

**The University of Michigan  
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**ITEM FOR INFORMATION**

Subject: Michigan Student Assembly Report

Attached is the September update on the projects and activities of the Michigan Student Assembly.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sabrina Shingwani". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sabrina" and the last name "Shingwani" clearly distinguishable.

Sabrina Shingwani  
President, Michigan Student Assembly

September, 2008

Dear President Coleman, Regents, and Executive Officers,

Thank you once again for the opportunity to present to you. Here is a list of what MSA has been working on this past month:

*Freshman Outreach* – The Welcome Week events that MSA organized or helped organize were a huge success, including *Gayz Craze*, the *Day of C.H.A.N.G.E.*, and several Black Welcome Week events including *Reflections in Black* and *Black College Life 101: The Real Perspective*. Our members, including our Voice Your Vote Commission, also had a strong presence at several events, including *Escapades* and *Artscapades*, *Festifall*, *Taste of Michigan*, *Taste of Culture*, *Pre-Class Bash*, *Maize Craze*, and *Meijer Madness* for outreach and registration purposes. We're excited about hosting the MSA Open House on the 16<sup>th</sup> to reconnect with the Freshman to whom we reached out.

*Disability Design Challenge* – The Disabilities Issues Select Committee is currently advertising for its new Design Challenge with the goal of designing for the disabled community and providing a benefit to their daily activities. We have partnered with several Departments at Michigan to assist us as sponsors, and we are encouraging student participant teams to each comprise of a wide range of University Departments. We have our first round of abstracts due at the end of September and the final presentations of the Challenge will be delivered in the beginning of December.

*Campus Political Leadership Luncheon* – This year's Presidential election is undoubtedly historical and MSA is excited to play a strong non-partisan role to get students involved. Voice Your Vote plays a key role in the registration process. To help educate students on campus about key issues and encourage open dialogue, MSA is planning our annual Campus Political Leadership Luncheon to take place in late October. The focus this year will be less on campus politics and more on national politics and its effect on students. We look forward to inviting a diverse group of campus leaders and sparking some interesting dialogue in a safe space.

*Internship Program* – The second year of the Internship Program is kicking off to a great start. We have received many applications, especially after our strong presence at Festifall, and look forward to receiving more after our Open House. We plan on accepting roughly 20 interns this semester and exposing them to every aspect of the University of Michigan, from every school and college to the cultures of North, Central, South, and the Medical campuses to the administration, student organizations on campus, athletics, etc. We hope to build strong campus leaders through this program and will encourage them to get involved in MSA or any other entity of interest to them after the program.

*Homecoming Week* – We have planned a full week of activities for Homecoming Week including a charity drive, student showcase, movie night, environmental lecture, and Homecoming Court crowning ceremony. From light bulb exchanges to can collections competitions to ordering organic t-shirts, we are doing everything we can to be environmentally friendly in accordance with our theme: Go Blue, Live Green. We plan on focusing on involving students in the week, of course, but we would also like for alumni and their families to participate in the events, especially our Friday night pep rally.

I appreciate your time and look forward to seeing you again next month.