

LIVE ON

FAMILY NEWS

For the families of students living on campus
at Michigan State University

Supporting Your Student

Learn all about resources for
you student's mental and
physical health.

Spartan Family Connections

Get the details on the
upcoming Family Weekend
and Spartan Family Welcome.

Student Tips

What your student
needs to know before
arriving on campus.

WELCOME

We are incredibly excited to welcome (or welcome back!) you and your Spartan to campus this fall!

We understand that coming to campus marks the beginning of a new chapter, which can often be both stressful and emotional. This is a significant moment in your family's life, and your support plays a crucial role in your student's success and happiness. As we prepare for fall move-in, this edition of Live On Family News highlights the ways we ensure a safe, welcoming campus to best support your student's academic and personal success.

see page 6 for information about Family weekend in November!

in this issue



SAFETY/WELLNESS

..... page 5, 10, 11



HOUSING

..... page 3, 8, 15



DINING

..... page 9



MOVE-IN

..... page 12-14

Plus sustainable move-in information, new student tips, and more!

Housing Assignments

Housing assignments for incoming students will be shared in mid-July, and students will receive an email notification once they are available. Please note, the Housing Assignments Office assigned rooms based on the preferences students submitted. While we strive to honor as many preferences as possible, including bathroom type, we cannot guarantee all requests due to limited space. Our primary focus will be on keeping roommates together whenever possible. Also, due to space constraints, we cannot accommodate room changes before the start of the year.



Housing Handbook

The Housing Handbook is a key resource to understanding on-campus living policies and vital information related to students' new living spaces. Access the Housing Handbook online at liveon.msu.edu/documents.

Living With Roommates

A big part of the college experience is living with a roommate! All incoming Spartans will have a roommate during their first year at Michigan State. We recommend students reach out to their roommate to introduce themselves and start a friendly conversation about living expectations such as: cleaning, bedtime habits, study habits, guests, room decorations and essentials.

After move-in, students will create a roommate agreement. In this agreement, they will outline room and communal area expectations and allow each person to voice their opinions. Encourage your student to express their feelings openly and create lines of communication from the start! It is always encouraged to have a conversation about room expectations, even if living with a friend.

Service Centers

At your Service Center, you can:

- Pick up mail and packages
- Obtain a temporary key or access card
- Check out community kitchen and music practice room keys
- Exchange linen packets
- Pick up toilet paper/other necessities
- Check out a vacuum or broom
- Submit an emergency maintenance request
- And much more!

Visit liveon.msu.edu/servicecenters for hours and locations.

Packages

Service Centers accept packages, from established carriers such as UPS, USPS, FedEx, DHL or Amazon. This is to ensure we have a proper chain of custody and can log the delivery correctly. Service Centers will not accept drop-offs from individuals or delivery from food locations or grocery delivery services.

NEW STUDENT TIPS

There are many ways to set your student up for a successful journey at Michigan State. Below are some tips on how to prepare your student for their time as a Spartan!

Linen

Service Centers provide a complimentary linen package for each student upon request. This white linen package includes twin, extra-long sheets, a pillowcase and two towels. The linen package can be exchanged weekly for clean linen at no additional cost.

If you would like to purchase colored sheets, they are also available in many retail stores. The University Activities Board partners with Dormify as an easy way to order things needed for your student's room and much more. Visit uabevents.com/LinensProgram to learn more.



New Student Orientation and Fall Welcome

Incoming students start their time on campus with New Student Orientation (NSO) programming and Fall Welcome events! The New Student Kick-Off and Convocation event is the evening of Wednesday, August 21 at the Breslin Center. Watch for e-newsletters from NSO, and encourage your student to follow @msu_nso on Instagram for updates. The Fall Welcome schedule will be on the MSU app and online at fallwelcome.msu.edu.

MSU ID Cards and Pickup

Did you know your Spartan can easily upload their photo for their MSU ID card? Learn more about the process at idoffice.msu.edu and check email for ID Office link to upload photo.

If your student is in East Lansing this summer, encourage them to visit the MSU ID Office at the International Center to pick up their MSU ID if their photo was pre-accepted, or have their picture taken in-office for same-day printing! Remind them to bring their passport, US driver's license or state ID, and their Student ID number. Getting their MSU ID early will save them (and you!) time on move-in day!

For returning students, no need to get a new MSU ID! Their MSU ID from their first year is still active and valid. If you have any questions or need assistance, feel free to reach out to the MSU ID Office for support.

MSU Email

Your MSU student email account is one of the most important contact resources to use during your time at MSU. Major announcements regarding classes, local events, MSU related news and emergency alerts often come through your MSU email.

Tobacco-Free/Drug-Free Campus

Michigan State is a completely tobacco-free campus. This applies to all property governed by the MSU Board of Trustees. The ordinance prohibits traditional tobacco products, e-cigarettes and vaporizers.

The university's rules prohibiting the possession or use of illegal drugs include marijuana (medical or otherwise), which remains an illegal drug under federal law. Michigan State is subject to the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 and the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendment of 1989.

Mailing Addresses

Mail should be addressed to an individual student resident or MSU employee working within a residence hall using the residence hall room number and appropriate ZIP+4 code.

Student's Name (please use the name on the student's MSU ID card)
Hall Name and Room Number
Street Address
East Lansing, MI 48825



SUPPORTING HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Mental Health Awareness and Why It's Important

- Arguably one of the most stressful times of life, college brings both joy and tough experiences. This is a huge period of adjustment — create an open and trusting space for your student to talk to you.
- Look for warning signs: reclusion, lack of interest or appetite, overeating, exhaustion, sleeping too much or too little, lethargy, nervousness.

Mental health affects every process in the human body, which makes it incredibly important to discuss and to not contribute to stigmatization.

MSU Counseling & Psychiatric Services

Michigan State University has many resources in place to support your student's mental health during their time at school. MSU's Counseling & Psychiatric Services (CAPS) program provides students with many different mental health services for any kind of situation.

These services include:

- Crisis services and a crisis counseling hotline that is available 24/7 for talking to a counselor.
- Counselor matching services.
- Group counseling with a variety of counseling, support and educational groups.
- CAPS Connect, a free and confidential 15-minute consultation that offers support and expert suggestions about mental health solutions and resources.
- A virtual outreach program created to help build awareness, reduce stigma and increase help-seeking behavior for each and every student.
- The Family & Student Transition to MSU page covers available services and transitioning existing care at studenthealth.msu.edu/new-to-msu.

For more information on these programs along with more wellness and mental health tips, please visit the MSU CAPS website at caps.msu.edu.

Physical Health

MSU students pay a mandatory fee per semester on their tuition bill to help fund enhancements to Rec Sports Facilities. Students need to activate their membership in the membership self-serve system.

Learn more at recsports.msu.edu.

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging

Fostering an environment that embraces diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging (DEIB) is essential for the Michigan State community. MSU has implemented a strategic DEIB plan and a steering committee that examines the composition and success of the faculty, staff and student body, along with curriculum programs and community engagement. Michigan State is committed to DEIB foundations to provide a representative and inclusive college experience for students. All reports to the Office of Institutional Equity of discrimination and harassment on campus are taken very seriously.

MSU's Residence Education and Housing Services (REHS) department aids the university's intolerance of hate and discrimination through communication, education and resident support.

Learn more about DEIB resources and initiatives for students at liveon.msu.edu/REHS-DEI.

SPARTAN FAMILY CONNECTIONS

SFC provides guidance and support to Spartans' families, both biological and chosen, and shares information on how you can be involved in your student's journey at MSU. SFC also moderates the official Facebook group for Spartan families and supporters: Michigan State Spartan Parents Group.

Spartan Family Welcome

**Tuesday, Aug. 20, and Wednesday, Aug. 21, 6-8 p.m.,
Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center**



Join SFC for a low-key "happy hour," where you can enjoy light snacks and non-alcoholic beverages as you meet other Spartan families.

SAVE THE DATE



**FAMILY
WEEKEND**

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

2024

NOVEMBER 1-3

FAMILY.MSU.EDU



The annual Family Weekend Presented by MSUFCU is Nov. 1-3. Registration is open Aug. 12–Oct. 18. Register and sign up for the SFC newsletter at family.msu.edu.

Now available for purchase!

2024-25 ACADEMIC YEAR SQUIRREL CALENDAR

Our beloved campus squirrels pop up around campus where you'd least expect it in this whimsical, academic year calendar! Each month provides important dates and campus information as well as ample space to fill in your own family events. You'll be counting down the days to find out what our furry friends get up to next!

Proceeds support Spartan Family Connections programming and events.



Scan here to purchase!



**SPARTAN FAMILY
CONNECTIONS**
STUDENT LIFE & ENGAGEMENT



Spartan Family Connections Care Kit

We know sending your student off to college can be an emotional time.

And whether you are feeling sentimental or celebratory (hey, we don't judge), Spartan Family Connections wants to offer you a bit of MSU comfort — delivered right to your door!

Our Spartan Family Care Kit includes MSU-branded household items such as a cozy throw blanket, a stainless-steel tumbler, postcards you can send your student and more!

These care kits will be available for purchase in July.

Keep an eye out on our website family.msu.edu

and the Spartan Family Connections Facebook page [@SpartanFamilyConnections](https://www.facebook.com/SpartanFamilyConnections).

**Your heart is in East Lansing,
Let us bring some East Lansing to you.**



**SPARTAN FAMILY
CONNECTIONS**
STUDENT LIFE & ENGAGEMENT

Water On Campus

MSU operates its own water system and draws water from wells in the agriculture district to provide approximately one billion gallons to campus annually. The water meets all regulatory requirements. Routine water sampling is done consistently and meets regulatory thresholds for safety. You can learn more at ipf.msu.edu/campus-water-quality.

Your student may notice “red water” from time to time in the halls. This discolored water is safe and will turn clear once the faucet is run for a few minutes. Red water tends to happen after times when the pipes have not been used regularly or during construction projects in the halls.

Two-Year Live On Requirement

Research shows living on campus has direct benefits for second-year students especially, with one of those benefits being a positive impact on their likelihood of graduating from MSU. Because of this, we require students to live on campus for two years to develop a strong academic foundation and familiarity with all available support services. This decision was considered alongside university administrators for several years as MSU has continued to invest in student success initiatives.

Trust the process! You and your student will feel confused regardless of how much information you receive because it is an unfamiliar process. MSU sends out a lot of useful information.

Read, read, read!

- Rebecca, parent



SPARTAN COMPASS

Spartan Compass is our first-year student program, designed to foster connections and build community throughout the residence halls with an optional first-year seminar course to help introduce students to MSU.



SPARTAN NAVIGATOR

The Spartan Navigator program is tailored to accommodate second-year students who have already transitioned into campus life. The program continues to support belonging at MSU by helping students engage with each other and get involved in the community.



EAT AT STATE

MSU Culinary Services offers award-winning dining facilities and a large variety of cuisine to all students, seven days a week! Residential dining halls are in every neighborhood on campus, and each one features four to 10 dining venues.

Student dining plans are designed for dining on campus or on the go. With so many locations and options available throughout the day, they'll never go hungry! Visit eatatstate.com/FAQs for frequently asked questions and to learn more.

DineOn Silver, Gold, and Platinum Dining Plans Offer:

- Unlimited access to all-you-care-to-eat locations
- 12 Combo-X-Change meals per week
- Chef-crafted daily menus, including vegetarian, vegan and allergy-friendly offerings
- Grab & Go
- Mobile ordering

Platinum and Gold plans include Spartan Cash, which is automatically loaded onto your MSU ID.

What's Spartan Cash?

- A safe option that allows students to use their MSU ID like a debit card
- Can be used for mobile ordering and at retail locations on and off campus
- Students and families can easily reload funds to their ID
- Visit spartancash.msu.edu for a list of locations and more details



The Vista at Shaw

What's a Combo?

Combo-X-Change (CX) allows students to use a meal from their dining plan for specific items at participating locations. It's commonly referred to as a combo or CX.

Where Are Combos Accepted?

- Starbucks
- Sparty's mini-markets
- Sparty's Market
- The International Center food court
- The Workshop at STEM (open to all students)
- MSU Concessions (select locations)
- Panera Bread at Minskoff Pavilion
- Strange Matter Coffee at the MSU Union
- Holden Dining Hall and Holmes Dining Hall (Grab & Go)
- Mobile ordering (included with Silver, Gold and Platinum plans)

Dietary Info

Our nationally recognized food allergy program creates a personalized experience for diners. Allergens are posted at all venues on menu signs, and culinary staff are trained in allergen and cross-contamination awareness. Additionally, allergen-conscious areas are available in each dining hall. Nutrition and allergen information can also be found at eatatstate.com. If students have a food allergy or intolerance, they can reach out to our dietitian at dietitians@rhs.msu.edu.

We offer religious and dietary options including halal, kosher, vegan, vegetarian, gluten-free, nut-conscious as well as Thrive, a Certified Free From™ allergen-free dining hall in Owen.

MSU Culinary Services prides itself on being the largest university dining program in the nation. We prioritize crafting menu selections that are diverse, nutritious and delicious. We look forward to providing you with an outstanding dining experience! If you would like more details on our program, please see our digital resource at go.msu.edu/dietaryguide.

SAFETY AT MSU

MSU is dedicated to ensuring the safety and well-being of all students. Student Life & Engagement, in coordination with MSU Police and Public Safety and campus partners, work to provide a safe and secure living environment across campus.

Residence Hall Safety

- Residence hall living wings are locked 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- A valid MSU ID card is required for access to living wings and elevators, along with building entrances after hours.
- Guests must be escorted by a resident for the duration of their stay.
- Residence hall room doors are equipped with viewers.
- The East Lansing Fire Department and the MSU Police are located within minutes of the residence halls.
- Students are encouraged to keep their room door locked whenever closed, not let unknown guests into their hall or floor, and not prop open any building doors.
- Green Emergency Phones are installed on every residence hall floor, as well as around campus, and connect directly to 911 with the push of a single button.

Students Are Encouraged to Assist in Keeping Campus Safe

- Residents must accompany their guests of the residence halls for the duration of their stay. Living wings and elevators require a valid MSU student ID 24/7.
- Residents are encouraged to keep their room doors locked whenever they are closed.
- Building doors should never be propped open, and it is strictly prohibited to allow non-residents who are not your student's guests to enter locked buildings.
- A student's valuable belongings should be kept in a safe, private space for only them to access.

It's a journey for both your child and you. There's a balance of giving them space to spread their wings to discover how to navigate life on their own and getting involved. Everyone's balance is different. Encourage them to use their voice and they MUST be their own advocate, no one else will.

- Jennifer, parent

SafeMSU App

The SafeMSU App was designed based on the input of students, faculty and staff at MSU. The app provides access to a number of safety resources right from your smartphone. A key feature to the app is the Virtual Friend Walk, which allows students to share their location with a friend in real-time so they can monitor their journey to their destination. The designated friend can then immediately contact authorities if they suspect there is a problem.

SafeMSU also includes:

- One-touch emergency calls.
- Access to Safe Ride from the Associated Students of Michigan State University.
- Link to NightOwl bus service from the Capital Area Transportation Authority.
- Forms to send tips to the police. SafeMSU is available for download through the Apple Store and Google Play.

Security Cameras

Student safety is a top priority at MSU and a key point to keeping the Spartan community safe is surveillance. MSU has recently installed over 300 new security cameras to enhance security on campus. Security cameras are strategically placed to enhance the overall safety and security of campus. Attention is paid to entries/exits, common areas and areas where cash/credit card transactions occur. Cameras do not record rooms or bathrooms.

MSU Alert

All members of the MSU community, including you and your student, are encouraged to sign up for the MSU Alert system to receive expedited notifications in the event of an emergency. When students enroll at MSU, their MSU email and MSU phone numbers are automatically added to the alert system. Your student can update their contact information by logging into the Student Information System (SIS). After logging in, please click on the "My Profile" tile to access the Contact Details menu. From there, they can add and/or update phone numbers. The phone number entered in the "Cellular Number" field will receive SMS/text messages. The phone number selected as "Preferred" will receive phone calls. If you are interested in receiving MSU Alerts, simply download the SafeMSU app (notifications must be enabled), or text MSUALERT to 888777.



UPDATE EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Make sure your student is keeping their contact information up to date!

This is the best way to ensure they are receiving important information in a timely manner.

Your student should:

- Verify their emergency contact information in the Student Information System at student.msu.edu.
- Review their notification preferences at alert.msu.edu.
- Update their "missing student contact information" by clicking "Submit Missing Person Emergency Contact" in My Housing at liveon.msu.edu. This is an option to identify a specific contact who would be notified in the event that a student is determined to be missing.

Looking back on sending both my girls off to different schools, one a senior Spartan and the other graduated in '22, I realize I would have packed much less. I admit I went overboard with my packing lists as a way to handle my anxiety about them leaving for college. It felt good to shop and pack, but in hindsight, I ended up sending unnecessary things like batteries for devices they didn't have and quarters for laundry machines that didn't take them. Beyond essentials like clothes, toiletries, meds, linens, a fan, and school supplies, dorm rooms don't have much space. Anything extra can easily be bought or shipped later. Sometimes they'll even find better alternatives themselves. So, my unsolicited advice is: less is more — and make sure you have that Amazon Prime membership ready! - **Rose, parent**

PREPARING FOR MOVE-IN

In mid-July, your student will select their specific move-in time in My Housing. It is important you arrive to campus during their assigned move-in day and time to ensure a smooth move-in process. We ask that you arrive in one car to reduce traffic congestion. Only one car can unload in our designated unloading zones within your 30-minute arrival window; any additional cars can be unloaded from assigned long-term parking. Trailers and campers are prohibited.

We do not limit the number of helpers each student is allowed to bring but strongly encourage students be thoughtful and remember rooms and halls can feel crowded. We also ask families to limit the number of vehicles on campus. Move-in is an exciting and sometimes overwhelming time for everyone! It may be hot (unpack the fans first!), and there will be lines (but we will get everyone in). Our dedicated team members and volunteers will be doing their best to support you and your Spartan! Should you require assistance, don't hesitate to seek help; there's no need to feel overwhelmed. Remember, patience and kindness are essential for a smooth and successful move-in day!

2024-25 Move-In Dates

- International students will move in Aug. 17 and 18, followed by the International Student Welcome event Aug. 19 to 21.
- Incoming students will move in Aug. 20 and 21, with orientation programming beginning the evening of Aug. 21.
- Returning students scheduled to move in Aug. 21 and 22.
- In mid-July, on-campus students will select their specific move-in date and time.

Early Arrivals

If your student has been approved for an early arrival through an academic program, campus department or other designation, they can now submit their early arrival in their My Housing account.

Please note, if the affiliated MSU Department is not paying for their early arrival, their student account will be charged the daily housing rate. If your student does not have an approved programmatic early arrival, they will be unable to move in before their designated day.

Shipping Items

We discourage sending large items and valuables. We encourage students to pack what they can and only send what is necessary. There may be a wait to get your package once you arrive, so don't send anything you will need immediately! If you plan to ship items, they can arrive to the halls beginning Monday, Aug. 12. Any item received prior to Aug. 12 will be returned to sender.

The Official MSU Move-In Guide

Look for the official 2024 MSU Move-In Guide in your mailboxes and on liveon.msu.edu!

Move-In Website

The move-in website has many additional pieces of information, such as traffic flow, parking information for once you exit loading zones, guidance on what you can and cannot bring, and much more! We encourage you to review this information with your Spartan before arrival at liveon.msu.edu/move-in.

Move-In Text Messaging

Get the latest updates on move-in traffic, parking, and helpful tips delivered straight to your phone! Sign up now by texting MOVEIN2024 to 888777 and stay informed for a smooth move-in experience. Message and data rates may apply.

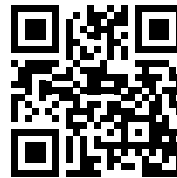
Floor Plans and 360 Views

Once your student has their hall assignment, check out standard room floor plans on our residence hall pages at liveon.msu.edu/neighborhoods and 360 room views at liveon.msu.edu/360tours. These webpages provide a great opportunity to familiarize yourself with our on-campus spaces!



WE'RE HIRING SPARTANS!

Apply today at
jobs.sle.msu.edu



**STUDENT LIFE
& ENGAGEMENT**



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
TENNIS CENTER
LOVE THE GAME



FOREST AKERS
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY



Hellogg Hotel & Conference Center
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY



Recreational Sports
and Fitness Services
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY



Be Spartan Green During Move-In

Whether it's your first time experiencing the green and white pride in person or you are returning to campus to continue your Spartan journey, we want you to Be Spartan Green. With this guide and a little bit of planning, you can save money but also greatly reduce your student's environmental impact during the move-in process.

1. Make a list.

- Make a list of everything your student may need for your new living space.
- Reach out to roommates to see what they are bringing (msu.mycollegeroomie.com) to eliminate duplicates as well as fuels used for transportation.

2. Consider buying items second hand.

- Look for items at the MSU Surplus Store (msusurplusstore.com).
- As a college town, East Lansing has plenty of secondhand stores, such as Plato's Closet, Thrifty Treasures, Capitol Discount & Second Hand Store among many others!
- Search websites like Facebook Marketplace and Craigslist for items other students are selling!

3. Plan purchasing electronics around your needs.

- If purchasing new electronics, look for the Energy Star® label.
- Purchase a power strip to make turning on and off appliances easy and safe.
- If bringing your own lighting, try to exchange the incandescent bulbs with CFLS or LED bulbs.

4. Consider using reusable organizational, kitchen, decorative and school supplies.

- Think about creative ways to reuse and repurpose items you already own.
- Purchase decorations from local sources such as thrift stores, local crafts people and friends.
- Consider moving traditional note taking digital.



- Purchase notebooks and organizers that have recycled paper with the highest percentage possible.
 - If your backpack is still in good condition, reuse it, or consider thrift shops for second-hand ones.
 - Rent or purchase used textbooks for courses.
- ### 5. Consider eco-friendly or biodegradable cleaning supplies.
- For toiletries, consider plastic-free options, like bar shampoo and conditioner, natural loofas, toothpaste tablets, plastic free hair restraints, and refillable containers of your favorite products.
 - To replace dryer sheets that contain a lot of plastic, consider wool dryer balls.
- ### 6. Consider more economical and greener packaging and transportation.
- Instead of plastics, bubble wrap or packing peanuts, consider using clothes or blankets to securely wrap easily broken or small items.
 - Using reusable and durable storage crates that double as secure storage locations.
 - Ask local grocery stores or businesses for extra cardboard boxes.

Contact the Sustainability Officer for Student Life & Engagement at sustainability@rhs.msu.edu for more information. You can also contact the Campus Sustainability Manager at msugreen@msu.edu.

Welcome Team

Returning families, we want your student to join the 2024 Fall Welcome Team! By volunteering for the Welcome Team, residents not only get the chance to move in early but also have the opportunity to meet new people and make meaningful connections!

Welcome Team members will choose shifts from Aug. 20-24, 7 a.m.- 7 p.m., based on the team's needs. Training, one meal per shift, and a free T-shirt will be provided! Please note that while shifts for Welcome Team members are unpaid, participants are able to move-in early at no cost! Learn more at liveon.msu.edu.

REHS RESIDENCE HALL STAFF

There is a multitude of staff members within each residence hall prepared to guide your student toward a successful journey at MSU.

Familiarize yourself and your Spartan with the following staff positions and what their roles are to help make your student feel supported during their time with us.

Assistant Directors (ADs) of Residence Education

There are five neighborhoods on campus: Brody, East, North, River Trail and South. In each neighborhood, there is one AD who oversees all operations of their assigned community. They are responsible for supervising Residence Education team members who engage with students in the halls and for maintaining communication with other MSU units.

Community Directors (CDs)

CDs are full-time, live-in professional staff members who are responsible for a designated residence hall community. Their responsibilities include working with students, planning for hall events and activities, supervising graduate and full-time staff, and meeting with students about policy violations.

Residence Directors (RDs)

RDs are unique to the Spartan Compass first-year experience program. They serve as advisers for student organizations, on committees responsible for generating programs and initiatives that assist first-year students, and as a primary source of support for students experiencing issues related to physical and mental health, roommate conflicts, and more.

Assistant Community Directors (ACDs)

ACDs are part-time, graduate students who work closely with the CD to ensure a safe environment for all residents and create an environment that fosters personal growth and academic excellence. They are responsible for overseeing the resident assistant team and advising in-hall organizations.

Resident Assistants (RAs)

RAs are live-in, student staff members and are responsible for a designated wing or floor in the residence halls. They provide leadership and support to residents living in their community and are responsible for interacting with students as they learn about themselves, develop community and learn about living in a diverse environment. As a peer, an RA is knowledgeable about the Spartan experience and can give your new student a lot of advice to help their adjustment to campus life.

Intercultural Aides (ICAs)

ICAs live in select residence halls for the purpose of engaging students from all backgrounds in learning opportunities (dialogue, service, socials) that focus on crossing difference and building community. ICAs partner with RAs to foster an inclusive campus climate that supports student identity development, a sense of belonging and academic success.



Housing Assignments Office
Michigan State University
1855 Place
550 S. Harrison Road
East Lansing, MI 48823

NONPROFIT
MAIL
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
LANSING, MI
PERMIT NO. 249

Residence Education and Housing Services is part of the Division of Student Life & Engagement at Michigan State University. Live On Family News is a quarterly newsletter published throughout the academic year to keep Spartan families connected to what is happening in Residence Education and Housing Services at MSU. You can read past issues at liveon.msu.edu.

liveon.msu.edu

SpartanCash
Michigan State University

Invest in your student's success! Deposit Spartan Cash to your student's MSU ID today at spartancash.com.

spartancash.com