

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

July 7, 2020

Dear Student,

This letter confirms that you are registered for MAGIC's 5 Week Virtual sessions, July 15- August 12, 2020. We are very excited you have chosen to participate in this enriching program.

We will be e-mailing in July with final program details. Again, MAGIC is designed to provide you with essential skills and strategies to help you have a successful first year at MSU.

We will be meeting every Wednesday starting July 15th from 1:00-3:00 pm & 7:00-8:00 pm virtually. The MAGIC experience will be very valuable, and you will receive rewarding information geared for your success. **For students who “fully” complete the program,** there will be potential for a \$250.00 book award (if eligible). Please review the participant FAQs to understand the program requirements.



The MAGIC Program is a very popular program! Therefore, if you decide not to participate, *please contact me to cancel.* We will have a “wait list” of students interested in participating.

Student Affairs and Services

Office of Cultural and
Academic Transitions

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact us by email ocat@msu.edu or 517-353-7745. Again, we look forward to your participation in MAGIC.

Sincerely,

OCAT MAGIC Team

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Welcome to M.A.G.I.C. 2020!

We are excited to have you participate in this year's MAGIC (Maximizing Academic Growth In College) Program for incoming MSU freshmen. The following document will help answer any questions you may have regarding the program. However, if you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at (517) 353-7745 or email ocat@msu.edu. You can also visit our website at www.ocat.msu.edu.

IMPORTANT!

1. **MAGIC BEGINS** on Wednesday, July 15, 2020 (1:00PM—3:00PM) AND (7:00PM—8:00PM)
****YOU MUST ATTEND AFTERNOON & EVENING SESSIONS. THEY ARE DIFFERENT.****

2. **WEDNESDAY, JULY 15TH LOG-ON NO LATER THAN 12:45PM.**

ZOOM LINK: <https://msu.zoom.us/j/6098232584>

ZOOM PASSWORD: MAGIC

3. **FULL MAGIC PROGRAM SCHEDULE** can be viewed in D2L: d2l.msu.edu (**MAGIC 2020**)
[Watch D2L Demo Video Here](#)

4. **Are you a leader?** At the conclusion of MAGIC, OCAT staff and MAGIC Peer Assistants will announce the top Outstanding **MAGIC Students**. This is a traditional honor recognizing a couple of students who demonstrate leadership potential, excel in their participation, and are actively engaged throughout the program. Will that be you?

5. **SAVE THE DATE** for our **MAGIC VIRTUAL PARTY & TALENT SHOW (AUGUST 12th @ 8:00PM).**

6. **What will I do at MAGIC?**

Participants will attend a variety of workshops aimed in helping incoming freshmen make a successful transition to MSU. These workshops include: "Begin with an End in Mind," "You are NOT in HS anymore!" "Creating an Inclusive Environment: I, You, We, Belong!" "Living a Healthy College Life: How are you Really doing?" "End with a Career In Mind," "Roadmap to Success" and much more!



MAGIC 2020 DATES
FIVE WEDNESDAYS
JULY 15TH—AUGUST 12TH
(1:00PM—3:00PM AND 7:00pm—8:00PM)

STAY CONNECTED TO OCAT!



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"Office of Cultural & Academic Transitions"



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T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST MAGIC 2020

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A T-SHIRT DESIGN THAT CAPTURES THE ENERGY OF THE MAGIC 2020 COHORT.

CONTEST RULES:

1. ALL DESIGNS MUST BE ORIGINAL.
2. DESIGNS SHOULD INCLUDE 1 COLOR INK, 1 COLOR T-SHIRT AND CAN INCLUDE FRONT & BACK ART.
3. DESIGNS CAN ONLY BE SUBMITTED BY MAGIC 2020 PARTICIPANTS.
4. DESIGNS MUST BE EMAILED TO ocat@msu.edu NO LATER THAN **FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 2020 (BEFORE MIDNIGHT)**.
5. OCAT STAFF AND PEER ASSISTANTS WILL DETERMINE THE TOP 5 DESIGNS TO BE VOTED ON BY MAGIC PARTICIPANTS.
6. VOTING WILL TAKE PLACE ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12TH AT 3:00PM. NOTE: WINNING DESIGN WILL BE ANNOUNCED WEDNESDAY, AUG. 12TH AT 8:30PM DURING THE FINAL VIRTUAL PARTY.



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Meet our MAGIC Peer Assistants!



Anamaria Lopez Grand Rapids, MI; 5th year Senior Double Majoring in Elementary Education with a math focus and Spanish.

"I enjoy traveling and am hoping to travel to more places once everything clears up. I would love to go to South Africa, Vietnam, France, and Brazil."

Fun Facts:

- I speak Spanish
- I am a Residential Assistant
- I traveled abroad to Spain
- I am a sister of Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority, Inc.

What advice do you have for incoming MSU students?:

"You are here to graduate and to make memories, but above all else to graduate, so academics first. Dive feet in first into anything that you might want to get involved in, don't be intimidated by the idea that you're just a freshman. You are capable of amazing and wonderful things."

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Darryl Ervin Detroit, MI; Junior majoring in Supply Chain Management.

"Extremely passionate about helping others, especially younger people. Can't wait to make great memories with MAGIC's first virtual group!"

Fun Facts:

- I eat ice cream at least 3 times per week
- Sweats & T-Shirt is my go to fit.
- Member of a Black Frat....Horrible at strolling.

What advice do you have for incoming MSU students?:

"After you figure out what direction you want to go, find a mentor that has either been there, headed there, or already there. When you stumble, because you WILL stumble, get back up and stay on the move! And going to visit the OCAT office a few times a week isn't a bad idea either!"



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Kennedy D. Walters Detroit, MI; Junior majoring in Journalism concentrating in Environment, Science and Health Reporting with a minor in Bioethics.

"I love art, I have an art business @fluidkreations on Instagram. I adore beauty and skincare products and most importantly learning new things whether its educational or a new found hobby. I love talking about any and everything!! I am also The Black Students' Alliance Communications Director for this academic year!"

Fun Facts:

- I naturally wake up around or at my time of birth if I don't have an alarm, every morning.
- I have a new obsession with crocs.
- I love making people smile.

What advice do you have for incoming MSU students?:

"Always try something. It's best to say you've tried and it didn't work out instead of wishing you did. Success comes outside of your comfort zone. There's always scholarships! Research, network and stay up to date!!!"

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Natalie Spence Farmington Hills, MI; Junior majoring in Psychology, Human Capital & Society

"I'm a first generation college student and proud Latina. I'm looking to continue my college education after undergrad and going to grad school and get a PhD in Psychology."

Fun Facts:

- I have a huge sweet tooth!
- I laugh all the time

What advice do you have for incoming MSU students?:

"You're capable of everything you want to achieve and more. During this college transition there are going to be times where you feel like you're failing, you're not enough, other people are more qualified, etc. Those feelings and thoughts are 100% wrong. Just believe in yourself and apply yourself and everything else will follow."



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WHY OCAT?

- ADVISING SUPPORT FOR CORES
- COUNCIL OF RACIAL & ETHNIC STUDENTS
- ASIAN AMERICAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATIONS
- BLACK MALE EMPOWERMENT SUMMIT
- CAMPUS VISITS
- DIA DE LA MUJER CONFERENCE DDLM
- GRADUATION CELEBRATIONS
- HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATIONS
- INTERCULTURAL/DIVERSITY TRAININGS
- INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT IN MEXICO IEM
- LATINX MENTORING PROGRAM
- MAGIC MAXIMIZING ACADEMIC GROWTH IN COLLEGE
- MRULE/ICA PROGRAM
- NATIVE MSU WELCOME RECEPTION
- NIBOWAAKAA MENTORING INITIATIVE
- OCAT FRIDAYS
- OCAT'S GREEN TABLE
- OCAT'S LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
- POW WOW OF LOVE
- SPARTAN REMIX
- SUCCESS SERIES FEATURING ERIC THOMAS
- THANKSGIVING UNITY DINNER FORMERLY KNOWN AS HOMIES GIVING

...AND MUCH MUCH MORE!

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MAGIC 2020

Participant Contract

As a participant of MAGIC, you are expected to fully commit your energies and attention to the activities planned during the weeks. It is also expected that you conduct yourself in a mature manner. The following is a list of MAGIC expectations with which you must comply as these will be enforced by the MAGIC program staff.

Expectations specific to Summer MAGIC 2020 are as follows:

1. Participants must follow all Program and University rules & regulations.
2. Participants must participate in "all" scheduled events. This includes Zoom workshops, presentations, tours, evening seminars, social events. **Also, participate in completing MAGIC Evaluation, MAGIC Success Initiative (MSI) surveys during the 2020-2021 school year.**
3. During all MAGIC activities, participants are expected to behave in a mature, attentive, courteous, and respectful manner.
4. Participants are expected to be logged in by 12:50pm for each Zoom session.
5. Complete all designated assignments by the following Tuesday at 11:59pm.
6. Participants must fully attend & participate in all zoom sessions 1:00-3:00pm & 7:00-8:00pm).
7. Be proactive in seeking advice from assigned OCAT Staff member & Peer Assistant (PA)
8. Participants are responsible for communicating with OCAT Staff regarding any technological or access issues. We will be using D2L & other platform during this 5 week MAGIC experience.
9. Participants are responsible for communicating with designated OCAT staff if any illness/emergency prevents participation in any session.
10. Participants must comply with the instructions of OCAT staff and Peer Assistants.

My signature on this document indicates my acceptance to participate in Summer MAGIC 2020 and that I will abide by all rules, policies, and regulations of the MAGIC Program of Michigan State University. I understand that any behavior which violates these expectations, rules and regulations of the MAGIC Program and/or of Michigan State University will result in formal action and/or immediate dismissal from the MAGIC Program. I understand that if I "fully" complete the MAGIC 2020 summer virtual program, I will receive a \$250.00 book award (if eligible).

Print Name

Date

Signature

MAGIC (Maximizing Academic Growth In College)

2020 virtual program FAQs

1. Who coordinates the MAGIC Program?

MAGIC is one of the many student success initiative programs that is coordinated by the [Office of Cultural & Academic Transitions \(OCAT\)](#). OCAT is part of the [Division of Student Affairs & Services](#).

2. How long is the MAGIC Program?

Due to COVID 19, this traditionally one-week program will be moved to a virtual learning five week program that will meet on **Wednesdays (1:00-3:00PM and 7:00-8:00PM) starting July 15, 2020 until August 12, 2020.**

3. Do I need to attend the entire five weeks?

Yes. Students who are accepted to participate in MAGIC must commit to staying in the program the entire time period due to the comprehensive nature of the experience.

4. Can I still attend MAGIC if I have not attended MSU's New Student Orientation (NSO)?

No. All students attending MAGIC *must* attend an NSO session *before* their MAGIC week. No exceptions. Contact the NSO Office (517) 355-8490 and let them know you are attending MAGIC. They will work to adjust your NSO time.

5. Do I need to attend *both* the afternoon session (1:00-3:00PM) and the evening session (7:00-8:00PM)?

Yes. All sessions are mandatory.

6. What Does MAGIC Cost?

There is no cost to attend the MAGIC 2020 virtual program because it will be online.

7. What is the application deadline?

Applications will be accepted until spaces are filled. Don't wait!

8. What type of electronic devices/supplies will I need for the MAGIC 2020 virtual program?

Because students will be interacting with their peers and guest presenters while navigating MSU's online learning system (www.d2l.msu.edu) we prefer that students have a working laptop/desktop. Students will not be able to fully engage with this program if they rely only on their phone.

9. What if I do not have access to high speed internet?

Access to high-speed internet will be critical to complete the MAGIC 2020 virtual program successfully. However, if students do not have access to high-speed internet, we will mail out hard copies of worksheets/documents shared within the program. Please inform the OCAT staff immediately via email (ocat@msu.edu) or call (517) 353-7745 if you do not have access to high-speed internet. Please also review [MSU's "Guide to Remote Access" website](#) to assist students in accessing high-speed internet.

10. Do I need to prepare anything before the first MAGIC session?

Details about the first assignment(s) will be provided prior to the first MAGIC session.

11. Can Parents Participate?

Parents are invited to the initial Welcome session that will take place on Wednesday, July 15th (1:00—2:00PM).

12. Can anyone attend MAGIC?

Any new freshman whose have been admitted to MSU for Fall 2020 enrollment can attend MAGIC.

13. Will there be any follow up after MAGIC?

Yes! All MAGIC participants will be invited to participate in all OCAT Student Success Initiatives (SSI) throughout the 2020-2021 academic year.

14. How can I get more of my questions answered?

Contact OCAT (517) 353-7745, email ocat@msu.edu or visit: www.ocat.msu.edu

Logging into D2L and adding MAGIC 2020 to your D2L Board Tutorial.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EQApT-89Ps>

The screenshot shows a YouTube video player displaying a D2L (FutureLearn) login page for Michigan State University. The browser address bar shows the URL: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EQApT-89Ps&feature=youtu.be>. The video player interface includes a search bar, a 'SIGN IN' button, and a video title 'MAGIC 2020 Virtual Program D2L tutorial #1' with 4 views as of July 6, 2020. The video content shows the D2L dashboard with sections for 'My Home', 'Spartan Life Online', 'Need Help?', and 'System Status'. The 'My Home' section has a 'Login' button and a link to 'Need Login Help?'. The 'Spartan Life Online' section lists 'Code of Teaching Responsibility' and 'Spartan Code of Honor Academic Pledge'. The 'Need Help?' section provides contact information for the MSU IT Service Desk. The 'System Status' section shows a resolved incident for 'iThenticate Is Unavailable' and scheduled maintenance for 'SIS Campus Solutions'.

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY **D2L**

Help

My Home

Login

[Need Login Help?](#)

Need Help?

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Local: (517) 432-6200
Toll Free: (844) 678-6200
(North America and Hawaii)

Web:
[D2L Contact Form](#) | [D2L Help Site](#)

Spartan Life Online

[Code of Teaching Responsibility](#)

[Spartan Code of Honor Academic Pledge](#)

System Status

Service Alerts

Resolved [Incident - Resolved] iThenticate Is Unavailable ([Details](#))
Thu, Jul 2 8:00am

Scheduled Maintenance

[Maintenance] SIS Campus Solutions Will Be Unavailable During Planned Maintenance on 07/31/2020 8:00 AM to 08/03/2020 8:00 AM ([Details](#))
Fri, Jul 31 8:00am - Mon, Aug 3 8:00am

MAGIC 2020 Virtual Program D2L tutorial #1

4 views · Jul 6, 2020

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2019 Basics in 20 minutes

#1 MS Project 2019 - Basics in Vision 6D 206K views · 1 year ago

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Accessing MAGIC Documents.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying `d2l.msu.edu/d2l/home/1169858`. The page title is "Homepage - MAGIC 2020". The main header features a large banner with the text "MAGIC 2020". Below the banner, the page is divided into two columns. The left column contains three sections: "Announcements" (with a message "There are no announcements to display."), "Updates" (with a message "235 New Emails"), and "Content Browser". The "Content Browser" section is circled in red, and a red arrow points to the "MAGIC Documents" link. The right column contains two sections: "Need Help?" (with contact information for MSU IT Service Desk) and "Calendar" (showing "Tuesday, July 7, 2020").

Homepage - MAGIC 2020

d2l.msu.edu/d2l/home/1169858

MAGIC 2020

Announcements ▾

There are no announcements to display.

Updates ▾

✉ 235 New Emails

Content Browser

- Bookmarks Recently Visited
- MAGIC Documents >
- d2l Tutorials >

Role Switcher

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There are no announcements to display.

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Content Browser ▾

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MAGIC Documents

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📄 [MAGIC Schedule Book](#)

Role Switch ▾

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Calendar ▾

Tuesday, July 7, 2020 ▶

Upcoming events ▾

JUL

15

All Day

Session One 1pm -

3pm



MAGIC Schedule Book



MAXIMIZING ACADEMIC GROWTH IN COLLEGE



24 years of
MAGIC!