Beginning Jan. 17, MSU will host a series of events as part of the university’s 40th annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Celebration.

The greater Lansing community is invited to join MSU students, faculty and staff in activities and events in honor of MLK. Events will include concerts, conferences, service projects, film screenings and art exhibits, among many others.

The theme for the 2020 event is “Still I Rise,” named after the poem by Maya Angelou, highlighting spirit in the face of oppression: “You may shoot me with your hatefulness, you may cut me with your words, you may kill me in the face of oppression: “You may shoot me with your hatefulness, you may cut me with your words, you may kill me in the face of oppression: “You may shoot me with your hatefulness, you may cut me with your words, you may kill me in the face of oppression.”

In 1980, a graduate student at MSU founded the Committee Commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., or cMLK. In 1996, a black student was killed and nearly 30 others were injured on a bus near MSU’s student union. The event is free, but tickets are required and can be obtained by phone at (317) 555-5349 or in Music Building, Room 102.

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Integration on track for Aug. 2020 as college names interim dean

In December 2019, Renee Knake, a former law and business professor at MSU, was appointed by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer to serve on the MSU Board of Trustees.

A professor of law at the University of Michigan Law Center, Knake will serve the remaining term of Nancy Schlichtman, who resigned last October. That seat will be up for statewide election in 2022. InsideMSU recently asked Knake to discuss her priorities and why she wanted to join the board.

Why did you want to take on the role of being an MSU trustee?

Becoming an MSU trustee is an amazing honor, and I am grateful to Gov. Whitmer for appointing me. I care very deeply about the future of Michigan State, in part because it is where I got my start as an academic and also because it is the community where I am raising my children along with my fiancé, a proud Spartan.

After graduating from the University of Chicago Law School and practicing law for several years, I knew I wanted to become a law professor. It wasn’t the easiest career move to make, but MSU offered me a position in 2006. In 2018, I accepted an endowed professorship at the University of Houston, the Joan and Larry Doherty Chair in Legal Ethics. My work at Michigan State prepared me for the professional opportunity in Houston, and I will always be grateful for that start.

I also wanted to take on the role of trustee because my children, who are now in middle school and high school, grew up on the campus. They learned to walk at MSU band practices. As toddlers, they fed the ducks on the Red Cedar River and attended preschool at the MSU Child Development Lab. We regularly spend our weekends at campus events. My fiancé is a loyal alum of James Madison College.

ON THE WEB

For a full list of events and details marking MLK Jr. Day, visit go.msu.edu/MLKD.

TO LISTEN

To listen, visit go.msu.edu/RnP.

TO SEE

For more information, visit go.msu.edu/WnP.
INSIDE MSU TO DISCONTINUE BIWEEKLY PRINT PRODUCT

JASON CODY / INSIDE MSU EDITOR

After seeking input from faculty and staff across campus, we will be discontinuing the printed version of InsideMSU at the end of this month.

InsideMSU is a suite of products designed to convey relevant information to members of MSU’s internal community, building awareness and highlight the good work of employees. InsideMSU was launched in August 2018, including a weekly email, a website and a bi-weekly printed newspaper.

Over the past 16 months, we have worked to evaluate the effectiveness of these channels. We performed an audit in spring 2018 to assess readership of the print product, and since that time, we’ve continued to see lower consumption of the newsletter.

In October 2019, we conducted research through focus groups using an external firm, Finn Partners. The feedback we received on the newsletter was clear. While some felt it was well designed and contained interesting content, concern was raised that we are using a newsletter to communicate while digital channels are available. And at a time when the university is dedicated to sustainability, the paper product was seen by many as contrary to this focus, particularly when other channels could provide the same information in a timely manner. We also consulted with peer universities and found the vast majority had ceased using printed newspapers in favor of digital approaches.

While Jan. 27 will be the final print edition, our readers will still find valuable information throughout the weekly email and through other timely efforts to keep the campus informed. We’re making improvements in the email’s content and design and plan to continue doing so. The information delivered electronically can be updated more quickly, and the amount of paper waste will be reduced.

Our goal with InsideMSU is to use research, experience and your feedback to better share important and relevant stories across our campus.

As always, the InsideMSU team welcomes feedback on our products, as well as suggested content. To provide feedback, ask questions or submit content, please email insidemsu@msu.edu.
At the American Chemical Society National Meeting in San Diego, the ACS Committee on Chemists with Disabilities displayed an accessible periodic table that featured braille and sign language三维打印 onto every element tile. The project was built with the help of students from MSU St. Andrews, which provides learning opportunities in science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics for youth, families, and professionals. The team said they designed any decorative symbols that easily identify the elements were intentionally absent from each tile to simulate the challenges that a person with a disability may encounter in accessing the table.

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Perles finished his Spartan coaching career with a 68- 67-4 record. His impressive coaching tree during his time at Michigan State included Carl “Buck” Nystrom, Norm Parker, Nick Saban and Pat Shurmer.

A graduate of Western High School in Detroit, Perles played football there under coach Ed Rutherford. Perles then served in the Army before enrolling at Michigan State and beginning his football career. Perles is also a member of the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame and the Western Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame.

In addition to his wife, Sally, Perles leaves behind four children, Kathy of Washington, Pa., Terry (Tracy) of Pittsburgh, John (Amy) of Grand Rapids and Pat (Koren) of Kansas City and six grandchildren. Details of Perles’ funeral service are pending.

HALL OF FAMER GEORGE PERLES PASSES AWAY

Former trustee led Spartan football from 1983 to 1994

MSU ATHLETICS STAFF // IN MEMORIAM

Former MSU head football coach, athletic director, football player and Board of Trustee member George Perles passed away Jan. 7. He was 85.

Perles, who was inducted into the Michigan State Athletics Hall of Fame in 2007, led the Spartan football program from 1983 to 1994 and guided Michigan State to two Big Ten titles (1987 and 1990) and seven bowl appearances in his 12 seasons. Three of his teams finished among the nation’s top 25, including the 1987 Big Ten Championship team that ranked No. 8 in the final polls after a win over USC in the Rose Bowl. Perles tutored nine first-team All-Americans, and 50 of his activities and was known for / /IN MEMORIAM

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