



TEAM **M** MSE

It's a wrap!

Congratulations! You made it through one of the most challenging semesters in the history of this university. We know it hasn't been easy. You deserve a huge pat on the back for your patience, flexibility and positive attitude. It is much appreciated. We don't know what a return to "normalcy" will look like in a post-pandemic world, but what we do know is that it will take a while to get there. Your continued patience and flexibility will be needed at least through the spring. So, use this break to rest up and recharge your internal battery so you're ready to take on the next (and hopefully the last) semester of remote learning. Happy holidays to you all; we'll see you in January!

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

We'd love to hear from you!



Campus COVID Status

U-M student cases below 5%

The percentage of county cases that involve U-M students continues to decrease and is now under 5%. The overall daily positivity rate for testing in the county continues to be higher than preferred but has plateaued. Data updates for specific residence halls will resume after they reopen on Jan. 17, 2021. Dashboard narrative updates will pause through the holidays and resume on Jan. 5, 2021.

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

Research Highlights

U-M team with MSE Professor Brian Love gets \$2 million NSF grant for turning diapers into devices to capture microplastics



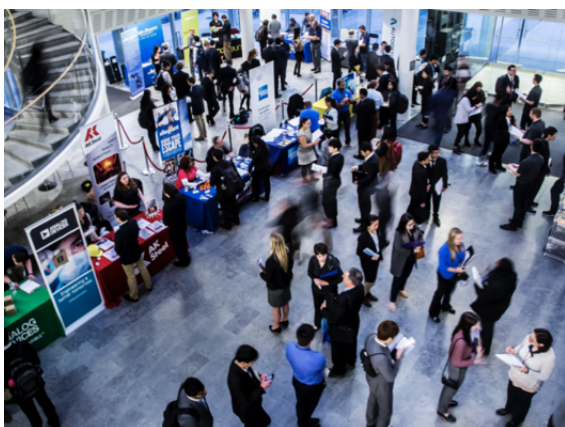
A team with Professor Brian Love received a \$2 million Emerging Frontiers in Research and Innovation grant from the National Science Foundation to explore using adhesives to capture microplastics from wastewater. As co-principal investigator, Prof. Love will be designing the engineering tools to capture and redirect microplastics from treatment plants. [Read more](#).

Upcoming Events

Just announced: TMS2021 will be virtual



The TMS 2021 Annual Meeting & Exhibition (TMS2021) will be held as a fully virtual event on March 15-18, 2021. Registration for the conference will open in early January. [Visit the TMS2021 Virtual website](https://www.tms.org/TMS2021) for a listing of planned speakers and events.



Winter Engineering Virtual Career Fair January 27

Michigan Engineering's season of career fairs and networking events kicks off next month, so we will bring you all the dates and deadlines you need to know to find that perfect career opportunity. Stay tuned!

MSE Holiday Party Highlights

Thank you to everyone who attended our first-ever virtual holiday celebration last Wednesday, Dec. 16! Special thanks to Shelley Fellers and Tina Longenbarger for planning all the fun activities. You did a fantastic job! Below are the winners of the 2020 Staff Service Awards and our Ugly Sweater contest announced at the event.

2020 Staff Service Award winners



The 2020 MSE Staff Service Award winners are (clockwise from top left): **Tim Chambers** (instructional labs supervisor), **Kristen Freshley** (senior communications & marketing specialist), **Tina Longenbarger** (executive secretary), and **Kevin Worth** (senior IT administrator). Congratulations to all!

Ugly Sweater Contest winner: Kevin Worth



DEI News

2021 Virtual MLK Jr. Symposium set for January 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>

Have a happy and safe holiday, everyone!





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