

**MICHIGAN GOVERNMENT SEMESTER PROGRAM
 SPRING 2025 COHORT**

INTERNSHIP PLACEMENT	STUDENT PICS	STUDENT BIOS
JUDGE AQUILINA, (MI 30th CIRCUIT COURT) and MI STATE REP. KIMBERLY EDWARDS		<p>JAYLIN AMA is a junior Honors student studying Finance at Michigan State University. He is a proud African American from Farmington Hills, Michigan. Jaylin Ama is an avid supporter of nonprofits and public policy, having interned and volunteered with “Crane Consulting” and “Pink Space Theory Project” in the past. He is currently interning for the Honorable Rosemarie Aquilina in the 30th Circuit Court and Michigan State Rep. Kimberly Edwards. Jaylin is passionate about addressing and alleviating the economic challenges faced by underrepresented socioeconomic groups. He enjoys working out and listening to music. Jaylin was one of the MGSP Scholarship recipients for Spring 2025.</p>
KELLEY CAWTHORNE		<p>WILLIAM ARMSTRONG is a senior studying Political Science at Michigan State University. Originally from St. Joseph, Michigan, he has gained practical experience interning for State Senator Mark Huizenga. William is interested in domestic policy generally, with a particular focus on education policy and its impact on Michigan’s economy. Following graduation, he hopes to work in the Michigan legislature in a policy analysis role. In his free time, William enjoys reading about American history, watching tennis, and spending time in Northern Michigan.</p>
MI STATE REP. LAURIE POHUTSKY		<p>EMMA BARTHOLOMEW is a senior studying Environmental Economics and Management at Michigan State University. Emma is a frequent enjoyer of the outdoors and works as a part-time ski instructor during the winter. She has previously interned in Washington, D.C., as a part of the Demmer Scholars Program with the Congressional Sportsmen’s Foundation. Emma aims to advance economic policies that address and mitigate the challenges of climate change.</p>
LEGAL SERVICES OF SOUTH CENTRAL MICHIGAN		<p>KEEGAN BROWN is a senior at Michigan State University from Grand Rapids, MI. He is studying political science on the pre-law track with a minor in law, justice, and public policy. Keegan is a hard worker as he is a student supervisor at the Wharton Center and a law clerk for Legal Services of South-Central Michigan. After graduating, he plans on attending law school to earn his JD and practice law. In his free time, Keegan enjoys shooting film, photography, and running.</p>
STUDENT PIRGMS		<p>BEN DEEMS is a junior from Plymouth, Michigan studying Political Science Pre-Law and Criminal Justice with a minor in Law, Justice, and Public Policy at Michigan State University. He is currently interning with PIRGIM, a public interest research group focusing on educating individuals in the East Lansing area. Through previous work and volunteer experience with the Super Jess 5k (SJ5k), a medical fundraising organization, he is interested in becoming a juvenile advocacy lawyer in the medical sector and aspiring to become a Supreme Court Justice. Ben is also a member of Kappa Alpha Pi, Michigan State's only Pre-Law Co-ed Fraternity.</p>

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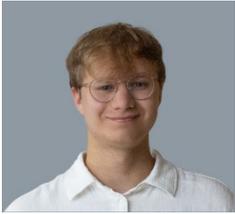
PUBLIC AFFAIRS ASSOCIATES		<p>PAVITHRA ELAVARASAN is a junior studying Political Science and Criminal Justice at Michigan State University. She is a proud Indian American from Van Buren Township, Michigan. Pavithra is passionate about involving herself in the community through being a representative for her college at ASMSU and being organizing committee chair in the Sunrise MSU Movement. She is currently interning with the lobbying firm Public Affairs Associates. Pavithra is interested in the complex policies behind immigration and aspires to work as an immigration attorney in the future. She enjoys playing the guitar and composing music.</p>
GALLAGHER LAW FIRM		<p>MAXIMILIAN ERCOLANI is a junior at Michigan State University studying Political Science with a minor in both Law, Justice, & Public Policy and Business. He is interning with the Gallagher Law Firm in East Lansing. Max is from Bloomfield Hills, MI, and takes great pride in his Sammarinese heritage and its influence on his values and perspective. He is passionate about addressing critical issues such as protecting civil liberties and promoting equality in our justice system. He plans to attend law school and pursue a career dedicated to advocating for justice, fairness, and meaningful change.</p>
MI STATE SENATOR MICHAEL WEBBER		<p>MICHAEL GHETE is a junior at Michigan State University studying Political Science Pre-Law with a minor in Law, Justice, and Public Policy and Business. He is from West Bloomfield, Michigan, and often volunteers through church-organized events. Michael is interning in Senator Michael Webber's office and is excited to learn more about legislation and committee work. In the future, Michael plans to attend law school and pursue a career in corporate, constitutional, or international law. In his free time, he loves to play soccer and guitar and go to the gym.</p>
MI STATE REP. WILL SNYDER		<p>MYRANDA GONZALEZ is a junior at Michigan State University, majoring in Political Science and Public Policy on the pre-law track. A proud Latina from the Greater Chicago area, she is a highly motivated student who thrives in dynamic environments. Myranda balances her academic pursuits with her roles as a ticket sales representative at the Wharton Center for Performing Arts and as a legislative intern for State Representative Will Snyder in the Michigan House of Representatives. Following graduation, she plans to attend law school to pursue her JD. In her free time, she enjoys exploring the outdoors and discovering new cities.</p>
MI STATE HOUSE MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER BRYAN POSTHUMUS		<p>LUCAS GRAVATT is a senior at Michigan State University studying Political Science with minors in Peace and Justice Studies and Law, Justice, and Public Policy. He was born in Newport News, Virginia, and is the proud son of a Navy veteran, so hard work and dedication have always been a part of his family. Lucas previously served as President of MSU Student PIRGs, a club that runs campaigns to increase student voting, make textbooks more affordable, and raise awareness about climate change. He also serves as Vice President of MSU's Club Football Team. Aside from on-campus work, Lucas has volunteered at the Lansing Refugee Center and studied Politics and Society abroad in London, knocking on doors and campaigning for MP Paul Kohler over the summer. Lucas</p>

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		hopes to one day run for the Michigan House of Representatives and serve the people from his new hometown of Saline, Michigan.
OFFICE OF LANSING CITY ATTORNEY		JORDAN HOLLAND is a senior studying Political Science-Pre Law with a minor in Peace & Justice at Michigan State University. She is from Ann Arbor, Michigan, and proud to be of Gabonese decent. She has volunteered in the past for her community by helping local food banks such as Ann Arbor Second Baptist Church and the Bryant Community Center. Jordan previously interned for the grassroots organization Clean Water Action and is now interning for the Office of the City Attorney in Lansing. She hopes to one day become a criminal prosecutor after attending law school. In her spare time, Jordan enjoys reading, running, and watching movies.
LANSING REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE		MAXIMILIAN HORNUNG is a junior majoring in Political Science Pre-Law with a double minor in Law, Justice, and Public Policy, as well as Business. Originally from Germany, he has lived in Rochester Hills, Michigan, for the past seven years. Passionate about making a positive impact, Maximilian contributes to his community by working with the Michigan Waterways Stewards, a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting and preserving Michigan's abundant freshwater resources. He aspires to an international career, hoping to work with countries or global corporations to address and resolve significant conflicts. In his free time, Maximilian enjoys staying active through fitness and exploring new destinations through travel.
MI STATE REP. TONYA MEYER PHILLIPS		SERENITI HUFF is a junior studying Political Science Pre-Law at Michigan State University. She is passionate about policy making, with particular interests in addressing the housing crisis and advocating for civil rights. Sereniti is actively involved in leadership, serving as the president of Black Girls Unite and as an ambassador for TRIO SSS. She is committed to making meaningful change and amplifying voices that have been historically marginalized. Sereniti is dedicated to developing a strong understanding of law and policy to pursue a future career in public service and advocacy. In her free time, she enjoys reading and playing board games.
BUREAU OF SERVICES FOR BLIND PERSONS (BSBP) FOR STATE OF MICHIGAN		SAVANNAH HULL is a senior at Michigan State University, majoring in Political Science with a minor in Law, Justice, and Public Policy. She grew up in the Flint area and earned her associate degree at Mott Community College, where she was honored as the 2023 Political Science Student of the Year. Savannah is deeply committed to her state and community, having volunteered with the 2020 Re-elect Sheryl Kennedy campaign, Reproductive Freedom for All, and the College Democrats at Michigan State. She plans to run for office in the future, focusing on issues such as reproductive rights, labor protections, and expanding educational opportunities for all. In her free time, she enjoys reading manga and watching The West Wing.

MI STATE HOUSE MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER BRYAN POSTHUMUS		<p>DANIEL KANG is a senior at Michigan State University studying Criminal Justice and Political Science (Pre-Law) with a minor in Law, Justice, and Public Policy. He is passionate about legal analysis and policy reform, particularly in the healthcare sector. His work on initiatives supporting individuals with chronic illnesses, including The Spaceman Project, has reinforced his commitment to improving healthcare policy and accessibility. Daniel is currently interning in the office of Majority Floor Leader Bryan Posthumus at the Michigan House of Representatives, where he is gaining experience in legislative research and constituent relations. He plans to attend law school and focus on healthcare policy and legal advocacy. In his free time, he enjoys mixed martial arts and playing basketball.</p>
COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION		<p>NADALY KNOX is a junior studying Political Science Pre Law, double minoring in Peace and Justice Studies and Law, Justice and Public Policy at Michigan State University. She is a proud resident of Spring Lake, Michigan. She is the newly elected Chapter President of Sigma Kappa, leading her chapter in community service and fundraising efforts, especially for their national philanthropy, the Alzheimer’s Association. She is passionate about making a positive impact through service, advocacy, and philanthropy while fostering sisterhood and leadership. She is currently interning for Community Mental Health Association of Michigan. She has extensive customer service experience across a diverse range of industries, including restaurants, marinas, and manufacturing environments. Nadaly is passionate about mental health, child abuse advocacy and aspires to change the world someday. She enjoys working out, the sunshine, and personal development.</p>
MI STATE REP. ALABAS FARHAT		<p>MADelyn MOTHERWAY is a junior studying Political Science-Pre Law with minors in Business, Law, Justice, Public Policy, and Security Management. She is from Darien, Illinois, and came to Michigan State to help aid and develop her educational and professional skills. Madelyn is deeply involved in helping her community. She has worked with numerous nonprofit organizations through Kappa Alpha Pi, a pre-law government fraternity, and "Service for Sight" through Delta Gamma sorority. Madelyn will be interning for State Representative Alabas Farhat this semester. After undergrad, Madelyn hopes to attend law school, with a special interest in becoming a corporate or estate planning attorney.</p>
MI STATE SENATOR MICHELE HOITENGA		<p>CORYNNE OJERIO is a senior studying Political Science and Public Policy at Michigan State University. Corynne was born and raised in East Lansing Michigan. She has worked in the Michigan Legislature for over a year under Representative Graham Filler and now Senator Michele Hoitenga. Corynne is interested in Criminal Justice reforms and the improvement of statewide resources. She also enjoys yoga and reading in her past times.</p>

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<p>JUDGE MICHELLE RICK, MI COURT OF APPEALS</p>		<p>ANDREW PALMER is a junior studying Political Science-Prelaw and History at Michigan State University. He is originally from Macomb County. Andrew is an active member of the Kappa Alpha Pi prelaw fraternity and a student coordinator for New Student Orientation. He has previously participated in volunteer initiatives through his fraternity's service branch throughout the Lansing area. He is interning for Judge Michelle Rick at the Michigan Court of Appeals this semester. He is hoping to attend law school following the completion of his degree with a particular passion for public interest law. Andrew was one of the MGSP Scholarship recipients for Spring 2025.</p>
<p>BEN HALL LAW FIRM</p>		<p>JORDYN PETERSON is a senior studying Political Science and minoring in Law, Justice, and Public Policy at Michigan State University. She is from Macomb, MI. Jordyn is a proud member of Empowering Women in Law, and the Philanthropy coordinator for Days for Girls. She also volunteers with Helping Hands providing academic support to K-12 students in Lansing Schools. Jordyn has previously interned for Chief Bureau Andrea Legendre with the Genesee County Prosecutors Office. Jordyn is interested in pursuing a career in the legal field to help prevent wrongful prosecution, and victim advocacy. She also enjoys promoting good mental and physical health.</p>
<p>DYKEMA GOSSETT PLLC</p>		<p>SEAN ROBINSON is a senior studying Political Science Pre-Law with a minor in Law, Justice, and Public Policy. He is from Huntington Woods, Michigan. He is a member of the Political Science Scholars Program and has previously interned at The Kronzek Firm PLC. This semester, Sean will be interning with Dykema Gossett PLLC. Sean has a strong interest in constitutional law and lobbying and plans to attend law school in the future.</p>
<p>MI STATE SENATOR SEAN MCCANN</p>		<p>JAELYNN SMITH is a dedicated undergraduate student at Michigan State University, pursuing a major in Political Science with minors in Philosophy & Law and Peace & Justice Studies. Actively engaged in academic and extracurricular activities, Jaelynn serves as a Political Science Scholar, Undergraduate Learning Assistant and volunteers regularly at the YWCA in between semesters. Her experience as a Legal Intern at the YWCA, where she provided assistance with legal matters to her community has been instrumental in shaping her commitment to public service. Currently, Jaelynn contributes to her community as an intern supporting policy initiatives at Senator McCann's office. Recognized for her academic excellence, she is a consistent member of the Deans List and actively participates in various leadership roles, including the Junior Class Council and Chair of the College of Social Science 'Dean Student Advisory Council. Jaelynn's passion for promoting equal access to education is evident in her research presentation on the impact of poverty on education opportunities in Belize, reflecting her dedication in advocating for equitable educational opportunities for passionate students worldwide.</p>

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<p>STUDENT PIRGMS</p>		<p>LALI TOBIN is a senior at Michigan State University studying political science while double minoring in Chinese as a second language and peace and justice studies. She was born and raised in Staten Island, New York but currently lives in Tbilisi, Georgia. Lali has played on the Michigan State Club Tennis team and volunteered with MSU PIRGMS to help students become registered to vote in this past election. In addition, Lali has interned with the company NWF (New Way Forward) Strategies, where she assisted several campaign leaders with phone banking and also helped set up scripts for phone bankers and organized events for in person door to door service. Her goal is to work in the United Nations as a Georgian delegate to help the ongoing conflicts with Russia. Lali was one of the MGSP Scholarship recipients for Spring 2025.</p>
<p>RIVER CADDIS GROUP</p>		<p>DAEGAN WILLIAMS is a senior studying Political Science and Economics at Michigan State University. He is a New York native, from Westchester County. Daegan previously interned with Mckinney and Associates, a lobbying firm and is currently interning with The River Caddis Group, an infrastructure and real estate development firm. Daegan is interested in infrastructure development and is hoping to continue in that line of work after graduation. He enjoys cooking, fishing, camping and fitness.</p>