



MAXIMIZING ACADEMIC GROWTH IN COLLEGE 2020

OFFICE OF CULTURAL & ACADEMIC TRANSITIONS

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Welcome back MAGIC students!

It has been just over three weeks since our final MAGIC 2020 session ended. We hope you were able to enjoy the final days of summer and are now ready to start your journey as a Spartan.

Whether we are in person or virtual, your MAGIC/OCAT/MSU family will be rooting for you to succeed!

Please review this newsletter carefully, as it contains important upcoming information.

How can you connect with the OCAT Staff?

- Email ocat@msu.edu
- Set-up 1-1 meetings (virtually or phone) Visit www.ocat.msu.edu for staff directory.
- Read your email!
- Visit our website www.ocat.msu.edu
- OCAT staff will hold virtual office hours (TBA via OCAT website/social media)
- Stay connected to OCAT's social media
- Get involved with OCAT programs
- Attend MAGIC Success Initiative Monthly Meetings (See page 2)

"ALTHOUGH I LEARNED MANY VITAL RESOURCES, LOCATIONS, AND INFORMATION PERTAINING TO MSU I ALSO LEARNED KEY ADVICE FOR CONQUERING LIFE IN GENERAL. LEARNING TO FIND WAYS EMOTIONALLY, MENTALLY, PHYSICALLY, AND EVEN SPIRITUALLY TO IMPROVE. FROM ORGANIZATION TO MAKING TIME FOR MYSELF SO THAT I CAN HELP OTHERS. MAGIC HAS BONDED ME WITH PEOPLE WHO I HOPE TO SEE ON CAMPUS (WITH MASKS ON) AND HAS ENCOURAGED ME TO NOT BE AFRAID OF EXPRESSING MYSELF. IT HAS ALLOWED ME TO FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE WITH NAVIGATING THROUGH THE ROUGH TIDES THAT I'M NOT AFRAID OF, BECAUSE I KNOW THEY HAVE LESSONS IN THEM. FROM EXPERIENCE I CAN NOW SAY THAT M.A.G.I.C IS MAGIC."

— LAUREN B.
(MAGIC 2020)



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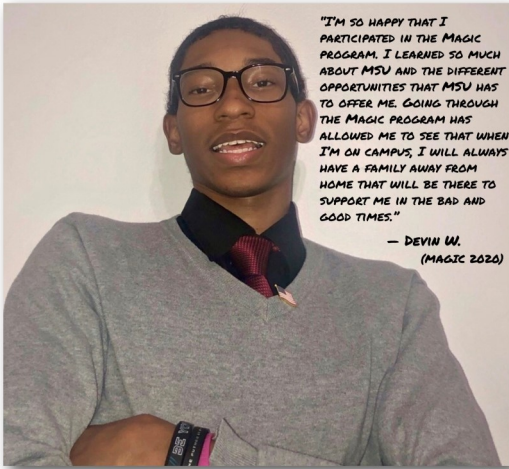
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Connections made. Introductions to Michigan State University and peers accomplished. 2020 Maximizing Academic Growth in College (MAGIC) successful.

helped with retention and graduation of first generation college students and students of color at a predominantly white institution. Connecting students to a culturally diverse community, MAGIC helps students to navigate life at college while helping to build community. [\[Read more here..\]](#)

Some members of MSU's incoming freshman class have already met and connected to classmates, as well as peer assistants and staff of the Office of Cultural & Academic Transitions (OCAT), part of the Division of Student Affairs and Services, as they participated in the annual summer program, MAGIC. The difference - they have yet to meet in person.

During its 24 years, MAGIC has



"I'M SO HAPPY THAT I PARTICIPATED IN THE MAGIC PROGRAM. I LEARNED SO MUCH ABOUT MSU AND THE DIFFERENT OPPORTUNITIES THAT MSU HAS TO OFFER ME. GOING THROUGH THE MAGIC PROGRAM HAS ALLOWED ME TO SEE THAT WHEN I'M ON CAMPUS, I WILL ALWAYS HAVE A FAMILY AWAY FROM HOME THAT WILL BE THERE TO SUPPORT ME IN THE BAD AND GOOD TIMES."

— DEVIN W.
(MAGIC 2020)

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WINNERS!

MAGIC Success Initiative (MSI):

Our first monthly gathering for the MAGIC Success Initiative begins on Friday, September 18th. The MAGIC Success Initiative is a voluntary but highly encouraged program offered to incoming MSU Freshmen. **WATCH FOR EMAIL FOR MORE INFORMATION!**

Outstanding MAGIC Participants:

- Chiffa Abdallah-Hassan
- Shweta Adsul
- Lauren Bradford
- Brian Dwyer
- Daja Hardwick
- Karizma Moore
- Alexandra Rodriguez
- Devin Woodruff

BENEFITS:

1. Support network with OCAT staff.
2. Support network with MAGIC Peer Assistants.
3. An accountability network dedicated to your success at MSU and beyond.
4. Incentives for completion of program.

MAGIC SUCCESS INITIATIVE

FALL DATES:

- September 18
- October 16
- November 20
- December 4

(ALL dates take place on Fridays @ 3:00PM)

Congratulations!

MAGIC BOOK AWARD WINNERS

- Abdallah-Hassan, Chiffa
- Adsul, Shweta
- Alford, Deja
- Allen, Darryl
- Anjou, Nayda
- Bradford, Lauren
- Brady, Alexis
- Carr, Danielle
- Carter, Amber
- Coats, Trinity
- Coffey, Michale
- Dwyer, Brian
- Earle, Timothy
- Ewulomi, Ezekiel
- Garcia, Baleigh
- Gonzalez, Xasha
- Gonzalez, Alicia
- Gutierrez Chavez, Atena
- Hardwick, Daja
- Hoskins, Jada
- Huapilla-Perez, Guadalupe
- Jahnke, Savannah
- Kaur, Loveleen
- Kelley, Charles
- Locke, Malachi
- Mason, Laniya
- Miranda-Basilio, Jocelyn
- Nelson, Zaria
- Parker, Jasmine
- Perry, Torri
- Porter, Nichole
- Potts, Ania
- Robertson, Cameron
- Rodriguez, Alexandra
- Segura-Guerrero, Stephanie
- Shepherd, Rhajani
- Weaver, Chabrea
- Webb, Dynasty
- Williams, Brian
- Woodruff, Devin

"MAGIC HAS CHANGED MY VIEW ON COLLEGE AND HAS MADE ME FEEL WELCOMED AND ENCOURAGED DURING THESE HARSH TIMES OF A PANDEMIC WHILE ALSO BEING ABLE TO SHARE EXPERIENCES AND LAUGHS WITH OTHER PARTICIPANTS. MAGIC HAS IMPACTED ME AS AN INDIVIDUAL BECAUSE INITIALLY I HAD SO MANY QUESTIONS REGARDING HOW THIS SCHOOL YEAR WOULD WORK. MAGIC PROVIDED US WITH DOCUMENTS AND RESOURCES TO BE ABLE TO STILL STRIVE THROUGH COLLEGE DESPITE THE STRUGGLES THAT COME WITH A FULL TIME MSU STUDENT. I'M VERY HAPPY TO SAY I PARTICIPATED IN THE MAGIC PROGRAM AS I DIDN'T THINK I'D GAIN SUCH HELPFUL RESOURCES FROM SUCH GREAT PEOPLE IN THE SHORT FIVE WEEKS WE WERE PROVIDED BECAUSE OF THE RESTRICTION ON THE PANDEMIC. EVERY WEEK THERE WAS A LESSON OF THE WEEK WHICH WERE PICKED OUT SPECIFICALLY FOR US TO UNDERSTAND AND INDULGE BECAUSE IT'S SOMETHING THAT'S EITHER IMPORTANT OR WAS NEEDED TO BE ADDRESSED AS WE TRANSITIONED FROM HIGH SCHOOL TO COLLEGE. MAGIC WILL HELP ME BECOME A SUCCESSFUL STUDENT THROUGH THE RESOURCES PROVIDED AND THE FAMILY ASPECT IT GAVE EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED. IF YOU EVER HAVE A PROBLEM, YOU CAN REACH OUT TO YOUR MAGIC FAMILY FOR HELP AND KNOW THAT THEY HAVE YOUR BACK."



— BRYAN D. JR (MAGIC 2020)

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"THE MAGIC PROGRAM WAS AN AMAZING JOURNEY INTO MY FRESHMAN YEAR. NOT ONLY DID I LEARN ABOUT ALL THE RESOURCES THAT I CAN CONTACT IF I HAVE ANY PROBLEMS OR QUESTIONS, BUT I LEARNED THAT I HAVE A FAMILY WITHIN MAGIC. I'M SO GLAD I PARTICIPATED IN THIS PROGRAM. THE SUPPORT AND MOTIVATION THAT WE WERE GIVEN WAS AMAZING."



— CHIFFA H. (MAGIC 2020)

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"I'M SO THANKFUL FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY AND I'M SO HAPPY I JOINED THE MAGIC PROGRAM! NOT ONLY DID I MEET PEOPLE FROM ALL AROUND THE WORLD, I'VE ALSO MADE SOME LIFE LONG FRIENDS THAT I WOULD HAVE MORE THAN LIKELY NEVER MET IF I DIDN'T JOIN THIS PROGRAM. I NOW HAVE A MINI MSU FAMILY I CAN ALWAYS DEPEND ON THROUGH THE GOOD AND THE BAD WHEN WE FINALLY GET ON CAMPUS! I LOVE YOU ALL GO GREEN!"

— DAJA H. (MAGIC 2020)



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DID YOU KNOW?

The MAGIC D2L will stay up through the school year so you can access all the MAGIC videos & resources!

Upcoming Events...

- SPARTAN REMIX Thursday, September 10th (6:00-9:00PM)
- SUCCESS SERIES featuring Eric Thomas, PhD Monday, September 14th (7:00-8:00PM)

Thank you to Jackson National for your continued support of our MAGIC Program!



Email your MAGIC testimonial and picture to ocat@msu.edu