#TEAMASMSU

Be Transparent, Effective, Approachable, a Mentor

This year, ASMSU launched the #TEAMASMSU to show students at MSU what ASMSU stands for. We strive to be transparent, effective, approachable, and mentors. Each staff member received a poster as shown above to hang up in their office to remind them what it truly means to be apart of #TeamASMSU. If you have a twitter, check out the hashtag #TeamASMSU to keep tabs on what we are accomplishing here in East Lansing!
WE’VE GOT YOUR BACK

ASMSU SERVICES

ASMSU continues to provide numerous services to the students at Michigan State University. Popular programs include free newspapers, bluebooks for exams and legal services. ASMSU has a law firm on retainer to provide legal services to students as well as trained student defenders to advise on issues within the university judicial system. Interest free loans and discounts on test prep for exams such as the LSAT, GRE and MCAT are additional benefits provided for students. Some programs such as the Red Cedar Log Yearbook have been available free of charge to students for over one hundred years! Newer programs accommodate the growing presence of technology within the university. The iClicker rental program is another example of how ASMSU adapts to the changing needs of students. This year the General Assembly approved an expansion of the iClicker program to add an additional 500 new iClicker 2 devices and 800 iClicker registration codes so students have access to the devices.
President: Domonique Clemons

ASMSU Alumni,

2015 marked the 50th Anniversary of The Associated Students of Michigan State University. That’s 50 years of service and advocacy for students at Michigan State University! Looking back at the last 50 years excites me for what the future of ASMSU holds, but also humbles me to be the president of such an amazing organization. Serving as Student Body President has proven to be one of the biggest opportunities and challenges of my college career. During my time at ASMSU, I have seen many ups and downs. I have held several positions within our student government, and was a part of many projects, campaigns and initiatives. My 5 Years within ASMSU is just a small page of the overwhelming story of ASMSU. I am so proud of my team at ASMSU and for everything we have accomplished together.

This year in ASMSU, we have seen multiple successful entertainment events. We have continued the conversation on diversity and inclusion and raised awareness about college sexual assaults. We have created new ways for Spartans to think about how we carry ourselves with honor and integrity, and have advocated for students on Campus, in the community, at the state and national levels. This year, ASMSU has continued to offer services and resources to students, and has looked toward expanding and improving what we do through an internal review. We even created a new internal framework for how we operate as a student government making us a strong T.E.A.M. -more Transparent, Effective, Approachable, and Mentors to students across campus.

In this newsletter you will find updates on initiatives and projects from various ASMSU departments, councils, and boards. It is my hope that you will be mindful of the fact that none of ASMSU’s organizational progress outlined in this newsletter would be possible without the strong legacy of leadership that many of you have built and instilled in the organization during your time of service to ASMSU. I would like to commend each of you for the hard work and dedication you have given to our organization over the last 50 years. This is a great time to look back and reflect upon our successes and challenges but also a time to look ahead towards the possibilities of the future. Thank you for being part of TEAM ASMSU.

Go Green!

Domonique D. Clemons
Student Body President, ASMSU
Class of 2016
Academic Affairs: Lorenzo Santavicca

**Diversity & Inclusion**
ASMSU is leading a roundtable under the VPAA to discuss concerns with all student groups on campus and how they see a greater need for understanding ethics on campus. This will happen in January. All presidents and one representative from each group will be invited to the roundtable to discuss ideas and concerns to move forward.

**The Spartan Code of Honor**
The Spartan Code of Honor is a student initiative with the purpose to promote personal integrity inside and outside of the classrooms at Michigan State University. The Spartan Code of Honor will be a statement that describes a personal commitment to honest and ethical behavior. The Honor code is on track to be approved by MSU Academic Governance by April 2015 and implemented across campus Fall 2016.

Finance & Operations: Calvin Manitowabi

**Safe Ride**
The mission of Safe Ride is to ensure that all students have safe and reliable transportation home during the late hours of the night. ASMSU wants to create the safest possible experience for students during their time here at MSU and in East Lansing. Safe Ride Drives will provide rides to destinations on and off campus from 10:00pm and 3:00am 7 days a week while classes are in session. We are currently evaluating bidders and look to start a pilot program in March 2016.

**Bike Share**
The ASMSU Bike Share Program is structured so that any student can check out a bike on a short-term basis. The program is still in its pilot stage and ASMSU is pursuing an expansion in Spring 2016 with supportive data from the Fall 2015 Pilot Program.

Governmental Affairs: Bryn Williams

**City Council Debate**
The office of Governmental Affairs held a city council debate in October for candidates running to be elected in East Lansing. The segment consisted of the debate followed by an open forum discussion.

**Sexual Assault Panel**
The office of Governmental Affairs helped to organize a town hall meeting in late November on campus sexual assault and affirmative consent. Representative Tom Cochran, and expert panelists met for a roundtable discussion about how we can stem the sexual assault epidemic on college campuses and changing the conversation around consent.
Student Allocations: **Sam Terzich**

During the Fall Semester, the Student Allocations Board funded 33 Registered Student Organizations, enabling over 2,000 students to express their talents and develop personally and professionally. To reach out to more students and inform them about all of the services ASMSU has to offer, we have developed a RSO Outreach program where SAB staff presents during the meetings of RSO’s that SAB has funded.

Internal Administration: **Jason Porter**

**Class Councils**

During the Fall semester, 46 seats were filled on the General Assembly, which passed 37 pieces of legislation. The class councils hosted a series of events such as a Meet the Senior Class Council!, JCC Presents: Destress with pets, and Oktoberfest. These events helped to spread awareness in regards to what the class councils do and how they can reach their respective classes. In addition, the Senior Class Council voted to raise donations for the MSU Union Sparty Statue as the class gift of the Class of 2016.

Special Projects: **Molly McGinnis**

**Peer to Peer**

ASMSU is teaming up with MSU Counseling Center to implement a Peer-to-Peer Support Network. We are currently in search of dedicated students who are interested in improving the climate surrounding mental health on our campus. Students who are involved will receive training through the Counseling Center and meet with their peers to provide emotional support in a more casual environment.
Updates from the Staff side:
The ASMSU staff this year has been extremely productive! Each staff members created goals for themselves at the beginning of the semester to keep them as transparent and effective as possible. These goals helped to evaluate performance during the newly implemented Mid-Semester Evaluation, which included a self-evaluation, peer evaluation, and meeting with HR and their supervisor. To keep an inclusive culture we have a Kudos Jar that staff members can write a quick kudos to another staff member that is read aloud during our bi-weekly staff meetings. We also host a monthly coffee hour to bring together the staff, Class Councils, and General Assembly.
EVENTS

IT’S ON US

For the second year, ASMSU joined the nationwide “It’s On Us” campaign to end sexual assault on college campuses. The pledge is a commitment to awareness that non-consensual sex is sexual assault, to intervention in situations where consent has not or cannot be given and to the creation of a supportive environment for survivors if sexual assault. ASMSU hosted a leadership roundtable discussion and reached out to students to talk the pledge through hosting an event at the rock and visiting popular study spots on campus. ASMSU also created a pledge drive with the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council to spread awareness about the event and encourage students to take the pledge. A total of 1,218 students took the pledge and we plan on teaming up with other organizations throughout the Spring Semester. Even though the National It’s On Us Week of Action only lasts a week, ASMSU is dedicated informing students about sexual assault and the resources we have on campus for sexual assault survivors throughout the entire year.

KEVIN HART

ASMSU teamed up with the Residence Hall Association to bring Kevin Hart to the Breslin Center on November 24th! Kevin Hart, a comedian, brought laughs and smiles to a packed Breslin Center.

SETHER MEYERS

ASMSU had the opportunity to bring Seth Myers to campus on November 6th. He talked about his career and answered questions form the audience. The event was free for the first 600 students to register. This was a great opportunity for students to learn more about Seth, Late Night with Seth Meyers, and the entertainment industry.
“THE BUZZ”

In addition to continuing printed newspapers, this spring ASMSU is rolling out “The Buzz” app. What’s The Buzz? A smartphone app from USA TODAY that combines all the campus, local, national, and world news you want in one location. The app will be free for students to download and will live stream national and campus new stories, including USA Today, USA Today College, and the State News. This app allows for various news outlets to be available on one platform!

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

ASMSU hosted it’s second annual Mental Health Awareness week last spring and is continuing the tradition this year! ASMSU representatives and other groups participating in Mental Health Awareness week handed out ribbons and t-shirts throughout the week to raise awareness. This year, ASMSU will be collaborating with various MSU departments and additional student organizations to host the third annual Michigan State University Mental Health Awareness Week. Last year, The City of East Lansing formally recognized the week and local businesses participated with displays of support.

TAKING DOWN RAPE CULTURE

Laci Green will be coming to campus in the early spring to discuss issues surrounding sexual assault. Laci runs a youtube channel that is centered around Sex Plus topics and aims to entertain, educate, and connect viewers with a comprehensive model of sex education using technology. Her goal is to create healthy, realistic attitudes about sexuality.

Questions?

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