



**BACCALAUREATE DEGREE CANDIDATES
 FALL SEMESTER 2009
 Saturday, December 12
 Jack Breslin Student Events Center
 One Birch Road, East Lansing, Michigan 48824**

Ceremonies are **TWO HOURS**.
NO ADMISSION TICKETS required.

Schedule of participation by College:

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Arts and Letters Broad Business Education James Madison Music Social Science	Agriculture and Natural Resources Communication Arts and Sciences Engineering Lyman Briggs Natural Science Nursing

The ceremony includes the conferral of degrees and the individual recognition of baccalaureate degree candidates. All degree candidates must wear academic apparel to participate in the ceremony. Candidates participating in the ceremony should remain for the entire ceremony including the recessional. Please be respectful as each graduate's name is read. It is important that each graduate is recognized appropriately and that the ceremony is not disrupted.

Your ceremony also includes a graduating senior selected by Senior Class Council to deliver the student address. Deadline to submit your speech is Friday, October 23. Please see below for information.

Your family and friends are invited. **NO ADMISSION TICKETS** are required. Large bags are subject to search. To avoid delay, please do not bring large bags to the ceremony.

On behalf of the Commencement Committee, I congratulate you on your academic achievement and wish you continued success!

Sincerely,

Linda O. Stanford

Associate Provost for Academic Services
 Chairperson, Commencement Committee

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARTICIPATION

To ensure that ceremonies are enjoyed by and memorable for all we ask your cooperation in observing graduation etiquette. Visible apparel worn with academic gowns is to be appropriate to the occasion and should not detract from the recognition of your fellow graduates. Flowers and decorative jewelry are not to be worn on academic gowns. All cell phones and pagers should be turned off.

Photos are taken of graduates 1) as the President presents you with the token diploma; and 2) an additional posed photo before you return to your seats.

ASSEMBLY

Please arrive 45 minutes prior to the start of your ceremony. Candidates enter through Gate B (southeast doors) and take the stairs down to the Arena level. Please line up behind your college standard (or sign). See diagram page 6.

Low-heeled shoes are recommended. Please arrange to have your guests hold coats and other belongings. Coats and other belongings are not to be left in the assembly area. The University is not responsible for unattended coats or other belongings.

TASSELS: Wear tassels on the RIGHT side of your cap. Tassels will be moved left en masse after the conferral of degrees.

Colleges will distribute NAME CARDS in late-November; bring your name card to the ceremony. Your name is read as you cross the platform/stage, and the President will present you with the token diploma.

PHOTO CARDS are distributed AT assembly (complete the photo card AT assembly).

Carry both the name card and photo card to the stage.

PROCESSIONAL

Processional as follows:

1. Candidates for the baccalaureate degree lined up by college. Escorts will lead candidates into the main arena and direct them into their seating in the bleachers.
2. Faculty.
3. Platform Party.

ORDER OF CEREMONIES

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| 1. Processional | 9. Conferral of Baccalaureate Degrees |
| 2. Selected Music | 10. Presentation of Board of Trustees' Awards |
| 3. Moment of Silence | 11. Recognition Honors and High Honors |
| 4. Conferral of Honorary Degrees | 12. Presentation of Diplomas |
| 5. Commencement Keynote Address | 13. President's Concluding Remarks |
| 6. Special Music | 14. Alma Mater |
| 7. Board of Trustees' Greetings | 15. Recessional |
| 8. Graduating Senior Address | |

STUDENT SPEAKER

Senior Class Council will select two graduating seniors to deliver the student speech at the baccalaureate degree commencement ceremonies (one for the morning ceremony and one for the afternoon ceremony). Speeches are to be **no longer than 4-5 minutes**. If you are interested in representing the Class of 2009, see <http://commencement.msu.edu/speakers> for details and application. The deadline to submit your speech is Friday, October 23, 2009. If you have questions, please contact Senior Class Council commencement co-chairs Karthik Hemmanur at hemmanur@msu.edu or Megan Pierson at piero26@msu.edu.

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

The Dean presents the candidates of the college and invites candidates to rise. Candidates remain standing. After candidates of all colleges are presented by their Deans, the President confers the degrees en masse and instructs recipients to shift their tassels to the left. Following conferral of degrees and shifting of the tassels, the recipients are seated.

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

The President invites graduates to the platform for presentation of the token diploma. Escorts lead/direct graduates to the platform. Carry both the name card and photo card to the stage. Each candidate's name is read. The President presents the token diploma.

Professional photographers will take **photographs** of graduates: 1) when the President presents the token diploma; and 2) at an area for a posed photo. **Tassels** should be on the left for the photograph.

Escorts lead/direct graduates back to their seats.

RECESSIONAL

After the Alma Mater, the recessional moves as follows:

1. Platform Party
2. Faculty
3. Graduates

Following the recessional, graduates and their guests may leave the Breslin Center.

ACADEMIC APPAREL



The Bachelor's keepsake package is \$23.00 (plus sales tax) at the Spartan Spirit Shop, [MSU Union Building](#). Store hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.; and Sunday, 12:00 noon - 5:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, diploma frames and other graduation-related items may be purchased at the Spartan Spirit Shop or you may visit the Web site (Commencement Connections) for your purchases: http://www.hfs.msu.edu/union/shop/spartan_spirit/commencement_connection.html.

With questions, e-mail CapGown@msu.edu or phone the Spartan Spirit Shop at 1-517-355-5116.

DIPLOMA

Diplomas will be mailed approximately one month after the end of the semester with a complimentary copy of your transcript included.

HONOR CORD

Seniors graduating with honor or high honor (<http://www.reg.msu.edu/ROInfo/GradHonor/GraduationHonors.asp>) will be notified by their colleges in late-November to pick up a gold honor cord. The gold honor cord should be worn at the ceremony.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Graduates with disabilities, please contact Betsy White at whitebe@msu.edu or 1-517-353-9900 by Thursday, November 19 with requests for accommodation.

Guests with Disabilities.

The Breslin Center is a barrier-free facility. **Wheelchair** seating is available at the Concourse level. Ushers will direct guests to these seating areas.

The "Phonic Ear," for guests who require sound amplification, is available at the Guest Services booth at Gate B (Entrance B) on the Concourse level.

Other services available at Guest Services: **wheelchairs (on a first-come, first-serve basis (you must leave identification for the use of the wheelchairs and in order to accommodate all please use for transportation only))**, first-aid, lost and found, information and referrals.

Please arrive early so that accommodations are met.

An interpreter for the **hearing-impaired** will be on the stage. Individuals requiring an interpreter should contact Betsy White at whitebe@msu.edu or 1-517-353-9900 for reserved seating tickets. Please provide name, mailing address, number of tickets needed, and contact information. In order to accommodate all requests, the number of tickets may be limited.

Disability/Barrier-free parking is in **Breslin Center Lot #63 (EAST SIDE OF SERVICE DRIVE/TUNNEL)**. A Secretary of State (Michigan and other states) issued disability license plate/placard is required. Please **enter from Shaw Lane**.

If you **do not have the State-issued disability license plate/placard**, you may drop off individuals with mobility limitations on the north side of Breslin Center on Kalamazoo Street. Please do so as quickly as possible.

Please see Breslin Center Diagram page 6.

SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE AND PARKING

There is **NO charge for Shuttle Bus Service** to the Breslin Center. We **strongly recommend that students and their guests use shuttle service**. Buses run 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., every 10-15 minutes from:

- Lot #89 (Commuter lot at the northwest corner of Mt. Hope Road and Farm Lane) bus stops at the bus shelter
- Ramp 5 (next to the Communication Arts Building on Trowbridge Road) bus stops in front of the ramp
- Lot #79 (south of the Spartan Stadium) bus stops at Shaw Lane

Shuttle buses are accessible. Please see Shuttle Bus Service/Parking Diagram page 7.

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Additional Parking. Lots #75 and #66A at the southwest corner of Harrison Road and Kalamazoo Street; Lot #67 at Jenison Fieldhouse; or Lot #62 at the Intramural Building-West. Parking at the Breslin Center lot (Lot #63) is by permit only. Please see Shuttle Bus Service/Parking Diagram page 7.

VISITOR AND TRAVEL INFORMATION

For routes of access to MSU and Driving Directions, please see diagram page 8. For additional information about construction and overnight accommodations and places to eat, please see our [Visitor and Travel Information link \(http://commencement.msu.edu/visitors\)](http://commencement.msu.edu/visitors).

COMMENCEMENT OFFICE

Email: acadevnt@msu.edu;

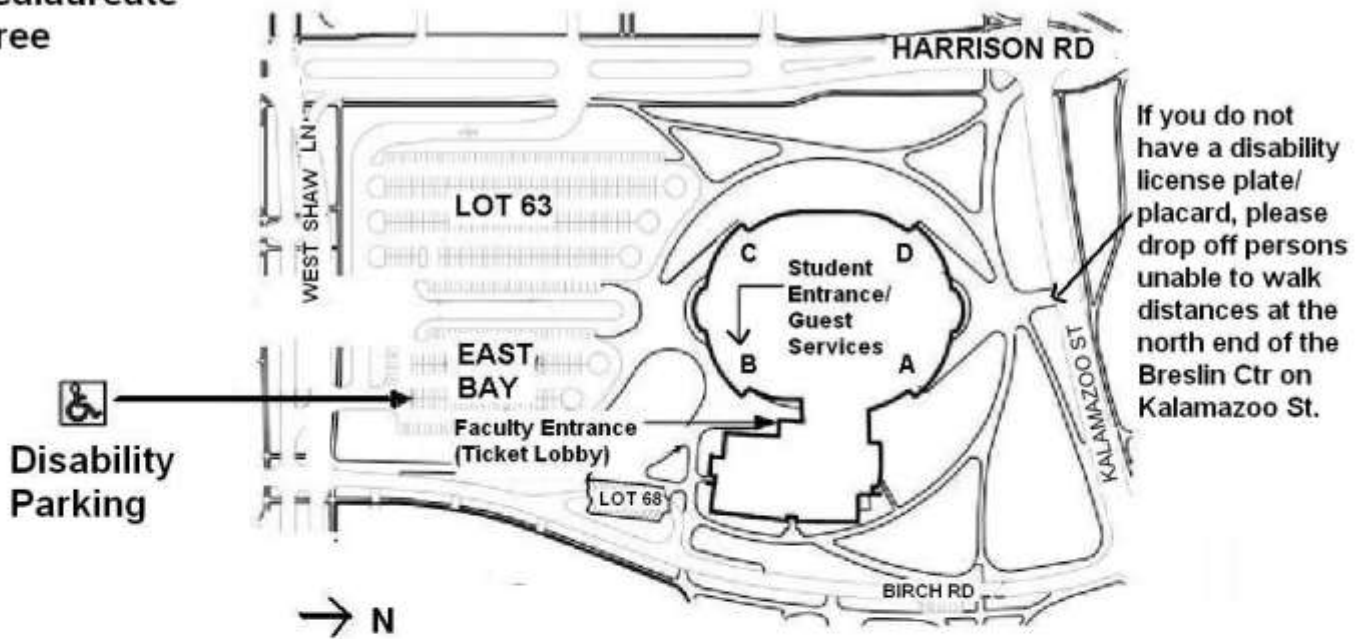
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BRESLIN CENTER.

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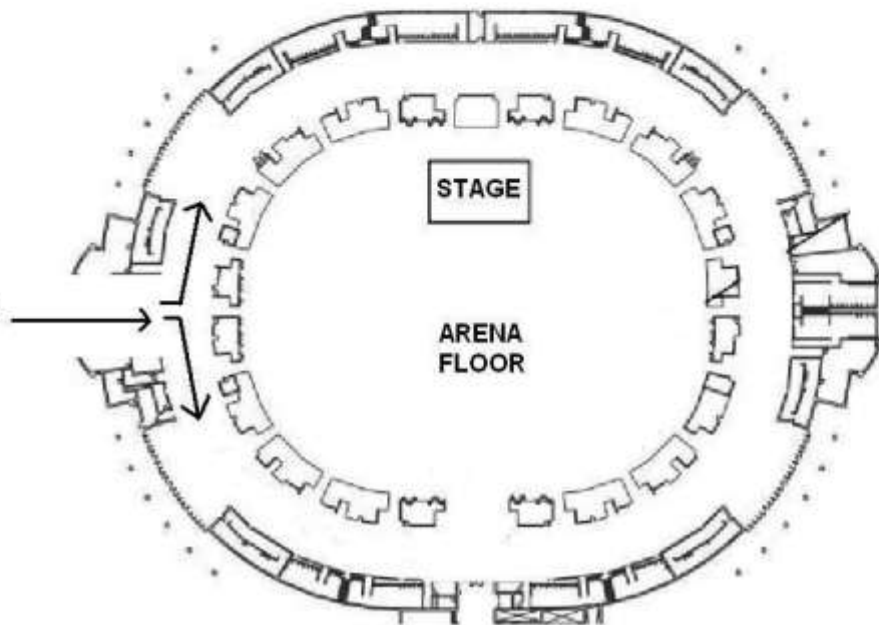
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EVENTS CENTER**

**Baccalaureate
Degree**

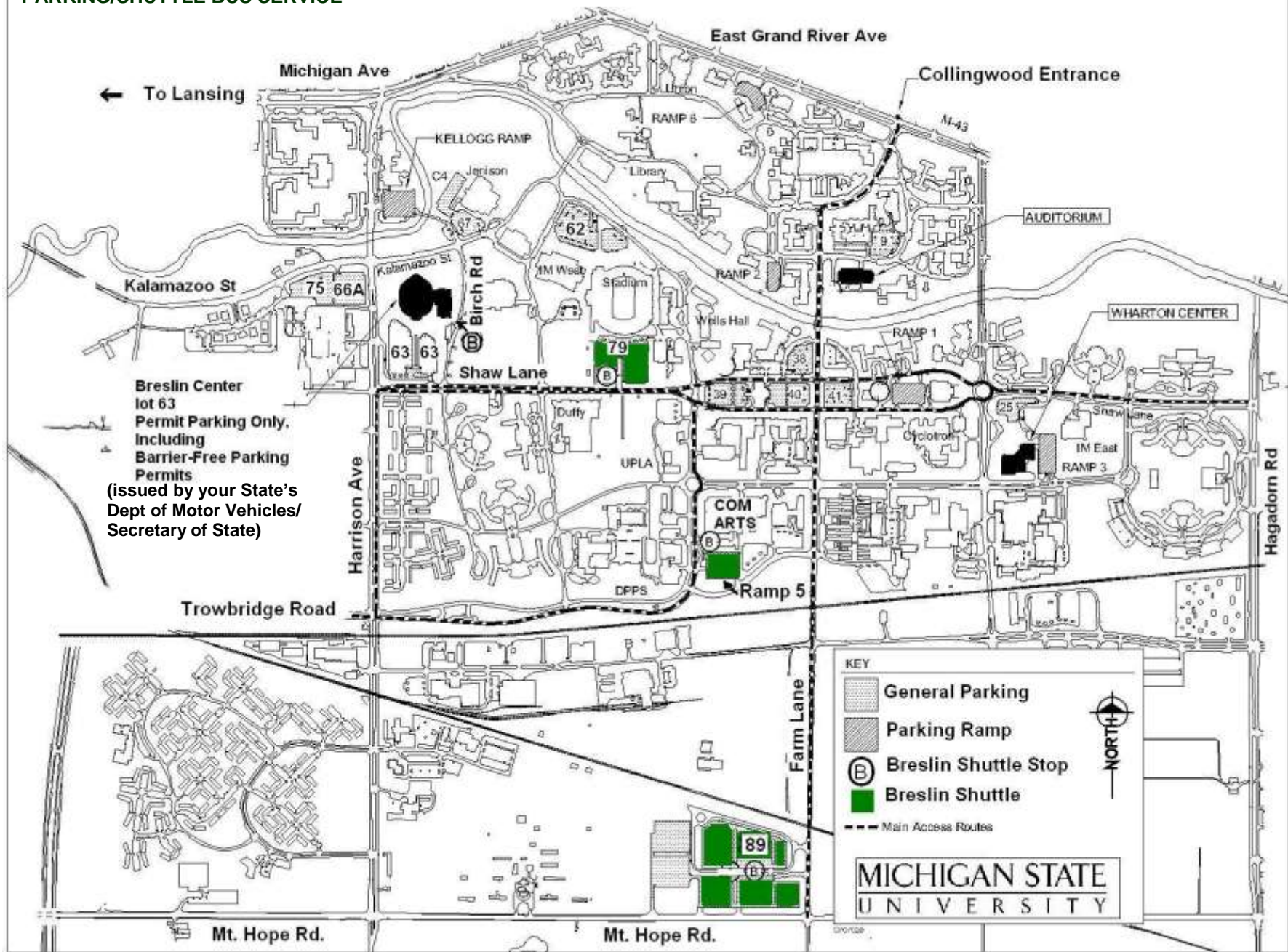


Students line-up by College. See College directional signs.

Service Entrance (Arena level)

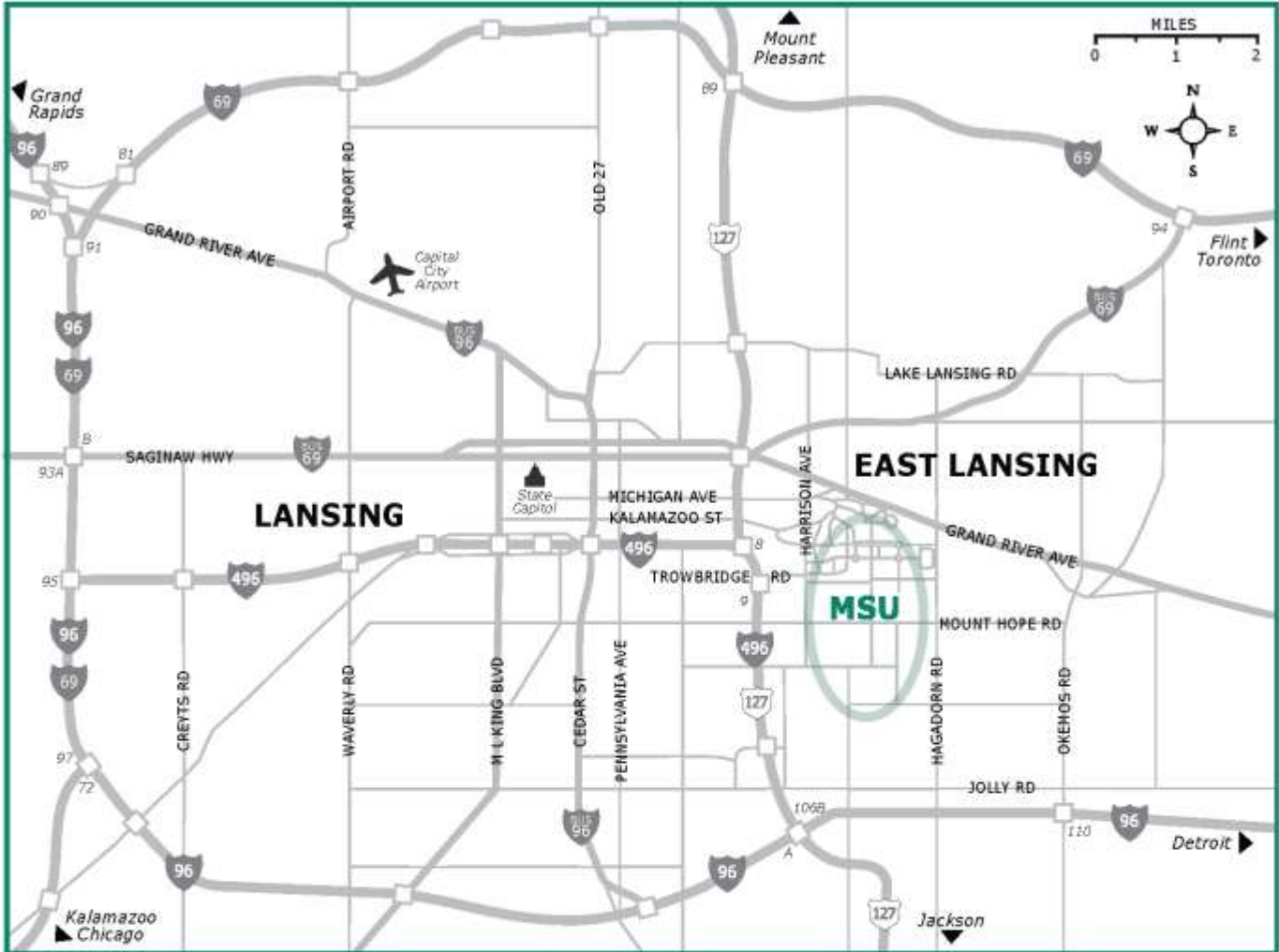


PARKING/SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE



LANSING AREA

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY



DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

From Traverse City or Points North via I-75
 Proceed south on I-75 to US-127 near Grayling. Proceed south on US-127 to East Lansing. Take the Trowbridge Road exit. Follow Trowbridge Road east to Michigan State University.

From Detroit or Points East via I-96
 Proceed west on I-96 to northbound US-127; follow US-127 north to East Lansing. Take the Trowbridge Road exit. Follow Trowbridge Road east to Michigan State University.

From Grand Rapids or Points West via I-96
 Proceed east on I-96 to eastbound I-69. Proceed east on I-69 to southbound US-127. Take US-127 south to East Lansing. Take the Trowbridge Road exit. Follow Trowbridge Road east to Michigan State University.

From Flint or Points East via I-69
 Proceed southwest on I-69 to southbound US-127. Take US-127 south to East Lansing. Take the Trowbridge Road exit. Follow Trowbridge Road east to Michigan State University.

From Kalamazoo or Points South via I-69
 Proceed east on I-94 to southbound I-69. Take I-69 north to Lansing. Take I-496 east to the Trowbridge Road exit. Follow Trowbridge Road east to Michigan State University.

From Jackson or Points South via US-127
 Proceed north on US-127 to East Lansing. Take the Trowbridge Road exit and continue east to Michigan State University.