



# PSY UGRAD NEWSLETTER

April 22, 2026



## YOU'RE ALMOST THERE!



You're in the **final stretch**, PSY Spartans! Finish strong! Stay steady, trust your preparation, and keep moving toward your goals. **Congratulations** to our Spring and Summer graduates! We're so proud of everything you've accomplished and excited for what's ahead!

Returning students: Before you leave for summer, **consider scheduling a quick advising appointment**. Our PSY Advisors have openings and can help you check your degree progress, confirm your schedule, and discuss your plans. Appointments are available in SIS, and Virtual Drop-In Advising is also a great option.

We'll also be transitioning to our **summer Drop-in Advising schedule** soon. Our regular hours (Monday - Friday, 1-3pm) will continue through May 29. From **June 1 through July 17**, Virtual Drop-In Advising will take place on **Mondays and Wednesdays from 1-3 PM** (excluding holidays). **We're here to support you all summer long!**

## IMPORTANT DATES

**April 26** Spring 2026 Classes End

**April 27-May 1** Final Exams

**May 2** Spring/Summer 2026 Commencement Ceremony

**May 11** Summer Semester Session 1/full summer begins

**June 30** Summer Semester Session 2 Begins

**August 14** Summer Semester Ends

**August 31** Fall 2026 Semester Begins




## Meet with an Advisor


Schedule a **30-minute advising appointment**.

**Virtual Drop-In Advising**  
Monday-Friday, 1-3pm EST


## Stay connected


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## CONGRATULATIONS, SPRING AND SUMMER GRADUATES!



The CSS **Commencement Ceremony** will be held Saturday, May 2 at 6:30PM at the Breslin Center. Graduates are instructed to start assembling by 5:30PM and should plan to stay for the entire ceremony. The Breslin Center has a strict policy on what's allowed to be brought inside. Don't forget to **update your permanent address** to confirm your diploma is sent to the correct place, you can do so via the SIS portal.

The PSY department is pleased to offer **PSY Activity Graduation Cords** to students who have participated in PSY programs, including internships, research, mentoring, or committee service. **Complete this form to claim your cord** and celebrate your achievements. We appreciate your contributions and hard work during your time in PSY!

As you prepare to graduate, remember that your career support doesn't end here. You can continue using the Career Services Network for two years post-graduation **for resume** reviews, cover letter feedback, interview preparation, and more. Learn more and stay connected here.



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## OPPORTUNITIES



**PSY 492 – Advanced Topics in Psychology** is a **NEW** PSY course where you can explore exciting, specialized areas of psychology. While it **doesn't fulfill the Tier 2 writing requirement**, it does count toward **upper-level PSY elective** credits. This semester, pick your adventure:

- Section 001 (MW 5:00–6:20 PM, Snyder Hall C20, Aldo Barrita): **Multicultural Psychology**
- Section 002 (TTh 3:00–4:20 PM, Jae Puckett): **Psychology of Thriving**

**Interested in brain development across the lifespan?** NEU 416 covers how the nervous system develops, with a focus on the interaction between genetics and environmental experiences. Students who have completed PSY 209, NEU 300 (IBIO 300), or NEU 302 are eligible to request an override for enrollment restrictions. View a sample syllabus [here](#). Request a course restriction override [here](#).



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University Health and Wellbeing

## Student Mental Health Ambassador Program

Call for Applications for  
2026-2027

Counseling and Psychiatric Services (CAPS) is now accepting applications for the **Student Mental Health Ambassador (SMHA)** program for the 2026-2027 academic year. This student-led initiative offers hands-on experience in mental health outreach, training on topics like suicide prevention and communication skills, and opportunities to plan and lead campus wellbeing events. 20 volunteer positions are available, including **SMHA Interns** and **Spartan Peer Counselors**. Applications are due May 1, 2026. Learn more and apply [here](#).

Gain professional experience while supporting Lansing's Eastside community this Fall 2026! The **Allen Neighborhood Center** is hiring Fellows in **Community Farming, Engagement & Advocacy, Veggie Box CSA, Food Pantry & Farmers Market, and Youth Programs**. Each fellowship is 15 hours/week and compensated either via work-study (\$13.73/hour) or a \$650 stipend. Fellows assist with program management, community outreach, and event support. Applications are due **July 12**. Details and applications can be found on [Handshake](#).



Graduates! Help Michigan high school students achieve their college dreams! Join Michigan State University **College Advising Corps (MSUCAC)** as a **College Adviser**, mentor first-generation students, guide them through applications and financial aid, and earn a \$31,000 stipend plus a \$7,395 education award. Full-time positions available for August 2026 – June 2027. Learn more and apply [here](#).

Interested in building transferable skills while doing work that matters? **Join Teach For America to learn about TFA Ignite, a paid, virtual opportunity to tutor K-12 students starting this fall!** Our Ignite team is hosting a virtual information session on April, 22, 8:00PM ET.

Remember to [register](#) to attend the session.

**Ignite minds.  
Build skills.  
Lead change.**

Join us live to learn about TFA Ignite!

**April 22, 2026  
8:00pm ET**

A photograph of a young Black girl with her hair in a bun, wearing large blue headphones and looking intently at a screen, likely participating in a virtual session.



**The Clinical Neuroscience Lab** is looking to recruit undergraduates research assistants for both the Summer and Fall 2026 semesters. Those interested get to join a study exploring mechanisms that make stress toxic, ultimately leading to poor mental health in college students.

Learn more and [apply here](#)

## ADOLESCENT DIVERSION PROGRAM – GRADUATE SPOTLIGHTS



**Carys Dunmore**  
Senior, Class of 2026

**Career Goal:** Child Therapist

**What led you to this field:** I have always found meaning in helping others work through difficult situations, which led me to study Psychology at MSU. Participating in ADP allowed me to gain hands-on experience working with youth, while learning skills in positive youth development and evidence-based practices. During my undergraduate studies, I discovered the field of social work and realized that my values closely align with those of the profession. This led to an understanding that my aspirations lie in becoming a professional in this field, specifically as a child therapist, where I can combine my passion for mental health with my commitment to advocating for child welfare.

**Who is your future clientele?**

“I aim to serve children and adolescents who need a safe, supportive environment to understand their emotions and build skills to allow them to reach their full potential”

**Career Goal:** Licensed Clinical Social Worker



**Crista Lewis**  
Senior, Class of 2026

**What led you to this field:** My path was shaped by early experiences witnessing the power of empathy and how simply showing up for someone can change their life. This grew even stronger through meaningful connections I formed while being a part of the Adolescent Diversion Program. I've always had a natural inclination to care for and support others and being accepted into this program allowed me to put that instinct into action. Through this work, I realized that my ability to connect with youth, advocate for them, and help them see their own potential was not just something I enjoyed, it was the direction my future was meant to take.

**Who is your future clientele?**

“I would like to provide support to children and adolescents who are underserved, marginalized, or lacking stable support systems.”