

### Things are heating up

Oh, what a difference a week makes. Since our last edition, Covid cases have shot up all across the state and on campus. One bright spot: it's going to be unseasonably warm today and tomorrow, so try to get out and take care of you by soaking up some sunshine. Also in the "yay!" category this week: All students are now eligible for the Covid vaccine! It's going to take some perseverance on your part to find an appointment, so be patient and check out our vaccine finder resources below. Good luck and stay safe! We're almost there!

Questions, comments or ideas for TeamMSE? Contact Kristen at <a href="mailto:kristes@umich.edu">kristres@umich.edu</a>.

We'd love to hear from you!



#### State of Michigan new U.S. Covid epicenter

Unfortunately, Covid cases have been skyrocketing at the state, county and university levels. Over the past two weeks, Covid cases have risen in Michigan 116%, making it the country's new Covid cases leader. The cause of the spike is being blamed on pandemic fatigue, infection outbreaks on kids' sports teams, and vaccine reticence. U-M, too, has experienced a concerning surge in Covid cases among undergraduates, graduate students and employees. All of this is a reminder to STAY vigilant with mask wearing and social distancing, and get the vaccine as soon as possible!

All adults 16 and older now eligible to get vaccine

As of yesterday, Monday, April 5, all adults 16 and older are eligible to get the vaccine -- *this includes U-M students who are non-Michigan residents*.

### **Vaccine appointment finder resources\***

- U-M has created a comprehensive list of local <u>Vaccine Finder Search</u> Tools
- The local news (Channel 4) has created a website with <u>live updates to vaccine appointments and openings</u>.

**ANECDOTAL TIP:** People seem to have more luck when they look for an appointment early in the morning (like before 8:00). One eagle-eyed vaccine hunter noticed that openings seemed to become available at 8:13 a.m. For what it's worth.

\*If you have tips or success finding a vaccine appointment via another site/resource, please let us know so we can share it with others. It takes a village!

Click here for U-M's COVID-19 Dashboard



# MSE Virtual Graduation Ceremony\* May 1, 2021 3:30 p.m.

**MSE Reception immediately following on Spatial Chat** 

\*Celebrating all undergraduate, master's & Ph.D. graduates from Fall 2020 & Spring 2021

### Graduation photo call: Please send us your pix!



**Graduating seniors and master's students,** we need your photos for our celebration May 1! Specifically, we need:

- --a **headshot** for every graduate. We will be reading the name of every graduating student, so it's really important that we have a photo to use when we read your name. Undergraduates, if you haven't already, please submit your headshot <u>here</u>. Graduating master's students, please submit yours <u>here</u>. If you'd like to have the department take your photo, please email <u>Kristen</u> to set up a date and time.
- --candids of your time at U-M. We will use these for the virtual celebration. We're looking for fun shots with friends, faculty, in the lab, on campus, etc. Please upload them to the headshot links above.

Please submit photos by Monday, April 12. Thank you all for helping to make this celebration as special and meaningful as possible!





# MMS Luncheon speaker this Friday: AFS

This Friday (4/9) at 12:30 p.m., we'll hear from the American Foundry

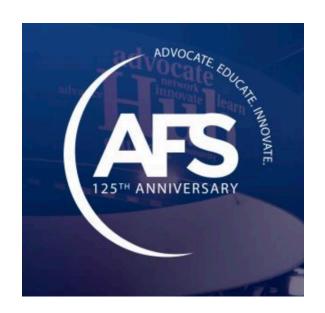
## Seminar speaker this Friday: Jerard Gordon

ME Assistant Professor Jerard Gordon will present "Defect formation mechanisms and mitigation schemes in laser powder bed fusion additive manufacturing processes" this Friday, April 9 at 10:30 a.m. Zoom link:

umich.zoom.us/j/95024770240,

passcode: 817008

Society (AFS). Zoom link: umich.zoom.us/j/96333994859



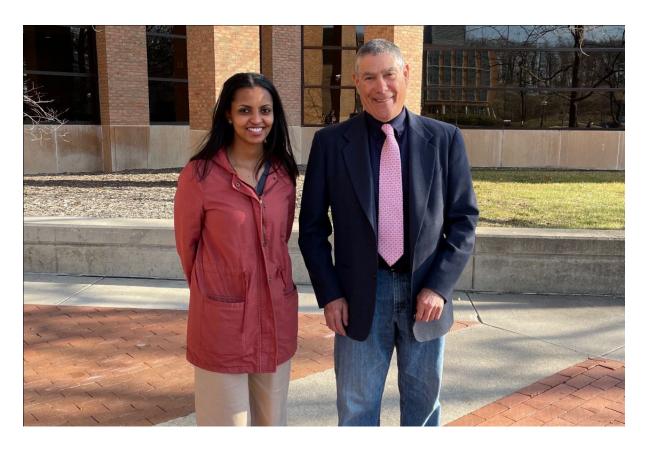
#### The 3rd Friday Fun Talk will be this Friday at 3:00 p.m.

It will feature talks from **Tim Chambers** about the sometimes nonlinear paths that can lead you both to and away from a life in STEM through lessons learned from his own path as well as close colleagues. **Nick Etrick** will be sharing with us his experiences as a researcher at NASA! In addition, **the MSE Outreach team** will be holding an interactive workshop on what science outreach is, how they have developed content and established relationships over the years, and steps on how you could turn your research or a cool idea you've had into an engaging outreach demonstration. The workshop will include opportunities to apply for funding and support in developing your idea from the MSE Outreach team.

The Zoom Link for all Friday Fun Talks is: <a href="https://umich.zoom.us/j/99988604340">https://umich.zoom.us/j/99988604340</a>

If you or your organization is interested in a future Friday Fun Talk theme or presentation, just fill out this short survey.

Professor Rick Laine marks 25th Ph.D. defense



On Tuesday, March 30, Eleni Temeche presented her Ph.D. defense, "Solid electrolytes to enable the assembly of all solid-state batteries," marking advisor Rick Laine's 25th Ph.D. student to graduate. "Science and students are still exciting and make coming to work enjoyable," Laine commented. Congratulations to both Eleni and Rick!!



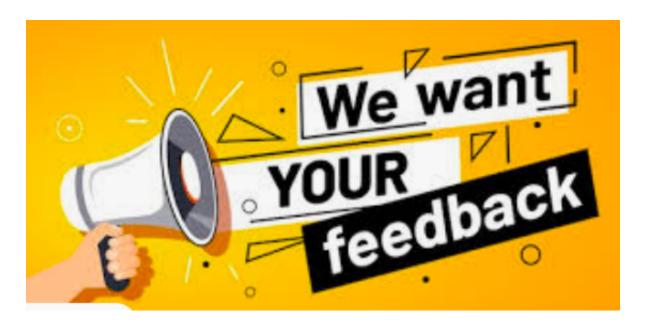
### Kaitlyn Moo receives 2021 James Mansfield Scholarship

The ASM-Detroit Chapter recently announced that **Kaitlyn Moo '22** is the recipient of the 2021 James A. Mansfield Scholarship, presented to MSE majors for their high scholastic achievement and activities in the



field of materials science or metallurgy. **Congratulations**, **Kaitlyn!** 





### **MSE DEI Climate Survey follow-up**

Thank you to everyone who completed the recent MSE DEI Climate Survey. Your participation is greatly appreciated. Over the next two weeks, GSC and the DEI allies will look through and analyze the results. They will present their findings on **Friday**, **April 16 at 4:00** over Zoom. A link will be sent out soon with all of the pertinent information. Slides will also be made available to the entire department so anyone may look through the results themselves.

