia and across the nation through his scholarship on integrated disease and orchard management strategies.

FAY L. LOOMIS, '73 (Arts and Letters, Honors College), M.A. '75 (Arts and Letters), had her creative nonfiction essay "Traveling

with the Sphinx" published in Kaleidoscope magazine, issue 80, "Winterscapes." A pioneer in the genre of disability literature and fine arts, the magazine expresses the experiences of disability from the perspective of individuals, families, friends, caregivers and health care professionals.

GARY SCHARRER, '74 (Communication Arts and Sciences), has published "Connecting Texas," a look at the evolution of the national road system and infrastructure that allows millions of people to make their daily commute.

CHARLES BATES, '75, MLIR '77, M.A. '14 (All in Social Science), was recently honored by Martindale-Hubbell for his 30 years of service as an attorney to Washington state communities and organizations. Martindale-Hubbell publishes a law directory that provides background information on U.S. lawyers and law firms.

ALAN S. GOROSH, '75 (Social Science), J.D. '78 (Law), was recognized by Dbusiness Magazine as the Top Corporate Counsel in the Automaker category for 2020. Gorosh is the managing counsel for Ford Motor Company.

PAULETTE B. SHARKEY, '75 (Arts and Letters), has published her debut picture book "A Doll for Grandma: A Story about Alzheimer's Disease," about a young girl adjusting to the changes that dementia has caused in her grandmother.

ROBERT MCCALLUM, '79 (Social Science), retired from a 40-year flying career. McCallum was first a U.S. Air Force pilot, followed by 33 years flying for Delta Air

Lines. In his career, McCallum flew over 18,000 flight hours and commanded Delta aircraft across six continents.

1980s

EDWARD P. MCKENNA, '81 (Business), published his first novel "The Query," a thriller about a self-centered literary agent named Herb Keller who has a reputation for sending cruel rejection letters to aspiring authors, only to receive his own rejection letter from an unknown captor who locks Keller in his own home.

RENEE MONFORTON, '81 (Communication Arts and Sciences), was recently named vice president of marketing and communications for the Detroit Metro Convention & Visitors Bureau.

BARBARA GOTHARD, Ph.D. '82 (Education), recently exhibited her "Renge Series" at the Asher Grey Gallery in Joshua Tree, California. Gothard's series is influenced by the Buddhist traditions of T'ien-t'ai in China and Nichiren Daishonin in Japan. The work visually explores the simultaneity of cause and effect symbolized by flowers that seed and blossom in muddy water.

TIMOTHY HANNA, '82 (Agriculture and Natural Resources), the area president of RPS Regency in Lansing, received the Michigan Restaurant & Lodging Association's Distinguished Service Award—the highest honor awarded by the association. In the preceding three decades, he helped create the Michigan Restaurant & Lodging Fund, a self-insured group that has grown to nearly 1,000 restaurant and hotel members and returned more than \$84 million in premiums.

Class Notes cont'd

MARY ELLEN JONES, '82 (Agriculture and Natural Resources), was appointed to the Airlink Board of Trustees. Airlink is a nonprofit relief organization focused on mobilizing the aviation industry to ensure assistance reaches communities affected by disasters and other humanitarian crises around the world. Jones is vice president of Asia-Pacific sales for Pratt & Whitney. Her experience includes other leadership positions with the company and management of Pratt & Whitney operations at Airbus headquarters in Toulouse, France.

COLEEN KING, '83 (Communication Arts and Sciences), president and founder of the full-service agency King Media, was named a PR News 2019 Top Women in PR honoree.

HARRIET L. CARTER, '85 (James Madison), was named vice president of customer and partner services for the Detroit Metro Convention & Visitors Bureau.

SCOTT A. MAGGART, '86 (Communication Arts and Sciences), has been promoted to principal at SmithGroup's Detroit office. SmithGroup is one of the world's preeminent integrated design firms. Working across a network of 15 offices in the U.S. and China, a team of 1,300 experts is committed to excellence in strategy, design and delivery.

MICHAEL N. ROVNER, '87 (Communication Arts and Sciences), retired as design editor of the Honolulu Star-Advertiser, a position he previously held at the Honolulu Star-Bulletin, culminating a 30-year career with two of Hawaii's largest newspapers. Rovner is the winner of several Society for News Design awards and multiple

Hawaii Publishers Association awards for design excellence.

BRIAN RENER, '88 (Engineering), has been named the mission critical leader of SmithGroup, a leading integrated design firm. Rener will work to enhance the firm's position as a national leader in the design and delivery of data centers and high-performance computing facilities. Prior to joining SmithGroup in 2014, Rener led mission critical projects for clients including Massachusetts Institute of Technology, University of Pennsylvania and Microsoft.

1990s

HUNTER FONDA, Ph.D. '90 (Natural Science), has been appointed assistant professor of science at Columbia-Greene Community College, instructing general chemistry, physics and fundamentals of agribusiness. With an extensive background in both science and agriculture, Fonda also provides a wealth of experience to the community at large.

MARGARET S. BOWER, '91 (Arts and Letters, Honors College), has been promoted to associate principal at PSA-Dewberry and is a planner with the Justice Architecture group. Bower's experience includes managing and conducting planning studies focused on criminal justice and other civic buildings, including long-term space needs assessments and forecasts, architectural space programming for new and renovated facilities, and development of long-term strategic scenarios for space and capital resource use. Bower is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners.

KAREN POLKINGHORNE, '91 (Agriculture and Natural Resources), has been promoted to chief commercial officer of Network

Partners, a staffing firm based in Warsaw, Indiana, specializing in the medical device and pharmaceutical industries. Polkinghorne leads Network Partners' sales and marketing efforts, creating critical connections between the company's community of experts and its clients.

JULIAN G. POSADA, '91 (Agriculture and Natural Resources), is the new chief operating and enterprise officer of The Resurrection Project in Chicago, Illinois. The Resurrection Project aims to build relationships and challenge people to act on their faith and values to create healthy communities through organizing, education and community development. TRP works to revitalize low-income communities on Chicago's Southwest side.

BRADLEY BOYER, '92 (Business), was recently elected chair of the board of the Epilepsy Foundation based in Landover, Maryland.

SCOTT A. WOLFSON, '92 (James Madison), has been inducted as a fellow to the American College of Bankruptcy, an honorary association of bankruptcy and insolvency professionals that plays a role in sustaining professional excellence in the field. Wolfson is one of 31 fellows in the college's 2020 class, which includes three federal judges and three U.S. and international professors. He is the only inductee this year from Michigan.

WILLIAM L. EISELE, '93, M.S. '94 (Both in Engineering), an expert in mobility analysis and urban freight transportation at Texas A&M Transportation Institute, was recognized for his work with the Urban Freight Transportation Committee. He received a Blue Ribbon Committee Award for excellence in research at the 2020 Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting.

PAUL D. ROSENBERG, '93 (Social Science), has stepped down as chairman and CEO of Def Jam Recordings to launch Goliath Records, a joint venture with Universal Music Group. Rosenberg will continue to serve as a consultant to Def Jam and remain president of Shady Records, Eminem's joint venture with UMG's Interscope Geffen A&M.

DEAN FEALK, '94 (Social Science), has been appointed managing partner of DLA Piper's San Francisco office. Fealk, who is co-chair of DLA Piper's international Labor and Employment practice, advises leading multinational companies on a wide range of legal and strategic issues related to doing business overseas.

TIMOTHY W. HOOVER, '94 (Social Science, Honors College), partner at Hodgson Russ LLP, has been installed as president of the New York State Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers for 2020. Established in 1986, the group is a statewide association of criminal defense lawyers responsive to the needs of both private practitioners and public defenders. Hoover is a white-collar defense attorney with extensive trial, appellate and grand jury experience in federal and state courts.

MELISSA LARSEN EKHMOLM, '96 (Communication Arts and Sciences), produced Lil Nas X's "Old Town Road" music video, which won a 2020 Grammy for Best Music Video. Ekholm, a veteran producer, has worked with a myriad of artists and brands in her 20-year career.

MATT WILCZEK, '96 (Social Science), has launched Oasis Senior Advisors of Mid-Michigan, a company dedicated to helping senior citizens find the right senior living community.

ZACHARY A. GORCHOW, '98 (James Madison), was named executive editor and publisher of Gongwer News Service. Gorchow manages the company's Michigan operations and leads reporting on the governor's office. He was Gongwer's editor from 2009-19. He also covered the Michigan House of Representatives for Gongwer from 1998-2005. In 2015, he made The Washington Post's list of the best state political reporters in the U.S. The news service aims to provide independent, comprehensive, accurate and timely coverage of issues in and around Michigan state government and politics.

CHELSEA HARING-COZZI, '98 (James Madison), MPA '01, Ph.D. '08 (Both in Social Science), was selected as a judge for the United Way of Central Indiana's 2020 ELEVATE Awards. The honorary role requires a strong understanding of central Indiana, demonstrated working knowledge and accomplishments in areas of community impact, and a passion for service in various areas ranging from volunteerism to board membership.

2000s

KIMBERLY MAYNARD, '02 (Arts and Letters, Honors College), has been elected partner of Frankfurt Kurnit Klein + Selz, PC in New York, New York. Maynard is now a partner in the firm's trademark and brand management as well as its litigation groups.

JAMELL D. WILLIAMS, '02 (Communication Arts and Sciences), has been promoted to enterprise liaison for LAFCU, where he will manage corporate initiatives that strengthen the

credit union and foster superior member service. Chartered in 1936, LAFCU is a financial cooperative open for membership to anyone who lives, works, worships or attends school in Michigan and to businesses and other entities in the state.

ROBYN H. AST-GMOSER, '03 (Agriculture and Natural Resources, Natural Science, Honors College), was recently elected partner of Thompson Coburn LLP in St. Louis, Missouri. Ast-Gmoser is an experienced patent litigator who represents clients in patent and trademark matters in federal courts.

JESSE JURIGA, '04 (Business), masterminded Google's "Loretta" Super Bowl LIV advertisement, an emotional account of an elderly man using Google Assistant to remember his wife. Juriga is the creative director of Google Creative Lab.

ERIN MANDRAS, '06 (Education) and NINA KOLBE, '06 (Natural Science and Social Science), D.O. '10 (Osteopathic Medicine), former captains of the 2005 Spartan women's soccer team, have published "Austin's Allergies," a children's book inspired by Mandras's son's experiences with severe food allergies. The book was illustrated by Kolbe who is a general surgeon at Beaumont Hospital.

LANA ZOET, '06 (Agriculture and Natural Resources, Honors College), has been appointed to lead SmithGroup's Higher Education studio, operating out of the company's Madison and Milwaukee, Wisconsin, offices. Zoet will collaborate with multidisciplinary experts locally and across the firm's higher education and campus planning groups to create sustainable, future-focused spaces for college and university clients in

Wisconsin and throughout the Great Lakes Region.

SARAH NIRENBERG, '09 (James Madison, Honors College), has joined Butzel Long law firm in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, as an associate attorney. Nirenberg specializes in representing employers for litigation in all areas of employment law, including statutory claims under federal and state law for discrimination, harassment, retaliation and payment of wages.

2010s

ROBERT EYERS, '10 (Business) and KATHRYN EYERS, '11 (Business), recently launched All County Capital, a residential property management company serving real estate owners in Austin, Texas.

JOSEPH B. GALE, '10 (Business), has joined Foster Swift law firm's Southfield office as an associate attorney in the general litigation practice group. He focuses on general civil litigation and all aspects of first- and third-party no-fault litigation.

ALETHIA KASBEN, '12 (Communication Arts and Sciences), has been promoted to managing editor of Gongwer News Service. Kasben leads Gongwer's overall news coverage and heads up reporting coverage of the Michigan House of Representatives as well as the marijuana industry. Gongwer covers state government and politics in Michigan.

TYLER V. CAMPBELL, D.O. '13 (Osteopathic Medicine), has joined Rhode Island Medical Imaging (RIMI) as a radiologist. He becomes part of RIMI's team of more than 80 specialized radiologists working across its network of 13 private locations

as well as within six Rhode Island hospitals and another in Massachusetts.

CLAIRE KUHN, '13, M.S. '14 (Both in Business), has received the Market Research Everyday Hero Award in honor of her extensive volunteer work with the New York Cares organization. Kuhn has completed nearly 300 projects, concentrating on planning enrichment programs for teens and adults diagnosed with Down Syndrome.

BENNIE FOWLER, '14 (Social Science), recently published "Silver Spoon: The Imperfect Guide to Success." His first book tackles adversity and the tools needed to rise above it. Fowler, a member of both the 2014 Rose Bowl and Super Bowl 50 games, dispenses some of his own methods, while also leveraging the knowledge of some other well-known Spartan athletes.

KATHERINE R. DEYOUNG, '16 (Music), a mezzo-soprano, was announced as a 2020 National Semifinalist in the annual Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions. For over 60 years, the annual competition has helped launch the careers of countless young singers, including some of opera's greatest stars.

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1940s

FRED E. COLWELL, JR., '41, of Kalamazoo, Feb. 16, age 101

MARGARET B. (CAREY) BROWN, '43, of Westlake, OH, Mar. 3, age 97

EDWARD G. FOCHTMAN, '43, of Sacramento, CA, Nov. 24, age 98

BRUCE J. GREENMAN, '43, of East Lansing, Mar. 13, age 99

JEANNETTE R. TURNER, '43, of Dexter, Jan. 12, age 98

JANET L. (MARVIN) HOYT, '44, of Lansing, Jan. 14, age 96

ALICE B. (BUESCHLEN) CREW, '45, of Sylvan Lake, Jan. 18

RENEE S. (SCOTT) BRESLIN, '46, of Grand Rapids, Dec. 24, age 94

MARY K. THADEN, '46, of Golden, CO

RITA A. (MAKOSKI) BOYCE, '47, of Caledonia, Jan. 28, age 94

HELEN M. (HODGES) CAPILLO, '47, of Ocala, FL, Mar. 23, age 95

VIRGINIA F. (WILSON) EDELEN, '47, of Naples, FL, Feb. 27, age 94

BARBARA J. (PAYNE) GOTSCH, '47, of Pittsboro, NC, Mar. 8, age 94

FREDERICK N. HOUSER, '47, Mar. 12, age 95

RICHARD H. REILEY, '47, of Bellaire, Jan. 12, age 100

SHIRLEY A. (SCHMUHL) WARNER, '47, of Honea Path, SC, Jan. 31, age 94

CHARLES R. BALDWIN, '48, of San Antonio, TX, Feb. 4, age 89

MERWYN C. DAVID, '48, of Emmaus, PA

MARJORIE M. (MCRAY) EBERSTADT, '48, of Vero Beach, FL, Feb. 23, age 93

SARAH D. (DIMMERS) FALLON, '48, of Hillsdale, Feb. 23, age 93

PATRICIA A. (REMINGTON) MONAHAN, '48, of Ann Arbor, Feb. 29, age 93

MARJORIE J. (HAWES) OUELLETTE, '48, of Novi, Mar. 20, age 93

MARIE G. (FJELSTAD) POSZ, '48, of Minneapolis, MN, Feb. 22, age 94

ARLON B. QUIGLEY, '48, of Novi, Feb. 9, age 94

RICHARD H. SEEBERS, '48, of Conroe, TX, Jan. 1, age 96

ROBERT M. SNYDER, JR., '48, of Brooklyn, Aug. 24, age 95

CURTIS L. WELTY, '48, of Lakeview, Jan. 21, age 98

MARGARET E. WITKOP, '48, of Jenison, Feb. 19, age 94

RICHARD A. BAYNTON, '49, of Roanoke, VA, Mar. 20, age 92

HAROLD G. FULLER, '49, of Littleton, CO, Dec. 16, age 91

VERA M. (RICHARDS) LORENZ, '49, of Lansing, Feb. 17, age 92

ARDEN D. PRIDGEON, '49, of Saint Joseph, Mar. 16, age 95

ROSS E. RIDDELL, '49, of Rochester, Oct. 14, age 95

DONALD A. SHMIDT, '49, of Avon Park, FL, Jan. 5, age 95

ALFRED W. STUMPFIG, JR., '49, of Chelsea, Feb. 3, age 94

O BERNARD WEIDEMAN, '49, of Warren, Dec. 26, age 94

WAYNE G. WOOD, '49, of Lansing, Mar. 1, age 98

1950s

DAVID C. ALLEN, '50, of Harlingen, TX, Jan. 20, age 92

SHIRLEY J. (KASTAN) BLOUNT, '50, of Appleton, WI, Jan. 11, age 92

JAMES R. CARR, '50, of Grand Rapids, Dec. 10, age 92

ROBERT C. CHARLTON, '50, of Central Lake, Jan. 15, age 93

ROBERT L. COLESTOCK, '50, of Saint Paul, MN, Nov. 23, age 92

ARNOLD F. DAHLKE, '50, of Sterling Heights, Feb. 17, age 94

ROBERT E. HARR, '50, of Jackson, Feb. 20, age 92

GEORGE KARAS, '50, of Traverse City, Feb. 26, age 94

MELVIN W. LECLEAR, '50, of Villa Hills, KY, Feb. 4, age 92

ANTHONY J. MANSOUR, '50, of Flint, Dec. 10, age 93

IRVING SHAPIRO, '50, of Minneapolis, MN, Dec. 31, age 91

CAROLJEAN J. (MAIER) STEVENS, '50

ARTHUR J. TUREK, '50, of Sycamore, IL, Mar. 16, age 95

DONALD M. ZEIGLER, '50, of Jackson, Mar. 1, age 93

DONALD J. BAKER, '51, of Onaway, Feb. 13, age 91

ALLAN E. CRAWFORD, '51, Dec. 22, age 91

 **JEANNE C. (DOREMIRE) DAY, '51**, of Apple Valley, CA, Jan. 8, age 89

JOANNE M. (CREGO) HACKER, '51, of Lansing, Mar. 28, age 90

DAISY O. KIM, '51, of Honolulu, HI, Jan. 25, age 90

JOHN M. MANGUS, '51, of Columbus, OH, Jan. 16, age 93

CAROL L. (ARMSTRONG) MCCLELLAND, '51, of Bloomfield Hills, Aug. 20, age 91

JEAN L. (COLLINSON) NORTH, '51, of Beverly Hills, Mar. 5, age 91

RICHARD C. OUELLETTE, '51, of Ft. Lauderdale, FL, Dec. 13, age 89

CHARLES W. RENSHAW, '51, of Wesley Chapel, FL, Jan. 6, age 92

LEO D. SCARUFFI, '51, of Morganton, NC, Jul. 2, age 92

HARMON D. STRIETER, '51, of Cocoa Beach, FL, Jan. 6, age 92

ALPHONSE SULSKIS, '51, of Lansing, Jan. 27, age 95

JACOB T. VANDERSYS, '51, of Mount Pleasant, Feb. 26, age 92

SY A. ALI, '52, of Plainfield, IN, Jan. 26, age 92

MABLE B. (BELL) ANDERSON, '52, of Birmingham, AL, Mar. 1, age 89

QUENTIN L. ANDERSON, '52, of Ormond Beach, FL, Mar. 4, age 93

JAMES M. BANNICK, '52, of Dimondale, Jan. 11, age 91

ORRIS H. BENDER, '52, of Clarksville, IN, Dec. 24, age 90

GORDON J. BOLITHO, '52, of Waterford, WI, Feb. 7, age 90

JANET M. (GRAY) BOOROM, '52, of Forestdale, MA, Jan. 9, age 89

ROBERT H. CHAFFIN, '52, of Ithaca, Feb. 13, age 94

HARVEY R. COLEMAN, '52, of Shelby Township, Feb. 4, age 89

RICHARD H. COLES, '52, of Grand Rapids, Mar. 1, age 91

MALCOLM C. DRUMMOND, '52, of Saint Louis, MO, Feb. 17, age 90

ROBERT J. DYTRYCH, '52, of Des Plaines, IL, Mar. 4, age 90

MARILYN M. (COULL) EDGAR, '52, of Pinckney, Mar. 6, age 89

ROY E. GOODWILL, '52, of Sarasota, FL, Jan. 10, age 89

SAM HAGENIAN, '52, of Novi, Jan. 9, age 92

RICHARD E. HIGLEY, '52, of Holt, Mar. 15, age 91

IN MEMORIAM

FRANK S. KAPRAL, '52, of East Lyme, CT, Mar. 17, age 91

KEITH D. KIMBLE, '52, of Rohnert Park, CA, Dec. 11, age 89

BRUCE W. MITTON, '52, of Acworth, GA, Dec. 24, age 93

FRED J. RILEY, '52, of Holland, Jan. 24, age 89

OBER L. SHUEY, '52, of Springfield, OH, Feb. 18, age 92

STANLEY D. SMART, '52, of Spring Lake, Mar. 1, age 95

EDWARD H. SNIDER, '52, of Westlake, OH, Mar. 14, age 92

HELEN E. (PASS) SWANSON, '52, of Houston, TX, Feb. 19, age 90

CHARLES L. WEIRMAN, '52, of Lawrence, Dec. 18, age 90

ALLEN K. ANDERSON, '53, of Williamsburg, Jan. 2, age 88

RICHARD P. ANDERSON, '53, of Maumee, OH, Mar. 1, age 90

ROBERT E. BICKENBACH, '53, of Tampa, FL, Jan. 14, age 93

WARREN T. BURT, JR., '53, of Novi, Mar. 10, age 88

PATSY Q. (SMITH) COOPER, '53, of Cheboygan, Jan. 30, age 88

HUGH D. CREDILLE, '53, of Ann Arbor, Feb. 23, age 92

GEORGE H. GIDDINGS, '53, of Saint Charles, Jan. 21, age 88

ROBERT C. HERVEY, '53, of Santa Margarita, CA, Dec. 22, age 92

ROGER E. HOWARD, '53, of Bluffton, SC, Mar. 6, age 88

DEAN E. IVERSON, '53, of Stanton, Mar. 7, age 92

STUART A. JACOBSON, '53, of Sarasota, FL, Jan. 8, age 88

GEORGE W. LANDON, '53, Jan. 17, age 89

LUCILLE A. MONARK, '53, of Grosse Pointe Woods, Feb. 6, age 93

MARILYN B. (BRUCE) MUNCIE, '53, of Chula Vista, CA

JACK H. PERRY, '53, of Byron, Jan. 15, age 88

ROBERT P. PERRY, '53, of Mears, Dec. 29, age 92

KENNETH H. PRAST, '53, of Holly, Feb. 20, age 89

CORENNA M. (MORTON) ALDRICH, '54, of Bloomfield Hills, Feb. 22, age 87

ROBERT M. HARPER, '54, of Jensen Beach, FL, Jan. 20, age 88

SARA A. (PASCOE) JOHNSON, '54, of Sequim, WA, Feb. 12, age 87

MAURICE E. MALONEY, '54, of Saco, ME, Mar. 8, age 89

RAY W. MCPETERS, '54, of Venice, FL, Oct. 17, age 92

 **RAYMOND E. PASSAGE, '54**, of Spring Hill, FL, Mar. 14, age 89

MARILYN A. (O'SHAUGHNESSY) PATER, '54, of Petoskey, Mar. 9, age 87

GERALD D. POWELL, '54, of Houghton Lake, Jan. 26, age 87

MINTON G. PURVIS, '54, of Chicago, IL, Aug. 14, age 88

DONALD STORMER, '54, of College Station, TX, Jan. 1, age 87

CHARLES W. STUERMER, '54, of Roseburg, OR, Feb. 21, age 88

PAUL S. SWOPE, '54, of Newnan, GA, Jan. 13, age 94

RICHARD P. TAMBURO, '54, of Phoenix, AZ, Feb. 24, age 90

CARL H. TUBBS, '54, of New Richmond, WI, Feb. 24, age 88

NANCY M. WRIGHT-GROSS, '54, Jul. 4, age 86

RICHARD J. ABRAHAM, '55, of Adrian, Feb. 27, age 88

FREDERICK J. CAMPBELL, '55, of Royal Oak, Jan. 23, age 90

JANICE M. (CLEMETT) DAVIDSON, '55, of Vero Beach, FL, Mar. 4, age 86

JOHN E. DISCHER, '55, of Geneva, IL, Mar. 6, age 90

DENISE S. (SAARI) JENKINS, '55, of Eaton Rapids, Dec. 30, age 89

LORRAINE T. (DOMBROWSKI) JOHNSON, '55, of Oak Park, IL, Feb. 20, age 89

LOIS A. (ODLE) LEE, '55, of Sarasota, FL, Dec. 26, age 86

ROGER F. LUNEKE, '55, of Raleigh, NC, Jan. 26, age 87

JOHN N. MARSHALL, '55, of Benzonia, Feb. 1, age 87

KENNETH R. MCALPINE, '55, of Crozet, VA, Dec. 4, age 87

 **WILLIAM J. MCQUILLAN, '55**, of New Albany, OH, Feb. 9, age 86

CARL G. NELSON II, '55, of Newwaygo, Dec. 30, age 86

SHIRLEY A. (KLINZING) O'CONNOR, '55, of Crossville, TN, Feb. 15, age 90

BARBARA J. (BLANDING) SCHELL, '55, of Lexington, SC, Mar. 3, age 88

VELMA D. (BOETTCHER) SKELLEY, '55, of Sun City, AZ, Jan. 7, age 86

WILLIAM H. BALL, JR., '56, of Spring Lake, Feb. 29, age 85

RICHARD R. BETTISON, '56, of Ludington, Feb. 28, age 85

WILLIAM H. COWAN, '56, of Allison Park, PA, Feb. 12, age 85

JAMES D. DEHAAN, '56, of Georgetown, KY, Jan. 14, age 88

SHIRLEY H. (CROSBY) DOZIER, '56, of Saint Paul, MN, Jan. 19, age 85

 **GENE V. ELLIOTT, '56**, of Bethany Beach, DE, Jan. 23, age 89

ERWIN J. EMKJER, '56, of Moore, SC, Jan. 11, age 88

GEORGE B. HIBBARD, '56, of Bakersfield, CA, Jan. 1, age 85

DAN L. HICKS, '56, of Glenview, IL, Feb. 9, age 85

 **LEE W. MACCANI, '56**, of Commerce Township, Feb. 2, age 85

GERRY L. MAYER, '56, of Ludington, Feb. 25, age 85

ROBERT M. McDONALD, '56, of Conroe, TX, Jan. 21, age 85

ROBERT L. MOREHOUSE, '56, of Midland, Jan. 19, age 92

ROBERT F. NELSON, '56, of Chesapeake, VA, Jan. 6, age 88

CAROLINE J. (ANDERSON) NICHOLAS, '56, of Lansing, Feb. 20, age 85

BERTRAND T. POMERLEAU, '56, of Clarkston, Jan. 2, age 85

JAMES F. PRESCOTT, '56, of San Diego, CA, Jan. 22, age 85

DONALD L. RHYNARD, '56, of Clifton, VA, Dec. 29, age 86

DONALD L. SHEA, '56, of Traverse City, Jan. 23, age 90

RENATE G. (GOETZ) TERAN, '56, of East Lansing, Jan. 27, age 91

JOYCE C. (BROO) UPTON, '56, of Marion, NC, Jan. 10, age 86

HAROLD D. BUSSLER, '57, of Buchanan, Feb. 6, age 86

CLARK S. BUTTERFIELD, '57, of Jenison, Jan. 12, age 85

GAIL A. HARRIS, '57, Mar. 15, age 85

JANET M. (THOMAS) HELLER, '57, of Cathedral City, CA, Feb. 6, age 84

SAMUEL F. NEEDHAM, '57, of Katy, TX, Dec. 24, age 84

CLARENCE R. OTT, JR., '57, of Bridgman, Jan. 1, age 84

LEE R. RANDOLPH, '57, of Waterford, Feb. 11, age 89

MARVIN R. SCHRAM, '57, of Maple City, Mar. 24, age 89

ROBERT A. TILL, '57, of Newburgh, IN, Mar. 8, age 90

DALE K. WELLS, '57, of Montgomery, TX, Jan. 3, age 89

ALFRED L. ARNOLD, '58, of Burton, Feb. 1, age 85

ALBERT L. BECKON, '58, of Okemos, Mar. 23, age 84

SARALEE BERNTH, '58, of Greenville, Jan. 30, age 84

 **ROBERT L. CHRISTENSEN, '58**, of Bradenton, FL, Jan. 10, age 84

DIANE E. (THOMAS) DUNCKLEE, '58, of Marblehead, MA, Mar. 12, age 83

JAMES R. FLANNERY, '58, of Crandon, WI, Jan. 26, age 90

FREDERICK A. GRACZYK, '58, of Palm City, FL, Mar. 25, age 90

HAROLD E. KEYES, '58, of Canton, Feb. 6, age 84

LESLIE K. MORFORD, '58, of Greenville, Dec. 17, age 88

GORDON R. PABST, '58, of Dorr, Jan. 28, age 83

RICHARD A. PECKENS, '58, of Fowlerville, Mar. 7, age 88

THOMAS C. PETERSON, '58, of Gadsden, AL, Jan. 15, age 85

RICHARD N. PICARD, '58, of Maple Plain, MN, Dec. 24, age 90

JAMES C. SCOTT, '58, of Troy, age 83

JAMES R. SHAW, '58, of Kihei, HI, Mar. 23, age 85

ELIZABETH A. TROESTER, '58, of Detroit, Feb. 28, age 83

NANCY A. (WONNBERGER) VOMSTEEG, '58, of Detroit, Dec. 28, age 84

RICHARD J. WAGNER, '58, of Clover, SC, Mar. 2, age 83

GEORGE T. WAKULSKY, '58, of Lansing, Dec. 17, age 90

VICTOR A. ZUCCO, '58, of Williamsburg, Feb. 15, age 84

MARY E. (MARTIN) ZURBURG, '58, of Grand Ledge, Mar. 11, age 83

THEODORE E. ANDERSON, '59, of Huntley, IL, Jan. 25, age 90

THEODORE K. ANDERSON, '59, of Sun City West, AZ, Oct. 17, age 87

CHARLES R. BURLEIGH, '59, of Winston-Salem, NC, Feb. 13, age 86

MICHAEL COCO, '59, of Scottsdale, AZ, Feb. 11, age 83

STEVEN E. DEUTSCH, '59, of Felton, CA, Feb. 10, age 83

JAMES A. GESCHWENDER, '59, of Cary, NC, Jan. 15, age 86

SUSAN L. (BAIRD) GRAM, '59, of Dallas, TX, Feb. 1, age 82

ROY N. GRUENBURG, '59, of Center Line, Nov. 30, age 87

DOUGLAS O. HANTON, '59, of Dexter, Jan. 17, age 82

ANTHONY M. KOLODZIEJ, '59, of Nashville, TN, Feb. 27, age 83

ELLIS R. LAVRACK, '59, of Mason, Jan. 5, age 88

LUANNE R. (COOPER) MCGHEE, '59, of Carmel, IN, Feb. 29, age 83

RALPH E. MESSNER, '59, of Canton, Jan. 4, age 87

DANIEL J. PERRY, '59, of Huntley, IL, Jan. 13, age 82

ROBERT W. RAYMOND, '59, of Ludington, Feb. 12, age 83

JOY E. (STUCKER) RENICK, '59, of Newberg, OR, Feb. 17, age 82

HELEN V. (VERSTEEG) ROGERS, '59, of Rutherfordton, NC, Dec. 10, age 82

MILLS M. SPANGBERG, '59, of Cedar Park, TX, Jan. 28, age 87

WALTER C. TUBANDT, '59, of Woodinville, WA, Feb. 7, age 82

ROBERT S. WAIT, '59, of Punta Gorda, FL, Jan. 31, age 85

FRANK J. ZUPI, '59, of Saline, Feb. 27, age 88

RALPH W. GILCHRIST, '60, of Seneca, SC, Feb. 6, age 97

RONALD J. HIGH, '60, of Grand Rapids, Jan. 10, age 85

MARGORIE H. HYNES, '60, of Prairie Du Sac, WI, Oct. 11, age 85

MARY L. LEIKER, '60, of Lake Linden, Mar. 12, age 81

GEORGE E. MICHAELS, '60, of West Bloomfield, Jan. 30, age 82

THOMAS J. OSTRANDER, '60, of Mesa, AZ, Jul. 22, age 82

GEORGE J. PERLES, '60, of East Lansing, Jan. 7, age 85

GARY K. STARKWEATHER, '60, of Lake Mary, FL, Dec. 26, age 81

DOUGLAS C. WEIR, '60, of Saint Johns, Dec. 22, age 80

JOHN W. WILKINSON, '60, of Freeland, Feb. 28, age 88

 **WILLIAM T. ALLDREDGE, '61**, of Glen Arbor, Jan. 12, age 79

JUDY K. (KIBLINGER) YOUKER, '61, of Saginaw, Feb. 19, age 80

RAYMOND M. FOX, '62, of Cass City, Jan. 15, age 79

GEORGE E. GENTRY, '62, of Mitchell, IN, Jan. 7, age 83

JON T. OVERGARD, '62, of Fort Lauderdale, FL, Dec. 1, age 80

ROBERT J. PEMBERTON, '62, of Eden Prairie, MN, Dec. 23, age 79

ROBERT A. WEISFLOG, '62, of Springdale, AR, Mar. 3, age 82

KIM O. WILKINS, '62, of Cheboygan, Mar. 14, age 80

RALPH W. BARBIER, JR., '63, of Grosse Pointe Shores, Nov. 17, age 80

JAMES A. BURNS, '63, of Klamath Falls, OR, Mar. 15, age 79

JERRY D. CHATEAU, '63, of Lansing, Mar. 14, age 79

FRANK J. CORRIN, '63, of Corunna, Mar. 19, age 79

DIANA (PANTEL) COX, '63, of Lewisville, NC, Mar. 21, age 80

EILEEN (OCHIS) FRANCH, '63, of Baltimore, MD, Jan. 2, age 78

 **ROLAND L. HALM, '63**, of Midland, Feb. 22, age 79

PHILLIP R. LAMB, '63, of Dansville, Dec. 19, age 79

MARTHA A. LAWLOR, '63, of Georgetown, TX, Feb. 28, age 79

JOHN W. MUSGROVE, '63, of Whitehall, Feb. 21, age 79

GENE S. RAMSBEY, '63, of North Manchester, IN, Jan. 15, age 91

THOMAS E. RASMUSSEN, '63, of Lansing, Mar. 19, age 78

NEAL E. SELICK, '63, of Sault Sainte Marie, Mar. 14, age 86

GLENN L. ZERLER, '63, of Saint Joseph, Jan. 18, age 82

FREDERICK C. ASH, '64, of Hobe Sound, FL, Dec. 27, age 77

GARY L. BAAS, '64, of Grand Haven, Mar. 16, age 81

1960s

DALE N. ANDERSON, '60, of Topeka, KS, Jan. 19, age 95

EDWARD P. CHABICA, '60, of Maple Grove, MN, Dec. 30, age 82

ROGER W. CLOUSE, '60, of Grand Rapids, Jan. 18, age 87

WILLIAM H. DEVINE, '60, of Oxford, Nov. 19, age 82

DALE DITTERLINE, '60, of Cottonwood, AZ, Jan. 15, age 85

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JUDITH E. (LUNSFORD) BICA, '64, of Naples, FL, Dec. 30, age 77

ELIZABETH A. (RANKIN) BOHL, '64, of Kannapolis, NC, Dec. 23, age 76

CHANDRA S. BRAHMA, '64, of Clovis, CA

WALLACE S. FRY, '64, of Mason, Jan. 20, age 78

JAN D. GIERMAN, '64, of Mekinock, ND, Jan. 22, age 78

ROGER R. HALL, '64, of Appleton, WI, Feb. 12, age 84

JEANETTE (GILBERT) HAY, '64, Nov. 30, age 99

LEONARD A. KASPER, '64, of Tarpon Springs, FL, Dec. 24, age 77

ROGER D. KIRBY, '64, of Lincoln, NE, Jan. 31, age 77

DAVID V. LEMONE, '64, of El Paso, TX, Feb. 22, age 87

JAMES L. MAHRT, '64, of Phoenix, AZ, Jan. 28, age 82

MARILYN J. (AITKEN) MANNING, '64, of DeWitt, Dec. 19, age 77

WALTER E. MOORE, JR., '64, of Traverse City, Jan. 19, age 78

THOMAS W. MORRISON, '64, of Presque Isle, ME, Feb. 14, age 93

BARBARA L. (JONES) NIGRO, '64, of Lima, OH, Mar. 6, age 77

JULIA M. (DOVRE) PATTERSON, '64, of Clarkston, Jan. 5, age 77

SHARAD C. PHATAK, '64, of Tifton, GA, Feb. 18, age 87

HENRY C. ROYSDEN, '64, of Beaver Creek, OH, Jan. 13, age 83

EUGENIA J. (SGOUROS) SARANTOS, '64, of Midland, Jan. 28, age 78

JOHN P. SARGIS, '64, of Clearfield, UT, Feb. 26, age 79

RICHARD A. WAGNER, '64, of Chesterfield, MO, Feb. 6, age 77

WILLIAM R. WILSON, '64, of Sunset Beach, NC, Mar. 3, age 81

SHARON S. (ZUBE) YANT, '64, of Medina, OH, Feb. 18, age 76

DONALD W. YOUNG, '64, of Mill Creek, WA, Mar. 5, age 78

THOMAS N. CASEY, '65, Jan. 30, age 77

JAMES W. DIDIER, '65, of Elgin, IL, Feb. 20, age 87

TOM D. DOUGHERTY, '65, of Greenwood, IN, Feb. 22, age 77

ARTHUR M. DWORCKEN, '65, of Boca Raton, FL, Jan. 10, age 77

DOUGLAS J. EMERY, '65, of East Lansing, Feb. 9, age 76

BARTON R. FRIESE, '65, of Sun City, AZ, Jan. 12, age 76

JAMES A. HAISLIP, '65, of Waterford, Jan. 24, age 79

MARY ANN (PATELCZIK) HEIL, '65, of Greensboro, NC, Nov. 15, age 76

SUMNER H. KAPLAN, '65, of Coconut Creek, FL, Feb. 20, age 90

MICHAEL E. KINTER, '65, of Marshall, Feb. 10, age 77

SANDRA J. (BROWN) MAJOR, '65, of Swanton, MD, Feb. 8, age 75

RAYMOND L. PEARSON, '65, of Sun City West, AZ, Jan. 31, age 83

KATHLEEN E. RITCH, '65, of New York, NY, Jan. 23, age 76

JAMES A. SAMPLE, '65, of Rosemount, MN, Jan. 29, age 79

ARNOLD J. SHIFMAN, '65, of Royal Oak, Jan. 22, age 85

JACK D. SMITH, '65, of Highland, Feb. 25, age 77

DOUGLAS G. TROUT, '65, of Lewes, DE, Feb. 26, age 88

DARRELL H. ZWICK, '65, of Ludington, Mar. 13, age 81

PATRICIA L. ADAMS, '66, of Naples, FL, Jan. 16, age 91

HUBERT E. ARNOLD, '66, of Bronx, NY, Aug. 22, age 74

SEDONIA L. (JAMES) BROWN, '66, of Port Wentworth, GA, Jan. 17, age 75

JAMES P. CARY, '66, of Somerset, KY, Jan. 3, age 77

KATHRYN J. COLE, '66, of Haslett, Jan. 28, age 75

BARBARA GASS, '66, of Copley, OH, Mar. 23, age 93

JANET L. (BROWN) HEISE, '66, of Mankato, MN, Jan. 18, age 76

IRWIN A. HOROWITZ, '66, of Corvallis, OR, Dec. 23, age 80

BENJAMIN T. HOURANI, '66, of Ann Arbor, Jan. 11, age 85

CHARLES E. JOHNSON, '66, of South Haven, Feb. 17, age 76

ROBERTA M. (NIEMAN) JOHNSON, '66, of Saint Paul, MN, Dec. 1, age 76

DENNIS L. KELLAR, '66, of Norwalk, IA, Dec. 30, age 77

ROBINSON S. NUNN, '66, of Reston, VA, Jan. 21, age 75

JOHN F. POOLE, '66, of Royal Oak, Feb. 15, age 75

RICHARD J. SASS, '66, of Battle Creek, Feb. 6, age 86

BETTY J. (BACHMANN) WILLIAMS, '66, of Middleville, Mar. 9, age 76

EDWARD H. ACEE, '67, of Fort Myers, FL, Dec. 25, age 78

 **ELIZABETH M. BACSO, '67**, of Port Clinton, OH, Feb. 27, age 79

GARY E. BARTOLAMEOLLI, '67, of Kankakee, IL, Dec. 21, age 74

PATRICK V. DEMAY, '67, of Oscoda, Feb. 18, age 82

KENNETH W. DOMIER, '67, of Canada, Mar. 7, age 86

WILLIAM E. FOSTER, '67, of Gibbon, NE, Jan. 8, age 86

RAYMOND C. FREY, '67, of Longmont, CO, Dec. 22, age 75

RUSSELL L. HADDON, '67, of Portland, OR, Feb. 16, age 75

CAROLYN E. (LANGLEY) KREBS, '67, of Saint Louis, MO, Mar. 10, age 75

JEANETTE M. LEIK, '67, of Grand Rapids, Feb. 2, age 78

MARY C. (BROWN) MATTESON, '67, of Grand Rapids, Jan. 7, age 81

RICHARD W. MORPHY, '67, of Ludington, Jan. 3, age 82

FRANKLIN G. NAGY, '67, of Davison, Jan. 3, age 84

GERALD M. NESTER, '67, of DeWitt, Feb. 1, age 77

PAMELA K. (MENDENHALL) OSELKA, '67, of Bridgman, Jan. 24, age 74

REX R. PIERCE, '67, of Pismo Beach, CA, Feb. 11, age 75

MICHAEL J. STEINBERG, '67, of Ann Arbor, Dec. 9, age 79

THOMAS H. STEVENS, '67, of Kittery, ME, Jan. 19, age 74

RAY G. STROBEL, '67, of Lake Geneva, WI, Mar. 5, age 75

DAVID V. SUNDUQUIST, '67, of Corvallis, OR, Jan. 29, age 79

ARLYNN D. ANDERSON, '68, of Grand Junction, CO, Feb. 3, age 85

ARTHUR E. BENEDETTO, '68, of Jackson, Jan. 17, age 86

BUELL E. BRINKS, '68, of Clarksville, Mar. 15, age 74

WILLIAM L. DAY, '68, of Hendersonville, NC, Mar. 2, age 74

WAYNE L. HAUPT, '68, of Milton, PA, Feb. 24, age 74

HOWARD W. HICKEY, '68, of The Villages, FL, Jan. 30, age 89

THOMAS W. LENAHAN, '68, of The Villages, FL, Jul. 21, age 78

HARVEY C. LOFGREN, '68, of Lansing, Feb. 23, age 82

FLOYD J. MALVEAUX, '68, of Ellicott City, MD, Jan. 9, age 79

DAVID L. STEBBINS, '68, of Petoskey, Dec. 27, age 76

WALLACE C. THOMSEN, '68, of Pierre, SD, Mar. 5, age 73

STEWART D. URIST, '68, of Needham, MA, Feb. 21, age 75

SHARON L. (BOROS) ANDERSEN, '69, of Interlochen, Feb. 28, age 79

EUGENE H. BERENDS, '69, of Hudsonville, Feb. 26, age 93

IN MEMORIAM

GORDON R. BIENVENUE, '69, of Athens, GA, Feb. 6, age 73

PAUL M. CUNNINGHAM, '69, of Flint, Dec. 14, age 72

JOHN W. ERSKINE, '69, of Tucson, AZ, Feb. 14, age 78

ALAN J. HOFFMAN, '69, of Burke, VA, Feb. 7, age 78

RICHARD J. KUCERA, '69, of Glendale, AZ, Jan. 11, age 74

GLEN A. OWEN II, '69, of Saint Paul, MN, Jan. 26, age 72

CHARLES E. ROSE, '69, of Santa Barbara, CA, Dec. 28, age 77

JOHN R. SALEMI, '69, of Lake Isabella, CA, Feb. 25, age 72

ALLAN N. SPAULDING, '69, of Grosse Pointe Farms, Dec. 19, age 74

ROGER W. SPOERKE, '69, of Akron, OH, Feb. 3, age 76

JAMES D. TALLMAN, '69, of Chelsea, Feb. 16, age 74

JOHN R. WENBURG, '69, of The Villages, FL, Nov. 27, age 78

1970s

JOHN F. BAHNSEN, '70, of Stockton, CA, Mar. 12, age 88

JOHN E. CARNEY, '70, of Sanibel, FL, Dec. 21, age 72

EVERETT M. CHANDLER, '70, of San Luis Obispo, CA, Mar. 20, age 103

JAY N. HARKER, '70, of Lawrence, KS, Jan. 20, age 71

MARLIN C. KING, '70, of Burr Oak, Feb. 2, age 71

CATHERENE E. (MCCAMLY) MCNEILLY, '70, of Saint Johns, Jan. 11, age 98

ROBERT A. PEDDE, '70, of Franklin, TN, Feb. 20, age 73

WILLIAM C. SCHIRADO, '70, of Kalamazoo, Mar. 1, age 73

BARBARA J. (BOWMAN) SKINNER, '70, of Port Ludlow, WA, Dec. 20, age 71

DOYLE L. TARWATER, '70, of Canonsburg, PA, Mar. 6, age 70

RAYMOND J. TRICOMO, '70, of Saint Paul, MN, Feb. 22, age 76

ROBERT J. BROWN, '71, of Kalamazoo, Jan. 22, age 70

MICHAEL B. DOBSON, '71, of Chesterfield, Nov. 7, age 70

PATRICIA L. (MCGUIRE) DUCKETT, '71, of Rocklin, CA

KAREN K. FREY, '71, of Hastings, Jan. 24, age 72

ROBERT A. KIEBLER, '71, of Jackson, Feb. 18, age 79

CAMILLE D. (DOMBROWSKI) MCKINLEY, '71, of Naples, FL, Feb. 22, age 97

FRANCIS L. WELCOME, '71, of Ithaca, NY, Jan. 9, age 71

ROBERT W. WIDENHOFER, '71, of Grapevine, TX, Mar. 22, age 77

SHARON R. BANDLOW, '72, of Haslett, Feb. 29, age 69

ROBERT A. BARTOL, '72, of Silver Spring, MD, Feb. 2, age 81

JACK O. BEASLEY, '72, of Fort Wayne, IN, Mar. 4, age 83

JOHN R. BUNCH, '72, of Tucker, GA, Mar. 14, age 84

THOMAS C. EDENS, '72, of Bellaire, Mar. 15, age 80

STEPHEN C. HOLDER, '72, of Mount Pleasant, Mar. 3, age 79

ELIZABETH R. LINCOLN, '72, of Springfield, OH, Feb. 8, age 95

KEVIN W. MCCOOK, '72, of Edgewater, MD, Feb. 11, age 75

NICOLE T. PHILLIPS-SMITH, '72, of Grand Rapids, Jan. 9, age 69

NANCY A. (BAILEY) SCARBRO, '72, of Bloomfield Hills, Feb. 8, age 69

DANIEL A. BRADY, '73, of Wyckoff, NJ, Dec. 29, age 68

THERESA M. BRAY, '73, of Grand Rapids, Feb. 6, age 92

RICHARD I. COOPER, '73, Mar. 21, age 79

RALPH E. HUSS, '73, of Okemos, Mar. 15, age 73

RALPH A. KACZMAREK, '73, of Cape Coral, FL, Dec. 15, age 69

LEVI A. NWACHUKU, '73, of Lincoln University, PA, Feb. 29, age 79

RICHARD E. PAWLOSKI, '73, of Grand Rapids, Jan. 23, age 75

GERALDINE B. SHEPARD, '73, of Woodbridge, VA, Feb. 28, age 73

DAVID E. WILDT, '73, of Strasburg, VA, Jan. 15, age 69

 **MARY J. (OBERSKI) YAMAMOTO, '73**, of Reno, NV, Feb. 14, age 67

BARBARA (PANZNER) ATAMAN, '74, of Chicago, IL

GREG BANNEN, '74, of Louisville, KY, Feb. 14, age 72

LARRY V. BULEMORE, '74, of Corunna, Feb. 19, age 73

GLORIA J. CRAIG, '74, of Detroit, Feb. 29, age 67

HARRY M. EISENBERG, '74, of Longboat Key, FL, Jan. 4, age 70

ROSE M. GERLACH, '74, of Saline, Dec. 28, age 68

ERICH R. NORRIS, '74, of Benton Harbor, Mar. 4, age 67

 **ARGELIO B. PEREZ, '74**, of Williamston, Dec. 16, age 76

THERESA J. (WILSON) TUTT, '74, of Redmond, WA, Mar. 12, age 69

EDUARDO ALVARADO, JR., '75, of Aubrey, TX, Jan. 23, age 73

DENNIS K. ANDERSON, '75, of Mason, Jan. 10, age 69

JOHN F. COOGAN, JR., '75, of Walnut Creek, CA, Jan. 2, age 76

KATE F. CUNNINGHAM, '75, of Chicago, IL, Mar. 4, age 72

HOWARD R. DIRKSEN, '75, of Fairfield, OH, Dec. 18, age 76

HARRY W. GILLIGAN, '75, of Ludlow, MA, Feb. 26, age 69

DELBERT R. HOLSER, '75, of Clarkston, Mar. 7, age 67

JAMES G. MORGAN, '75, of Perry, Feb. 13, age 77

MADELYN K. SCHOEN, '75, of West Des Moines, IA, Feb. 27, age 67

ANNETTE Y. (YARED) STEIN, '75, of Grand Rapids, Nov. 13, age 67

SIDNEY P. WORTHINGTON, '75, of Lansing, Mar. 19, age 73

MARY A. BRADY, '76, of Fremont, OH, Mar. 21, age 90

MICHAEL L. BUTCHART, '76, of Jackson, Jan. 11, age 71

GARY A. DAVIS, '76, of Oregon, WI, Jan. 5, age 75

KARL R. HILLERMAN, '76, of Bad Axe, Mar. 5, age 67

GEORGE C. KANDLER, JR., '76, of Brighton, Jan. 13, age 69

JUDITH M. MARTIN, '76, of Lady Lake, FL, Jan. 20, age 80

ROBERT J. MCCLOWRY, '76, of Dearborn, Jan. 15, age 69

ROGER D. OBER, '76, of Beavercreek, OH, Feb. 16, age 76

WALTER S. SZPARA, '76, of Grand Ledge, Dec. 28, age 65

HARRISON D. VANDYKE, '76, of Mount Dora, FL, Dec. 14, age 87

BRUCE L. VIBBERT, '76, of Ashburn, VA, Sep. 30, age 68

MICHAEL S. WOLSH, '76, of Parrish, FL, Jan. 31, age 69

CHARLES H. CHASE, '77, of Traverse City, Dec. 28, age 65

RICHARD W. CLARKE, '77, of Barrington, IL, Mar. 2, age 65

GARY F. FELNER, '77, of Livonia, Jan. 1, age 64

MARION (GAMBLE) GAMBLE-DUNN, '77, of Mount Morris, Mar. 11, age 72

ROBERT D. BARKER, '78, of Middleville, Mar. 4, age 73

DEVIN S. CHISHOLM, '78, of Farmington Hills, Dec. 27, age 63

JOSEPH R. CODDE, '78, of DeWitt, Feb. 19, age 71

HOWARD T. HEITZEG, '78, of Waterford, Jan. 22, age 79

MAURICE KRASHIN, '78, of Racine, WI, Jan. 7, age 83

CATHLEEN D. (MAGISTRO) MAGISTRO-LATOURE, '78, of Spring Lake, Feb. 4, age 70

JOHN D. STANLEY, '78, of Corvallis, OR, Mar. 2, age 63

 **IRENE K. TERAVEST, '78**, of Middleville, Feb. 5, age 64

BARBARA J. VOWELS, '78, of East Lansing, Feb. 9, age 77

JEFFREY W. BROWN, '79, of Duluth, MN, Feb. 27, age 64

WILLIAM S. DIBRELL, '79, of Alfred, NY, Feb. 13, age 72

ROSEANNE E. GREINKE, '79, of Rockford, Jan. 4, age 63

IRENE H. GUYER, '79, of Chesterfield, MO, Mar. 5, age 100

THOMAS D. WOLFE, '79, of Holt, Jan. 29, age 64

CELESTA A. (VENN) ZANGER, '79, of Bloomfield Hills, Jan. 19, age 62

1980s

GLEN D. DEROSHA, '80, of Elk Rapids, Feb. 18, age 62

JOSEPH M. KEARNS, '80, of Kingwood, TX, Dec. 17, age 66

DONNA L. (RUBIN) KLEIN, '80, of Grand Blanc, Jan. 4, age 62

DONNA M. LAMELA, '80, of Oxford, FL, Jan. 16, age 85

MARY C. (LEYRER) PATENGE, '80, of Boyne City, Mar. 20, age 87

LEE A. SECORD, '80, of Holt, Mar. 17, age 64

PETER K. THIRY, '80, of Granbury, TX, Mar. 18, age 70

JILL C. BURY, '81, of Chino Valley, AZ, Nov. 26, age 63

BRET S. ELLIS, '81, of Hot Springs National Park, AR, Jan. 17, age 61

TODD R. HAND, '81, of Wyoming, Jan. 5, age 61

DIANNE L. MEHELAS, '81, of Bloomfield Hills, Feb. 23, age 60

DANIEL T. MULDOWNEY, '81, of Dearborn, Mar. 17, age 60

LINDA M. SKOOG, '81, of Charlotte, Jan. 21, age 62

MICHAEL A. JACKSON, '82, of Keller, TX

PATRICIA R. ELDRIDGE, '83, of Saint Paul, MN, Jan. 24, age 81

NANCY J. HACKER, '83, of Battle Creek, Feb. 4, age 59

DONNA M. (ALLEN) QUELL, '83, of Clinton Township, Feb. 29, age 58

MARY M. (FEUERSTEIN) SHEEHAN, '83, of Naperville, IL, Feb. 27, age 59

KENT J. SHEETS, '83, of Ann Arbor, Mar. 16, age 65

KENNETH W. WEISER, '83, of Gurnee, IL, Feb. 19, age 59

DAVID J. YODHES, '83, of Allen Park, Dec. 3, age 58

ANITA M. ANDRINGA, '84, of East Lansing, Feb. 23, age 80

GREGORY D. GETHERS, '84, of Trabuco Canyon, CA, Feb. 25, age 57

JAMES M. MACCONNELL, '84, of Naperville, IL, Feb. 12, age 68

MICHAEL J. O'SHAUGHNESSY, '84, of Bloomfield Hills, Aug. 31, age 60

PATRICIA A. (OCHMAN) YEAGER, '84, of Mechanicsville, VA, Jan. 14, age 57

DEBORAH (HARAN) CARREL, '85, of Marshall, Mar. 1, age 57

KEVAN B. MARSH, '85, of Saginaw, Jan. 27, age 66

JOSEPH A. BONVENTRE, '86, of Saint Clair Shores, Jan. 14, age 56

NEAL C. COSBY, '86, of Cupertino, CA, Feb. 28, age 55

ALISON H. THOMAS, '86, of Cincinnati, OH, Feb. 6, age 56

TIMOTHY J. VANSUSTEREN, '86, of Gainesville, FL, Feb. 6, age 71

JOSEPH BEAUMARCHAIS, '87, of Warner Robins, GA, Feb. 19, age 57

BRYAN R. CLUTTER, '87, of Marshall, Mar. 17, age 55

DOUGLAS A. DOW, '87, of Lake City, Dec. 11, age 67

DARCY J. FRENCH HOPPMAN, '88, of Grand Rapids, Feb. 10, age 53

ROWLAND W. HINDS, '88, of Lansing, Feb. 18, age 58

JEFF A. JANKOWSKI, '88, of Pentwater, Dec. 22, age 53

MENG KUAN POON, '88, of Malaysia

ROBERT J. BROUGH, '89, of Bath, Jan. 12, age 59

KRAIG A. SHETLER, '89, of Hackensack, NJ, Mar. 4, age 54

ROBERT J. STEIN, '89, of Macomb, Jan. 23, age 52

1990s

PATRICK T. BOIS, '90, of Saint Clair Shores, Mar. 15, age 53

DAVID D. BRICKEY, '90, of Dimondale, Feb. 5, age 52

KATHERINE J. HARRIS, '90, of Salem, VA, Feb. 5, age 51

HUE T. LE, '90, of Lansing, Feb. 2, age 69

DENNIS R. MORGRIDGE, '90, of Highland, Jan. 5, age 56

SHARON G. PAULSEN, '90, of Clio, Mar. 16, age 78

RIC F. ALCALA, '91, of Port Saint Lucie, FL, Jan. 29, age 81

MONA B. CIOFFI, '91, of Berkley, Jan. 24, age 72

MICHAEL S. HOULIHAN, '91, of Bay City, Feb. 5, age 51

LYNN T. JOHNSON, '91, of Marquette, Dec. 18, age 51

JERRY D. PECORA, '91, of Okemos, Feb. 28, age 67

TRACY A. SAGEHORN, '91, of Boise, ID, Jan. 8, age 50

JASON A. SELTIN, '91, of Saint Johns, Mar. 14, age 55

LISA A. (HESSELINK) STRONG, '91, of Kansas City, MO, Dec. 27, age 50

LON E. MCCOLLUM, '92, of Williamston, Nov. 22, age 54

DAVID J. TOWER, '92, of Grand Rapids, Dec. 31, age 66

ALISON S. BAILEY, '93, of Hancock, Dec. 26, age 49

RANDY G. HARMSON, '93, of Northport, Jan. 12, age 72

CYNTHIA A. REID, '93, of Okemos, Feb. 10, age 68

JIANG CHUAN XIE, '93, of Northville, Feb. 21, age 57

MILTON D. CHESTER, '94, of Vestal, NY, Jan. 6, age 49

JENNIFER (CUNNINGHAM) SIMONICA, '94, of Farmington, Nov. 5, age 50

DINA SYKORA, '95, of Dayton, OH, Mar. 22, age 48

AARON M. BRUERD, '96, of Howell

JOHNNY DICKSON, '97, of Saint Petersburg, FL, Jan. 20, age 73

NANCY L. MILLER, '97, of Mayville, Feb. 5, age 74

DOUGLAS A. ALEXANDER, '98, of Flushing, Mar. 4, age 65

ALAN C. EWBANK, '98, of Brandon, FL, Feb. 29, age 71

MEI-HUI TAI, '98, of Okemos, Feb. 18, age 55

DANIEL R. VICTOR, '98, of Bloomfield Hills, Nov. 12, age 43

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2000s

WILLIAM C. CAIN, '02, of Howell, Feb. 7, age 58

JESSICA R. SILBER, '02, of Paw Paw, Mar. 4, age 40

VELVIE C. GREEN, '03, of Grand Rapids, Feb. 1, age 64

NICHOLAS J. BRICKEL, '04, of East Lansing, Feb. 13, age 39

JASON M. NOYES, '04, of Pewaukee, WI, Jan. 15, age 38

NICHOLAS D. SHEERAN, '06, of Linden, Mar. 9, age 37

ADOLFO C. CORRAL, '07, of Goleta, CA, Feb. 9, age 44

DON W. SCHAFFER II, '14, of Northville, Feb. 29, age 59

CHRISTOPHER A. WRIGHT, '15, of Farmington Hills, Jan. 29, age 58

Faculty/ Staff

DAVID E. ANDERSEN, of Iron Mountain, Feb. 11, age 72

ROBERT L. BIDDLE, of Lansing, Jan. 18, age 52

FREDERICK L. BRUENING, of Grand Blanc, Feb. 23, age 66

LAWRENCE M. BUSCH, of Ann Arbor, Dec. 28, age 74

 **VIRGINIA L. (CONOLLY) CANNELL**, of Portage, Dec. 11, age 72

JOYCE A. CAPOCCIA, of Lansing, Jan. 24, age 85

RICHARD W. CHASE, of Holt, Dec. 21, age 86

CHERYL L. HUNLEY, of Owosso, Mar. 16, age 55

DALLAS HYDE, of Mason, Dec. 22, age 87

JOHN W. JUDY, JR., of Williamston, Jan. 11, age 88

R. JAMES KIRKPATRICK, JR., of Okemos, Jan. 7, age 73

FLUVANNA KOSLOWSKI, of Holton, Jan. 25, age 81

CLINTON J. LOCKERT, of Ann Arbor, Jan. 26, age 97

JAMES W. MAINE, of Traverse City, Mar. 10, age 81

RICHARD L. MENKE, of Williamston, Feb. 6, age 81

DENTON E. MORRISON, of Sarasota, FL, Dec. 12, age 87

 **COLLETTA H. MOSER**, of East Lansing, Jan. 11, age 79

DOUGLAS A. NOVERR, of East Lansing, Feb. 14, age 77

MARY E. PIERCE, of Cottonwood, AZ, Feb. 17, age 72

SANDRA L. POSEY, of Lansing, Feb. 16, age 77

PATRICIA RILEY, of Lansing, Dec. 27, age 91

MARILYN J. SHIELS, of Lansing, Feb. 28, age 78

JAMES E. SNODDY, of Fort Wayne, IN, Jan. 19, age 87

GENEVA A. SPEAS, of Caledonia, Jan. 30, age 90

JAMES K. WALSER, of Gowen, Feb. 27, age 78

KAREN S. WAMPLER, of Haslett, Jan. 2, age 77

ROSE WATSON, of Lansing, Jan. 23, age 93

DELORIS (MORGAN) WEAVER, of Spring Hill, FL, Mar. 6, age 86

BERNHARD L. WEINBERG, Dec. 11, age 83

2010s

KELLY A. BOURNE, '10, of Haslett, Jan. 22, age 34

ZORORO R. MAKAMBA, '12, Mar. 23, age 30

ZACKARY A. SNIDER, '13, of Hart, Feb. 25, age 28

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SEVERAL STUDENTS AND FACULTY MEMBERS SPOKE AT THE VIGIL ORGANIZED BY MSU'S NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL.

Vigil Shows Solidarity

“Change doesn’t happen overnight,” said Kenny Goins, a former member of the Spartan men’s basketball team, who surprised a crowd gathered at the MSU Rock to honor George Floyd and show solidarity for change.

“When someone says something that’s not OK, tell them it’s not OK.”

With a circle of listeners wearing masks, students took turns expressing their feelings and calling for change. The Rock carried the unifying message: “Black Lives Matter.”

The peaceful event drew hundreds of students, several university leaders, MSU coaches and other members of the athletic department.

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