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for parents of students in  
**RESIDENCE EDUCATION  
AND HOUSING SERVICES**



**MICHIGAN STATE**  
UNIVERSITY



## WELCOME HOME, SPARTANS: A LOOK AT 2013 MOVE-IN

Over seven thousand first-year students kicked off their Spartan Experience during the 2013 – 2014 move-in weekend. Hundreds of volunteers were spread across campus to lend a helping hand, including fellow students, East Lansing community members and MSU alumni who were able to share memories and talk with students about living in the residence halls.

The residence education staff was also on hand in white shirts to assist students and parents alike, pushing carts, answering questions and calming first-year jitters. Students around the campus also got a surprise from President Lou Anna K. Simon, who made rounds around campus to speak to students and help with move-in.

President Simon was one of many Spartans who had their pictures taken in the photo booths, a new feature added this year. The booths were set-up at six locations across campus to provide families with a fun break away from the hustle-and-bustle of move-in and an opportunity to capture the start of a new chapter.

Before coming to campus, students and their families were encouraged to download the Guidebook app for MSU Move-In onto their smartphones and tablets. The guide featured an array of necessary move-in information, including details on family receptions, shuttle pick-up times, cooling center locations and more.

We hope your student's move-in experience provided the perfect start to the 2013 – 2014 academic year.  
**Go Green!**

## AWAY GAME TAILGATES

MSU's campus is the place to be during home games, but what about when the team is away? Most students go home for a visit or watch the game alone in their bedrooms. Starting this fall, Live On will provide an enticing alternative by hosting neighborhood tailgates during Spartan football away games. On-campus students can come and enjoy food, music and games, then watch the game with their fellow Spartans on the big screen. We are so excited to start a new MSU tradition, bringing more spirit to campus while the home team is away. The dates and locations are as follows:

- September 21 – South Neighborhood
- October 26 – East Neighborhood
- November 16 – River Trail Neighborhood
- November 23 – North Neighborhood



## EATING AT STATE

When students Eat at State, they have access to more than 35 locations all over campus. Experienced chefs work in each campus neighborhood and oversee the menus and presentation of food in the dining halls. Our focus is on taste, quality, freshness and authenticity. Students can eat in any of the residential dining halls, including: The Vista at Shaw Hall, South Pointe at Case Hall, Brody Square and the award-winning Gallery at Snyder/Phillips, all Sparty's locations, Riverwalk Market at Owen Hall, Union Pizzeria, Union Deli, Serrano's, Starbucks and the Eat at State ON-THE-GO food truck. For students with late-night snack attacks, there is always one dining hall open until midnight in each neighborhood, and the MSU Union Food Court will offer all-you-care-to-eat dining from 8 p.m. to midnight.

Your student has the flexibility to eat in the dining halls or dine on-the-go with their dining plans using Combo-X-Change. Students living in areas where dining plans are optional, such as Van Hoosen, University Apartments or Williams Hall, may purchase an on- or off-campus dining plan at any time.

- Halal options are available at Riverwalk Market at Owen Hall and Holmes Dining Hall
- Kosher options are available for dinner at Wilson Dining Hall and Brody Square, Sunday through Thursday
- All dining halls feature vegetarian and/or vegan options
- Food labels contain important information for students with special dietary needs
- Students with food allergies should contact Culinary Services' registered dietitian, Gina Keilen, at keileng@rhs.msu.edu, and their neighborhood dining manager or chef for more information

As part of our commitment to social responsibility, Culinary Services locations feature local foods, fair trade coffee and education about food waste. We participate with academic departments on campus to serve produce from the MSU Student Organic Farm, Bailey GREENhouse and MSU Beef raised on campus. Visit [www.eatatstate.com](http://www.eatatstate.com) to read more about featured local farmers and other news.

## LONDON DINING HALL RENOVATIONS

Landon Dining Hall is closed for renovations and will reopen for fall semester 2014. The renovated hall will feature three entrée venue stations, serving a variety of made-to-order options. It will also feature an entrée salad venue. Landon residents are encouraged to dine at Yakeley Dining Hall. To accommodate North Neighborhood residents, the MSU Union Food Court, featuring Serrano's, Union Deli and Union Pizzeria, offers late night all-you-care-to eat dining from 8 p.m. to midnight.

## THE VISTA AT SHAW HALL

After seven months of renovation, The Vista at Shaw opened in January 2013 for hungry students! The newly renovated dining hall features three new dining venues. Main Street serves homestyle favorites including burgers, grilled sandwiches/sides, rotisserie meats and comfort foods. Garden Wok offers a fresh mix of vegetarian/vegan entrees and Pan-Asian dishes; from noodles and stir-fry to curries. Bread Box features hearth-baked pizzas, hearty pastas, specialty sandwiches and full breakfasts to start students' day the right way.



## OTHER DINING OPTIONS

**Eat at State ON-THE-GO food truck**, conveniently parked on campus, offers portable, local and seasonal entrées, drinks and sides, including the award-winning MSU's own Smoked Cheddar Cheeseburger. The food truck accepts Combo-X-Change and Spartan Cash, as well as cash and credit/debit.

**Riverwalk Market at Owen Hall** features venues for pizza, grill menu, coffee, home-style and international cuisine. Grab-and-go salads and sandwiches are also available. All students with dining plans can use their Combo-X-Change at this location.

**Sparty's** offers convenience items for quick grab-and-go items, specialty coffee and beverages, plus made-to-order food items. Sparty's is proud to serve Spartan Spirit Coffee, MSU's own fair trade and locally roasted coffee brand. There are 21 Sparty's locations on campus.

**MSU Union Food Court** includes Union Pizzeria with pizzas, breadsticks and salads, Serrano's for tacos, burritos and quesadillas, and Union Deli with salads, sandwiches and soup. The MSU Union Food Court accepts Combo-X-Change during the day, but a meal swipe from 8 p.m. to midnight provides students with all-you-care-to-eat dining.

**Starbucks** locations are at Wells Hall and the MSU Business College Complex, as well as the new Broad Art Museum Café.

## DON'T FORGET THE MSU BAKERS!

Send love to your student at their residence hall for their birthday, special occasions or just to show that you are thinking of them. Visit [www.msubakers.com](http://www.msubakers.com) to order cookies, cakes, bagels, breads and more.

For more information on Culinary Services at MSU, visit [www.eatatstate.com](http://www.eatatstate.com), call 517-353-1616 or email [info@eatatstate.com](mailto:info@eatatstate.com).

# LIVING ON CAMPUS AIDS IN STUDENT GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

Now that your students are starting to settle into their new on-campus home at MSU, they may already be expressing thoughts about where they will live next year.

In Residence Education and Housing Services, we see students (and parents) recognizing the value —both educational and financial — and convenience of living on campus through their sophomore year at MSU, and beyond. As you work with your student to determine the best living option for them during their time at MSU, we want you to be fully aware of the unique advantages only offered through on-campus living:

- Students who live on campus generally have higher GPAs than those living off campus or at home. According to national and University data, students who live in on-campus housing have higher GPAs. In today's competitive academic environment, this counts for a lot!
- Research tells us that students who live on campus are more engaged in the campus community. With close proximity to peers, faculty and extracurricular activities, these students are making the most of their Spartan experience!
- Compared to their counterparts who live off campus, students living in on-campus housing indicate they are significantly more satisfied with their college experience.
- Even when accounting for past academic performance, aptitude and socio-economic status, students who live on campus consistently graduate at significantly higher rates than students who live off campus.
- Students living on campus tend to make significantly greater gains in areas related to academic and personal success, including: autonomy and inner-directedness, intellectual orientation, and academic and social self-concepts. Additionally, students living in residence halls tend to have greater ability to think independently.

*\* To learn more about the advantages of on-campus living, please see [Realizing the Educational Potential of Residence Halls \(1999\)](#) by Schroeder, Mable and Associates. To learn more about student success in general, please see [What Matters to Student Success: A Review of the Literature \(2006\)](#) by Ku, Kinzie, Buckley, Bridges and Hayek ([National Post Secondary Education Cooperative](#)).*

# TOP 10 REASONS TO LIVE ON

- 1. The proven track record for academic success\*** — Your student chose MSU for a world-class education, so they should take advantage of it! Studies have shown that Spartans who live on campus are more academically successful and graduate sooner.
- 2. Resources brought to your student!** — Spartans who live on campus do not have to search high and low for resources. Your student can find tutoring, a health clinic or fitness classes right in their neighborhood's engagement center.
- 3. Your student's on-campus space is all-inclusive** — All utilities are included in room-and-board fees so there is no need to budget for bill payments. We also take care of your student's grocery list by providing unlimited meals in the dining halls to satisfy their cravings.
- 4. No more towering piles of laundry!** — Gone are the days of saving quarters to wear clean clothes! Spartans living in the residence halls have access to free and unlimited laundry in our facilities. Your student can use those quarters elsewhere!
- 5. Big competition in your student's backyard** — Just steps away from your student's on-campus home, legendary Big Ten sports teams face-off for bragging rights and championships. There's nothing like hearing the fight song spread from the stadium across campus.
- 6. For a sense of community** — MSU's Neighborhoods divide the large campus into smaller communities, each with their own unique character. Spartans Live On because it feels more like home.
- 7. To be more involved on campus\*** — Spartans who live on campus are more engaged in all that MSU has to offer. From breakdancing clubs to student business organizations, Spartans are more likely to find their place when they live on.
- 8. Extra money for your student to spend how they choose!** — Spartans who live on never have to leave campus to find budget-friendly fun. There are many options to keep your student's pockets happy including bowling at the MSU Union and free movies at Campus Center Cinemas.
- 9. Your student can spend a semester away, no hassle!** — Whether it is a cool internship your student landed on the West coast or a once-in-a-lifetime study abroad opportunity, no searching for a sublesser. Your student can enjoy their semester away while we take care of the rest.
- 10. Your student can practice, while we prepare the meals** — Most Spartans are not gourmet chefs, and that is okay. There are a variety of dining options to choose from. As for cooking skills, community kitchens in each neighborhood are perfect for practice.

## LIVE ON STREET TEAM

This fall, a group of 15 students who live on campus will serve as ambassadors for the Live On experience. The group, known as the Live On Street Team, will be on hand at campus events including the Live On Festival and the neighborhood tailgates to talk about on-campus housing options. The team will also organize small events across campus where they will pass out swag and spread the word about the benefits of living on campus at MSU.

## LIVE ON FESTIVAL

On October 3, we will host a Live On Festival in the Brody Neighborhood from 5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. This is an opportunity for students to see the opportunities and resources that on-campus living has to offer. Representatives for each neighborhood will be on hand to answer questions about sign-up options for the 2014 – 2015 academic year. There will be free food, music, swag and more.

## HOUSING SIGN-UP FOR FALL 2014

Choosing where to live next year is a big decision for students. To secure the best campus housing option to meet your student's needs, they should not delay and sign up early to avoid being put on the housing waiting list.

Oct. 3	<b>Live On Festival</b>
Oct. 4	<b>First Friday in HAO (Housing Assignments Office)</b> ( <i>Open House for students to get information about housing sign-up for the 2014 – 2015 academic year. Refreshments provided.</i> )
Oct. 9 – 14	<b>Online sign-up for students to pick their own space and roommate (Roommate pull in.)</b>
Oct. 16 – Apr. 1	<b>Online sign-up for students to pick any available space</b>
Oct. 17	<b>MSU Housing Fair at MSU</b>
Nov. 1	<b>First Friday in HAO – Students sign up in the HAO</b> ( <i>Onsite sign-up and information will be available. Refreshments provided.</i> )
Dec. 6	<b>First Friday in HAO – Students sign up in the HAO</b> ( <i>Onsite sign-up and information will be available. Refreshments provided.</i> )
Jan. 6	Second semester classes begin
Jan. 10	<b>Second Friday in HAO – Students sign up in the HAO</b> ( <i>Onsite sign-up and information will be available. Refreshments provided.</i> )
Feb. 14	<b>Second Friday in HAO – Students sign up in the HAO</b> ( <i>Onsite sign-up and information will be available. Refreshments provided.</i> )
Mar. 14	<b>Second Friday in HAO – Students sign up in the HAO</b> ( <i>Onsite sign-up and information will be available. Refreshments provided.</i> )
Apr., 4	<b>Online sign-up closed, students must contact HAO directly to sign up</b> <b>First Friday in HAO – Students sign up in the HAO (Last one of school year.)</b> ( <i>Onsite sign-up and information will be available. Refreshments provided.</i> )

# ON-CAMPUS LIVING OPTIONS

From traditional double and single rooms with dining plans, to suite-style or apartment living and optional dining plans, there is something for everyone.

To find specifics about neighborhoods or individual halls, please view our online Housing Catalog at <http://liveon.msu.edu/sites/default/files/11390439%20Hall%20Sell%20Sheets%20Booklet.pdf> or visit [www.liveon.msu.edu](http://www.liveon.msu.edu) to check out the 360 degree virtual tours online.

**27 RESIDENCE HALLS** with various room types & floor plans, as well as community & suite-style bathrooms

**2 APARTMENT COMMUNITIES** (Spartan Village & University Village) for upperclassmen & graduate students

## FLEXIBLE HOUSING: ROOMMATE SELECTION WITHOUT REGARD TO GENDER

# SPARTAN LIFESTYLE

**QUIET & ALCOHOL-FREE** BARRIER-FREE HOUSING  
**HOUSING OPTIONS**

**ALL RESIDENCE HALLS** HAVE MODULAR, LOFTABLE FURNITURE  
**ARE SMOKE-FREE**

### LIVING-LEARNING, ACADEMIC and SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAMS

allow students who share similar academic interests, or interests in multi-cultural living experiences, to live together in a designated residence hall or on a particular residence hall floor

**FREE fitness classes**

and cardio-only fitness centers in each neighborhood through the **LIVE ON & BE FIT** program

**CO-ED FLOORS**

### COMMUNITY KITCHENS



**ALL UTILITIES INCLUDED**

**Access to ATM Machines**

**FREE CABLE TV and HIGH-SPEED INTERNET**, with additional options such as **DVR SERVICE & PREMIUM CHANNELS** available for purchase

**Complimentary linen service & free, unlimited laundry** in the residence halls



## BUTTERFIELD AND LANDON HALLS BEING REMODELED

Butterfield and Landon Halls have some big improvements in store for 2014.

**Butterfield** updates to the interiors and exteriors will be put in place over the next year, with many of the upgrades being similar to those already completed in Emmons, Bailey and Rather halls. Watch over the next year as Butterfield transforms into a new contemporary living environment with a larger community kitchen, meditation room for quiet reflection, upgraded student rooms and new lounges throughout.

**Landon** will have an entirely new dining hall. There will be fire and safety systems going in along with an elevator in the building so that it will be fully accessible. The rooms themselves will get new furniture and some of the rooms will be re-configured. There will be study lounges, game rooms and soundproof music rooms in the basement to accommodate music major students. A lot of the spaces will be renovated with new carpet and paint, but we will still preserve the historic feel of the building. We don't want to take away from the history of the building.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### September 21

Neighborhood Tailgate —  
Spartan Football @ Notre Dame

### October 3

Live On Festival

### October 11 – 13

MSU Homecoming Weekend

### October 26

Neighborhood Tailgate —  
Spartan Football @ Illinois

### November 16

Neighborhood Tailgate —  
Spartan Football @ Nebraska

### November 23

Neighborhood Tailgate —  
Spartan Football @ Northwestern



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