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Last August, the trustees appointed an 18-member search committee, co-chaired by Byrum and Melanie Foster, MSU trustee. As part of a national search, the committee solicited input through 22 campus-wide input sessions and an online submission form where community members shared their ideas on the characteristics they desire for the next president.

The committee used those comments as the basis for the Presidential Prospectus and the criteria by which the committee evaluated each candidate.

“MSU is one of the world’s leading research universities, and I am grateful to all of the members of the Board of Trustees and the Presidential Search Committee that so ably represented the entire MSU community for giving us the opportunity to serve this great institution,” Stanley said. “MSU’s core strength is its amazing students, superb faculty, dedicated staff and proud alumni, and I cannot wait to get to campus to meet with you and learn from you, I know the Spartan community has been profoundly troubled by the events of the past years that have shaken confidence in the institution. We will meet these challenges together, and we will build on the important work that has already been done to create a campus culture of diversity, inclusion, equity, accountability and safety that supports all of our endeavors. I am so excited about MSU’s legacy as the pioneer land-grant university, its remarkable progress over this decade and its amazing potential for the future.”

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A Seattle native, Stanley has a bachelor of arts degree in biological sciences from the University of Chicago. After earning his medical degree from Harvard Medical School in 1980, he completed his residency in internal medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital. He went to Washington University in St. Louis in 1983 for a fellowship in infectious diseases in the School of Medicine, eventually becoming a professor in the Department of Medicine and Molecular Microbiology.

A highly distinguished biomedical researcher, Stanley was one of the nation’s highest recipients of support from the National Institutes of Health for his research focusing on enhanced defense against emerging infectious diseases.

In 2006, Stanley was appointed vice chancellor for Research at Washington University, serving in that position until he was appointed president of Stony Brook University.

Since becoming president of Stony Brook University, Stanley has focused on obtaining the resources necessary to enable Stony Brook to attain the next level of excellence. He was

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The MSU Exercise is Medicine On-Campus Program, or EIM-OC, Initiative was started in 2014 and is led by the Department of Kinesiology and Health Promotion Department within Student Health and Wellness.

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COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE NAMES NEW LEADER OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

Karim Maredia has been named a senior global scholar and the director of agriculture and natural resources international programs in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. In this new role, Maredia will lead the launch of a global scholars program designed to provide established and early career faculty members with opportunities, guidance and mentoring in international teaching, research and outreach. Maredia will help identify global scholars, who will work to address some of the most significant challenges facing agriculture and natural resources, including food security and resource sustainability.

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Wanda Lipcomb, senior associate dean for diversity and inclusion, College of Human Medicine. "Dr. Stanley has demonstrated a commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion during his tenure at his previous institution, there was much evidence of change: development and implementation of an institutional diversity strategic plan, establishment of a chief diversity officer position, strengthened efforts for women in STEM and for student and faculty diversity." Katherine Rifistis, past president, AAMUS. "The three accomplishments with student success truly impressed me. Dr. Stanley has been hensitively to effectively eradicate the retention and graduation gap across students of different backgrounds. He truly grasps what it means to foster accountable and work to earn the trust of a community."
The program will prepare graduates to safely travel between the Institute Director and the Office of the President. Randy Lam, who is a seasoned professional in the field of natural science, has agreed to advise the MSU Government Relations team. This decision has had a significantly positive impact on the program's development.

There were definitely a few questions that I didn't anticipate, and, in retrospect, I would have answered a couple of them slightly differently. Overall, however, it was a very positive experience. I list my voice to be final and final words instead of not being involved and only commenting about the final results. I hope to continue to engage in the process.

Preparing the written testimony, which was separate from oral testimony, was certainly stressful, but I have some great colleagues here at MSU who gave me advice, and the MSU Government Relations team was also exceedingly helpful.

The College of Music is pleased to announce that renowned violinist Yvonne Lam will become the newest member of the string faculty area. The Grammy-winning musician of Eighth Blackbird fame will become a full-time assistant professor at the college this fall.

A leader in chamber music and a champion of new music, Lam brings significant experience as a soloist, orchestral musician, entrepreneur, and collaborator. She will bring demonstrated strength to a distinguished alumni network.

Lam has performed 50 concerts a year internationally with Eighth Blackbird, a groundbreaking ensemble known for combining vibrant contemporary classical music with business and entrepreneurship education. She recorded three albums with the group, including the Grammy-winning album “Filament.”

“My colleagues and I welcome Yvonne to our string teaching faculty,” said Lam. “The experience Yvonne brings from Eighth Blackbird and her work with the Creative Lab will be an asset to current and future strings performers and other students,” said Christine Beamer, director of Career Services and Entrepreneurship. “As a gifted performer, dynamic educator, and innovative entrepreneur, Yvonne will provide new perspectives, facilitate new connections and open new artistic opportunities at MSU. I’m looking forward to collaborating with her on entrepreneurial and artistic initiatives.”

The Institute of Agricultural Technology will offer a new certificate program in Food Processing, Technology, and Safety in partnership with community colleges starting in the fall 2019 semester. The program will prepare graduates to safely operate and maintain equipment-processing systems in order to meet industry needs for a trained and skilled workforce. Graduates will earn both a certificate from MSU and an associate degree from one of the participating Michigan community college partners. Students can participate in the new food processing program at MSU in East Lansing, as well as at partner locations Muskegon Community College in Muskegon and Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City. The on-campus program partners with Lansing Community College. Kellogg Community College in Battle Creek will also offer the program pending final approval by the Higher Learning Commission.

Institute Director Randy Showeman said the new program would expand access to specialized training programs that assist employees in hiring skilled food processing employees. Students and faculty from the departments of Food Science and Human Nutrition and Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering will coordinate the food mobile food processing labs that will travel between the different program locations.

Learn more about the program at go.msu.edu/5SP.

June 8 / Wild Edibles Workshop: Visit W.K. Kellogg Bird Sanctuary from 9 a.m. to noon and walk on the sanctuary trails and look for wild edible plants. Participants will receive informational materials and enjoy a wild edible picnic. The cost to attend is $25 for members and $35 for nonmembers. Learn more at go.msu.edu/KKH.

June 9 / East Lansing Farmers Market: The growers-only farmers market features a diverse selection of fresh, farm-grown Michigan produce and products. The market will take place Sundays June through October from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Valley Court Park in East Lansing. Go to go.msu.edu/35P to learn more.

June 12/3/4 / Crucial Conversations: Learn step-by-step tools for promoting open, honest dialogue around high-stakes, emotional, or risky topics. The training will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Nisbet Building, Room 10. The cost is $370 to attend. Go to go.msu.edu/PNH to learn more.

June 14 / Open Call: Idea Night: The Community Open Call is an experimental platform that invites the community to become a central figure in the planning process for the arts and cultural programming offered at the MSU Broad Art Lab. The event will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Broad Art Lab. Learn more at go.msu.edu/12P.

June 15-16 / Free Public Tours: Stop by the MSU Broad for free docent-led tours of the current exhibits, including the newest exhibition, Oscar Tuazon: Water School, which explores the intersection of art, architecture, and sustainability. Offered at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Tours with visual guides or ASL interpreters can also be organized. Learn more at go.msu.edu/14P.

June 19 / Foundations of Student Employee Success: In this seminar you will learn how to teach students to be excellent employees now and in their future careers. The cost to attend is $75. The course will be held from 9 a.m. to noon in Nisbet Building, Suite 10. Learn more at go.msu.edu/19P.

June 20 / New Supervisor Essentials: This session will provide you with key tools you can use in your new role as a supervisor at MSU. Special focus will be on administrator employee relations and communication strategies. The free workshop will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Nisbet Building, Suite 10. Learn more at go.msu.edu/20P.

June 20 / Studio (In)Process: Drop in on the MSU Art Lab Thursday nights from 5-8 p.m. to experiment with different art materials and processes in this hands-on art-making experience. The fee for the day is $15 and includes all materials and guidance to start creating. Learn more at go.msu.edu/20P.

June 25 / Performance Planning for Supervisors: In this program, you can expect to learn strategies to clarify expectations, write effective goals and increase engagement in the process. The free workshop will be held from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Nisbet Building, Suite 10. Learn more at go.msu.edu/25P.
SPARTANS CREATE MATERIALS FOR NEW DETROIT ZOO EXHIBIT

MELISSA PREIBE / ACADEMICS

MSU is welcoming three new faculty members to leadership roles in the College of Communication Arts and Sciences. As current faculty embark on new opportunities, the new leadership will help advance the work of the college.

Tim Vos, will serve as the new director of the MSU School of Journalism, coming to MSU from the Missouri School of Journalism. He will fill the vacancy left by Lucinda Davenport who plans to return to the faculty after serving as the director for 10 years. Davenport has held a range of other leadership positions, including associate dean of graduate studies for the College of Communication Arts and Sciences.

Monique Turner will serve as the new chair of the Department of Communication, coming to MSU from George Washington University. She will assume the position in place of James Dearing who chaired the department from 2013 to 2019. Dearing has been named the Brandt Endowed Professor in the Department of Communication, and he plans to return to the faculty to continue his work on funded research and as an expert in a national advisory role.

Michael Stern will serve as the new chair of the Department of Media and Information, coming from the University of Chicago. He will assume the position in place of Johannes Bauer, Ph.D., who chaired the department since 2013. In August, Bauer was selected as the Quello chair for Media and Information Policy at MSU, where he will provide strategic direction and leadership for the James H. and Mary B. Quello Center.

THE Quello Center was established in 1998 to be a worldwide focal point for excellence in research, teaching and the development and application of expertise in telecommunication management and policy. The center is dedicated to original research and outreach on current issues of information and communication management, law and policy. The terms for each of the newly appointed faculty began June 1.

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PROSECUTORS SOMETIMES BEHAVE BADLY. NOW THEY MAY BE HELD TO ACCOUNT.

Nine of 10 cases are settled with a guilty plea and the defense or coercing a witness to give certain testimony, seldom becomes public, legal scholars said. “The cases where misconduct comes to light is the influenza virus, the chemical makes important differences between men and women. That, in turn, increases the likelihood that the illness will fully set in.

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INTERVIEW: DR. ADRIANNE ANDERSON

Medical researchers are on the leading edge of efforts to understand the human body and how it functions. One area of research is the role of the immune system. Dr. Adrienne Anderson is a professor of medicine at Michigan State University and specializes in infectious diseases. She recently spoke with the Michigan State University Office of Research about her work and the importance of understanding the immune system.

“Researchers are exploring ways to prevent and treat infectious diseases, and our understanding of the immune system is crucial in that research,” Anderson said. “We need to understand how the immune system works in order to develop effective treatments for infections.”

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IN MEMORIAM

KAYLEE BROCK

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EDMUND OUTSLAY

Edmund Outslay, Department of Accounting and Information Systems professor, died May 20. Outslay joined the staff in 1981.

EARLE ROBINSON

Earle Robinson, broadcasting services producer and radio host, died May 11. Robinson joined the staff in 1974 and retired in 2013.

WILLIAM ROSENTHAL


MAUREEN SANDER

Maureen Sander, College of Human Medicine professor, died May 4. Sander joined the staff in 1965 and retired in 1990.

CARL SODMAN


DONALD TWOHY

Donald Twohy, College of Veterinary Medicine professor, died May 3. Twohy joined the staff in 1960 and retired in 1994.