



Whoa, the finish line is so close! We know it's a crazy time, so we're keeping it simple today with the last not-to-miss events of the year and fun student news. Best of luck on your remaining finals and projects and see you Thursday evening as we celebrate our amazing 2023 graduates! Our annual special Graduation issue coming next week...

Events Recap

April 13: Senior capstone design presentations



The team of Charisse McComas, Boa Vo, Kevin Lin, Eli Rotman, Denise Schlautman and Kevin Wang present their project: "Eyelevator: Dynamic Magnetic Solution for Ptosis" (a condition where one's eyelid sags), at the senior design projects presentations held April 13 in Tishman Hall. Click [here](#) for more photos.

April 14: Last MMS meeting



Members of MMS pose for a group shot at the last meeting of the year held Friday, April 14.

Upcoming Events

MSE 365 poster fair Wednesday, April 26



Wednesday, April 26

8:00 -10:00 am

The Blue Lounge - 1280 GG Brown

Breakfast will be provided!

Please come and check out the results of the MSE juniors' final projects!

Graduation Awards Dinner this Thursday, April 27



When: Thursday, April 27, 6-8:00 p.m.

Where: Ford Robotics Building

We look forward to honoring our 2023 undergraduate, master's and PhD grads at our annual celebration, which will feature a buffet dinner, award presentations, remarks by alumnus Christopher Soles, and, of course, our traditional group MSE photo. See you Thursday!

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!

Upcoming Dissertation Defenses: Sung and Goel



Suk Hyun Sung
(Hovden group)

When: 12:00 p.m., Thursday, April 27

Where: 3150 HH Dow

Dissertation title: "Quantum Materials explored via Advanced Electron Microscopy"

Zoom: <https://umich.zoom.us/j/95591354041>,
passcode: 103264

Vishwas Goel
(Thornton group)

When: 9:15 a.m., Friday, April 28

Where: 1017 HH Dow

Dissertation title: "Investigation and Optimization of Electrochemical Systems via Simulation and Theory"

Zoom: <https://umich.zoom.us/j/97796651693>,
passcode 854587



GSC Ice Cream & Sand Volleyball April 28

ICE CREAM AND SAND VOLLEYBALL



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!

Student News

Amanda Wang receives National Defense Award



Ph.D. candidate **Amanda Wang** (Kioupakis group) recently won a National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate (NDSEG) Fellowship. Congratulations, Amanda!! **[Read more.](#)**

Virgil Watkins finishes second in event at NCAA Championships, earns All-America honors



Virgil Watkins (left) on the podium (with teammate Fred Richard, who finished first on the parallel bars) at the NCAA Championships at Penn State on April 15.

MSE senior Virgil Watkins closed out his U-M gymnastics career with a second-place finish on the parallel bars at the NCAA Championships held April 15 in

State College, Pa. His score of 14.666 earned him All-America honors for the second time in his career. The third-ranked U-M men's gymnastics team placed second at the championship (behind returning champs Stanford). The second-place finish marks the third straight year the Wolverines have finished in the top three and is the highest team finish since winning the NCAA title in 2014. [Read more](#). **Congratulations, Virgil!!**



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