Fall Welcome and College Colloquium

The fall semester of 2015 is right around the corner, and Michigan State University has been hard at work preparing the Fall Welcome for incoming freshmen. Fall Welcome is designed as a way of briefly introducing new Spartans to all that MSU has to offer, while also officially welcoming them to the Spartan family. Attending the events for Fall Welcome is a great way to explore campus and get involved on campus early on in your time here at MSU, as well as meet new Spartans intent on doing the same thing! Events for Fall Welcome include Sparticipation, Fall Convocation and the One Book One Community Presentation, College Colloquium, and many more!

College Colloquium is an important part of Fall Welcome at MSU as it serves to familiarize new students with their respective college. For this particular event, the Dean of the college, advisors, and faculty members come together to present information related to their positions and the college they serve. This event is a great opportunity early on in your college career to meet face to face with faculty members and ask questions, as well as meet other students within the college. Apart from learning vital information about your college, College Colloquium serves as a way for students to start to develop relationships with faculty members within their college. These relationships will be great for exposing yourself to opportunities outside of the classroom. They will also be extremely valuable down the road when it comes time to apply to professional schools, graduate schools, or for a job, as letters of recommendation will be needed and asking those faculty members you have built relationships with already to write you a letter is a great place to start. This event is a great source of information for students and attendance will only prove to be beneficial. As attendance is mandatory, you will all benefit! Be sure to walk into Colloquium with an open mind and do not be afraid to ask questions, the event is a great way to get comfortable within your college before classes even start.
Hey Team! My name is Christopher Sell and I am the Internship Coordinator for the College of Natural Science (CNS) here at MSU. In my role at NatSci, I serve as your liaison to industry, developing relationships with companies that have an interest in hiring talented science students like you for internships while you are an undergraduate at MSU. In turn, I meet with and present to students on their internship search strategies and help them connect with our employer partners.

Internships are absolutely critical to your quest for finding a job after graduation and having a successful and rewarding career. I will be available for student appointments during the fall 2015 semester on Tuesdays mornings and Wednesday mornings, from 9am – 12:00pm. Students wishing to schedule an appointment with me can do so by using the Advisors Calendar system. My office is in Room 106 of the Natural Science Building, so don’t be a stranger and stop by and say hello!

We have got an exciting line up of events, programming, and internship opportunities scheduled for this coming year. For starters, you don’t want to miss the Earn, Learn, and Intern fair taking place at Spartan Stadium (4th Floor) on Wednesday, September 9th, from 2pm – 6pm. It’s open to all students and is a GREAT event for students interested in finding a part-time job for the school year and/or an internship with a dynamic company in the local Lansing area. (Continued on page 6)
Meet Your Academic Advisor: Claire Gonyo, Human Biology Advisor

Q: Where are you from and where have you gone to school?
Originally I am from Schenectady, NY. My undergraduate degree is in Philosophy from SUNY Oneonta, My masters is in Higher Education Administration from Syracuse. I am currently a doctoral candidate in the Higher, Adult, and Lifelong Education program at Michigan State.

Q: What made you want to become an advisor?
I was working as an advisor last year as an assistantship, and I really liked working with students. It is really rewarding helping them with their path because everyone has a different one.

Q: What is your favorite thing about MSU?
The people that I have met here, the people make MSU. The people in my program, faculty and staff are great. And awesome students!

Q: What is one piece of advice you would give to all incoming freshman?
Stay on top of your stuff, including classes, sleep, family, and take advantage of all the resources that MSU has to offer because there is so much more here than you would expect.

Q: What is your favorite flavor of Dairy Store ice cream?
Buckeye Blitz

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Being an incoming freshman on a campus as large as MSU can be overwhelming at times. With almost 8,000 other freshmen joining the grand total of 50,000 students, some may think it could be hard to find a place to fit in. Thankfully, MSU offers over 550 student organizations for students to be a part of and find their niche. The opportunities are endless, and you can find the complete list of registered student organizations at the following website: studentlife.msu.edu/student-organizations-activities. There are clubs specifically focused on a major or career path, and then ones that are more athletic and social based. Joining these organizations and clubs helps students find people who share similar interests and further make the size of MSU’s student body feel more comfortable. During Fall Welcome, MSU holds an event that allows students to become familiarized with all of the student organizations available on campus. This event is called Sparticipation and it is held at Cherry Lane field the day before classes start on Tuesday, September 1, 2015. This is a great opportunity for student to gather information and meet representatives of clubs and groups that interest them. Not only do you get to learn about all the different student organizations, but also you take part in a campus wide BBQ that supplements the closing of all the residential dining halls. (Continue on page 4)
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However, there is no need to bring cash for the BBQ because you can use your on-campus meal plan. You also might want to bring an empty bag to collect any informational flyers, souvenirs, or any other give ways from the hundreds of student organizations. Sparticipation attracts students from all around to come, so it is a great way to meet people and make new friends. When the festivities come to an end, the night is still not over. Grab a blanket, lay it out on Cherry Lane field and enjoy the awesome fireworks display that concludes the amazing event!

For more information about Sparticipation, visit the MSU Department of Student Life website at http://studentlife.msu.edu.

Transportation: Getting Around Campus

With such a large campus, Michigan State can be a daunting place to travel about, especially for incoming freshmen who are not familiar with it. Getting from your dorm to a class could mean having to travel from the east end of campus all the way to the other. However, there is no need to fear having to consistently make that walk, as the CATA bus service can cut your travel time down substantially! Not only does CATA provide transportation throughout campus, they also offer transportation throughout the greater East Lansing/Lansing area with stops in downtown Lansing, at the Meridian Mall, Meijer in Okemos, and many more locations along the way. Semester bus passes can be purchased for $50 on the CATA website (www.cata.org), as well as at various on-campus locations once classes begin. Be sure to check out the CATA website for more information.

Another alternative when it comes to transportation is biking, but make sure to register your bicycle! Registration is free through the MSU Police Department, and it ensures your bike will not be impounded. Registering your bike also makes it easier for police to track it down should it ever get stolen. For more information, please visit the following website: http://police.msu.edu/
The MSU Interactive map, pictured compared to the big paper map. If below is a great tool to help incoming students find buildings a student needs to find directions and specific locations on campus. to a specific location, there is a The map website can be accessed special search feature that allows from a smart phone, computer, or the student to search exactly what tablet, and it is much easier and building or location they are trying convenient to use this tool to get to. Below is a picture of the map with the Natural Science Building set as the location destination, and this location is important to note because this is where you can meet with your preprofessional advisors! The interactive map can be accessed at: http://maps.msu.edu/interactive/

### Student Poll

**What was your favorite part of freshman AOP?**

A. College of Natural Science Presentation

B. Meeting with your advisor for the first time and picking out classes

C. Free time at night

D. Meeting other freshman students

E. Learning about all of the resources MSU has to offer

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MSUWelcome
Classes begin on September 2nd, however under university policy, students will attend their **MONDAY classes** on this day, **instead of their WEDNESDAY classes**. It is important to review your schedule, in order to make sure you do not accidently skip a class, or attend a class on the wrong day. On Thursday, September 3rd, students will attend their regularly scheduled Thursday classes! If you have any questions about the first day of classes feel free to ask your residence assistant when you arrive on campus.