**FALL WELCOME Schedule 2008**

**Tuesday, August 19, 2008**

8:00am Residence Halls open for students assigned to transitional housing

**Wednesday, August 20, 2008**

**General Overview:** The focus of Wednesday's events is on adjusting to your new living environment.

8:00am Residence Halls open for new students

3:00–5:00pm Freshmen Commuter Student Reception, 2 South Study Lounge, Case Hall

7:00pm Freshmen Commuter Student Meeting, 147 Communication Arts and Sciences

Freshmen new to MSU who do not reside on-campus are expected to attend this session. Information on making MSU your "home away from home" and an opportunity to meet fellow commuting Spartans are the goals of this session.

9:00pm Midnight Bingo Mania, International Center

Evening Residence Hall meetings for all new on-campus students

New hall residents must attend these meetings. Information about location will be provided to students in their residence hall.

New students will meet fellow new residents of their floor and begin to get acquainted with the resources available in the residence halls.

Free Events following floor meetings:

9:00pm–12:00am Billiards and Bowling at the MSU Union

10:30pm–12:30am Ice Skating at Munn Arena

Open until Midnight Swimming and activities at IM West

**Thursday, August 21, 2008**

**General Overview:** Opportunities for you to explore, discover and learn abound at Michigan State and in the East Lansing community. The Student Engagement Sessions introduce you to many of these opportunities. President Simon and representatives from the different colleges will welcome you to the MSU community of learning at the University Welcome.

8:00am Residence Halls open for returning students

9:00am–12:00pm Lyman Briggs College Breakout Sessions (All LBS students consult LBS Schedule or your Mentor for specific information.)

9:30am University Welcome featuring Benjamin Ajak author of They Poured Fire on Us From The Sky along with Judy A. Bernstein, Wharton Center (residents of Hubbard, Akers, Case, Wilson, Wonders, Williams, Yakeley, Gilchrist, University Apartments and Freshmen Commuter students)

9:30am–11:50am Student Engagement Sessions (residents of Brody, Campbell, Landon, Mayo, Mason, Abbot, Snyder, Phillips, Holmes, McDonel, Shaw, Holden, Transfer students, University Apartments, and International students)

Unless noted, sessions will be 40 minutes in length, offered three times, and located in Bessey and Erickson Halls.

Session I, 9:30am–10:19am, Session II, 10:20am–11:04am, Session III, 11:05am–11:50am

9:30am–12:00pm Residential College in the Arts & Humanities Breakout Sessions, RCAH Theater, Snyder CB20

10:00am Transfer Student Meeting, McDonel Hall Kiva

Transfer students who have previously attended another post-secondary institution but are new to MSU are expected to attend this session. Important information about such topics as transfer of credits, parking, and feeling connected to MSU will be highlighted.

12:00pm Transfer Student Luncheon, McDonel Hall

Transfer students who reside on campus should use their meal plan. Meal tickets will be provided to transfer students who reside off-campus.

12:30pm Introduction to Community Service, Wilson Auditorium

*Note: This event is only for students in the James Madison College

1:00pm Community Service Projects

*Note: This event is only for students in the James Madison College. Participants are strongly encouraged to wear clothing appropriate for cleaning and/or painting.

1:30pm University Welcome featuring Benjamin Ajak author of They Poured Fire on Us From The Sky along with Judy A. Bernstein, Wharton Center (residents of Brody, Campbell, Landon, Mayo, Mason, Abbot, Snyder, Phillips, Holmes, McDonel, Shaw, Holden, Transfer students, University Apartments, and International students)

1:30pm–3:50pm Student Engagement Sessions (residents of Hubbard, Akers, Case, Wilson, Wonders, Williams, Yakeley, Gilchrist, University Apartments and Freshmen Commuter students)

Unless noted, sessions will be 40 minutes in length, offered three times, and located in Bessey and Erickson Halls.

Session I, 1:30pm–2:10pm, Session II, 2:20pm–3:00pm, Session III, 3:10pm–3:50pm

3:00pm–5:00pm Writing, Rhetoric, and American Culture (WRAC) Write-out Option, 109 South Kedzie Hall

3:00pm–5:00pm Broad College of Business Multicultural Business Programs Open House, 415 Eppley

4:00pm Honors College Convocation, Wharton Center Pasant Theatre

All Honors College students are invited and expected to attend this brief welcoming ceremony. The Convocation will be followed by a reception and an opportunity to sign up for Honors College student organizations and meet other HC students and Honors advisors.

4:00pm WOW! WELCOME Orientation Workshop: Maximizing Abilities and Opportunities!, Third Floor Classrooms in Bessey Hall

Learn vital information to become a successful Spartan: How to access accommodations, support services and opportunities available at MSU!

*Note: This event is only for students registered with RCPD.

4:15pm–5:15pm Academic Scholars Program Orientation, 105 South Kedzie

The Academic Scholars Program is designed for high-achieving freshmen and sophomores at MSU who are interested in enhancing their academic program during their first two years of college, and who may be interested in joining the Honors College at MSU.

6:15pm Spartan Spirit, Breslin Center

Join other students and members of the University and East Lansing communities for a fun and spirited welcome event.
**Thursday, August 21, 2008 - continued**

8:30pm  Moonlight Madness Shopping Spree, Meijer (2 locations) and Downtown East Lansing
Catch a CATA bus at Spartan Spirit or near your residence hall or walk to local merchants and enjoy great deals on the things you need to make your new residence hall room or apartment feel like home. Free food, prize giveaways, great deals…Don’t miss it!

9:00pm  Moonlight Film Festival, Valley Court Park

**Friday, August 22, 2008**

General Overview: Friday’s Student Engagement Sessions present more of the MSU and East Lansing community opportunities available to new students. All new students are required to attend the Colloquium with Your College on Friday afternoon.

9:30am–11:00am  Office of Supportive Services (OSS) Welcome Program, B108 Wells Hall
9:00am–12:00pm  Lyman Briggs College Breakout Sessions (All LBS students consult LBS Schedule or your Mentor for specific information)
10:00am  Student Engagement Sessions, Check personalized schedules for location
Unless noted, sessions will be 35 minutes in length, offered three times, and located in Bessey and Erickson Halls.
Session I, 10:00am–10:35am, Session II, 10:45am–11:20am, Session III, 11:30am–12:05pm
10:00am  One Book One Community Program, RCAH Theater, Snyder CB20
10:00am–Noon  Lesbian, Bi-Sexual, Gay, Transgender Resource Center & Gay/Straight Alliance Session (this program is part of Student Engagement Sessions), Bessey Hall
Participants will have the opportunity to meet new and returning lesbian, bi-sexual, transgendered and allied students, learn about campus LBGTA resources and involvement opportunities, discuss the “climate” of MSU regarding support for LBGTA persons, and dialog with MSU LBGTA student leaders.
10:30am  James Madison College Technology Orientation, Wilson Auditorium
12:00pm  Lunch
1:00pm  Colloquium with Your College, Check personalized schedules for locations and times
You are REQUIRED to attend this session that completes your introduction to your college and major. Each college will offer sessions where new students will learn more about activities in the college, and have a chance to talk in small groups with faculty and instructors about expectations and strategies for success in the particular field of study. The Undergraduate University Division will meet with “no preference” students.
2:10pm–3:30pm  Engineering Students - Undergraduate Advising/Open House/Reception, Engineering Bldg. Courtyard
2:30pm–4:30pm  Broad College of Business New Student Open House, Eggle Center and North Business College Complex
Note: This event is only for new students in the College of Business.
3:00pm–3:30pm  Engineering Students - Tour of the Experiential Education & Recruitment Center, 1340 Engineering Bldg.
3:00pm–5:00pm  WRAC Write-out Option, 109 South Kedzie Hall
7:00pm–10:00pm  Gayme Night, Room 6 Student Services Building
All members of student LBGTA communities and organizations are invited to this fabulous social event for major FUN! Meet and support new students! Groups of interested students will attend “U Fest” immediately following this event.
7:30pm  Summer Concert Series, Fountain Square & Ann Street Plaza
8:00pm–1:30am  Campus Center Cinemas, Wells Hall
Two films will be shown. For show times and more information on UAB events, please visit www.uabevents.com
8:00pm  U-Fest, MSU Union/East Lawn
Free events, including outdoor activities, live music, free stuff, and much more. Plus $1000s of dollars in giveaways! FOUR FLOORS OF ENTERTAINMENT!

**Saturday, August 23, 2008**

6:00pm–10:00pm  Sparticipation ’08 (formerly known as Party @ the Aud), MSU Auditorium and Auditorium Field
Sparticipation ’08 is a “can’t miss” Fall Welcome event! Learn how to get involved with some of the more than 500 Registered Student Organizations at MSU or in student government. A great way to spend a Saturday night!
8:00pm–1:30am  Campus Center Cinemas, Wells Hall
Two films will be shown. For show times and more information on UAB events, please visit www.uabevents.com
9:30pm  Big Free Concert, Munn Field (Rain Location is MSU Auditorium)
Featuring The Spill Canvas w/ special guest from New York City, Stuedabakerbrown and Starfarm. Event open to MSU Students plus one guest. MSU student must present student ID at the gate and guest must present photo ID.

**Sunday, August 24, 2008**

1:00–4:00pm  Intramural Facilities Open Houses, IM West, IM East
The IM East and IM West buildings will be open to all students for tours, activity and information sharing. The Outdoor Pool at the IM West will be free this afternoon. Bring a friend!
2:00pm  Walking Tours of Campus, Campus Tour Guides will meet students at West Akers Lobby & the S.E. Corner of the Brody Cafeteria Building. Bring your class schedule and any last minute questions.
3:00pm–5:00pm  James Madison College Book Discussion, Wonders Kiva
*Note: This event is only for students in the James Madison College.
3:00pm–6:00pm  Urban Educators Cohort Program Dinner, Erickson Kiva
(Only students in the Urban Educators Program.)
3:00pm–7:00pm  Greek Barbecue, The Rock
Welcome activity sponsored by the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council. Event open to all students.
4:00pm–6:00pm  Honors College Picnic, Garden behind the Student Services Building
*Note: This event is open to all Honors College students.
5:00pm–6:30pm  James Madison Community Dinner, Case Hall Dining Room
*Note: This event is only for students in the James Madison College.
7:00pm–11:00pm  Floor Meetings, Specific times and locations will be provided in your Residence Hall

**Monday, August 25, 2008**

**CLASSES BEGIN**

**Wednesday, August 27, 2008**

2:00pm–6:00pm  Earn, Learn and Intern, 113 Student Services Building
Join us at the “Earn, Learn & Intern” job and internship fair. Offering students of all majors career-related experience without leaving campus!

**Thursday, August 28, 2008**

7:00pm  Welcome Reception...Spartan Remix, MSU Student Union Building
MSU students are hosting this event for new and returning students, faculty, and staff. This event brings diverse communities together to honor traditions of various communities while jointly creating a celebration of all communities.