




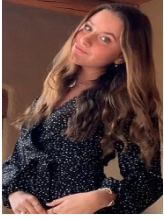







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| <p>U.S. CONGRESSWOMAN ELISSA SLOTKIN (MI-8)</p> |  | <p>HANNAH BUHLMANN is a Senior from Los Angeles, California. She is a Political Science major with a minor in Leadership of Organizations. Hannah cares deeply about improving the education system, the environment and climate change, and expanding health care access. She brings prior campaign and research experience to MGSP. Someday, Hannah hopes to work for the United States government and be a role model to young women to show that women can make a huge change in American politics.</p> |
| <p>ST. VINCENT REFUGEE SERVICES</p> |  | <p>KENNEDI CARPENTER is a senior studying Public Policy with a minor in Race and Ethnicity at Michigan State University. She works two jobs in her free time, one of which is a peer educator against sexual assault and relationship violence through MSU's Peer Outreach and Education Department. When not working, interning, or studying, Kennedy enjoys spending time with her pets and family. Her passion is to help those in need, and she hopes to find a career in the policy field that allows her to do just that.</p> |
| <p>MI GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER</p> |  | <p>ZACHARY CRAWFORD is a junior studying Public Policy with a minor in Cities: Environment, Design, and Society. Zach has been involved in various organizations around the MSU community and his hometown of West Bloomfield, MI, volunteering his time with many organizations including DECA, and Boy Scouts, achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. When he is not volunteering in the community, he shows future Spartans around campus as a tour guide! His goals are to improve Michigan's infrastructure and create greener pedestrian-friendly cities by increasing access to and the availability of public transportation. Zach previously interned with Constituent Services with the Michigan House of Representatives and the Lansing Economic Area Partnership (LEAP).</p> |
| <p>MI STATE REP. BRENDA CARTER</p> |  | <p>NIKKI GOODNIGHT is a senior majoring in Political Science – Prelaw and minoring in Youth and Society at Michigan State University. She is from Carleton, Michigan and passionate about public policy and a fair and equal justice system. She plans to attend law school and become a prosecuting attorney with hopes of getting into politics one day.</p> |
| <p>MI HOUSE DEMOCRATS & LANSING CITY COUNCILMAN BRIAN JACKSON</p> |  | <p>JA'MIYA GRACE is a senior studying Public Policy at Michigan State University. She was born and raised in Saginaw, Michigan. Ja'Miya enjoys working with children and has led educational activities at the Boys and Girl's Club of Lansing for the past three years. She has previously served as an Education Intern in the Washington, DC office of Senator Tammy Duckworth and in the Office of Governor Whitmer as an Appointments Intern. She is passionate about creating equitable opportunities for students of color through education. In her free time, Ja'Miya enjoys painting and reading science fiction novels.</p> |




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| <p>LANSING REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE</p> |  | <p>CHANDLER HARRIS is a junior studying Political Science and Public Policy at Michigan State University. He is a well-rounded African American from Dallas, Texas. Chandler began his work in politics this past semester interning with the Michigan House Dem. Caucus and their outreach team. Chandler is interested in environmental policies hoping to become a lawyer representing companies and individuals looking for more environment-friendly practices. He also enjoys traveling, wanting to visit Europe in the near future.</p> |
| <p>MI SENATOR KIM LASATA</p> |  | <p>LEXI HUBBARD is a junior studying Political Science Pre-Law, with a double minor in Peace and Justice Studies and Law, Justice, Public Policy at Michigan State University. Lexi has enjoyed volunteering at the Cheff Therapeutic Riding Center over the past few years and is actively involved in Greek Life. Lexi is passionate about public policy and the legal system, especially litigation, and plans to attend law school when she graduates in Spring 2023.</p> |
| <p>S.A.F.E. PLACE SHELTER</p> |  | <p>FLADIANA LOPEZ is a Political Science major with a Minor in Peace and Justice Studies at MSU. She previously interned with the Gretchen Driskel political campaign and has been involved in several extracurricular activities on campus, including Take Back the Night and Women*s Services. This Spring, Fladiana will be the first person in her family to graduate with any higher education degree. However, she wants to ensure she is not the last. Thus, after graduation, she plans to volunteer with Americorps in Louisiana to help other first-generation college students get the support they need.</p> |
| <p>OKEMOS LEGAL GROUP</p> |  | <p>KADIJA JAMMEH is a junior studying Political Science-Pre Law at Michigan State University. She is a Gambian American from Detroit, Michigan. In her free time, you can find Kadija traveling worldwide and volunteering for nonprofit organizations such as the Michigan Gambian Society and RESULTS. In addition, she runs her own Afro-Centric clothing shop. Kadija is interested in uplifting Black communities through education and resources. With only 2% of Black females as lawyers in the U.S., Kadija hopes to increase that number by graduating from law school and eventually becoming a judge. Kadija received one of the two MGSP Scholarships for the Spring 2022 semester for her accomplishments and commitment to public service.</p> |
| <p>JUDGE ROSEMARIE AQUILINA (MI 30th CIRCUIT COURT)</p> |  | <p>MACKEN KEEFE is a third-year student at Michigan State University, double majoring in Political Science (Pre-Law) and GLIS (International Development). Macken is originally from Lake Arrowhead, California. He is also proud to have been selected as a Social Science Scholar. He is incredibly passionate about migration studies, conflict resolution, and intergroup dynamics. After graduation, Macken plans to attend law school to study either international law or property law.</p> |





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| <p>MI DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL RIGHTS</p> |  | <p>DAVID LEEK is a senior studying Political Science and Mental Behavior at Michigan State University. He is a transfer student from Central Michigan University and was born and raised in Lansing, Michigan. David became interested in government at a young age. He is passionate about making healthcare and education more affordable for all. David has extensive retail experience. He is also a head coach for his local youth AAU basketball team and enjoys sports, learning about space, and watching movies.</p> |
| <p>PUBLIC AFFAIRS ASSOCIATES</p> |  | <p>Mia Lucchetti is a junior studying Political Science and Criminal Justice with a minor in Youth and Society at Michigan State University. She is from Boston, Massachusetts, and was involved with Army ROTC. Mia is especially interested in legislation, policy making, lobbying, and marijuana legalization. Mia has previously interned with the District Attorney's Office in Boston with the Civil Rights Unit. Mia is now interning with Public Affairs Associates, a premier lobbying firm in Lansing. She looks forward to learning more about how lobbying may become a part of her future. In addition, Mia enjoys doing gymnastics in her free time and bartending at work.</p> |
| <p>MI STATE SENATOR DOUG WOZNAK</p> |  | <p>SHAWN McDONALD is a senior studying Political Science – Pre-Law and Leadership of Organizations at Michigan State University. Shawn plans on attending law school after graduation. As a former High School Varsity Basketball player, he enjoys teaching and coaching special needs kids in the Sports Galore program. In addition, his strong belief in the community allows him to volunteer in the soup kitchen back home in New Jersey and participate in raising funds for homeless kids through Covenant House NJ-Sleep Out. Shawn is looking forward to strengthening his knowledge and experience in the legislative and policy-making process.</p> |
| <p>JUDGE ROSEMARIE AQUILINA (MI 30th CIRCUIT COURT)</p> |  | <p>ANNE MELLO is a Political Science - Prelaw senior with a minor in Law, Justice and Public Policy at MSU. She is from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Anne is passionate about American law and politics. She furthered her knowledge as a paralegal at Sports Media Inc. in 2020 and as a student of Oxford University's Law Summer Program in 2019. In addition, Anne enjoys reading, ballet, watching movies, listening to music, and writing political pieces for the Michigan State Chapter of the Her Campus newspaper. Anne intends to pursue a JD after graduating from MSU.</p> |
| <p>MI COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE AMY KRAUSE</p> |  | <p>EMILY MILLER is a senior studying Political Science-Prelaw with a minor in Economics. She has previously interned with Governor Gretchen Whitmer and Congresswoman Elissa Slotkin. She is passionate about sustainability advocacy, specifically issues relating to water pollution. Emily has volunteered with Voters Not Politicians, served as a poll worker, and phonebanks regularly for nonpartisan issues.</p> |
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| <p>INGHAM COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE</p> |  | <p>JOSLYN MILLER is a junior majoring in Interdisciplinary Studies in Social Science, with minors in Leadership of Organizations and Philosophy and Law at Michigan State University. She is a proud Michigan native from Kalamazoo. She has previously interned with the MSU's Women*s Student Services and the Kalamazoo Public Defender's office. Joslyn is passionate about women's issues, immigration policy, and criminal justice reform, and serves as a board member for Michigan State's Women*s Council, Prison Reform Advocacy Group, and Empowering Women in Law. In addition, she enjoys reading, journaling, and advocacy work in her free time.</p> |
| <p>MI STATE REP. YOUSEF RABHI</p> |  | <p>SEYED MIRABEDINI is a political science major at MSU. He is from Ann Arbor, Michigan and has experience in mock trial, journalism, and completed a data processing internship with Parbricks LLC, which provides services to governmental agencies and private companies. Seyed enjoys studying American politics and political philosophy, and ultimately wants to work in state politics and elections. His hobbies are reading history and playing basketball.</p> |
| <p>DILLON & SAMUEL LAW FIRM</p> |  | <p>JACOB NOVAK is a junior studying Political Science and History, with a minor in Leadership of Organizations. He is from Fenton, Michigan, just north of Ann Arbor. Jake currently works as a legal assistant for Casey D. Conklin, PLLC, and Dillon and Samuel, PLLC. He has previously worked alongside Professor Cory Smidt, doing voter research, and worked on several political campaigns. Jake is interested in pursuing a J.D and MBA to strengthen labor representation at a corporate level. In addition, Jake enjoys working out and spending time with friends in his free time.</p> |
| <p>OKEMOS LEGAL GROUP</p> |  | <p>CIERRA SMITH is a senior studying Political Science Pre-Law at Michigan State University. She hails from Harper Woods, Michigan where she completed an internship under former Councilwoman Ernestine Lyons. She aspires to work within the legal field in order to advocate and change the laws that negatively affect communities of color. Cierra enjoys learning new hobbies such as sewing and hairstyles (e.g., passion twists and box braids) in her free time. Cierra received one of the two MGSP Scholarships for the Spring 2022 semester for her accomplishments and commitment to public service.</p> |
| <p>MI STATE SENATOR ROSEMARY BAYER</p> |  | <p>LAUREN STATON is a junior studying Interdisciplinary Studies in Social Science and Public Policy, with a minor in Law, Justice, and Public Policy. She is from Beverly Hills, Michigan. She has previously interned for the Michigan Senate. Lauren looks forward to serving those in her community and furthering her knowledge of Michigan politics. After graduating, she hopes to continue pushing for change at the state level from within the legislature.</p> |

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| <p>MICHIGAN COALITION TO END DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE (MCEDSV)</p> |  | <p>MIKAYLA STOKES is a Political Science Pre-Law and Global and International Studies major from Sunrise, Florida. She is a Social Science Scholar, Honors College member, and a PLS Scholar at MSU. She has previously interned with Good Citizen in New York to support social justice organizations with employment immigration issues. She aspires to attend law school and eventually work within the realms of advocacy and policy. She is passionate about universal healthcare, survivor rights, and achieving equity within the American legal system.</p> |
| <p>U.S. CONGRESSWOMAN ELISSA SLOTKIN (MI-8)</p> |  | <p>LINDSEY SULLIVAN is a senior studying Political Science with a focus in Prelaw at Michigan State University. She has previously interned with Judge Amy Ronayne Krause at the Michigan Court of Appeals and with the Office of the Lansing City Attorney. Lindsey is passionate about environmental law, veterans affairs, and criminal justice reform. She hopes to attend law school in the future and serve as a Judge Advocate General. Upon graduation in the Spring, Lindsey will commission into the Air Force as a Public Affairs Officer.</p> |
| <p>MI SENATE MINORITY LEADER JIM ANANICH</p> |  | <p>ALLISON VANDERAUE is a junior studying Political Science Pre-Law with a minor in Law, Justice, and Public Policy. Alli has previously interned for Lansing Mayor Andy Schor's re-election campaign, worked for a local law firm, and shadowed a district attorney. She is passionate about civil rights, public policy, the legal arena, and ensuring justice and equality for all. Alli plans on going to law school to defend and help others.</p> |
| <p>KONNECH', INC.</p> |  | <p>EVAN "E.V." VECZIEDINS is an autistic American-Latvian from Caledonia, Michigan. He cares deeply about mental health issues and respecting individuals' autonomy, including those he serves as an ABA Behavior Technician and every citizen. In addition, E.V. is interested in political philosophy and the interaction between civil rights and civil duties. While he is unsure where his career will take him, he is currently exploring going to law school or working on policies related to mental health.</p> |