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About the Mid-Michigan Spartans

The Mid-Michigan Spartans is the regional club for alumni and friends of Michigan State University living in Clinton, Eaton and Ingham counties.

After many years of active existence within the community, the club was officially incorporated in 1966. It is recognized as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt entity by the Internal Revenue Service. As a nonprofit organization, contributions to the club may be tax deductible to maximum extent permitted by law.

The club organizes various charitable, community and member events and programs throughout the year including:

- Mid-Michigan Spartans Charity Golf Challenge
- Spartan Crystal Ball
- Spartan Insight series
- Spartans Connect events
- Quality in Undergraduate Teaching Award
- Textbook scholarships for local incoming MSU freshman
- Mini grants to non-revenue sports teams, student organizations and select MSU community resources
- MSU sporting activities

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Event Program

6:00 p.m.

Help yourself to refreshments from
our hosted bar and hors d'oeuvres

Silent Auction Opens

6:30 p.m.

Enjoy our strolling buffet

7:00 p.m.

Entertainment provided by
Root Doctor feat. Freddie Cunningham

8:00 p.m.

Welcome

Program Host Representative Sam Singh

Presentation of the 2015 Spartan Hero Award
Stella Cash

Presentation of the 2015 Quality in
Undergraduate Teaching Award
Douglas Luckie, PhD

Live Auction

8:30 p.m.

Dessert and Coffee Service

9:00 p.m.

Silent auction tables begin closing.
Auction checkout opens

10:00 p.m.

Hosted bar closes.
Cash bar remains available.

Evening Highlights

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Live Auction

Original Craig Mitchell Smith Art Piece

Two tickets - NCAA Men's Basketball Champions Classic, Chicago

Two night stay at the Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island, Mich.

2015 Program Host



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Mid-Michigan Spartans Award Programs

Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship supports students who have a permanent address in the tri-county area of Clinton, Eaton and Ingham counties. It is administered by the Office of Financial Aid.

2015 Recipients: Christopher Occhiuto & Sarah Popowitz

Spartan Challenge Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship was established as part of the MSU Spartan Scholarship Challenge campaign, which used a large anonymous gift to MSU to match funds in order to create new scholarships. The award is renewable for four years as long as the student maintains a good GPA.

2015 Recipients: Megan Chilcote, Marcus Featherly

Student-Athlete Leadership Scholarship

This scholarship is granted to individuals who exhibit outstanding leadership abilities and be considered superior athletes as identified by their Michigan State University coaches. Non-revenue sport athletes are eligible.

2015 Recipients: To Be Announced

Textbook Scholarships

The Mid-Michigan Spartans offers a group of incoming students from the tri-county area a textbook scholarship for their first year at MSU. Students can apply at www.midmichiganspartans.com.

2015 Recipients: Selett Allen (Holt), Aaron Centonfanti (Holt), Carly Cohen (East Lansing), Sydney Cowles (Lansing Everett), Jacob Disbro (Eaton Rapids), Lara Hayden (St. Johns), Nicole Herbert (Williamston), Catherine Hinton (Lansing Eastern), Matt Horak (Ovid Elsie), Taryn Jospeh (Pottersville), Erin Pete (Lansing Waverly), Christopher Salisbury (DeWitt), Savannah Wear (Grand Ledge), Annabeth Yang (Lansing Sexton)

Quality in Undergraduate Teaching Award

The Mid-Michigan Spartans Quality in Undergraduate Teaching Award recognizes Michigan State University educators who take pride in, and are committed to quality undergraduate teaching. Recipients must demonstrate substantial continuing involvement in undergraduate education.



2015 Recipient Douglas Luckie, PhD

Associate Professor, Lyman Briggs College &
Department of Physiology at MSU

Nominated by Elizabeth Simmons, PhD
Dean, Lyman Briggs College

Spartan Hero Award

The Spartan Hero Award was established in 2012 to recognize the outstanding lifetime contributions to our MSU and Mid-Michigan communities by a local alumnus.

Previous award winners:

- 2014: June Pierce Youatt, Ph.D., MSU Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
- 2013: Mr. Kellie Dean, President and CEO of Dean Transportation
- 2012: Dr. James Potchen, University Distinguished Professor and Chair emeritus at MSU Radiology



*2015 Recipient
Stella Cash*

Vice President of Development and Strategic Partnerships
at Sparrow Health System

The Spartan Hero Award was created in 2012 to recognize the outstanding lifetime contributions to the MSU and Mid-Michigan communities by a local alumnus. Each recipient receives an original art sculpture created in his or her honor, by Craig Mitchell Smith.

Stella has made significant contributions in all categories: volunteering, leadership and financial support. Her faculty role and leadership involvement with MSU in many capacities is notable. Stella served on the planning committee when the Mid-Michigan Spartans' endowed scholarships were first initiated. She offered her home as a venue to secure the initial funds needed to establish the endowment. She served on the inaugural planning committee for the Spartan Crystal Ball, as well as others, which became the annual fundraiser for the endowed scholarship. With special thanks to Stella, Sparrow has been a sponsor for the Spartan Crystal Ball every year.

The Mid-Michigan Spartans have been giving scholarship funds to students from the tri-county area since 2001. Stella Cash is a key component in making this possible.

Stella Cash currently serves as Vice President of Development and Strategic Partnerships at Sparrow. Before coming to Sparrow in June 2010, Stella served as the Director of the Dietetics Program for over 25 years at Michigan State University....that was her first retirement.

She was then brought back to the University to develop a Sports Nutrition and Cardiovascular Program in the Department of Radiology at MSU.....her second retirement. Her last official position at MSU was as the interim Executive Director of the MSU Alumni Association and VP for Alumni Engagement....her third retirement which lasted only a month, when Dennis Swan, President and CEO met with Stella to talk about the development of a new position at Sparrow....

Strategic Partnerships. The Strategic Partnership position lasted 4 months when she was provided an additional opportunity, which was to take over the leadership of the Sparrow Foundation plus the Strategic Partnership responsibilities.

Stella is an expert in bringing people together to benefit others and has a strong record of proven leadership and delivering superior results. Her skills, knowledge and passion are commitments she makes every day to the Greater Lansing community. From the arts to business, Stella serves on numerous boards in our community.

However, the greatest joy in life is her family....from her husband, Dr. Jerry Cash, professor emeritus, MSU; their two daughters Shannon Kopke and Stephanie Halfmann, two awesome son-in-laws, unbelievable grandchildren.... Kaitlyn Matthews, whose husband is with her here tonight, Cassie Marker, Colin Kopke, Savannah and Sam Halfmann and the latest addition to this family, great granddaughter, Elsie Frances Matthews, named after Stella, who is almost 6 months old.

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