Wow - Hard to believe there's only a week of classes left! We know it's a crazy time, but at least you'll have some amazing, summer-like weather this week to brighten your busy days. Good luck finishing up classes and studying for finals!

The next issue of TeamMSE will be published Monday, April 24. If you have anything you'd like to submit, please send it to Kristen Freshley at krisfres@umich.edu by Sunday, April 23.

Whew! March was a busy month for events! Here we take a quick look back in photos...

**March 29-30: MMRI Symposium**
The 2nd annual Michigan Materials Research Institute (MMRI) Symposium took place March 29-30. Organized by Assistant Professor Yiyang Li, the symposium featured a "Materials for a New Mobility" theme, with a posters session on the 29th and speaker presentations on the 30th. Click [here](#) to see more photos from the MMRI Symposium.

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**April 6-7: Pehlke Lectureship**

MIT Professor Yoel Fink and his fascinating work that is attempting to turn fabrics into devices highlighted the 2023 Robert D. Pehlke Lectureship April 6-7. Click [here](#) to watch Professor Fink's lecture "Towards Computing Fibers and Fabrics." Click [here](#) to view photos of the event.

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**Upcoming Events**

**RSVP for Graduation Awards Dinner by this Friday!**
When: Thursday, April 27, 6-8:00 p.m.
Where: Ford Robotics Building
What: Join us for our fun annual event to celebrate the Class of 2023! All 2023 graduates (BSE, MSE and PhD), as well as all MSE faculty and staff are invited.
PLEASE RSVP by this Friday, April 14.

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2023 Distinguished Alumni Award lecture April 28

When: Friday, April 28/10:15 a.m.
Where: 1013 Dow

MSE alum Christopher Soles of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) will present "How Materials Science and Engineering at Michigan has Made a Difference in Semiconductors, Membranes, and Ballistics."

Please join us!

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GSC Ice Cream & Sand Volleyball April 28
Spring is here! Join GSC for Ice Cream and Sand Volleyball in The Grove on Friday, April 28 at 4 PM. Please RSVP so we know how much ice cream to get and flavor preferences. See you there!

Research highlights

Goldman project receives $7.5M MURI Award
Professor Rachel S. Goldman's project, "Hosting Exotic One-Dimensional Topological States with Dislocations," was recently selected to receive a $7.5 M DoD Multidisciplinary University Research Initiative (MURI) Award. Read more.

Student News

10 MSE-affiliated students win NSF GRFP Awards
MSE is proud to announce that 10 MSE-affiliated students have received NSF Graduate Research Fellowships to 2023-2024. Current MSE students include (clockwise starting at the top left) Kalyn Fuelling '23, Virgil Watkins '23, Victor Vogt (PhD), Jason Manassa (PhD), and Rishabh Kothari '22. Read more.

Perez receives NASA fellowship
First-year Ph.D. student Edith Celeste Perez (Bucsek group) recently received a NASA Space Technology Graduate Research Opportunities (NSTGRO) Award. According to NASA, recipients are selected for showing significant potential to contribute to the space agency's goal of creating innovative new space technologies for our nation's science, exploration and economic future. As a NASA Space Technology Graduate Researcher, Celeste will perform innovative, space technology research here at U-M as well as at NASA Centers. Congratulations, Celeste!!

11 students win poster presentation awards at MMRI Symposium
Eleven graduate and undergraduate students earned poster presentation awards at the MMRI Symposium held March 29-30. Pictured above: Professor Alan Taub (director of MMRI), Zenghao Zhang (silver), Jingxian Li (gold), Zhucong Xi (silver), Arkajit Ghosh (bronze), Jonathan Goettsch (bronze), Catherine Haslam (silver), Paul Chao (gold), Asst. Professor Yiyang Li (Symposium organizer), and Professor Amit Misra. Not pictured: Marcel Chlupsa (and Archi Agrawal), Alexa Goldstein, Josh Willwerth and Madison Forstner. Read more.

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**2023-24 MMS Board**

Congratulations to the newly elected MMS officers!

**President**: Alexa Goldstein

**VP Internal**: Allen Zhao

**VP External**: Liam Cotter

**Secretary**: Andy Danbury

**Treasurer**: Eli Rotman

**Social Chair**: Josh Willwerth

**Outreach Chair**: Laura Bonds

**UGC**: Kevin Masel and Thomas Rusli

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**Paul Chao wins TMS poster contest division**

![Paul Chao with his poster](image)

Ph.D. candidate Paul Chao (Shahani group) was honored as a 2023 Technical Division Student Poster Contest winner last month at TMS. Paul's poster, "In Operando Synchrotron X-ray Tomography Study of Fine Eutectic Polyphase Solidification Patterns," was the graduate winner in the Materials Processing and Manufacturing Division. Congratulations, Paul!