2019
Michigan Road Scholars Tour Orientation
Agenda

- Meet and Mingle – Chance to meet your fellow travelers
- Welcome and Introductions
- Program Overview
- Movie: First Road Scholars Tour – 1999
- Tour Information
- Q & A
- Adjourn
Welcome and Introductions
Purpose

This educational tour exposes participants to the state's economy, government, culture, educational systems, health and social issues, history, and geography.

Designed to increase mutual knowledge and understanding between the university and the people and communities of the state. The tour introduces participants to:

• the places the majority of our students call home
• encourages university service to the public
• suggests ways faculty can help address state issues through research, scholarship and creative activity

In addition the experience is expected to develop beneficial ties and promote interdisciplinary discussion among the touring faculty.
Goals

• Introduce you to Michigan by connecting to people and organizations in communities from different regions of the state

• Give you an opportunity to listen and learn

• Get you to think about your work differently – UM in the context of the state – what do you have to offer?

• Provide an opportunity to meet new colleagues from all 3 campuses

• Spark an interest and willingness to engage – provide support after the trip to connect back to communities

• Have fun
Overview

• The 2019 selections made by committee of past scholars

• The annual Michigan Road Scholars tour is funded jointly by the Provost's office and the Office of the Vice President for Government Relations

• Tour planning and staffing come from the State Outreach group in the Office of Government Relations

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Michigan Road Scholars
Movie: The First Tour
Tour Dates:
May 6, 2019 – May 10, 2019
Monday May 6th

GM Delta Township Assembly Plant
(Lansing)

State Capitol Tour
(Lansing)

Lunch with the Mayor
(Lansing)

Legislative Policy Session
(Lansing)

Grand Rapids Public Schools – Parent University
(Grand Rapids)

Grand Rapids Alum Club Scholarship Dinner
(Grand Rapids)

Daily Debrief @ Hotel Lobby Bar
Tuesday May 7th

Kent County 63rd District Court
(Grand Rapids)

Interactive Aerial @ Earthen Ales
(Traverse City)

Interactive Aerial Demo Site – Re-use of Water Reservoir
(Traverse City)

20Fathoms
(Traverse City)

Atlas Space Operations Aveopt
(Traverse City)

Dinner: Downtown TC

Daily Debrief @ Hotel Lobby Bar
Wednesday May 8th

TBAISD Career Tech Center
(Traverse City)

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(East Jordan)

Sault Tribe Youth Facility
(St. Ignace)

North Country Trail
(St. Ignace)

Dinner – Local Pub

Daily Debrief at Hotel Bonfire
Thursday May 9th

Breakfast w/the Mayor and City Manager
   (St. Ignace)

   Tribal Stop???
   (St. Ignace)

Mighty Mac Photo Op
   (St. Ignace)

Lunch w/Director of Mackinac Bridge Authority
   (St. Ignace)

Long Drive……..

Dinner in Greektown
   (Detroit)

Daily Debrief @ Hotel Bar
Friday May 10th

Eastern Market  
(Detroit)

The Empowerment Plan  
(Detroit)

Southwest Detroit Community Benefits Coalition  
(Detroit)

Develop Detroit  
(Detroit)

Detroit Future City  
(Detroit)

Corktown – Ford Motor Co Development  
(Detroit)
Information Needed

* Name – for Name Badge
* Biographical Information
* Photograph
* Health Info
* Background Check
Travel Arrangement Information

* Special Needs/Accommodations for Travel
* Dietary Restrictions (we try!)
* Snack Suggestions
* Polo Shirt Size
Field Guide Information

- Biographical Information of Fellow Scholars
- Photographs of Scholars
- Daily Itinerary
- Hotel Contact Information
- Brief Description of Stops
- Speaker Bios
- Articles

Pick up at the Government Relations Office (Fleming Bldg) the week before the trip
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Packing Suggestions

*Comfortable travel attire
  - nice but casual for daytime wear
  - casual but dressy for evening wear
*Light coat or sweater
*Comfortable walking shoes
  -- Closed Toe Shoes for Factory Tours
*Medication: prescription drugs
*Sunglasses
*Travel umbrella
*Camera/film
*Sunscreen
*Hat/visor
Transportation

We will be traveling on a 45-passenger Indian Trails motor coach. The coach comes equipped with the following:

* air-conditioning
* bathroom
* galley for a cooler/snacks
* audio system and microphone
* overhead storage
* wifi
* power outlets
Stuff

* **Snacks/beverages** will be provided in coolers in the back of the bus
* We encourage you to **sit with somebody new each day**
* Have your bags on the bus **15 minutes prior to departure**
* The bus driver will handle loading/unloading, but we ask that you **carry your own bags** to the curb each day - unless you need assistance
* We encourage you not to bring more than two bags (ONE would be better!)
* Follow Car – Grad Assistant
Other Stuff

• Wear your shirt on the first day
• Arrive @ Fleming Building by **6:30 AM on Monday** – bus will leave at 7:00 AM; Return by 7:00 PM on Friday
• There will be food and coffee on the bus on Monday morning
• Parking @ Thompson St. Structure on 7th floor
  (blue/gold pass – we can provide a pass for the week but you need to let us know)
• Long Days
• Very Important to be on time
• Limit use of ‘technology’ while at sites – internet at hotels
• Fun and Learning
Social Media
#MiRoadScholars

• Government Relations Facebook Page – Michigan Road Scholars - we will post as we travel –
• Twitter – umich will be tweeting as we travel – we encourage you to tweet too – will pick up hashtag on our webpage
• Instagram – if you use the hashtag – we will pick up photos on the Michigan Road Scholars webpage
• Pre-Trip: Weekly Scholar Interview
• Post Trip: Article, podcasts, whatever you’d like to share
Questions?