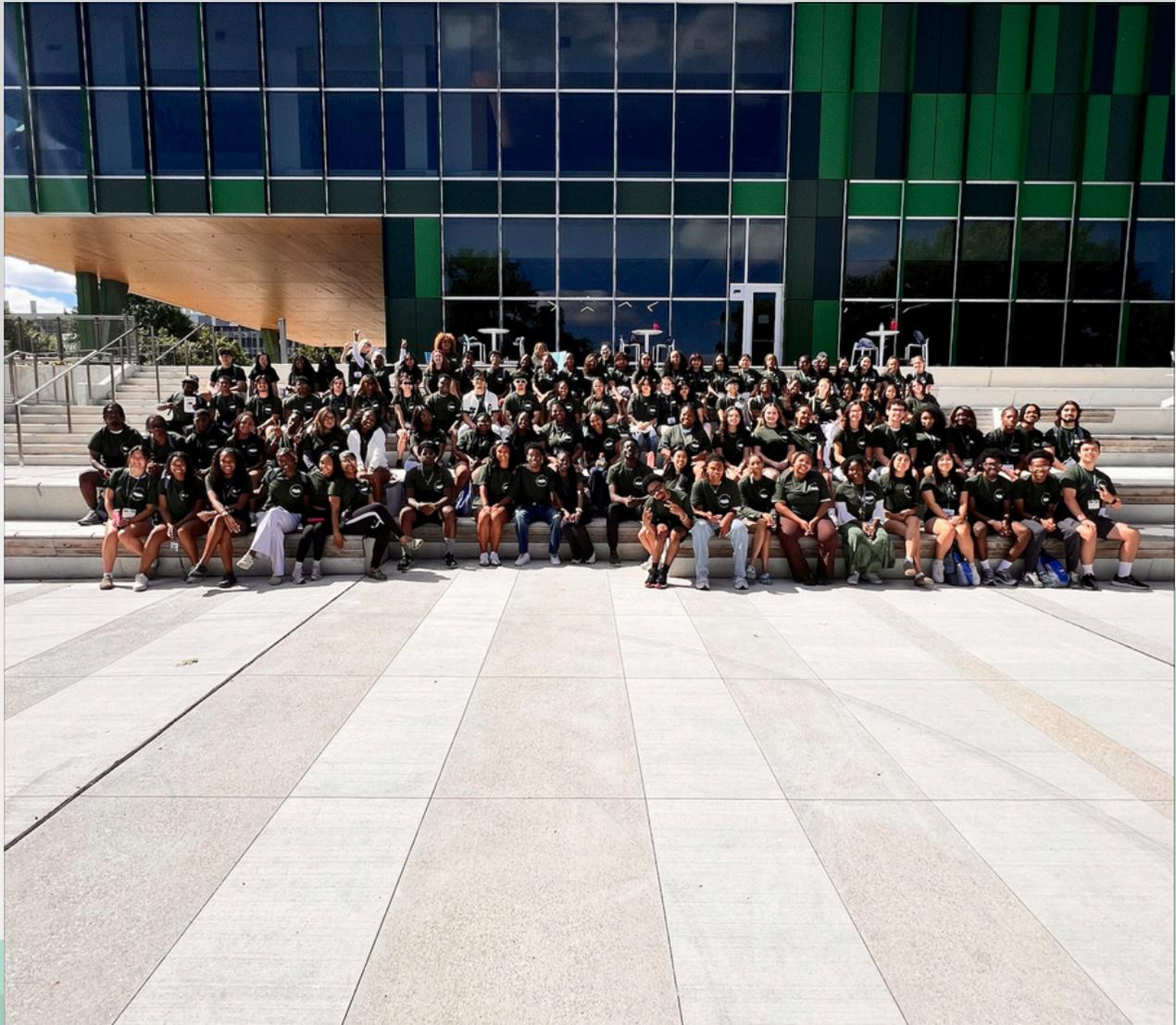


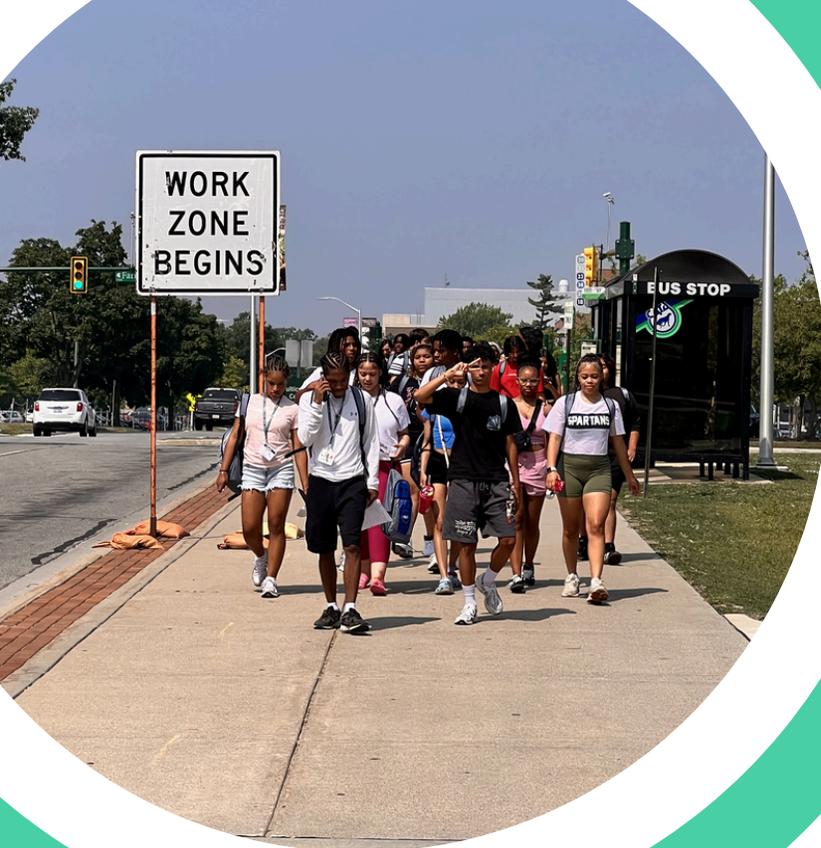
# MAGIC

MAXIMIZING ACADEMIC GROWTH IN COLLEGE



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY  
SUMMER TRANSITION PROGRAM





# 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. [MAGIC IS OPEN TO ALL](#) 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 Multicultural Enrichment and Advocacy (OMEA) and is a one-week program offered twice in July 2026 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 12-17, 2026](#) & ([Week Two](#)) [July 19-24, 2026](#). 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.

# BENEFITS OF MAGIC

During its 29 years, MAGIC has introduced students to a culturally diverse community while helping them navigate life at college. In 2026, participants can expect a host of benefits including:

- Receive a Backpack
- Recieve a T-Shirt
- 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 a Education Abroad (International Engagement in Mexico (IEM))
- Interact & Connect with the world's #1 motivational speaker, Eric Thomas (ET)
- Connect with Peer Mentors

# BENEFITS OF MAGIC

Look at the Success of MAGIC  
2025

MAGIC 2025 HAD  
A TOTAL OF  
**150**  
STUDENTS



16 STUDENTS EARNED A PERFECT

**4.0**



MAGIC 2025 HAD

**42%**

OF STUDENTS EARN A  
3.5+ GPA (FALL 2025)

MAGIC 2025 HAD

**68%**

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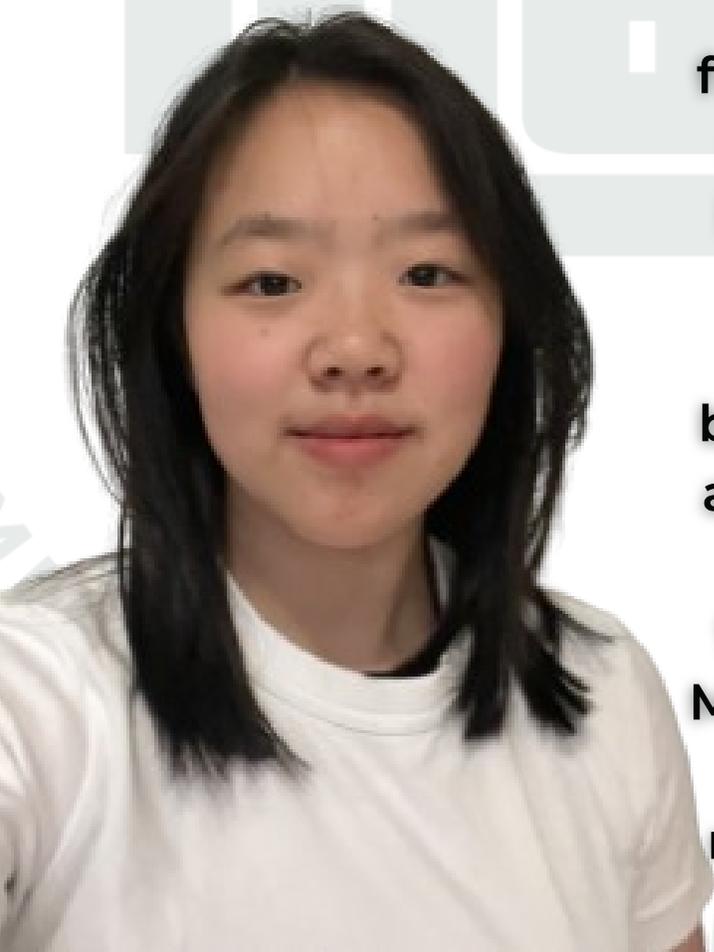


**Lucy Zhang**  
**Year: Freshman**  
**Major: Electrical Engineering**  
**Pronouns: she/her**

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I joined MAGIC summer of 2025, and it was an amazing experience. I was really nervous entering MSU, and just thinking about having to navigate through classes, make new friends, and find my own community on such a big campus was overwhelming. MAGIC helped lessen that stress a lot. I gained a community, and I felt less afraid of going into college with the preparation and connections I made.

I gained a lot of motivation from MAGIC, which helped me succeed in my first semester. By being informed of support groups, I knew where I could go if I ever needed help; and by being informed of research and honors college, I gained a goal I was going to aim towards when school started. MAGIC gave me perspective of our campus, and connected me to grounded and inspiring mentors and peers.



**Christian Pearson**

**Year: Freshman**

**Major: Advertising Management**

**Pronouns: He/Him**

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Having the honor of participating in MAGIC was easily one of the best experiences I've had to kick off my journey at MSU. Getting to meet a great community of peers and mentors who quickly turned a massive campus into a place that felt like home.

Magic was an authentic space that was created for us to have great conversations and share even better times together. The support system I built through MAGIC gave me the confidence to navigate my first semester successfully, while always having familiar faces to cheer me on. Having that "family" dynamic before day one guaranteed that I'd never feel lost in the crowd.



# Naomi Morgan-Martinez (she/her/hers) c/o 2027

## Professional and Public Writing major

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MAGIC was an amazing opportunity that prepared me to be a well-informed incoming freshman at MSU! Students were taught about helpful resources on campus, such as CAPS, tutoring services, and study abroad programs. We were given advice from influential speakers and staff at MSU about how to navigate through college and how to be successful in life overall. The first thing that I loved the most was being able to get to know the campus before attending in the fall; from staying in a dorm room, to eating at Brody dining hall, to running all over campus during our treasure hunt.

The second thing is being able to recognize and greet people today who were in my group at MAGIC when I see them on campus or on social media. I would recommend MAGIC to any incoming freshman, and if they're like me, join with a friend and experience the magic together!



# Jesslyn Wang, 2nd year (class of 2027), Dual degree: B.A. in Accounting & Economics, Pronouns: She/Her

I did MAGIC in the summer of 2023, and it prepared me well for starting at Michigan State in the coming fall. Before attending the program, my biggest concerns about college were not knowing where my classes were and getting lost, along with not knowing anyone and not being able to make friends. However, I really liked how MAGIC was structured since attending the informational sessions about college life in various buildings helped me get accustomed to my surroundings. In addition, mealtimes and free time in the evening allowed me many opportunities to get to know those around me. My favorite part out of everything was the friends I made: We only spent around less than a week together, but it felt like forever with how often we were around each other every day.

Also, as an out-of-state student from the Chicago suburbs, I was able to connect with other Illinois students during this time, which was good to have since we made a group chat and discussed how we'd all be getting to campus and even hung out together once we were back in Illinois. MAGIC truly helped me enjoy college as the first day that I arrived on campus and officially began my life at MSU, I was bursting with excitement as I already knew my way around, and I already had a set of friends to hang out with. I have so many fond memories of this program, ranging from eating at the Brody dining hall for the first time and being amazed at all the delicious options to staying up late gossiping and playing card games with my friends. I'm so glad I participated in MAGIC, and I highly recommend it to any incoming freshman. Trust me, you won't regret it!



**Elena Sweeney (She/her),  
Year: Senior**

**Major: International Relations in James  
Madison**

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The MAGIC 2023 was such an amazing experience for me. MAGIC allowed me to feel confident on campus and well acquainted with the excellent resources MSU has to offer. Most of all, I appreciated the opportunity to meet other incoming freshman and have a week to make close friends. I made so many great friends and connections on campus and when I started school in August, I saw familiar faces wherever I went. Finally, I have continued working at OCAT and gotten involved with the Council of Racial and Ethnic Students, specifically Culturas de las Razas Unidas (CRU). I owe my success at MSU to the support system MAGIC has given me and the lovely friends I have made along the way. I strongly recommend the MAGIC program to any incoming freshman, it really made a difference in my life!



**Heaven Brooks,  
Class of 2027,**

**Major: Human Biology on a Pre-Med track,  
Pronouns: She/Her**

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The MAGIC program had a profound impact on my freshman year. It helped me explore the campus and its history before the fall semester began. Through MAGIC, I made many friends and connections that have been invaluable and also opened so many doors for me.

I highly recommend this program to incoming Spartans because it played a crucial role in shaping my experience and identity as a Spartan today. Without it, I wouldn't have integrated into campus life as smoothly.



**Reagan Karasek**  
**Year: Freshman**

**Major: Political Theory and Constitutional  
Democracy (JMC), Philosophy**

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MAGIC was an overall fantastic experience. It gave me the opportunity to preemptively break out of my shell and learn how to talk to people I have never met before. I made some extremely close friends, some of which I still talk to today, and have found so much success in my classes. I have taken many of the lessons I learned at MAGIC about organizational skills and building professional relationships with my professors into my first year at MSU.

MAGIC also taught me that success at MSU doesn't just revolve around succeeding academically; it is also the relationships you find in those around you. By embodying this lesson, I have found that MSU feels even more like a community that I truly belong to; it feels like home.



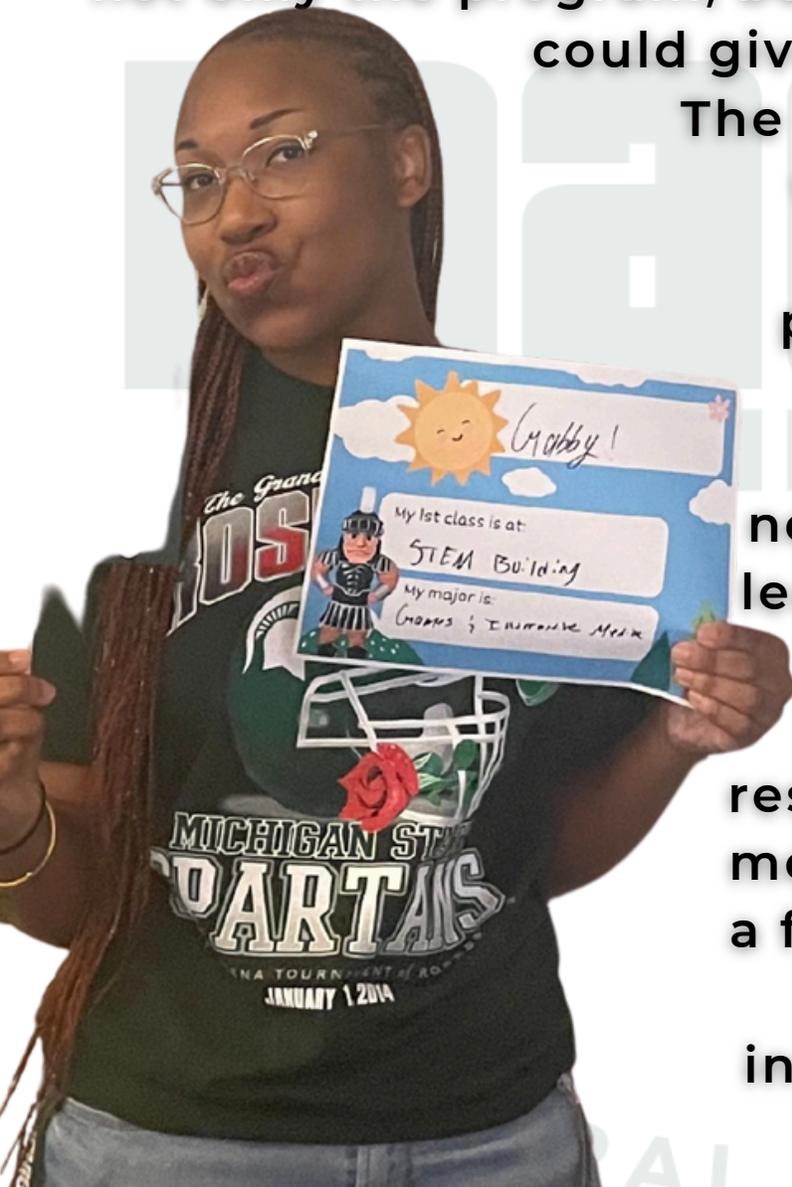
# **Gabrielle McWright** **Fourth-Year/Senior Standing,** **Major: Games and Interactive Media major,** **Pronouns: She/Her/Hers**

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The MAGIC Program and the faculty and amazing energy over at OCAT has helped me in ways where I've never been more grateful! My introduction to OCAT and MAGIC itself started in July of 2022, where I was a part of the MAGIC program for the upcoming freshman year. That experience and time showed me so much of what not only the program, but Michigan State as a whole could give me in my academic career

The most enjoyable part of it all was that I met, bonded, and still in connection with my peers and colleagues of that program and have built fantastic resources and

networks. Over the years, I've learned and experienced MSU from my point of view, of course with the existing resource of OCAT available for me at all times as well; And as a freshly third-year, I still plan and anticipate to be more involved and more connected than ever!





# APPLY TODAY

MAGIC 2026 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 12-17)** OR **WEEK TWO (JULY 19-24)**.

**SPACES ARE LIMITED. APPLY TODAY!**

**QUESTIONS? CHECK OUT THE FAQs.  
(HYPERLINKED).**

**Ready to apply?**

**Fill out the MAGIC 2026 application [HERE](#).**