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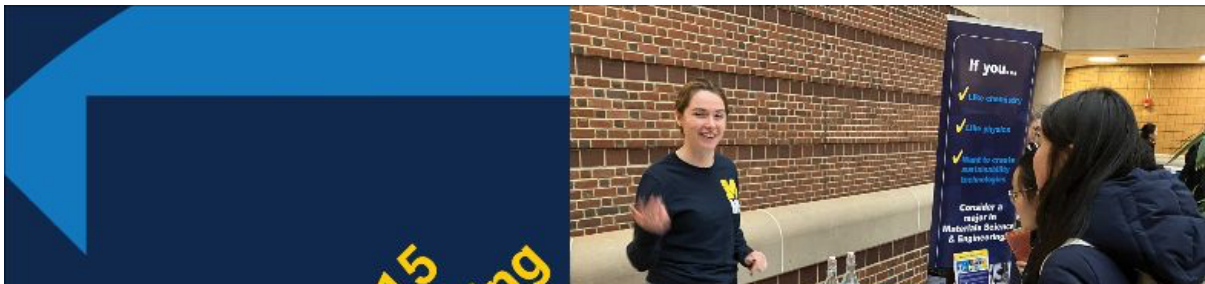


WINTER 2025 - February 27 (Issue #4)

Events look-back

MSE AT STEM EXPO

Thanks to grad students **Caroline Harms** and **Zoe Meyer** for representing MSE at the U-M STEM Expo on Saturday, February 15. They awed attendees with a battery demo and an oozy sodium alginate + calcium chloride hydrogel solution.





MSE ALUM SPEAKS AT MMS LUNCHEON



MSE alum **Richelle Wilson (BSE '21)** returned to campus on Friday to talk to students at the MMS Luncheon about working at Steel Dynamics, one of the largest steel producers and metal recyclers in the U.S.

Upcoming Events

FRIDAY, MARCH 14: HOLI AND PI DAY CELEBRATIONS

This year Holi falls on the same day as Pi Day, so we're having to divide and conquer that day (which ALSO happens to be Graduate Recruiting Day!). Stop by the Mail Room (#3074-B Dow) on Friday, March 14 to grab some to-go Holi treats 12:00-1:00 p.m. and a slice of pie from 2:00-3:14!

HOLI
celebration

12:00-1:00 p.m.



2:00-3:14 p.m.

NEW WINTER TOOLKITS ANNOUNCED!



WINTER 2025

GRADUATE TOOLKITS

All sessions 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in 1018 Dow
Lunch will be provided for all registrants. [Register here.](#)

March 10: How to write an abstract/paper for a conference (Prof. Abdon Pena-Francesch)
March 17: How to keep your lab notebook (Prof. John Kieffer)
April 7: How to create publication-quality figures (Prof. Robert Hovden)
April 14: Lifecycle of a research grant (Prof. Max Shtein)

MSE 2025 GRADUATION AWARDS DINNER APRIL 24

All **MSE SENIORS AND MASTER'S/PHD GRADUATES, FACULTY & STAFF** are invited to attend our 2025 Graduation Awards Dinner on **Thursday, April 24**, 6-8:00 p.m. at the Robotics Building. [Register here](#) by April 10. ***Note that this event is open only to undergraduate and graduate students earning degrees in 2025.***



Special Announcements

Graduate Recruiting Visit - Call for Posters

As part of the MSE Prospective Grad Student visit in a few weeks, we will be holding a

poster session on **Friday, March 14** and invite you to submit a poster to highlight all the amazing graduate student research conducted here at U-M.

The poster session will be from 10:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with lunch starting at 11:30 a.m. in Tishman Hall in the Beyster Bldg. [Please fill out this form if you will be submitting a poster.](#) Volunteers are also needed to help set up easels and posters around 9-9:30 a.m.

Print and submit your poster to Renee's office (#3062-D Dow) by **Thursday, March 13**. Questions? Email Renee at reneeh@umich.edu.

Faculty News

CHAMBERS NAMED BEST STUDENT ORG ADVISOR



The College of Engineering recently announced that MMS advisor **Tim Chambers** is this year's recipient of the Outstanding Student Organization Advisor! Only one advisor is selected annually to receive this award. *Congratulations, Tim!* [Read more.](#)

Student News

2025 LEADERS & HONORS AWARD WINNERS

Four MSE students -- two graduate students and two undergraduates -- are recipients of this year's 2025 Leaders & Honors awards:

Graduate Award Winners

Nicholas David (3rd year PhD student in the Sun group): Richard F. and Eleanor A. Towner Prize For Outstanding GSIs

Lingxia Shi (3rd year PhD student in the Thornton group): Richard F. and Eleanor A. Towner Prize For Distinguished Academic Achievement

Undergraduate Award Winners

Micah Gendich: Distinguished Academic Achievement

Devin Maples: Distinguished Leadership Award

All four will be officially recognized at the Leaders & Honors Brunch on March 16.

Congratulations, Nick, Lingxia, Micah, and Devin!



Nicholas David



Lingxia Shi



Micah Gendich



Devin Maples

Education Highlights

LATEST 'UNDERCOOLED' PODCAST



Izzy Jaszczak, Research Engineer, Michigan Tech

In the [latest episode](#) of "Undercooled: A Materials Education" podcast, Tim and Steve talk with Izzy Jaszczak about Michigan Technological University's metal casting course and the major changes the teaching staff has made in order to increase its course capacity to 60 students. [Click here](#) to watch a video of the podcast.



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