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Events look-back

TRICK-OR-TREATING LAST WEEK WAS A FANG-TASTIC TIME

MSE

TRICK-OR-TREATING





The following students were among those who stopped by the MSE Main Office for some treats on Thursday: 1) **Alp Kurbay** (dressed as Turkish Olympic pistol shooter Yusuf Dikec) and **Josh Willwerth**, 2) **Dekota Thies** and son Cal, 3) **Micah Gendich** and **Madina Nosirova**, and 4) **Janice Huang** and **Hannah Wolfe**. 5) MSE staff (and others) who dressed up included: **Huimin Ponchart**, **Tina Longenbarger**, **Maya Mulchandani**, **Liz Holm**, **Meghan Connelly**, **Shelley Fellers** and **Micah Gendich**.

Upcoming department events

07
NOV

PIZZA LUNCHEON FOR THOSE WHO VOTED

If you voted in the presidential election, you're invited to a community event with pizza hosted by the department to thank you for being an engaged citizen. Proof of voting based on the honor system.

Date: Thursday, November 7

Time: 12:00-1:30 p.m.

Where: MSE Conference Room (#3062A Dow)

08
NOV

CALENDAR CONTEST IMAGE SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Images for our 2025 Calendar Contest are due at 11:59 p.m. Submit images and relevant information [here](#). Remember, for every image selected, you will earn \$200!

Date: Friday, November 8

Time: 11:59 p.m.

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NOV

COFFEE HOUR WITH THE TAUB GROUP

Come join the Taub group, hosts of next week's MSE Coffee Hour, a series of weekly events where lab groups within the department host a department-wide social hour (with drinks and snacks, of course).

Date: Wednesday, November 13

Time: 4-5:00 p.m.

Where: MSE Student Lounge (#2158 Dow)

14
NOV

PHD APPLICATION WEBINAR

If you're planning to apply for a PhD in MSE, you're invited to learn more about the application process at a webinar on Nov. 14. The schedule will be:
—U-M MSE program overview (2:30-3:30),

- student panel (3:30-4:30), and
- breakout session for one-on-one peer mentoring (4:30-5:30)

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Date: Thursday, November 14

Time: 2:30-5:30 pm

Where: Virtual

09
DEC

MSE HOLIDAY PARTY

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for the always-fun-and-festive MSE holiday party in the Michigan Union. All are invited! More information coming soon.

Date: Monday, December 9

Time: 6-9 p.m.

Where: Rogel Ballroom, Michigan Union

Special Announcements

2025 CALENDAR IMAGE CONTEST IS IN ITS FINAL WEEK! WINNERS WILL RECEIVE \$200 PER IMAGE

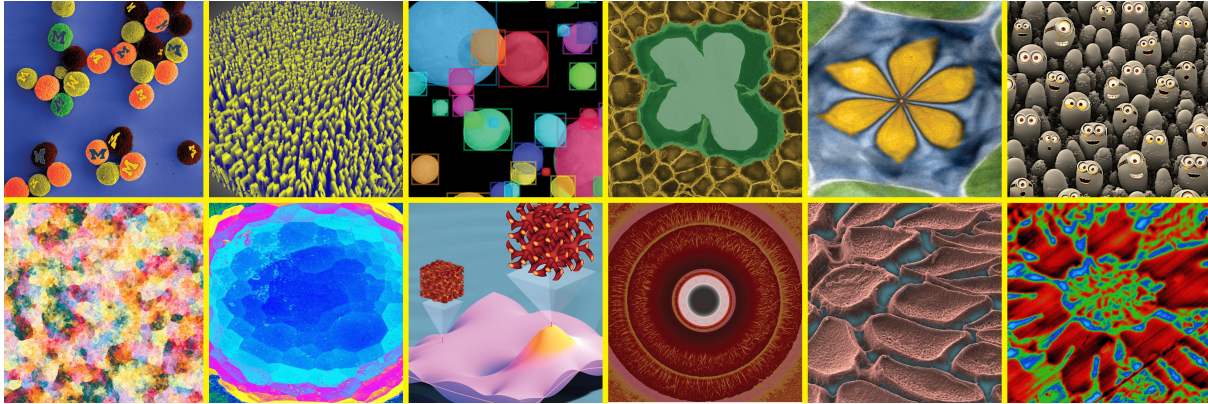
We're looking for some cool, creative "science as art" images to use in a variety of departmental marketing materials, including our 2025 calendar. Please submit your images (with explanatory caption and advisor/course name) [here](#) by THIS **Friday, November 8**.

- High-resolution images only.
- If your image is selected, you will receive **\$200**.
- All MSE students and postdocs are welcome to participate, but submissions must

be based on research conducted at U-M.

- Images from experiments, computational models, or scientific illustrations are all welcome.

For inspiration, see some of last year's winners below.



Alumni News

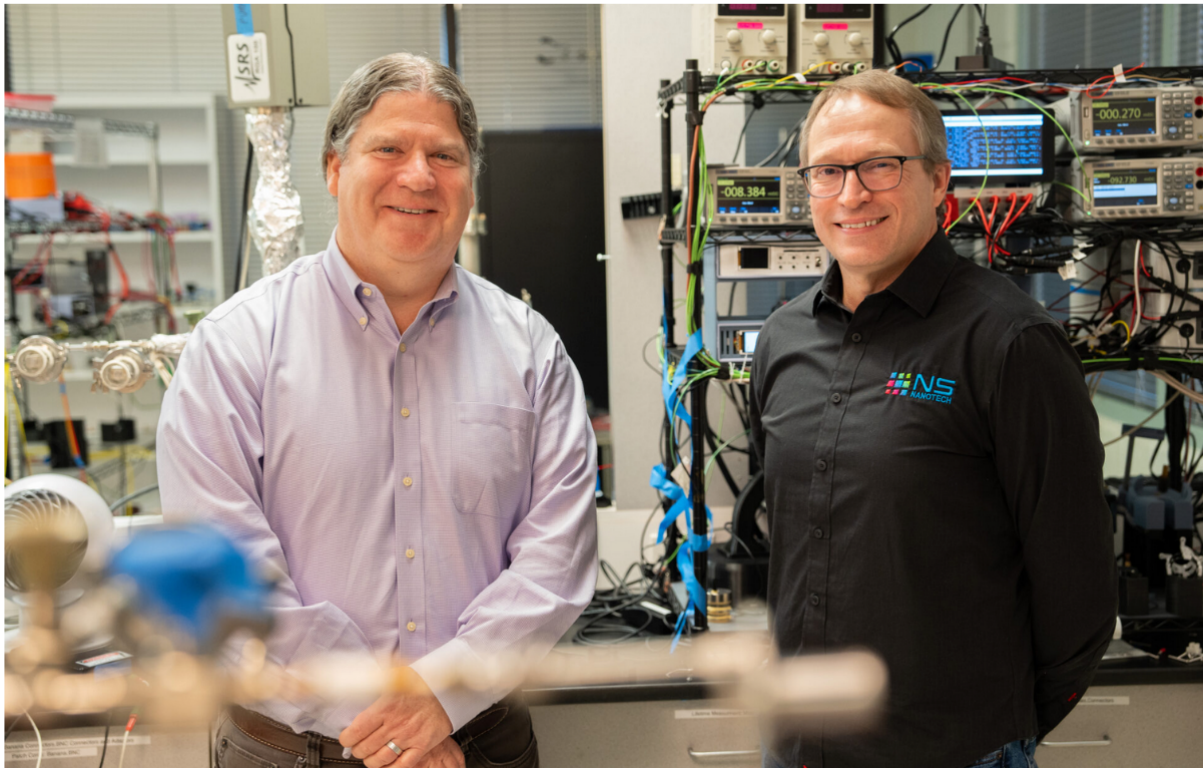
BRIAN IEZZI (PHD '22, SHTEIN GROUP): BREAKING BARRIERS IN TEXTILE RECYCLING



During his time in the Shtein lab, **Brian Iezzi** participated in the prestigious National

Science Foundation I-Corps Teams program. Iezzi and his work with Fibarcode, a technology that enables engineered fibers to be interwoven directly into a textile, were recently featured in an I-Corps publication. [Read more.](#)

MSE ALUM MATT STEVENSON (BSE '95) PART OF TEAM DEVELOPING FIRST SOLID-STATE SEMICONDUCTOR TO PRODUCE HUMAN-SAFE DISINFECTING UV LIGHT



MSE alum **Matt Stevenson** (BSE '95, pictured above on right) is part of an NS Nanotech team that just released a new device that can safely disinfect high-risk spaces like ambulances and school buses. [Read more.](#)

B.J. KIM (LOVE GROUP) TO JOIN UT-AUSTIN FACULTY

B.J. Kim, who worked as an undergraduate researcher in the Love lab in 2011, recently announced that she will be joining the University of Texas-Austin faculty ranks as an assistant professor in the College of Pharmacy starting January



2025. Kim is currently conducting postdoctoral research at MIT, with a research focus on immune engineering to modulate the body's immune system to combat diseases, such as cancer and infections.

"B.J.'s research expertise links MSE, immunology and therapeutics," commented Love.



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