More than 20 MSU employees and their families opened their homes on Thanksgiving to provide dinner and fellowship to international students and scholars.

Nearly 40 international guests took part in the first-ever Thanksgiving Dinner Program, sponsored by the Office for International Students and Scholars. The program facilitates cross-cultural exchange between faculty, staff, international students and scholars, and provides those guests with an opportunity to experience Thanksgiving dinner in an American home. While the program is only one day, participants and hosts are encouraged to maintain contact after Thanksgiving.

“We had a wonderful time,” said host Nicole McKenzie, who works at the African Studies Center. “My parents were so excited for our international guests and hosts are encouraged to maintain contact after Thanksgiving. We truly love giving back to visit my parents. We truly love giving back to my home.”

Above, Nicole McKenzie (middle) of the African Studies Center hosted student Soojin By Pyo (left) and professor Jose Arturo Saavedra for Thanksgiving. At left, MSU student Xili Wei prepares for a turkey feast at a dinner hosted by Jessica Douglas, a Culinary Services worker at Akers/Hubbard Hall.

RSVP TO BECOME MSU’S NEXT POLICE CHIEF

24-year veteran succeeds retiring Chief Dunlap

MSU Interim President John Engler named Deputy Chief Kelly Roudebush the next chief of police for the MSU Police Department effective Jan. 1, 2019. Roudebush will be the fifth chief, and the first woman, to head the department. The 24-year department veteran succeeds Chief Jim Dunlap, who retires Dec. 31 after nearly 50 years of service. Dunlap will serve in an advisory capacity during the transition. Roudebush will lead the university’s 120-member department, including management and strategic vision for campus safety operations and implementation of policies and programming protocols.

“Deputy Chief Roudebush has a respected law enforcement background as well as a demonstrated track record of maximizing student safety and fostering community relations and stakeholder engagement,” Engler said. “I am confident, as chief, Kelly will continue to work collaboratively within our diverse community to reduce crime, enforce laws, preserve peace and provide for a safe Spartan environment.”

Roudebush also will be responsible for developing and maintaining strong relationships with university constituents and external agencies regarding safety and security operations, oversight of university emergency preparedness and campus parking and management of departmental budgets.

“I am both honored and humbled to be selected to serve as the next chief of police for the MSU Police Department,” Roudebush said. “I am truly excited to lead this innovative organization into the future with an emphasis on our core values of honor, integrity and leadership.”

Roudebush joined the MSU Police Department as an officer in 1994. As deputy chief of the Field Services Bureau, she currently directs the daily activities of the Uniform, Field Support and Administrative Services Divisions. She previously served as a field training officer, canine handler, patrol shift commander, training and special events security coordinator and as a threat assessment team commander. She earned her bachelor’s degree from MSU and her master’s from Western Michigan University.
**COMMITTEE CHAIRS PROVIDE PRESIDENT SEARCH UPDATE**

Diane Byrum and Melanie Foster /@ADMINISTRATION

Editor’s note: MSU Trustees Diane Byrum and Melanie Foster, co-chairs of the presidential search committee, recently sent an update to the MSU community. Below is an abridged version: the full letter can be found at go.msu.edu/BVH.

On behalf of the president and the search committee, we would like to express our appreciation for the entire MSU community for its thoughtful comments following 22 campus input sessions. Notes from the sessions are available on the presidential search website at go.msu.edu/YVH.

The search committee has met several times since our last update and continues to make steady progress. Members have reviewed the information from the input sessions and have developed the position advertisement and the presidential prospectus. Copies of both documents also can be found at the website: go.msu.edu/STORBECKSEARCH.

We also have listened to the MSU community, and we understand and appreciate concerns raised about trust and transparency in the search process. We want to be clear. The committee’s role is advisory to the MSU Board of Trustees, which has the constitutional authority to “elect a president of the institution.” However, in the interest of being sensitive to these concerns, the search committee will expand its scope of activity and will work in collaboration with the board until the trustees make their selection. Search committee members will have access to all candidate information, including names of nominees, references and background documents. The board and the search committee also have had extensive discussions about whether the search should be open or confidential. The community input sessions also advocated for the search to attract the strongest possible pool of candidates for the president of MSU. Our consultant, Dr. Teresa Sullivan, and our search firm, Storbeck/Pimentel, both have advised that the majority of presidential candidates at top research universities during the past three years have been confidential, as most highly qualified candidates are not willing to be recruited for an open search. Additionally, MSU is competing for highly qualified presidential candidates at the same time as several other universities around the country, most of which are conducting confidential searches.

In order to draw the strongest candidates, the search for the next MSU president will be confidential. Again, we extend our appreciation for your continued support of our work.

Byrum Foster

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MSU'S STUDENT FOOD BANK MARKS 25TH ANNIVERSARY

KIM WARD / CAMPUS LIFE

The MSU Student Food Bank is celebrating 25 years of helping to address an underappreciated impediment to academic success — food insecurity. Lack of reliable access to affordable, nutritious food is common at colleges and universities across the country, a growing problem that can undermine learning.

Founded in 1993, the MSU Student Food Bank was the first in the nation to be operated by students, for students. It serves more than 6,000 students annually, many with families, distributing more than 110,000 pounds of food.

"You can’t learn when you’re hungry," said Dennis Miller, director of MSU’s Health Promotion Department and staff advisor to the MSU Student Food Bank. "Many people don’t believe hunger is an issue for college students, but that’s a fallacy. The general public doesn’t realize that only 35 percent of students live on campus with meal plans. It’s mostly the other 65 percent who are food insecure." Based on surveys of MSU students, Martell’s group this year estimated that 2,200, or 4.4 percent of the student body, experienced food insecurity that disrupt-ed their eating patterns.

"We strongly believe that deciding between spending money on food or spending money on rent or books is not a decision MSU students should be forced to make. Though I’m proud that we’ve helped students for 25 years, my hope is that one day we can close our doors — that we find a way to eliminate students’ food insecurity," Martell said.

To learn more about the food bank and to donate, visit foodbank.msu.edu.

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**NEWS BRIEFS**

MSU ADDS NEW VP FOR COMMUNICATIONS

Former Consumers Energy executive Merri Jo Bales joined MSU on Nov. 28 as vice president and strategic director of university communications. Kathleen Wilbur, executive vice president for Government and External Relations, has been developing a strategic, coordinated and proactive approach to communications and public affairs efforts. Bales’ position will oversee those efforts, in addition to marketing, crisis communication and other areas of university communications. Current Communications director Rebecca Lebell, Guenther, university spokesperson, and Heather Swain, Communications and Brand Strategy, will report to her. Bales, an MSU alumna, recently completed a 27-year career with Consumers Energy where she worked directly with senior officers managing executive communications. In 2018, she launched StratAlign 20/20, an executive consulting group.

NEW WELLNESS DIRECTOR WILL FOCUS ON VULNERABLE POPULATIONS AT MSU

Claudia Finkelstein, an internal medicine physician and medical educator, has been named to the newly created position of director of wellness, resiliency and support for the vulnerable. Finkelstein is helping MSU healthcare providers address care for vulnerable populations and is also developing a wellness and resilience program for the College of Human Medicine’s faculty and staff. Vulnerable populations can be defined through many lenses and include people from underrepresented minority children, the elderly, socioeconomically disadvantaged, uninsured, underinsured and those with underlying chronic medical conditions. Finkelstein earned her medical degree at McGill University and is a board-certified physician in internal medicine.

MSU EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGIST ELECTED TO AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

MSU evolutionary biologist Richard Lenski was inducted into the American Philosophical Society — the oldest “learned society” in the U.S. on Nov. 9 in Philadelphia. The society was founded by Benjamin Franklin in 1743 for the promotion of useful knowledge in the sciences and humanities through excellence in scholarly research, professional meetings, publications, library resources and community outreach. Lenski, along with 34 others, was elected to the society in April 2018. The John A. Hannah Distinguished Professor of Microbial Ecology at MSU, he is renowned for his experimental studies of the evolutionary process, including his long-term evolution experiment with E. coli bacteria, and is a founding member of the BEACON Center for the Study of Evolution in Action, which brings together scientists and engineers to illuminate and harness the power of evolution.

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sexual misconduct.

Members of the workgroup include trusted leaders within MSU who have:

• Demonstrated significant expertise relevant to relationship violence and sexual misconduct.
• In-depth knowledge about the programs, services and policies at MSU. A strong record of working collaboratively with diverse stakeholders to improve services for survivors of relationship violence and sexual misconduct, and to promote prevention education.

The VFC committee was formed more than 10 years ago to support a campus culture free of relationship violence and sexual misconduct. It is made up of representatives from more than a dozen campus units, including the Greek Life Office; LBRT Resource Center; MSU Police Department; MSU Safe Place; Office of General Counsel; Office of Institutional Equity; Olin Health and Wellness Services; Prevention, Outreach and Education Office; Recreational Sports-Self Defense Program; Sexual Assault Program; Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution Office; and WorkLife Office.
Gary Willyerd knows that diverse experiences lead to more skilled and adept physicians. He leads the Global Outreach Program for the College of Osteopathic Medicine, recruiting students, physicians and partners who provide basic healthcare and education to people in Peru, Guatemala, Cuba and other places in need.

The program is part of a comprehensive educational experience offered by the college. Willyerd leads the Detroit campus and is responsible for educating future osteopathic physicians who will accept responsibility for bringing health and wellness to others. Osteopathic physicians are trained to look at the whole person and apply a holistic approach to patient care. That includes learning about the patient’s lifestyle and community.

Medical education and mission trips to Guatemala

After graduating from COM in 1978, Willyerd accepted an internship and residency training at McLaren Osteopathic Hospital (called McLaren Oakland since 2008), where he became board certified in emergency medicine. Willyerd served as McLaren Oakland’s director of medical education for 18 years. During that time, he organized 13 medical mission trips to Guatemala.

From Guatemala to Peru, osteopath makes his mark

Willyerd remained active with COM as an alumnus, faculty member and as chair of the governing board of the college’s statewide campus system. Thirty years after graduation, he became the associate dean for the college’s Detroit expansion site.

“Willyerd has seen with medical students during one of his many medical missions. Willyerd traveled to locations such as Peru and Guatemala to offer much-needed medical care and provide learning opportunities for future osteopathic physicians,” said Callum Beatty, a proven leader in the field of international education and who brought his passion and expertise to MSU.

Beatty named director of OISS

Rachel Warner //International Studies and Programs has named Krista McCallum Beatty as the new director of the Office for International Students and Scholars, or OISS, effective Jan. 14. OISS provides support to MSU’s more than 8,000 international students, faculty, staff and scholars, as well as their families.

“I am excited about the opportunity to develop a strong partnership within MSU for how to support the success of Spartan students and scholars, and contribute to a globally minded and inclusive campus,” she said.

EVENTS

DEC. 4 // TAX CHANGES AND PLANNING: MSU Federal Credit Union and the Worklife Office will host a free seminar on planning for the upcoming tax season and the changes to anticipate from 6 to 7 p.m. at the MSUFCU Farm Lane Branch Community Room. Visit go.msu.edu/KSH to learn more.

DEC. 6, 13 // DIY GIFTING AT THE BROAD: As you make your list and check it twice, save yourself from last-minute holiday shopping and give a handmade present. Sit at the door gets you the materials and guidance to start creating. The event will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. at the MSU Broad. Visit go.msu.edu/KSH to learn more.

DEC. 7 // JAMES OCITA ON DIASPORA IDENTITIES IN EAST AFRICA NOVELS: James Ocita, lecturer in the Department of Literature and research associate at Makerere University in Uganda, will present on diaspora identity, the uniformly and the politics of belonging in Indian East African novels from noon to 1:30 p.m. in Room 201, International Center. Learn more at go.msu.edu/VJI.

DEC. 7 // JCTA AWARD: Sondra Perry mises 5-D digital animation with found footage from video games, YouTube and other popular moving image sources to explore representations of blackness in history and popular culture starting at 7 p.m. at the MSU Broad. Learn more at go.msu.edu/KSH to learn more.

DEC. 12 // KBS BIRDS AND COFFEE WALK: Visit the W.K. Kellogg Bird Sanctuary from 9 to 10:30 a.m. for a birding walk to look for birds of the season and enjoy a cup of bird-friendly coffee. Bring binoculars and a field guide or borrow one from the Sanctuary. Learn more at go.msu.edu/KSH.

DEC. 12 // KNOW THE 10 SIGNS OF ALZHEIMER’S: This introductory program provides attendees with an understanding of the difference between age-related memory loss and Alzheimer’s and what to do if they or someone they know has signs of the disease. The free event will be held at the MSUFCU Farm Lane Branch Community Room from 6 to 7 p.m. Learn more at go.msu.edu/KSH.

DEC. 16 // BROAD WELLNESS YOGA: This yoga session will leave you revitalized for the week ahead. Please bring your own mat. All bodies and levels are encouraged to attend. Yoga is free with registration. The session starts at 8 a.m. at the MSU Broad. Register online at go.msu.edu/VJI.
NEW BROAD ART LAB EXHIBIT ILLUMINATES SURVIVOR VOICES

KIMBERLY POPOLEK
/ARTS & CULTURE

A new exhibit at the Broad Art Lab will showcase a poem addressing the role of silence in cases of sexual abuse and how the isolation and silencing of survivor voices is detrimental to the lives of survivors and to the community. The poem by Nancy DeJoy, MSU associate professor in the Department of Writing, Rhetoric and American Cultures, will be exhibited Dec. 4-12 at the art lab in downtown East Lansing. "Illuminating Survivor Voices," which originated from survivor voices as important sources of culture change, will be displayed as an organic LED light installation. It will be presented on a hollow metal frame filled with organic LED panels and surrounded by illuminated survivor statements that will be projected onto the walls and floor of the gallery. DeJoy got the idea for the project last spring when survivors expressed their frustration of not being listened to as agents for culture change. As she spoke with survivors, she noticed their common need to be heard and their frustration about feeling their voices were silenced. The need for active listening transformed into a Google document in which survivors were invited to share their thoughts of dealing with sexual assault with the option of anonymity. "What I heard the survivors saying was that it was frustrating having their voices associated only with being accusers," DeJoy said. "They want people to listen to them, collaborate with them and be in conversation with them about what they see as the reason sexual abuse is accommodated in our environment."

The "Illuminating Survivor Voices" installation, which was funded by a College of Arts and Letters Summer Faculty Fellowship, will serve as a catalyst for cultural shifts because of its public placement and challenging stance on how institutions deal with survivor voices, DeJoy said. The opening of the exhibit is 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Dec. 4 at the Broad Art Lab. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

HIGH-TECH FARMERS USING LED LIGHTS IN WAYS THAT SEEM TO BORDER ON SCIENCE FICTION

Mike Zelkind is part of a radical shift in agriculture — in which plants can be grown commercially without a single sunbeam. A number of technological advances have made this possible, but none more so than innovations in LED lighting. "The spectrum from sunlight isn’t necessarily the best or most desirable for plants," says Erik Runkle, a plant scientist at MSU. "I think we can produce a better plant with LED lights. The question becomes: Can you do it in a way that is cost-effective considering the cost of plants indoors?"

FARM ANIMALS MAY SOON GET NEW FEATURES THROUGH GENE EDITING

A company wants to alter farm animals by adding and subtracting genetic traits in a lab. It sounds like science fiction, but Recombinetics sees opportunity for its technology in the livestock industry. Beyond worries about "playing God," it may be an uncomfortable reminder of how modern food production already treats animals, said Paul Thompson, a professor of agriculture at MSU. "There’s an ethical question that’s been debated for at least the last 20 years, of whether you need to change the animal or change the system."