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MSU Migrant Student Services Announces National Migrant Scholars Internship Initiative



Michigan State University [Migrant Student Services](#) has launched its National Migrant Scholars Internship Initiative. The pilot program is a partnership between MSU Migrant Student Services, CoBank, Farm Credit and the National HEP/CAMP Association. When fully implemented, the program, housed and administered by MSU MSS, is designed to encourage and support students enrolled in 41 different CAMP projects throughout the United States in finding paid experiential learning opportunities to better prepare them for their careers. The national initiative is phase two of the pilot program. Phase one took place during the 2015 academic year, when only MSU CAMP students were placed in internships, thanks to a \$100,000 gift from CoBank. [READ MORE.](#)

RCPD Students Have Opportunity to Dress Up Their Interview Skills

A selected group of Spartan delegates dressed in business professional outfits gathered at the Kellogg Center to learn from the experts. The [MSU/MRS Careers Collaborative](#) Seminar Series hosted the Professional Prep Dinner to expose students to the keys of mastering interviews and securing career opportunities with individualized attention towards a disability. [READ MORE.](#)

Migrant Student Services Builds New Connections in the Health Arena

Migrant Student Services' College Assistance Migrant Program (MSU CAMP), MSU's College of Natural Science, and Sparrow Hospital have collaborated to develop a course that expose migrant and seasonal farmworker students to the health care arena. The purpose of this course is to expose CAMP students to the various career opportunities within the health care system. [READ MORE.](#)



Unique Partnership Between MRS and RCPD Brings More Opportunities for Spartans

The Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities is well-versed in academic accommodation strategy, but recognized an opportunity to ensure that this preparation translates into careers for Spartans. With this new initiative, students can achieve their potential to fully participate as leaders in the workforce. [READ MORE.](#)

Upward Bound Alumni Profile: Amanda Mellenberger

My favorite memory from Upward Bound is the summer trip we took to Washington, D.C. Through that trip, I absorbed a deeper understanding of our history and government. It was exciting to go on a trip with kids from all three major Lansing high schools and to go so far away from home creating wonderful, lasting memories. [READ MORE.](#)

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Four Students Nominated for Udall Scholarship

Michigan State University has nominated four undergraduate students for the nationally competitive [Udall Scholarship](#). The Udall Foundation awards scholarships to college sophomores and juniors for leadership, public service and commitment to issues related to American Indian nations or to the environment. Each year, the foundation awards up to \$7,000 for educational expenses to 60 outstanding students in the United States.

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Foundations Reinforce MSU Student Success Initiative

Michigan State University and 10 partner institutions of the University Innovation Alliance will apply \$3.85 million in new funding from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Ford Foundation and USA Funds to further support student success programs. The funding will support the ongoing collaborative efforts between the universities to graduate more students across the socioeconomic spectrum. MSU's six-year graduation rate of 79 percent already exceeds its predicted range, but leadership will use the additional UIA funding to continue to improve on graduation rates and promote social mobility. [READ MORE.](#)



Spartan Battalion Completes Spring Leadership Development Exercise

The Spartan Battalion had a busy March in terms of planning and completing their spring Leadership Development Exercise (LDX) at Fort Custer. The LDX was a weekend long exercise that not only focused on leadership and development as future officers, but it also provided realistic training on tactics and skills that are useful in the Army.

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MSU Debate Qualifies Second Team for National Championship

Michigan State University [debate team](#) members Connor Munsinger and Luc Walkington have qualified for a spot at the National Debate Tournament. Munsinger, an Honors College sophomore majoring in computer science, and Walkington, a freshman majoring in international relations, will join their teammates, Tyler Thur and Margaret Strong, in representing MSU at the national tournament. [READ MORE.](#)



Students in the School of Hospitality Business Earn National Award at Annual NSMH Conference

Thirteen members of the MSU chapter of the National Society of Minorities in Hospitality (NSMH) joined over 750 other students, alumni, and industry professionals around the country in Washington, DC February 4-7 for the NSMH 27th annual National Conference. Its theme was "Our Nation, Our House: Diversity Matters." The group was honored with the award for the "Largest Chapter Membership in the Midwest Region" at the Saturday evening Awards Gala titled "A Capitol Affair." [READ MORE.](#)



MSU Wins Big at DECA Conference

Michigan State University's Collegiate DECA team brought home 13 first, second and third place awards, as well as eight finalist medals, at the annual State Career Development Conference in Grand Rapids in February.

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Students Build Tiny House on Campus

As many Michigan State students prepare for graduation, one senior's genuine interest in the tiny home movement has led to a big collaborative effort among her peers. Tiffany Pupa, an interior design major from Northville, Michigan, is building a tiny house, dubbed "Sparty's Cabin," on the MSU campus. Pupa has engaged other MSU students in the building, which started March 4 at the Recycling Center. The central goal was sustainability, so Sparty's Cabin includes materials from the MSU Sustainable Wood Recovery Program and Shadows Collection. [READ MORE.](#)

Discovering a Passion for Helping the Community

Hailee Ridge, a College of Arts and Letters junior, discovered a passion for helping the community after spending a summer in Detroit, thanks to a scholarship from the MSU Federal Credit Union. Ridge is also a member of the Honors College and James Madison College. [READ MORE AND WATCH VIDEO.](#)

MSU Wins National Collegiate Landscape Competition

Michigan State University is the winner of the National Collegiate Landscape Competition which is organized by the National Association of Landscape Professionals. The event, held March 16-19 at Mississippi State University, included 62 teams and one FFA high school team, who participated in 28 individual and team competitions. Tree climbing, hardscape installation, wood construction, plant identification, sales presentation, exterior/interior design, irrigation troubleshooting, skid steer, 3D exterior landscape design, personnel management and small engine repair were just a few of the events. Michigan State University took first place in the overall competitive events, followed by Brigham Young University – Idaho in second place, and Cuyahoga Community College in third. Michigan State University took home \$5,000 from STIHL for placing first. [READ MORE.](#)



Concepts Meet Fashion for MSU Apparel and Textile Show

Models adorned in everything from CDs to transparent binder sheets lined up behind the curtains of the Wharton Center's Pasant Theater Friday afternoon. The work of more than 300 Michigan State University students was only hours away from coalescing into the annual Apparel and Textile Design Fashion Show. Rebecca Schuiling and Jennifer Lantrip, co-directors of this year's show, stood steady as groups of models and designers weaved passed them, eagerly finding their places. [READ MORE.](#)

MSU Saying "Buenos Dias" to Cuba

After more than five decades of political isolation, Cuba is building new ties with the United States. We talk with a Michigan State University professor and Cuba expert, as well as one of her students who's recently returned from the island nation. *Current State* recently talked about the changing social climate in Cuba with [Donna Rich Kaplowitz](#), an assistant professor in the Residential College of Arts and Humanities at Michigan State University and an expert on Cuba, and is Tim Giessner, an MSU freshman who travelled to Cuba in January and is writing a paper about his experience. [READ MORE AND LISTEN TO THE INTERVIEW.](#)