

MAGIC

MAXIMIZING ACADEMIC GROWTH IN COLLEGE



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
SUMMER TRANSITION PROGRAM



MSUOCAT

Office of Cultural & Academic Transitions





PAVING THE WAY TO SUCCESS AT MSU

Hi Spartan!

Learning how to effectively navigate MSU is critical to a student's college success. MAGIC is here to help.

Regardless of how successful a student has been in high school, college is a new experience. Incoming MSU students often underestimate the challenges they may face when making the transition from high school to a university of 50,000 students.

MAGIC (Maximizing Academic Growth in College) is coordinated by the Office of Cultural & Academic Transitions (OCAT) and is a one-week program offered twice in July 2023 for admitted incoming MSU students who have already completed their NSO (New Student Orientation) experience. This year the program will be held in-person (Week One) July 9-14, & (Week Two) 16-21, 2023. Students have the option to participate in Week One or Week Two. MAGIC gives students a chance to begin the process of becoming a successful Spartan during the summer, before classes begin in August.

Let's do this!

BENEFITS OF MAGIC

During its 27 years, MAGIC has introduced students to a culturally diverse community while helping them navigate life at college. In 2023, participants can expect a host of benefits including:

- ✓ RECEIVE A BACKPACK
- ✓ NETWORK WITH MSU FACULTY AND STAFF
- ✓ FIND A JOB AND EXPLORE FUTURE CAREER PATHS
- ✓ LEARN ABOUT MSU CAMPUS RESOURCES
- ✓ GET AN INTRODUCTION TO COLLEGE LIFE
- ✓ MAKE LIFELONG FRIENDSHIPS
- ✓ FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT IN MEXICO (IEM)
- ✓ INTERACT & CONNECT WITH THE WORLD #1 MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER, ERIC THOMAS (ET)
- ✓ CONNECT WITH PEER MENTORS



DID YOU KNOW?
MAGIC 2022
85% of the students got
between a 2.5 to 4.0 for
Fall 2022.

WHAT MAGIC MEANT TO ME

SUCCESS STORIES



MARIA QUINTERO (SHE/HER)

My experience at MAGIC is something I will always be thankful for. It opened my eyes to all the opportunities MSU has to offer, including all the connections you're bound to make at MAGIC. We spent a lot of time in various classrooms all around campus, listening to speakers of many different backgrounds. Most importantly, however, MAGIC was a space in which we could step out of our comfort zone and meet new students like ourselves from all over the world. Even after MAGIC, whenever I'm on campus I always see a familiar face and it makes MSU feel more like home. I would highly encourage all incoming freshman to participate in this program. It has made the transition to college a whole lot easier and enjoyable for me.



JAI KOZAR-LEWIS (HE/HIM)

I am so thankful I had the opportunity to attend MAGIC. It was a great experience to be able to be at MSU early and get acclimated to campus life. Most of all, the best part were the connections I made, and the people I met. MAGIC prepared me to start my college career and gave me all the tools I needed to succeed. When school started my friends all asked "how do you know so many people??" And I just told them "I went to MAGIC!"



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DOMENIC CEDILLO (HE/HIM)

During MAGIC I got to adventure all over campus and get familiarized with a great portion of it. Over the course of my stay, I was able to meet many individuals who helped me out when I first arrived on campus; I also received many resources to help me prepare for college. MAGIC gave me the opportunity to meet many friends that I am still in contact with today. Ultimately, I went from being shy and scared about coming to MSU to having a very smooth transition moving onto campus.



KENNEDY BLAKEMORE (SHE/HER)

The MAGIC program has shaped me into ways I could not have imagined. If it were not for MAGIC, I would not have met great friends and staff members who support me and want to see me succeed. I love how the involvement of OCAT does not end when MAGIC is over. The opportunities and support continues consistently throughout the semester— which is gotten me through my first year. By attending MAGIC, I can confidently say I am a better student, friend, and leader. I am grateful to have attended such a great program and I recommend it to any student of color attending MSU. #GOWEEK1



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AMILY KO (SHE/HER)

As an out-of-state student, I didn't have a lot of friends or know anyone coming to state, so I was nervous to attend in the fall. Within one week of joining the MAGIC program, I felt at home and more confident on campus, and I learned more about the organizations they offer. The MAGIC program is a great experience to meet new people and a great way to network. I am glad that I had the opportunity to attend and participate in the MAGIC program.



MILO LUCAS (HE/HIM)

Before participating in Magic I was scared about how I will navigate MSU as a freshmen. However, magic changed my perspective on college and lessened my doubts of feeling alone or scared while navigating college. The magic program provided resources and success strategies before my first semester even started. Throughout the week I was able to build relationships with many friendly, supportive people. I can thank the Magic program for giving me the tools I need to succeed in my academic career.



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KENNETH SUN (HE/THEY)

MAGIC is like a fun summer camp, practical skills workshop, and informational resource dump all at once. I arrived on campus knowing more about the school and feeling more confident than pretty much everyone else. If you are a minority, pretty soon you realize that there aren't many of us on this campus. Thanks to MAGIC, I had a support network from day one and knew where to look for community.



MORGAN PERSELL (SHE/HER)

The MAGIC Program also helped me to better understand the importance of taking charge of my education. Through the various workshops and activities, I learned how to set academic goals, prioritize my responsibilities, and manage my time effectively. This has enabled me to stay focused and on track throughout the school year. I am grateful for the opportunity to participate in the MAGIC Program and highly recommend it to anyone who wants to make the most of their college experience. It is a great way to connect with others, gain valuable skills, and start your college journey on the right foot.





APPLY TODAY

MAGIC 2023 WILL INTRODUCE STUDENTS TO ACADEMIC, CULTURAL, PROFESSIONAL AND SOCIAL SUCCESS STRATEGIES. THIS YEAR'S PROGRAM WILL BE HELD IN-PERSON. STUDENTS HAVE THE OPTION OF PARTICIPATING IN EITHER WEEK ONE (JULY 9-14) OR WEEK TWO (JULY 16-21).

SPACES ARE LIMITED. APPLY TODAY!

QUESTIONS? CHECK OUT THE FAQs [HERE](#).

Ready to apply?

Fill out the MAGIC 2023 application [HERE](#).