MSU’s new softball coach to speak at September meeting

Sharonda McDonald-Kelley was named MSU head softball coach in June and will be joining MSURA on Sept. 12 to share her goals for next year’s season.

McDonald-Kelley came to MSU from Campbell University in North Carolina, where she guided the program to a 101-81 record over the last four seasons, winning Big South tournament titles in 2021 and 2022. Her team advanced to NCAA Regionals in each of the last two seasons. In 2021, McDonald-Kelley was named Big South Coach of the Year after her team won both the Big South regular season and tournament titles.

McDonald-Kelley was a four-time All-Big 12 selection as a player at Texas A&M from 2004-07. She is the Aggie career record holder with 153 stolen bases, while ranking second all-time in hits (249) and runs scored (195).

Following her career at Texas A&M, McDonald-Kelley played professionally for seven years.

She earned her Bachelor of Arts in kinesiology from Texas A&M in 2008.

When Monday, Sept. 12, 2022
Time 2 p.m., refreshments at 1:30 p.m.
Where Community Room, MSUFCU Branch, Mt. Hope & Farm Lane, East Lansing OR join the Zoom: See E-Notice for sign in info or visit https://retirees.msu.edu/

July 18 was the perfect day for a rooftop picnic, courtesy of Newman Lofts and the MSURA. About 60 people enjoyed hot dogs, baked beans and other fun food along with a “frost your own cookie” opportunity and a raffle for some hand-crafted towels. Attendees could also tour an apartment in the building. Sparty and a balloon sculpture greeted folks when they entered the building.

Special HR events planned for October

MSU Human Resources and Humana have scheduled a number of events throughout October to inform you and answer your questions on the MSU benefits and Humana health care insurance plans. See the details of these events on page 4. If you have questions about benefits or the open enrollment process, see the Benefits Open Enrollment Guide which will be mailed to you by the end of September. You may also call the MSU Human Resources Solution Center at 800-353-4434.

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Rick Vogt

I want to thank you and everyone for making the MSURA Endowed Scholarship fundraising campaign a success in just a year and half into a three-year effort. We have endowed a third scholarship and are beginning to raise money now for a fourth. Thank you.

We are planning on events being in-person this year. However, we will follow the University’s health protocols to keep everyone safe. Events will be broadcast over Zoom, so people have the option to attend virtually or in-person. We also plan to make recordings of events available on the website, retirees.msu.edu.

Our monthly membership meetings presenters have been established for the coming year. See page 7 for a list of presenters. Tours and special event plans are in the works and will be announced in the future. I want to thank this year’s Program Committee (Bill Andersen, Jacqie Babcock, Angela Brown, Mike Gardner, Neelam Kher, Pam Marcis, Cheryl Pell, Bruce Smith) for developing event ideas for this coming year.

We looking forward to a fun year as we return to in-person events.

Best wishes to you.

WELCOME NEW RETIREES!

Are you a new retiree? Welcome to the MSU Retirees Association! You are already a member. There are no membership fees. We publish this newsletter seven times a year to keep you informed about membership meetings, campus issues surrounding retirees and more. You’ll also receive two E-Notices (emails) a month. Please get involved by coming to a membership meeting. They are normally held the second Monday of every month, September to April, at the MSUFCU branch on Mt. Hope and Farm Lane. If you would like to receive a paper copy of the newsletter at no charge, please email msura@msu.edu.

Please support our sponsors. They do a lot to help us defray the cost of events, newsletters and administrative expenses. They’ve also allowed us to give an extra $2,500 Student Scholarship each of the past five years.

New Hertz/MSU pricing for MSU retirees

MSU has a car rental agreement with Hertz. Retirees are eligible for special pricing. Details are on the retirees website at https://retirees.msu.edu/Hertz%20MSU%20Retiree%20Gold%20Flyer.pdf. MSU ID is required. Contact MSU ID Office for an MSU Retirees ID if you do not have one.
In Memoriam

The Spartan Senior Newsletter prints in each issue of the newsletter the names of MSU retirees who have recently died. In publishing this notice to mark their passing, we honor them for their contributions to improve MSU and the Greater Lansing community.

Lois Bader 4/27/22
Jevelyn Bonner 6/15/22
Peggy R. Bray 6/25/22
M. Louise Brouillette 6/4/22
Susan M. Busnardo 5/17/22
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Charles D. Gibson 6/2/22
Gregoria Gonzales 5/27/22
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Dolores M. Hayden 4/25/22
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Gerald Imhoff 5/1/22
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Venola Perteet 5/16/22
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Kenneth R. Richmond 4/30/22
Mary Rivera 6/15/22
Betty A. Rockette 4/27/22
Kathleen A. Schafer 4/25/22
Shirley Siew 6/16/22
James Stapleton 6/17/22
Paul W. Thompson 4/28/22

TAKE A LOOK: SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

MILITARY HISTORY GROUP MEETS A small but enthusiastic Military History Study Group (Left to right: George Eyster, Al LeBlanc, Patrick Scheetz) enjoys an in-person meeting at Traverse Pie Company this summer. This group has met monthly since its first meeting on 11/11/2011. In its early years, the membership included five veterans of World War II. The members enjoy fellowship, share books about military history and discuss the major events and might-have-beens of military history. Membership is open to all interested persons. “We enjoy the input of our women members, and at the time of this photo, one of them was aloft in a B-17 bomber flown by the Yankee Air Force,” said Al LeBlanc, the leader of the group. If you are interested in joining in on the discussions, please contact LeBlanc at alleblanc@msu.edu or 517-655-6545.

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MSU’s Open Enrollment
Learn More about Humana and Other Benefits

Open Enrollment is October 1—31. MSU Human Resources is proud to offer these events to help you learn more about your benefits. More information will be available in the Open Enrollment guide you will receive in September. A postcard from Humana will show you how to RSVP for the seminars. Because plans tend to change in these unusual times, please visit hr.msu.edu/open-enrollment for the most up to date information.

**What**

**Humana Seminars**
Hear an overview of the Humana tools, learn how to read your Smart Summary and Smart EOB.

**MSU Benefits Fair**
Learn more about your benefit options and get help with enrollment from HR staff and benefits vendors.

**Humana Seminars at the Benefits Fair**
Hear an overview of the Humana tools, learn how to read your Smart Summary and Smart EOB.

**Human Resources Site Labs**
Get individual in-person assistance from HR staff and Humana representatives.

**Virtual Humana Seminars**
Look for details by mail. RSVP and join from home.

**When**

**Monday, October 17**
Medicare Advantage Plan
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Non-Medicare Plan
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, October 19**
Medicare Advantage Plan
12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, October 19**
Medicare Advantage Plan
2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Non-Medicare Plan
5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**Thursday, October 6**
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Monday, October 31**
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, October 25**

**Thursday, October 27**

**Where**

**MSUFCU Headquarters**
Community Room 2055
3899 Coolidge Road
East Lansing, MI 48823

**Breslin Events Center**
534 Birch Road
East Lansing, MI 48824

**Virtual**
Your home
It’s been eight years since Bob Bao retired as editor of the MSU Alumni Association magazine. Trading his MSU sports tickets for international plane tickets, he now spends his time learning and traveling around the world.

Bao enjoys tourism when he travels, but he doesn’t seek complete leisure. He packs light with intentions to immerse himself within different cultures. For him, it’s about more than just sightseeing.

“I would say I take part in travel study. I really enjoy reading books about the areas before I visit,” he said. “It’s more about advanced and lifelong education.”

With Europe being his main field of interest, he enjoys returning and visiting new cities and countries, like Italy, which he doesn’t recommend to anyone looking to stick to a diet.

“The more I visit these places and read about them, I can see how they are all historically and culturally intersected,” he said. “They have so much more written history and you can see the timelines of history and how it affected different events.”

Earlier this year, Bao visited Dordogne Valley, located in the southwest corner of France. He admired its timeless beauty and how rural the area remains. He roamed through palaces and cathedrals in Albi and enjoyed the towns in Toulouse. He spent time in the “Heart of French Wine Country,” though he doesn’t consume alcohol at all.

“It certainly saves me a lot of money,” he said humorously.

Though Bao doesn’t write much about his travels, he records small moments for his own memories using his phone. His most recent videos on YouTube document local stores, cuisine, folk music and other encounters he appreciated.

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—BOB BAO

I enjoyed most there [in France] was that you can see Richard the Lionheart’s castle, where he lived across the river he tried to conquer,” he said.

There’s no use in trying to pick a favorite destination that he’s traveled to.

“That’s like trying to pick my favorite...
BAO, continued from page 5

Michigan State sports’ win,” he said. “You just can’t do it! All of them are great.”

Bao recommends something from every place he has traveled, however. He encourages people to indulge in the cuisine of different cultures. Feeling grateful he is still in good health, he looks to continue traveling for as long as he can.

On July 16, Bao will pack his bags and seek his next destination: A cruise through the Rhine River in Germany.

“I did this trip before in the 1980s and all kinds of things went wrong, so I am excited to return,” he said. “I will be touring a lot but I know I’ll visit Strasburg and Cologne.”

Whether Bao is admiring the greatest gothic cathedrals in Cologne or Europe’s longest shopping street in Heidelberg, he looks to continue evolving his interest in culture and history. He connects with MSU Alumni, comparing notes and sharing their different travel experiences.

“I am grateful that my circumstances allow me to do this,” Bao said. There is still so much more I want to see.”

Microsoft accounts changing for retirees

Microsoft accounts held by Michigan State University retirees are changing in August to comply with the university’s Microsoft licensing agreement. It is important to note that all MSU retirees will keep their MSU-provided email address and will continue to be able to access their account online at any time at https://spartanmail.msu.edu. The ability to send and receive emails will be unaffected.

Prior to the change taking place retirees will receive a 14-day notice email from ITS.Announce@msu.edu notifying of the change. They will also receive 7-day and 1-day reminder emails before the change takes place. All changes will be completed by Wednesday, August 31.

The biggest change comes in access to MSU-provided Microsoft Office applications (such as Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Outlook) and Microsoft 365 services (such as OneDrive, Teams, and SharePoint). Licenses for MSU retirees do not include access to Microsoft Office applications and Microsoft 365 services. All non-email data, including project files, will be deleted from these Microsoft services.

Individuals who have files stored within Microsoft OneDrive or other MSU-sponsored Microsoft Office applications will want to download files and transfer it to a personal storage device. Information on migrating your OneDrive is available at: Knowledge Link: https://go.msu.edu/KB427688.

Email notifications will include links to instructions for transferring files from OneDrive to a personal storage device.

Individuals who wish to continue to utilize Microsoft Office applications can purchase a personal license online directly from Microsoft. To purchase a personal license, visit https://bit.ly/3myoFtY.

If you need assistance with logging into your email through a web browser, please contact the MSU IT Service Desk at (517) 432-6200.

Donations to MSURA encouraged

Rather than charge a subscription fee for our newsletter, MSURA’s Board of Directors has voted, instead, to encourage our members to make an annual financial, tax-deductible donation to Michigan State University and designate your gift to the MSU Retirees Association, Account AB272. Any gift you make will also count toward your University donor society. Your donation will pay for programs services, materials, mailings and office expenses budgeted by your Board.

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Learn about new Michigan travel gems at October 11 meeting

We already know Michigan has a lot to offer in terms of entertainment, sights and good food. We have invited Dave Lorenz, on behalf of Pure Michigan, to present to you some new and hidden gems of places to visit and enjoy. Join us in-person, virtually or watch the recording of the presentation on the MSURA website (retirees.msu.edu).

Dave Lorenz serves as Vice President of Travel Michigan, where he is responsible for leading the state’s tourism branding, advertising, and public relations efforts, overseeing the award-winning Pure Michigan tourism campaign and coordinating overall statewide tourism initiatives.

Lorenz is Chair of the National Council of State Tourism Directors and serves on the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors for the U.S. Travel Association and numerous other boards.

When Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2022
Time 2 p.m., coffee at 1:30 p.m.
Where Community Room, MSUFCU Branch, Mt. Hope & Farm Lane, East Lansing
OR join the Zoom: See E-Notice for sign in info or visit https://retirees.msu.edu/
In April 2021, amid a global pandemic, MSURA set an ambitious goal to permanently endow a third MSURA Scholarship by raising $60,000 by 2024. MSURA had not been meeting in person since early 2020. So, we took a leap of faith, hoping our members and friends would respond to the challenge. Our faith was justified as we are in reach of our goal less than two years since we kicked off our fund drive. As of June 2022, we have $59,659 in donations and pledges toward our $60,000 goal.

HOW TO DONATE TO THE MSURA ENDOURED STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

If you’re interested in giving to the MSURA Endowed Student Scholarship Fund, here are two ways to do so.

Mail
Make checks payable to Michigan State University with MSURA Endowed Student Scholarship written in the memo line.
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University Advancement
535 Chestnut Road, Room 300
Michigan State University
East Lansing, MI 48824

Online
- Go to http://givingto.msu.edu/gift/.
- Type in “MSURA Endowed Scholarship Fund” for Areas to Support.
- Click on “Add to Cart.”
- Enter any gift amount you wish.
- Click on “Proceed to Checkout.”
- Complete donation.

Thank you for helping us endow another scholarship!

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Our October membership meeting is normally dedicated to MSU Benefits Open Enrollment process and changes to benefits. This year, there are no changes to benefits or the open enrollment process. Therefore, MSU Human Resources will not be presenting at one of our meetings.

The October membership meeting, which would normally occur the second Monday of October (Oct. 10 this year), will be replaced by a special event on Tuesday, Oct. 11. See October 11 event details on page 7. The reason for the date change is that MSUFCU is closed for the national holiday on Monday, Oct. 10.

Subscribe to E-Notices to keep in the know

MSURA communicates via email to retirees throughout the year about various topics and events. If you do not receive our E-Notices (emails) and would like to, please provide us with your email address and we will add you to the recipient list. Email us at msura@msu.edu with your name and email address with the subject line, “Subscribe to MSURA E-Notices.”

Are you a good writer?

The Spartan Senior Newsletter is looking for some retirees to do some writing.

Of course, this doesn’t mean you’d need to write seven articles a year, but maybe one, and if you’re having fun, maybe two.

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The 46,000-square-foot Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum at Michigan State University (MSU Broad Art Museum) was inaugurated with a ribbon cutting ceremony on November 10, 2012. The museum has an emphasis on contemporary art and has hosted many new and thought-provoking exhibitions in the past ten years as well as lectures, family art activities, art camps, and musical and dance performances, most open to the public for free. The ten-year anniversary is being celebrated with several special exhibitions and programs.

MSU’s Art Department was established in 1931, and in 1959 the Kresge Art Gallery opened (renamed Kresge Art Center at a later date). Forty years later David and Ruth Greenbaum recognized the need for more gallery space to exhibit the Kresge art collection. They created an interest group, Better Art Museum (BAM), to promote the idea of an expansion of the Kresge Art Center. The grassroots initiative proved popular and successful. As the effort gained the attention of donors, a foundation was created, and over time expanded to a larger effort to procure major funding.

Former MSU President Lou Anna K. Simon initiated conversations with Eli and Edythe Broad, known art collectors and philanthropists with a museum holding their name in Los Angeles. Eli Broad had made generous contributions in other areas to MSU, his alma mater, and this project proved of great interest to him and his wife, Edythe. The Broads proposed building an entirely new structure for an art museum at MSU and donated an original gift of $26 million. An additional $2 million was added for construction in 2010 and another $5 million was donated in 2014 to add to an endowment for future exhibitions. In addition, 19 artworks were donated by the Broads including works by Ross Bleckner, Sue Williams, Roxy Paine, and Jonathan Borofsky. An exhibition celebrating this art gift, Eli and Edythe Broad: An Enduring Legacy, is part of the tenth anniversary celebration and on view through August 7, 2022. The museum also has a permanent collection of over 10,000 works, many of which are housed in the Kresge Art Center building on campus.

The MSU Broad Art Museum was built on MSU property facing Grand River Avenue to symbolically serve as a space visible to both the campus and the community. A world-
A worldwide architecture competition was announced to choose the architect of the new museum. The winning design was created by Zaha Hadid who is internationally known for her design work. Hadid was born in Iraq, studied mathematics at the American University of Beirut and architecture at the Architectural Association (AA) School in London. She taught architecture and published in the area, and also held guest professorships at universities around the world including Columbia, Harvard, Yale, and the University of Applied Arts in Vienna. Zaha Hadid passed away on March 31, 2016, leaving a legacy of iconic buildings throughout the world. The MSU Broad Art Museum is one of five museums she designed, only two of which were built in the US. https://www.tripsavvy.com/za-

detroit-based artist Beverly Fishman was commissioned to produce a major work in celebration of the tenth anniversary of the MSU Broad Art Museum. The artist used the architecture of the museum designed by Zaha Hadid as part of her inspiration. The two colorful murals are on display in the museum through August 7, 2022.

In addition to special exhibitions on view throughout the year, a (B)road to Ten celebration of the tenth anniversary of the museum is scheduled for Saturday, September 17, at 7:30 p.m. The fundraising event will help fund the new Open Storage Center, a recent project designed to bring major parts of the collection out of private, offsite storage and into the museum for public enjoyment. The event will include a strolling dinner, bar with signature drinks, light displays, live entertainment, art, and more. The event is supported by MSU Federal Credit Union, Alan and Rebecca Ross, and Dr. Teresa K. Woodruff and Dr. Thomas V. O’Halloran, thus making it possible for all funds raised by the evening to directly support the Open Storage Center project. Tickets are $150 and are available on the museum website (broadmuseum.msu.edu/broadtoten).

Admission to the MSU Broad Art Museum is always free. Hours are Thursday–Sunday, 10 a.m.–6 p.m. You can also sign up for a free membership to receive notices of programs, exhibitions, events, and more.

Submitted by Jacqueline Babcock. Information excerpted from the MSU Broad Art Museum website and local newspaper publications with edits by Zoe Kissel, MSU Broad Art Museum’s Director of Communications.
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Straight to the Point

Market Update - Not much has changed in markets recently, as investors grapple with recession fears and the Fed remains committed to combating inflation. Markets have seen brief rallies, but they have yet to materialize into something more sustainable. Meanwhile, the Fed is firmly entrenched in its position to bring inflation numbers lower. The chances that they overcorrect and have a material negative impact on the economy have risen, however, fundamentals have generally held up well through this downturn and we continue to expect that they will hold up better than sentiment or recent market movements would have you believe. Simple economic supply and demand factors remain in a favorable position, and we expect economic resilience in the face of any slowdown.

Investment Implications - Seasonal factors along with the upcoming midterm elections may continue to work against markets in the near term, but we do see brighter days ahead. The summer months typically see lower trading volumes and can be subject to higher market volatility, we expect no different this year. The bigger question is whether earnings can hold up well enough to limit any further downside in markets, even as the economy likely slows. We remain cautiously optimistic on that front and would be putting cash to work selectively in both stock and bond markets.

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