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SPECIAL THANKS

University Mascot:

Announcer:

Sparty

President: Samuel L. Stanley Jr., M.D.

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ROTC

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Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

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Wednesday, August 24

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Dr. Bruno Basso

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College of Arts and Letters

Ema Sorroche, Ph.D.

College of Natural Science

ASMSU President

President

Earth and Environmental Sciences

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地球与环境科学

菲利普 - 深蓝色

工程 - 橙色

农业 - 玉米

教育 - 浅蓝色

商业 - Drab (Tan)

文学/ RCAH - 白色

Fiendship - Green

Veterinary Medicine - Gray

Social Science/James Madison - Citron

Philosophy - Dark Blue

Nursing - Apricot

法律 - 紫色

工程学院 - 橙色

商学院 - Drab (Tan)

文理学院/ RCAH - 白色

Agriculture - Maize

President

Singing of MSU Shadows and MSU Fight Song

Spirals of Excellence: Physics

2022

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The MSU Spartan Marching Band Drumline serves as an integral unit of the MSU Marching Band, performing at all home football games as well as several exhibitions. Formed in 1870 as a ten-member student group, is now comprised of 300 members. It has grown into one of the premier college bands in the nation and prides itself on its musical excellence, physical toughness, and team spirit.

The original work for Pamoja’s poem (As One) conveys the spirit of unity and good will, and is performed to inspire and uplift the MSU community.

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FALL CONVOCATION
A Formal Academic Ceremony

The Fall Convocation you are attending today and the Commencement ceremony that you will attend upon graduation are intended to be bookends to your college experience. Both are formal academic ceremonies that feature members of the university’s faculty and administration in academic regalia.

The regalia that each faculty member and administrator wears communicates specific information about their level of education, their academic discipline, and the institution that awarded their degree. The majority of the faculty and administrators seated on stage have earned doctoral degrees. Those who have earned their doctorate wear robes bearing three bars of velvet on each sleeve and velvet panels on the front of the robe.

In addition to the robe, the hood also communicates information about the accomplishments of the person who wears it. The color of the velvet edging of the hood (visible around the neck in the front and down the back) signifies the discipline studied. Similarly, the tassel that you will wear when you graduate from MSU will be the color of the discipline of your major. Some of the colors and corresponding disciplines that you may see include:

- Agriculture - Maize
- Arts and Letters/RCAH - White
- Business - Drab (Tan)
- Communication - Royal Blue
- Education - Light Blue
- Engineering - Orange
- Law - Purple
- Medicine - Green
- Music - Pink
- Natural Science/Lyman Briggs - Gold
- Nursing - Apricot
- Philosophy - Dark Blue
- Social Science/James Madison - Citron
- Veterinary Medicine - Gray

Many institutions that award advanced degrees, such as the Doctorate of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree or Medical Degree, use hoods that have dark blue velvet edging signifying the discipline of Philosophy or Medicine. Other institutions award hoods for the Ph.D. and the M.D. that use the color of the actual discipline studied. President Stanley earned his medical degree from Harvard Medical School and his hood bears the color crimson.
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MSU Marching Band Drumline

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Bio for MSU Poet

Alumnus William “The Poet” Langford, IV (’11, College of Arts and Letters)—a modern-day poet, teaching artist, PhD student, and Fulbright scholar. The original work poem Pamoja (As One) conveys a message of unity for Spartans across the globe. When translated from Kiswahili to English, the poem’s title Pamoja means as one.
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