



TEAM **M** MSE

It's almost a wrap!

With classes ending this week, this semester (and year) are one step closer to being in the books. Speaking of books, we know finals are the next hurdle to clear, but we hope you can take time out to join us for our MSE virtual holiday celebration on Dec. 16 - a week from tomorrow. It won't be just another ho-ho-hum event, and heaven knows, we can all use a fun distraction right about now;-), so please join us!

Questions, comments or ideas for TeamMSE? Contact Kristen at krisfres@umich.edu.

We'd love to hear from you!



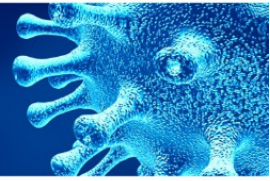
Campus COVID Status

Covid cases on campus continue to decrease, represent only 10% of total number of cases in the county

COVID-19 activity on the Ann Arbor campus continues to decrease with positivity rates that remain low. Campus Clinical and Public Health teams remain available for evaluation of individuals presenting with symptoms following the Thanksgiving holiday and for case investigation of any campus affiliate testing positive. University officials report currently the only Campus Response Metric being met is the local community metric for Washtenaw County of more than 70 new cases per million. U-M student COVID-19 cases represent less than 10% of the total cases in the county. The U-M community is reminded to remain vigilant in efforts to reduce spread: wear a face covering, practice social distancing, avoid social gatherings and stay home when sick.

[Click here for U-M's COVID-19 Dashboard](#)

Upcoming Events



You're invited to our
**MSE Virtual
Holiday Party!**

**Wednesday, Dec. 16
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**Let's end this humbug of a year
on a jolly note! Join us for our
virtual holiday celebration, featuring:**

Trivia game

Ugly sweater contest

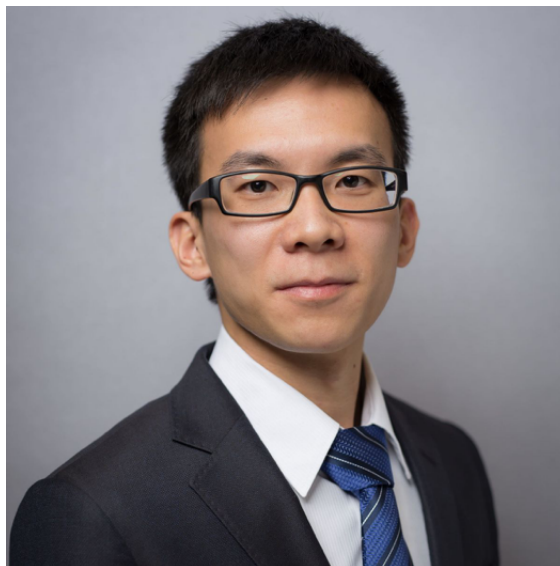
Staff awards

**Time to mingle
in breakout rooms**

**RSVPs are requested
but not required**

Michael Chen PhD defense set for Dec. 16 at 1:00 p.m.

A member of the Dasgupta group, Michael Chen will present "Rational Design of Electrode Architectures for Improved Performance of Li-metal and Li-ion Batteries" on **Wednesday, Dec. 16 at 1:00 p.m.** Zoom link is: umich.zoom.us/j/93464880955 with passcode 886760. Best of luck to Michael!



Student News



Goldman mentee selected for Schwarzman Scholarship

An honors physics student working with the Goldman group, **Jiaheng He** was one of more than 150 scholars from around the world chosen as 2022 Schwarzman Scholars and will begin a multidisciplinary one-year master's degree at Tsinghua University in Beijing next August. [Read more.](#) Congratulations, Jiaheng!

DEI News

2021 Virtual MLK Jr. Symposium Announced for Jan. 18

As the U-M community grapples with the ramifications of a global pandemic and examines meaningful ways to address systemic racism, “Where Do We Go From Here?” is the theme of the 2021 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Symposium. The annual keynote memorial lecture will take place virtually at **10 a.m. on Monday, January 18.**

[Read more.](#)

DEI Student Allies Mailbox

Share your feedback on the DEI program and/or ask the DEI student allies questions: <https://forms.gle/98uKGHPbcAMzCF3B7>

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