

## MSU Begins National Volunteer Week by receiving Community Impact Awards

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EAST LANSING, Mich. – Recognizing Spartan spirit, enthusiasm, and purpose, Michigan State University was named in numerous awards by Michigan Campus Compact (MiCC) as part of the kickoff for National Volunteer Week.

The **Innovations in Community Impact Award** went to the Residential College in the Arts and Humanities (RCAH) for their longstanding community partnerships with Edgewood Village, Peckham, Inc., and the Refugee Development Center. Those involved have worked to promote innovative programs that foster dialogue, expression, and systems change.

An **Outstanding Community Impact Award** went to Elizabeth Brajevich, Human Development and Family Studies graduate student, and a **Commitment to Service Award** went to Melissa Maestas, Eli Broad College of Business junior. The awards recognize community engagement work, and the recipients' role in creating a culture of service on MSU's campus and in the community.

**Heart and Soul Awards** were bestowed to 119 MSU students for their time, effort, and personal commitment to community engagement. Through service projects, civic participation, public policy, social entrepreneurship initiatives, or internships, all Heart and Soul awardees helped strengthen communities by their involvement.

“Our students and faculty bring energy and endless determination to their commitments. They represent the best in service learning and civic engagement at MSU and we are proud of their achievements. It’s an honor to be recognized by Michigan Campus Compact for these awards,” said Renee Zientek, Center for Service-Learning and Civic Engagement director.

Michigan Campus Compact is a statewide organization that promotes the education and commitment of Michigan college students to be civically engaged citizens through creating and expanding academic, co-curricular and campus-wide opportunities for community service, service-learning, and civic engagement. They announce the awards annually. MiCC Heart and Soul Awards will be presented to MSU students by CSLCE as part of National Volunteer Week efforts (April 10-16, 2016).

For nearly 50 years, the 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.

For more information on how to become involved with volunteer initiatives at MSU, contact CSLCE at (517) 353-4400 or visit the [website](#).



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