

Happening in SRO

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If you have items for the newsletter or if you would like to highlight an event, please let Brenda Spaulding or your unit director know.



This month, we are recognizing those who had milestone anniversaries in January, February, and March. Congratulations on your U-M anniversary!

1 Year

Margaret Graves, DCO
Nathan Lewis, DCO

15 Year

Sarah Crane, DCO
Rebecca Gatward, PDMG
Lisa Holland, DMSS
Shaowei Sun, TSG
Ryan Yoder, PDMG

5 Year

Adrein Adams, DCO
Xiomara Lorenzo Guerra, PDMG
Melissa Luker, PDMG

25 Year

Karl Dinkelmann, TSG
Brad Goodwin, TSG
Vivienne Outlaw, DCO

Reminder – SRO Closure Day on Friday, May 23

This is a reminder that Friday, May 23, 2025 will be an SRO Closure Day, prior to the Memorial Day holiday on Monday, May 26.

Staff have the option of taking Friday as vacation or making arrangements with their supervisor to work, if that is preferable.

Save the Date – SRC All-Staff Meeting

Wednesday, May 7

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Michigan League Ballroom

911 N. University Ave.

In-person attendance is encouraged, and lunch will be available.

If you cannot attend in person, a Zoom link will be provided.

WalSS Project (Jeffrey Albrecht)

The U-M Wallenberg Institute Student Survey (WalSS, pronounced “ways”) project is a 5-year longitudinal study of how undergraduate students’ perceptions of religious and racial/ethnic groups develop during their time studying at U-M. WalSS is internally funded by [U-M's Wallenberg Institute](#). The PI is Mark Tessler, who is the Samuel J. Eldersveld Collegiate Professor in Political Studies

The WalSS pre-study launched in February 2025 and concludes at the end of April. The purpose is to design and develop a survey that will measure constructs such as religious beliefs, upbringing, and affiliations, as well as prejudice and ingroup/outgroup preferences. Pre-study work entails literature review, survey design consultation with SRC faculty, survey spec'ing and programming in Qualtrics, and testing in focus groups with undergrads. For the pre-study, WalSS paid \$50 Tango cards to focus group participants.

The main survey launches in September 2025 and will repeat each fall through 2029, following students who are still enrolled. The Year 1 sample will include 14,500 U-M students at all undergraduate class levels. In Years 2-5, the sample will be refreshed with new first year students. The protocol will include emails, text messages, and SSL reminder calling. WalSS will use Web SMS for its sample management system, linked with Qualtrics API. Respondents will be offered \$20 Tango cards through the Qualtrics-Tango API for instant payment upon survey completion. The survey length target is 100-125 questions for an average of 15 minutes to complete. SRO will construct survey weights and conduct analysis of the data following each wave of data collection.



SRO Wellness News (SRO Wellness Committee)

Please reach out if you are interested in being part of the committee or if you have ideas to share. srowellcomm@umich.edu

[Meaningful May 2025](#) Calendar from Action for Happiness.

GET DOWNTOWN - Month of May

The Commuter Challenge encourages community members who live or work in the City of Ann Arbor, City of Ypsilanti, or Ypsilanti Township to choose sustainable transportation (such as walking, biking, carpooling, vanpooling, and using public transit) for travel to and from work. Individuals and workplaces can win prizes for joining the challenge.

Only commute trips (trips to work, trips from work, and telework) count for this challenge. Participants should have a qualifying address in their profile for their work or home address to be selected for the prizes below. Qualifying trips must be recorded on win.getdowntown.org by 11:59 p.m. ET June 2, 2025 to be counted toward the Commuter Challenge.

Sign up is available now and the challenge runs May 1 through May 31, 2025.

You can get an early start on the prizes by recording green commutes from April 22 - May 3 to be entered into a drawing for a Spin gift card. Record at least one green commute May 1 - 31 to receive a coupon for a free scoop of ice cream from Washtenaw Dairy.

We have established a team called **U-M Survey Research Operations (SRO)**.

- After joining the challenge, go into your profile and add our organization.
- Click the picture in the upper right of your new account and go to Profile.
- Fill in the information needed to be sure you are eligible for prizes.
- Under Organization, click YES
 - Name: **U-M Survey Research Operations (SRO)**
 - Website: <https://src.isr.umich.edu/services/survey-research-operations/>
 - Address: 330 Packard Street, Ann Arbor MI 48104

[Click Here for More Information](#) [Click HERE to Sign Up](#)



FARMER'S MARKET WALK

Our SRO Farmer's Market walks for the season will be on the following dates:

May 28 - [Click Here to Add to Your Calendar](#)
June 25 - [Click Here to Add to Your Calendar](#)
July 30 - [Click Here to Add to Your Calendar](#)
August 27 - [Click Here to Add to Your Calendar](#)
September 24 - [Click Here to Add to Your Calendar](#)

Please join us! As a reminder, we'll gather in the Perry lobby at 12:00 p.m. and we'll leave for a walk at 12:05 p.m.

- ★ FREE tote bag for joining us!
- ★ About a mile walk both there and back. We'll walk there together and then return at our leisure.

For more information on the Farmer's Market: [Ann Arbor Farmers Market Website](#)

RETURN OF THE ICE CREAM WALKS!

We'll take a walk and enjoy a scoop of ice cream or shake sponsored by the SRO Wellness Committee. Fresh air, ice cream, nice walk, and bonding with fellow colleagues. We will have a series of three walks with a limit of 10 people each to increase the opportunity to interact more easily.

Meet in the Perry lobby at the scheduled time. NOTE: If inclement weather, your SRO Wellness Committee walk lead will contact the group to reschedule.

*Sign up is open to any regular appointment SRO staff and only one sign up per person.

If the list is FULL please type your name below the FULL line and we will let you know if space opens up.

Wednesday, June 25 - Michigan Creamery - 4:00 p.m.

[Click Here to Sign Up for Michigan Creamery](#)

Wednesday, July 9 - Washtenaw Dairy - 12:00 p.m.

[Click Here to Sign Up for Washtenaw Dairy](#)

Wednesday, August 13 - Blank Slate - 4:00 p.m.

[Click Here to Sign Up for Blank Slate](#)

FREECYCLE - SAVE THE DATE - Wednesday, June 4

Our next Freecycle event will be held on **Wednesday, June 4, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.** in G150 AB Perry.

[Click Here to Add to Your Google Calendar](#)

What is Freecycle? Freecycle is about no-strings-attached gifts of physical items which would otherwise go into landfills. As we start thinking about spring cleaning and decluttering, Freecycle offers a way to get rid of or pick up some items which you or others can use. And most importantly - it is **FREE**.

UPCOMING M-HEALTHY and U-M ACTIVITIES

- ★ May is National Employee Health and Fitness Month [MHealthy Physical Activity](#)
- ★ May is Mental Health Awareness Month [MHealthy Mental and Emotional Well-being](#)



Thanks to all who joined for a walk to the Michigan Union for lunch/beverage on April 9!