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## FROM THE DEAN



these celebrations.

This is a very special edition of *The Graduate Post*! The past Fall Semester marked 3 milestones for the MSU Graduate School: We celebrated our 20th anniversary in our current configuration, welcomed our first fully-endowed University Distinguished Fellow as part of MSU's Empower Extraordinary capital campaign, and moved the Graduate School into a newly renovated Chittenden Hall. This edition of the Post includes more details on each of

The first set of articles covers the renovation of Chittenden Hall. Built in 1901, Chittenden Hall is part of the historic "lab row" of buildings on central campus. First housing Dairy and then Forestry, Chittenden is now home to the Graduate School and the Council of Graduate Students, as well as the MSU Postdoc Office. PhD Career Services and Graduate Student Life and Wellness, partner programs with the Vice President for Student Affairs, are also housed in Chittenden. You can look at building dedication photos and find links to more photos and information on pages 2-4.

Along with our move to Chittenden Hall, in 2014 the Graduate School also celebrated our 20th anniversary in our current configuration. This organization was part of a 17-month review of research and graduate education (CORRAGE) by faculty and graduate students in 1989-1991. Two important recommendations were: 1) to establish a free-standing Graduate School that reported to the Provost with a "dotted line" to the Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies; and 2) to establish a University Distinguished Fellowship program to competitively recruit PhD students to MSU. You can read more about CORRAGE and the timeline/history of graduate education at MSU, including its organization, on page 5.

Finally, we celebrated the public announcement of the MSU Capital Campaign: "Empower Extraordinary." A sample of student profiles and videos are described on page 6 and more about the campaign and the Graduate School's goal of raising fellowship dollars is on pages 7 and 8. This year Blake and Mary Krueger set up the first completely endowed University Distinguished Fellowship. I thank them for their leadership gift in support of talented MSU doctoral students!

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## NEW-LOOK CHITTENDEN HALL OPEN FOR BUSINESS

By Tom Oswald, Media Communications

<http://msutoday.msu.edu>

One of Michigan State University's most historic buildings has undergone a major renovation and is housing a new tenant.

The building is Chittenden Hall, built in 1901. The new tenant is the MSU Graduate School, now marking the 20th anniversary of its existence in its current organizational structure.

When originally built, Chittenden Hall was home to the dairy plant of what was then known as the State Agricultural College.

For much of its life, Chittenden was home to the Department of Forestry. In fact, the building is named in honor of Alfred K. Chittenden, who directed the university's forestry programs from 1914 to 1930.

As home to the MSU Graduate School, Chittenden provides renovated office space, workshop space, conference rooms, a student and postdoc lounge and an outdoor terrace with picnic tables. The Council of Graduate Students and the MSU Postdoc Office also are housed in Chittenden Hall.

The restoration paid particular attention to the historic character of the building. Many original elements, such as blackboards, doors, wood flooring and wainscoting, were retained.

The Graduate School moved from its former location in Linton Hall in September.

"Graduate education is a vital component of higher education and, on this campus, deserves a space such as Chittenden Hall

## CHITTENDEN HALL'S HISTORIC PAST

Excerpted from Alfred K. Chittenden Hall - Home of the Graduate School

As part of the dedication of the renovated Chittenden Hall and the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the current configuration of the Graduate School, a history booklet was prepared with information on the building, its namesake and the activities of the Graduate School. An excerpt of this booklet follows. The booklet can be read in its entirety at: <http://bit.ly/tgsebook>.

Chittenden Hall was originally constructed to serve as the dairy for what was then known as State Agricultural College. This building description appeared in the 1902 edition of the State Agricultural College Catalogue:

"The Dairy Building was erected in 1900, at a cost of \$15,000. It contains a large room properly equipped with separators, churns, and workers of the latest and best types for instruction in butter-making. This room is 50 by 26 ft. in horizontal area and is well lighted by windows on the north and east. The cheese room is furnished with cheese vats, presses, curd mills, a curing room and testing room, while a Farm Dairy room, offices, class-rooms, and cold storage room are also included in the dairy building."

After a new dairy building was constructed, the Dairy Building was renamed the Forestry Building 1913. The Department of Forestry would occupy the building until the 1960s. In 1969 it was renamed for Professor Alfred K. Chittenden. Chittenden had

to call its home," said MSU President Lou Anna K. Simon. "It's an appropriate acknowledgement of the importance of graduate study on the 20th anniversary of the Graduate School."

Karen Klomparens, dean of the Graduate School, said the new facility will help facilitate the school's mission of serving as an advocate for quality graduate education and the more than 11,000 graduate and graduate-professional students.

"We're now able to house staff that were located in three different locations across campus," she said. "We're better able to provide assistance to faculty, graduate and graduate-professional students, as well as post-docs, in one location."

The original cost of the building was \$15,000. After the dairy program moved to a new facility in 1913, the forestry department moved in and the building was re-named the Forestry Building.

Forestry resided there until the 1960s. Since then a number of programs and units have called Chittenden home.

Chittenden Hall is part of what was once known as Laboratory Row, a semi-circle of buildings consisting of Eustace-Cole Hall, Cook Hall, Old Botany, Marshall Hall and Morrill Hall, which was torn down in 2013.

These buildings were all constructed between 1888 and 1902 along the road now known as Circle Drive.

An alternate version of this story originally appeared on the MSUToday website.

directed the academic forestry programs from 1914 to 1930. He conducted research on reforestation and maple sugar, and developed a nursery on campus. This nursery has been credited with supplying most of the tree seedlings planted on private lands in the state.

Various offices occupied the building through the 1990s, and it then stood vacant before being renovated to house the Graduate School. The building is listed on the State Register of Historic Sites.

### FROM THE ARCHIVES

Here are some related stories from the Chittenden Commons, the blog of the MSU Graduate School.

- Michigan Agriculture College and the Location of Chittenden Hall: <http://bit.ly/MAClocation>
- The Dairy Building Becomes Forestry: <http://bit.ly/DairyForestry>
- Chittenden Hall by the Numbers: <http://bit.ly/ChitNumbers>

## A 20TH-CENTURY BUILDING FOR 21ST-CENTURY PROGRAMS

The renovation of Chittenden Hall allowed all Graduate School services to be centrally located in one convenient location for graduate and graduate professional students and postdocs, allowing us to better serve their needs in bigger, bolder and more efficient ways. Prior to being housed in Chittenden Hall, staff affiliated with the Graduate School were scattered among Linton Hall on West Circle Drive, the Student Services Building on East Circle Drive, and the International Center on Shaw Lane. Now these offices have been united under one roof, increasing both operational efficiency for our staff and convenience for our campus audiences.

The restoration of Chittenden Hall included particular attention to the historic character of the building. Many elements from the original construction were retained and restored, including transom windows, wainscoting, wood floors, and chalkboards, among other things. The project also achieved performance equivalent to LEED Silver rating for sustainability.

The renovated Chittenden Hall now includes:

### Terrace Level

- Chittenden Commons - a graduate student, graduate professional student and postdoc resource center and lounge, equipped to serve as a workshop and study / meeting space
- Kitchenette
- Personal health room

### First Floor

- PhD Career Services office
- Graduate Student Life & Wellness office
- Teaching Assistant Program office
- Council of Graduate Students office
- Diversity Recruitment & Retention office
- Conference rooms

### Second Floor

- Postdoc and Faculty Fellows office space
- Dean, associate & assistant deans and staff offices
- Conference room

### Outdoors

- Terrace space with picnic tables and a fully-accessible entrance

Photos at right: View a tour of Chittenden Hall on the Graduate School's Instagram account ([instagram.com/msugradschool](http://instagram.com/msugradschool)). Clockwise from upper left: Chittenden Patio; Workshop Room (1st floor); waiting area (second floor); office corridor (second floor); Chittenden Commons (garden level); waiting area (garden level); kitchenette in Chittenden Commons; support staff office space (second floor); staff mail and copy room with kitchenette (second floor); Dean Klomparens' office (second floor). CREDIT: MSU GRADUATE SCHOOL



TAKE A PHOTOGRAPHIC TOUR OF CHITTENDEN HALL AT [INSTAGRAM.COM/MSUGRADSCHOOL](http://INSTAGRAM.COM/MSUGRADSCHOOL)





## GRADUATE SCHOOL MILESTONES



**1926**  
Edward J. Petry becomes the first individual to receive a PhD (in botany) from what was then known as Michigan State College of Agriculture and Applied Science.

**1930**  
Ernst Bessey becomes the first Dean of the Graduate School

**1991-1994**  
The Report of the Council on the Review of Research and Graduate Education (CORRAGE) is published in 1991, with recommendations for restructuring graduate program administration. The Graduate School takes its current form in 1994.



**1855**  
The university is founded under the name Agricultural College of the State of Michigan.

**1955-1957**  
Masters and doctoral programs are transitioned from direct to indirect administration by the Graduate School Office. The Graduate School Office begins working through the college deans and college graduate committees to administer programs, which have grown in size during the post-WWII GI Bill era.

**1962**  
The System of Administration of Graduate Studies at MSU is published, outlining "continuing queries" designed to promote the study of graduate education processes at MSU.

**2014**  
Chittenden Hall is renovated and becomes the home of the Graduate School. All services and programs offered by the office are now able to be housed in one building.

### GRADUATE SCHOOL CELEBRATES 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF CURRENT ORGANIZATION

The Graduate School celebrated its 20th anniversary in its current configuration this fall, commemorating the milestone with multiple events. The Graduate School was reorganized in 1993 based on recommendations from faculty and graduate students who served on the 1989-1991 Committee on the Review of Research and Graduate Education (CORRAGE). Two major recommendations from CORRAGE were to separate the Graduate Dean from the Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies to form a free-standing Graduate School and to set up a University Distinguished Fellowship program to support recruitment of the most outstanding domestic Ph.D. applicants into our graduate programs. Both of these recommendations were implemented fully in 1994. Many other recommendations were implemented in the years that followed.

The 20th anniversary of the Graduate School's reorganization was first celebrated during the University Distinguished Fellows reception on October 19, 2014. This annual reception hosts our University Distinguished Fellows and University Enrichment Fellows as they start their PhD programs on campus. This year we were happy to welcome some members of the original class of fellows for a 20th reunion, as well as members of the original CORRAGE committee. Attendees enjoyed refreshments and an exclusive preview tour of Chittenden Hall before it was open to the public.

The 20th anniversary was also commemorated during the dedication ceremony for Chittenden Hall on November 8, 2014. Photos of this event can be seen on page 4, and on the Graduate School's Flickr account ([flickr.com/MSUGradSchool](https://www.flickr.com/photos/MSUGradSchool/)).



President Lou Anna K. Simon and Dean Karen Klomparens cut the ribbon at the Chittenden Hall dedication ceremony, as Provost June Pierce Youatt, Graduate School staff, and Council of Graduate Students board members look on.

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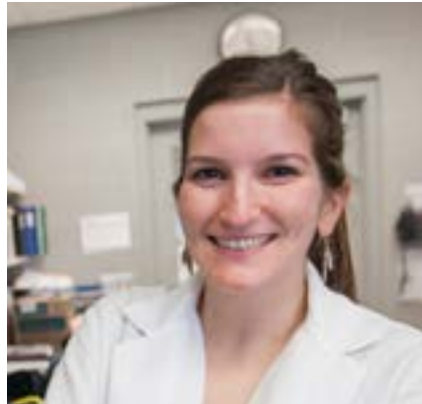
# THE GRAD FACTOR

In October, Michigan State University launched The Grad Factor, a special web series profiling eight graduate students at MSU. This series was similar to the 2013 President's Report, MSU Inside Out, which followed the daily lives of several undergraduate students over the course of a semester.



The Grad Factor profiled eight graduate students from a breadth of backgrounds and academic disciplines. As the series says, "Graduate students are vital to MSU's world-class research enterprise." The profiles allow viewers to "meet some of the Spartan trailblazers who help keep MSU at the forefront of discovery."

The Graduate School would like to thank those students who allowed MSU's Communications & Brand Strategies team into their lives, labs, fields, and rehearsal spaces to share their talents with the rest of the world. You can view video profiles of each of these students at [msu.edu/gradfactor](http://msu.edu/gradfactor).



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Kelvin Kamfwa  
College of Agriculture and  
Natural Resources

Jessica Suisman  
College of Social Science

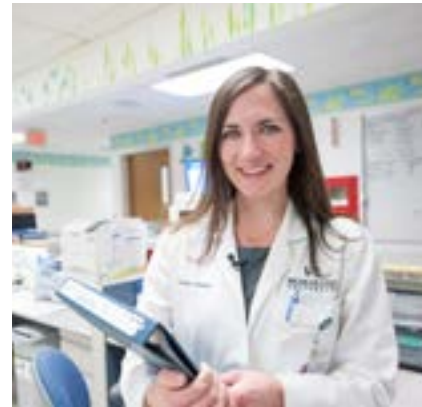
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## EMPOWERING AN EXTRAORDINARY GRADUATE EDUCATION

On October 24 Michigan State University welcomed alumni and friends from around the country back to campus for a special celebration: the public launch of *Empower Extraordinary*, the campaign for Michigan State University. This fundraising initiative has a goal of \$1.5 billion to support the university, its students and its initiatives.

Support for graduate education is key to this campaign. Graduate fellowships bring students to MSU who have dedicated themselves to the pursuit of knowledge in specific academic fields. They work collaboratively with faculty and other graduate students to advance research, help teach and mentor undergraduates, and lay the groundwork for leadership in their own careers. The Graduate School is working in conjunction with the University Scholarships & Fellowships Advancement Office to raise funding in support of general fellowship funding. Our funding goal to support graduate students is \$9 million. Additionally, colleges across campus has selected their own goals for increasing fellowship funding for their specific programs.

The list below illustrates some of the ways that individuals can make an impact on student lives, and on our collective future, through a gift in support of graduate education in the *Empower Extraordinary* campaign. If you are interested in learning more about *Empower Extraordinary*, please contact the University Scholarships & Fellowships Advancement Office at (517) 432-7345 or via email at [answers@supportforstudents.msu.edu](mailto:answers@supportforstudents.msu.edu).

# EMPOWER EXTRAORDINARY

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## GRADUATE SCHOOL CAMPAIGN PRIORITIES

### Supporting Graduate Students

#### *Named University Distinguished Fellow*

Your gift of \$1,000,000 creates a named University Distinguished Fellowship endowment. Each University Distinguished Fellowship helps support a doctoral student who is among the best and brightest at MSU. This award is to be used for recruitment of students and completion of their degrees. An investment in a University Distinguished Fellowship endowment is an investment in the next generation of leaders to tackle society's most pressing problems.

#### *Named University Enrichment Fellow*

Your gift of \$1,000,000 creates a named University Enrichment Fellowship endowment. Each University Enrichment Fellowship helps support a doctoral student who is among the best and brightest at MSU and helps the university to create an excellent and diverse student body. This award will be used for recruitment of students and completion of their degrees.

#### *Named Dissertation Completion Fellow*

Your gift of \$125,000 creates a named Dissertation Completion Fellowship endowment. Each dissertation completion fellowship supports an excellent doctoral student as he/she completes a PhD program and launches a career.

### Enhancing the Student Experience

#### *Named International Experience Fellowship*

Your gift of \$125,000 creates a named International Experience Fellowship endowment. International Experience Awards provide a financial aid package to cover expenses related to international study programs and research abroad. These programs broaden horizons, expand understanding and send an MSU graduate student out to be influenced and to influence others.

#### *Named Academic Experience Fellowship*

Your gift of \$100,000 creates a named Academic Experience Fellowship endowment. These awards support graduate students and allow them to participate in academic and research experiences off campus and across the globe.

#### *Named Conference Travel Fellowship*

Your gift of \$50,000 creates a named Conference Travel Fellowship endowment. Awards support expenses related to travel and conferences, allowing high quality students to present their research in the United States and around the world.

### Supporting Strategic Initiatives

Gifts of any size can be contributed to this fund. Funds will be spent on areas of strategic significance to the Graduate School. These may include career & professional development for students; research enhancement student support; interdisciplinary research support to solve society's difficult issues; and programs for the improvement of teaching skills for future faculty.

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## FIRST DONOR-SUPPORT DISTINGUISHED FELLOW NAMED

Derrick Stobaugh, a first-year doctoral student in the industrial and organizational psychology program, has been named the 2014 Blake and Mary Krueger University Distinguished Fellow. This is the first donor-support university distinguished fellowship at Michigan State University, and was formed with a lead gift to the *Campaign for Excellence*. Read more about this campaign on page seven.



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To serve as an advocate for graduate education to the University and beyond, and to enhance the quality of graduate education at MSU in all its diverse dimensions.

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