

## **MSU Students Earn National Recognition for Public Service**

### **Presidential Volunteer Service Awards highlight dedicated contributions to public service with congratulations from President Barack Obama**

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EAST LANSING, Mich. – Two MSU programs and 36 students have been awarded the national Presidential Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) for completing 100 or more hours of volunteer service within a one-year time frame during the 2015-2016 academic year.

The PVSA awards are an initiative of the Corporation for National and Community Service, and administered by Points of Light, the largest organization in the world dedicated to public service.

MSU's Center for Service-Learning and Civic Engagement (CSLCE) became an official PVSA Certifying Organization in 2015. For nearly 50 years, CSLCE has worked to advance community engaged learning, and prepare students for lifelong civic and social responsibility in an increasingly diverse and complex global society.

“These students were willing to ask what was needed, roll up their sleeves, and put in the hours to make the world a better place. We are so proud to call them Spartans,” said Renee Zientek, CSLCE director.

Two registered student organizations received a “gold” group rating based on the high number of volunteer service hours each member contributed during 2015-16. MSU Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) collectively served 3,444 hours and Alternate Spartan Breaks (ASB) collectively served 9,342 hours last year. The 36 MSU students awarded individual medals also documented their volunteer service which ranged from 100 to 421 hours.

Recipients receive a certificate of accomplishment and a congratulatory letter from President Barack Obama.

#### **Gold Level (250+ hours of service)**

Sean Hamborsky of Grosse Pointe Woods, MI, Masters Graduate in Accounting

Miya Hourani of South Lyon, MI, Junior in Dietetics

Myya Jones of Detroit, MI, Senior in Management

Adam Kogelschatz of Rockford, MI, 2016 Masters Graduate in Accounting

Sydney Tackett of Southgate, MI. Senior in Human Development and Family Studies

MSU Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)\*

Alternate Spartan Breaks (ASB)\*



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**Silver Level (175-250 hours of service)**

Ashley Bocek of Corunna, Senior in Dietetics  
Julia Breza of Fremont, MI, Graduate in Economics  
Emily Brouckaert of Clinton Twp., MI, Senior in Animal Science  
Breanne Casper of Howell, MI, Senior in Anthropology  
Caitlyn Ciemniecki of Birmingham, MI, Nutritional Science  
Audrey Drotos of St. Joseph, MI, Sophomore in Neuroscience and Music  
Samuel Graham IV of Detroit, MI, Graduate of Interdisciplinary Studies  
Sarah Simpson of Lake Orion, MI, Sophomore in Packaging  
Eliana Small of Farmington Hills, MI, Pre-Med Junior, Genomics and Molecular Genetics  
Jordan Stern of Rochester Hills, MI, Junior in Human Biology

**Bronze Level (100-174 hours of service)**

Victoria Adomshick of Wheaton, IL, Sophomore, Microbiology and Spanish  
Elaine Chu of Kalamazoo, MI, Graduate in Forensic Anthropology  
Sarah Chumas of Comstock Park, MI, Senior in Human Development & Family Studies  
Alyssa Dal Pra of Warren, MI, Senior in Kinesiology  
Alexandria Drzazgowski of Rochester, MI, Junior in Professional Writing  
Alexis Filippi of Royal Oak, MI, Senior in Kinesiology  
Christopher Grandy of Grand Rapids, MI, Human Biology  
Cody Kahrs of Canton, MI, Graduate student in Accounting  
Tiffany Khoury of Shelby Twp., MI, Senior in Comparative Cultures & Politics/Communications  
Maighlin Kolesar of Ironwood, MI, Senior Nutritional Sciences  
Ashleigh Kozel of Brighton, MI, 2016 Graduate of the College of Nursing  
Rachel Manssur of Clarkston, MI, 2016 Graduate  
Greta Nameti of Canton, MI, Sophomore in Supply Chain Management  
Daniel Nguyen-Tran of Holt, MI, Human Biology  
Kelsie Quimby of Saginaw, MI, Masters in Accounting w/a focus on taxation  
Stephanie Sleda of Applegate, MI, Advertising  
Amanda Simon of New Baltimore, MI, Senior in Kinesiology  
Kory Stamper of Southgate, MI, 2016 Graduate of Nutritional Science  
Benjamin Thompson of Dowagiac, MI, Senior in Social Work  
Erin Vitale of Oakland Twp., MI, Junior in Human Biology

**International Student Volunteer Leadership Award**

One international student was recognized for her volunteer work and received the first International Volunteer Leadership Award from MSU's Center for Service-Learning & Civic Engagement.

Congratulations to Yifan Xu of Qingdao, China, Masters in Accounting upon receiving this award.

\*ASB and VITA are registered student organizations.

**Attention MSU Students: Record Your 2016-2017 Volunteer Service Hours to Earn a Presidential Volunteer Service Award**

MSU students can record their 2016-2017 volunteer service hours before 5 p.m. on June 30 for eligibility in the 2016-2017 Presidential Volunteer Service Awards.

MSU's PVSA application process is fairly simple: 1) create a personal account on [GiveGab](http://www.givegab.com), ([www.givegab.com](http://www.givegab.com)), 2) join the MSU Community on GiveGab ([msu.givegab.com](http://msu.givegab.com)), and 3) log at least 100 volunteers hours by 5:00pm on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

For more information, visit CSLCE's web page, [3 Easy Steps to Receive a PVSA](#).

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