

### Creating Our Signature James Johnston, Ph.D., R.T.(R)(CV), FASRT

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# Why a "Signature"?

- It reflects one's identity and personality
- ✤ It is individualistic
- ✤ It is distinctive



# Need for a Signature

- From Junior College to University
  - Commuter to residential
- ♦ Who or what is MSU?
- Allows us to focus on, and embrace, what we do best



## **Three Focal Areas**

#### **\***Curriculum:

Strategy 1E, Tactic 1 & 2; Strategy 2B, Tactic 1 & 2; Strategy 3A, Tactic 1; Strategy 3B, Tactic 2; Strategy 3C, Tactic 1; Strategy 4A, Tactic 2; Strategy 4B, Tactic 1

#### **Student Support:**

Strategy 2D, Tactic 1; Strategy 2E; Strategy 3B, Tactic 1 & 2

#### **\***Traditions/Identity:

Strategy 1D, Tactic 1 & 2; Strategy 3E, Tactic 1; Strategy 4A



## Curriculum

- Series of minors
- Signature Experiences Program
- Growth in graduate programs & move up to offer terminal degrees



# Student Support

Bridge Program

- Reorganization of Academic Success Center (ASC) to Tutoring and Academic Support Programs (TASP)
- Strengthen First Year Experience
- Targeted recruitment and enrollment where capacity or opportunity exists



## **Traditions/Identity**

- Senior Campus Walk
- Campus commencement and graduation weekend event
- Outstanding Alumni Lunch with Spring Celebration of Scholarship (beginning of strengthening connections between students and alum)



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