



**Formal Session of the Board of Trustees
October 2, 2026
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Location: MUB Ballroom B
Public Meeting**

- I. Call to Order**
Jon Jipping, Chair
- II. Roll Call**
Sarah Schulte, Secretary
- III. Confirm Agenda**
Jon Jipping, Chair
- IV. Opening Remarks**
 - A. Opening Remarks of the Board Chair**
Jon Jipping, Chair
 - B. Opening Remarks of the University President**
Richard Koubek, President
- V. Public Comment Period**
- VI. Committee Reports**
 - A. Academic Affairs Committee**
John Bacon, Committee Member
 - B. Audit and Finance Committee**
Steve Tomaszewski, Committee Chair
 - C. Leadership Committee**
Monique Wells, Committee Chair
- VII. Consent Agenda**
 - A. Approval of Minutes**
 - B. Degrees in Course**
 - C. Resignations, Retirements, and Off-Payroll**
 - D. 2027 Meeting dates**
 - E. Funding Productivity Report**

- F. Daniell Heights Early Recontracting**
- G. Board Policy Updates**
- H. Contracts for \$1,000,000 or more**

VIII. Action and Discussion Items

- A. Resolution for Appointment of Treasurer**
Steve Tomaszewski, Chair of Audit and Finance Committee
- B. Emerita Rank**
Andrew Storer, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dr. Adrienne Minerick, Professor Emerita, Department of Chemical Engineering
- C. Five-Year State Capital Outlay Plan**
Tim Scullion, Treasurer
- D. Resolution of Appreciation**
Richard Koubek, President

Elizabeth Pulick
Michael A. Pulick Jr.

IX. Reports

- A. Genesis Research Presentation**
Will Cantrell, Associate Provost for Graduate Education and Dean of Graduate School and
Raymond Shaw, University Professor, Physics
- B. Undergraduate Student Government**
Ford Schoonover, President
- C. Graduate Student Government**
Sam Jensen, President
- D. University Senate**
Holly Hassel, President

X. Informational Items

- A. Analysis of Investments**
- B. Sponsored Programs**
- C. Advancement & Alumni Relations**
- D. Media Coverage**
- E. Employee Safety Statistics**

F. Disposal of Surplus Property

G. Contracts over \$500,000

XI. Date for Next Formal Meeting: December 18, 2026

XII. Other Business

XIII. Adjourn

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

These are routine matters that generally do not require discussion or debate. Any Board member can remove any consent item from the agenda by request. They will be considered as one resolution.

- A. Approval of Minutes
- B. Degrees in Course
- C. Resignations, Retirements and Off Payroll
- D. 2027 Board Meeting Dates
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VII-A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the formal session on July 30, 2026, as distributed to the Board.

VII-B. DEGREES IN COURSE

Included herein are candidate who have been recommended by their respective faculties and have been certified by the Registrar as having fulfilled all the requirements of their degrees as specified.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approves the awarding of the degrees as specified, to each of the candidates listed, and offer congratulations.



MEMORANDUM

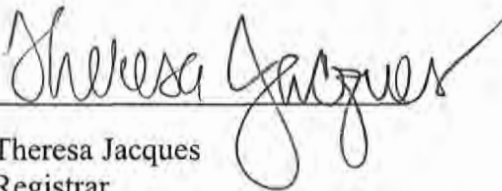
To: Dr Richard J Koubek
Office of the President

From: Theresa Jacques
Registrar's Office

Date: Sept 11, 2026

Subject: Candidates for Degree – Conferral Term 202605

The attached list of candidates for degrees, beginning with Beau Nalu Santiago and ending with Lauren Elizabeth Auge is submitted for the granting of the appropriate degrees by the Board of Trustees. I certify that these candidates meet all requirements for their respective degrees and that the names have been submitted to and have received the approval of the faculty from their major department.



Theresa Jacques
Registrar

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Michigan Technological University

Degrees Awarded for Conferral Term 202605

Michigan Technological University Registrar's Office September 11, 2026

Associate of Science in Engineering

- Beau Nalu Santiago

Bachelor of Arts in History

- Aidan Miller Johnson

Bachelor of Science in Accounting

- Thomas Endeavour Knewton - Summa Cum Laude

Bachelor of Science in Applied Physics

- Saar Bar-Ziv - Cum Laude

Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

- Tyler John Ollanketo

Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences

- Christina E Clark

Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering

- Isaac Michael Dressel

Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering

- Calvin Daniel Hassel - Magna Cum Laude

Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering

- Clayton Dierberger
- Austin L Ford
- Forrest Christopher Hadley

Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering

- Ryan Hink
- Ian T Walch

Bachelor of Science in Computer Network and System Administration

- Devin Michael Schultz

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

- Tristan J Brewer
- Arnold Contreras
- Jacob A Dreger
- Dylan K Foster
- David Michael Skibinski

Bachelor of Science in Construction Management

- Baker William LaFave

Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity

- Charlie Hugo Magnus
- Joseph M Wasilewski

Bachelor of Science in Economics

- Riley William McNamara Cook

Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering

- Samantha Maria Bean - Cum Laude
- Jared Alexander Colvin
- Kenneth Wayne Fletcher - Summa Cum Laude
- Harley Nicole Russell
- Beau Nalu Santiago
- Tyler Nathaniel Tischer
- Dom Dee Wertz

Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering Technology

- Brett Michael Hamilton
- Shannon Steve Mathison

Bachelor of Science in Engineering Management

- Youssef Konstantin Semia
- Gavin Robert Walters

Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science

- Adam Zead Rammouni - Summa Cum Laude

Bachelor of Science in Finance

- Aidan Mullaney DeVos

Bachelor of Science in Forestry

- Benjamin Cole Giroux
- Collin Derek Haddad

Bachelor of Science in Geology

- Christina Lynne Lucas
- Maddie Elizabeth Unseld

Bachelor of Science in Geospatial Engineering

- Alexander Joseph Bellefeuille
- Dominic Gregory Blondeau

Bachelor of Science in Human Biology

- Catherine Banzen
- Kaisa Marie Salani - Cum Laude

Bachelor of Science in Management

- Marc Aaron Bricker

Bachelor of Science in Mathematics

- Alexander Daniel Kessler

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

- Ethan Richard Blough
- Charles Anthony Cortes

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering Technology

- Luz Maria Aparicio
- Eric Carl Fuderer
- Preston Nollie Jesiek
- Luke Andrew Krcmarik
- Frank Hien Nguyen
- Corey Jonathan Schimmel

Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Science

- Kalee Marie Parisot
- Ari Schnell - Cum Laude
- Taylor Stockwell - Magna Cum Laude

Bachelor of Science in Psychology

- Riley Joseph Dotson
- William Patrick Hunyor - Cum Laude

Bachelor of Science in Robotics Engineering

- Donovan Brayden Ghysels - Summa Cum Laude
- Lucas George Haddad

Bachelor of Science in Software Engineering

- Simon Novak

Bachelor of Science in Sports and Fitness Management

- Dakota Smith Blackwell

Bachelor of Science in Sustainability Science and Society

- Claire Ellen Foisy - Cum Laude

Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Ecology and Conservation

- Brett Ryan Taylor

Doctor of Philosophy in Applied Cognitive Science and Human Factors

- Katrina Carlson

Doctor of Philosophy in Applied Physics

- Join Uddin

Doctor of Philosophy in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

- Olivia Ann Hohman

Doctor of Philosophy in Biological Sciences

- Bianca M Mercado-Velez
- Emily Ann Washeleski

Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Engineering

- Rourke Joseph Sylvain

Doctor of Philosophy in Chemical Engineering

- Kwabena Boafo
- Kobina Akyea Ofori

Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry

- Subash Pandey

Doctor of Philosophy in Civil Engineering

- Saeed Sohrabi
- Meng Wu

Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Engineering

- Logan Paul Schexnaydre

Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science

- Jiangqiu Shen
- Yuguang Wang

Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering

- Hilary Scott Nkimbeng Cho
- James Everett Davis
- Michael Aaron Maurer

Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering - Computational Science and Engineering

- Nader Abu-Alrub
- Harikrishnan Changarnkothapecherikkal
- Karen Marie Colbert
- Blade William Martin Frisch
- Md Khairul Islam

Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering - Environmental Engineering

- Benjamin Jon Mohrhardt

Doctor of Philosophy in Environmental and Energy Policy

- Esther Nyamekye Acheampong
- Mercedes Nana Yaa Egyiriba Rowe Asamani

Doctor of Philosophy in Forest Science

- Christopher A Hohnholt
- Thomas Eric Panella

Doctor of Philosophy in Geophysics

- Gabriel Christian Ahrendt

Doctor of Philosophy in Industrial Heritage and Archaeology

- James Blaine Schwaderer

Doctor of Philosophy in Mechanical Engineering - Engineering Mechanics

- Pulitha Janith Chandrasena Godakawela Kankanamalage

- Thomas Kenneth Price
- Houssein Yassin

Doctor of Philosophy in Physics

- Alyssa Horne
- Jester Nicanor Itliong

Doctor of Philosophy in Rhetoric, Theory and Culture

- Eugene Brown Nyarko Agyei

Doctor of Philosophy in Statistics

- Stephen Kofi Acheampong
- Suwash Silwal
- Shuo Sun

Master of Business Administration

- Andrew Frazee
- Bethany Ann Kauth
- Jennifer Kinsella
- Nathan Drew Parker
- Emma Laine Rotman
- Jacob Schuler
- Jennique Renea Stadtmueller
- Michael James Stuber
- Fernando Jun Yoshino

Master of Engineering Management

- Jacob Calvin Foster
- Emaly Lynn Jadin
- Katelyn Marie Lammi
- Alan Shermo
- Michael Worek
- Marshall Zeyfang

Master of Forestry

- Cameron Duncan Murray
- Matthew Gene Wawrzyniak

Master of Science in Accounting and Analytics

- Unity Itai Muguruzo
- Meaghan Isabelle Raabe
- Rachel Grace Szczepanski

Master of Science in Biological Sciences

- William Carr Kennedy
- Lily Noel O'Hagan

- Mackenzie Rosella Phillips
- Derrick Joseph Simet

Master of Science in Chemical Engineering

- Blessing Ngozi Ozah

Master of Science in Chemistry

- Alexis Mae Gasco
- Jije Mideksa Geyesa
- Micah Olamide Idowu
- Meredith Seungyeon Paik

Master of Science in Civil Engineering

- Gifty Afoley Odai

Master of Science in Computer Science

- Jaskarandeep Singh Multani

Master of Science in Cybersecurity

- Johnathan Toshiki Oestringer
- Mohamed Yasser Salem

Master of Science in Data Science

- Connor Patrick Read Donahue
- Hasham Khan

Master of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering

- Ingrid E Halverson
- Kyle Jay Hildebrand
- Arshad Ismail
- Benjamin S Keppers
- Jackson Paul Newell
- Xalen Onyemelukwe
- Alex P Riebe
- Bethanie Tatu

Master of Science in Environmental Engineering

- Ransford Okley Tetteh *

Master of Science in Environmental Engineering Science

- Libia Hazra

Master of Science in Geology

- Katherine Langfield

Master of Science in Kinesiology

- Erik F Dale

Master of Science in Materials Science and Engineering

- Aidan M Earll
- Jack Francis Schaller

- Rebekah Smith

Master of Science in Mathematical Sciences

- Travis Andrus
- Daniel Paul Henderson

Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering

- Nathan S Bruursema
- McKenna Raelynn Collins
- Jamie Lee Greenley
- Trae Thomas Larson
- Christi A LeCaptain
- Tanner George McLean
- Troy Metz
- Zachary Ely Wagner

Master of Science in Mechatronics

- Fnu Faisal Ali

Master of Science in Rhetoric, Theory and Culture

- Hooriya Habib
- Rachael Elizabeth Hathcoat
- Anna M Lindgren
- Edith Michael Ogbodo
- Beatrice Adjoa Yedwah Quarm
- Cornelius Fuumaale Suom-Kogle

Master of Science in Sustainable Communities

- Lauren Elizabeth Auge

* Addendum to Conferral: Degree awarded for term 202601

VII-C. RESIGNATIONS, RETIREMENTS, AND OFF PAYROLL

Attached is a report of resignations, retirements, and off payroll which have been approved by the President and are included for his convenience in recommending acceptance by the Board.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees accepts resignations, retirements, and off payroll determinations.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OFF-PAYROLL REPORT

(July 1, 2026 – September 12, 2026)

Retirements						
Last Name	First Name	Class	Department	Job Title	Current Hire Date	Term Date
Buche	Mari	FD	College of Business	Associate Dean/Professor	08/17/2003	07/01/2026
Campbell	Gary	FF	College of Business	Professor	08/31/1982	07/03/2026
Burton	Andrew	FF	College Forest Resources & Environmental Sciences	Professor	06/13/1994	08/07/2026
Hamlin	Brett	FC	Engineering Fundamentals	Teaching Professor	06/05/1994	08/14/2026
Hollingsworth	Jeffery	FC	Civil, Environmental & Geospatial Engineering	Professor of Practice	08/19/2019	08/14/2026
Parker	Gordon	FF	Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering	Professor	08/25/1996	08/15/2026
Semouchkina	Elena	FF	Electrical and Computer Engineering	Professor	08/09/2009	08/15/2026
Goltz	Sonia	FF	College of Business	Professor	02/26/1996	07/03/2026
Smith	Debra	AF	Facilities Management	Custodian	09/21/2020	07/24/2026
Raber	Mary	FD	Engineering Fundamentals	Department Chair	11/22/1999	07/31/2026
Seppala	Dean	PF	Chemistry	Research Associate	12/15/1989	08/05/2026
Forsell	Renee	AF	McNair Hall Food Service	Food Service Helper	03/08/1999	08/10/2026
Sorcha	Heather	FF	College of Business	Associate Professor	08/18/2014	08/14/2026

Off Payroll						
Last Name	First Name	Class	Department	Job Title	Current Hire Date	Term Date
Townsend	David	AF	Facilities Management	HVAC Technician	12/12/2022	07/10/2026
Arnold	Sarah	NP	College Forest Resources & Environmental Sciences	Research Assistant, Lab Manager	08/26/2024	07/04/2026
Lin	Peijia	RF	Chemical Engineering	Research Assistant Professor	02/20/2023	06/30/2026
Schreck	Riley	CF	General Athletics	Assistant Strength & Conditioning Coach	07/11/2022	06/30/2026
Nordstrom	Patrick	AF	Facilities Management	HVAC Technician	09/20/2021	07/01/2026
Gray	Kathryn	PF	Great Lakes Research Center	Logistics Coordinator	10/08/2018	07/02/2026
Montag	Dawn	PF	Human Resources	Manager, Benefit Services	06/30/2025	07/03/2026
Jenkins	Abby	PF	Michigan Tech Research Institute (MTRI)	Research Scientist	01/10/2022	07/10/2026
Gruver	Catharine	PF	Center for Faculty Excellence	Instructional Designer	05/13/2024	07/17/2026
Michelson	Kayla	PF	Waino Wahtera Center for Student Success	Manager, Student Support/Mentorship	06/12/2023	07/17/2026
Yates	North	AP	Douglass Houghton Hall Food Service	Food Service Helper	04/27/2026	07/20/2026

Gronlund	Kimberly	AF	Douglass Houghton Hall Food Service	Food Service Helper	01/23/2023	07/30/2026
Kahler	Zachary	PF	Residence Education	Residence Education Coordinator	06/09/2025	07/31/2026
Collett	Jason	PF	Facilities Management	Facilities Manager	06/24/2024	08/01/2026
Ostrowski	Allen	CF	General Athletics	Assistant Soccer Coach	07/07/2025	08/06/2026
Yeom	Jaemin	RF	Physics	Research Assistant Professor	08/29/2022	08/07/2026
Aten	Samantha	UF	Financial Services & Operations	Administrative Aide	10/18/2021	08/10/2026
Light	Kristopher	AF	Residential Dining	Food Service Helper	01/05/2026	08/10/2026
Dai	Fan	FF	Mathematical Sciences	Assistant Professor	08/17/2020	08/14/2026
Shawhan	Jordan	PF	Alumni Engagement	Assistant Director for Advancement & Alumni Engagement	06/26/2023	08/14/2026
Taylor	Matthew	PF	General Athletics	Director of Athletic Communication	07/25/2022	08/14/2026
Erfani	Abdolmajid	FF	Civil, Environmental & Geospatial Engineering	Assistant Professor	08/07/2023	08/15/2026
Eggart	Brian	PF	Advanced Power Systems Research Center (APSRC)	Education & Training Manager	09/30/2026	08/28/2026
Hippula	Bradley	AF	Facilities Management	Custodian	06/27/2022	08/31/2026
Lajeunesse	Samantha	AF	Catering	Cook	12/16/2024	09/02/2026
Buschell	Brittany	PF	Geological & Mining Engineering & Sciences	Department Coordinator	12/04/2008	09/03/2026
Cowling	Robert	PF	Great Lakes Research Center	GIS Data Librarian	02/21/2022	09/04/2026
Jennings	Matthew	PF	Office of Advancement	Director for Charitable Giving	09/29/2025	09/04/2026
Sams	Jennifer	PF	Van Pelt and Opie Library	Assistant Director, Education and Public Services	09/01/2021	09/11/2026

VII-D. 2027 MEETING DATES

VII-E. FUNDRAISING PRODUCTIVITY REPORT

Attached is a fiscal year to date comparative report of gifts to Michigan Technological University and the Michigan Tech Fund.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees acknowledges the gifts to Michigan Technological University.

Michigan Technological University
Michigan Tech Fund
Fundraising Productivity Report

Fiscal Year 2027 through 8/31/2026

FY 2027					FY 2026			
Source	YTD Total	FY Goal	% of Goal		Source	YTD Total	FY Goal	% of Goal
<i>Individual Giving</i>	\$13,594,889	24.75	55%		<i>Individual Giving</i>	\$13,733,784	23.18	59%
Corporate Giving	\$362,811	2.68	14%		Corporate Giving	\$453,824	2.62	17%
Foundation & Other Org Giving	\$201,125	3.50	6%		Foundation & Other Org Giving	\$132,700	5.13	3%
Corporate Sponsored Research	\$1,033,785	14.09	7%		Corporate Sponsored Research	\$1,985,561	14.09	14%
FUNDRAISING TOTAL	\$15,192,610	45.02	34%		FUNDRAISING TOTAL	\$16,305,869	45.02	36%

VII-F. Daniell Heights Early Recontracting

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE DANIELL HEIGHTS EARLY RECONTRACTING

To support current residents and provide them with housing predictability, Residential Living recommends offering current leaseholders an opportunity to recontract early at the current FY27 rates during a limited period in Fall 2026.

There is no change being recommended to the Daniell Heights rates previously approved by the Board of Trustees on February 27, 2026, and the proposal would not apply to other University housing.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approves a limited-time early recontracting offer during Fall 2026 for current Daniell Heights leaseholders with no interruption in their existing lease term, allowing them to recontract for a second year at the current FY27 rates previously approved by the Board.

VII-G. BOT Policy Revisions

VIII. ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Resolution for Appointment of Treasurer
- B. Emerita Rank
- C. Five-Year Capital Outlay
- D. Resolution of Appreciation to Michael and Elizabeth Pulick

VIII-A. APPOINTMENT OF TREASURER

VIII-B. EMERITA RANK

Recommendation for the granting of faculty emerita/emeritus status originates within the retiree's academic department and proceeds through the respective college. Once approved, the recommendation is presented to the provost, and if successful, to the president of the University for presentation to the Board of Trustees.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approves the following emerita appointment.

Dr. Adrienne Minerick, Professor Emerita
Department of Chemical Engineering



TO: Michigan Technological University Board of Trustees

FROM: Patrick Pinhero

DATE: August 27, 2026

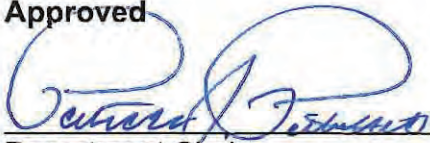
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Emerita Status

The faculty of the Department of Chemical Engineering voted by acclamation at our Fall 2026 Retreat on August 24, 2026, to recommend to the Michigan Technological University Board of Trustees that Adrienne Minerick be appointed as a Professor Emerita in the Department of Chemical Engineering. This action occurred after Prof. Minerick's official retirement date of August 16, 2026.

Professor Adrienne Minerick is a Michigan Technological University (MTU) alumna (B.S., Chemical Engineering, 1998) and she was elected to MTU's Presidential Council of Alumnae in 2012. In addition to her position as a Distinguished Professor of Chemical Engineering, she has served MTU in various roles during her 16.5-year faculty association, including stints as the Associate Dean of Research and Innovation, Dean of the School of Technology, and Founding Dean of the College of Computing. Adrienne has also served as the Director of ADVANCE. As a Professor Emerita, Adrienne seeks to continue a lifetime commitment toward enhancing MTU's reputation.

Professor Minerick's research program has focused on electrokinetics, microfluidics, and point-of-care diagnostics. Through her mentorship, her program has produced 11 MTU PhD's, including 5 who have entered academia. Prof. Minerick has secured more than \$15 million in external research funding, published 116 peer-reviewed papers and book chapters, and mentored >100 undergraduate, graduate, and postdoctoral researchers. These efforts have expanded research opportunities for students and strengthened the University's research reputation. Prof. Minerick's accolades include Fellow designations from AAAS, ASEE, and AIChE; and the AIMBE College of Fellows. In addition, she has received an AES Electrophoresis Society Lifetime Achievement Award; a NSF Career Award; and been a Michigan Professor of the Year Nominee. In terms of service, Adrienne has held prominent international positions, including serving as President of the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE) and President of the AES Electrophoresis Society.

Approved



Department Chair

8/27/2026

Date

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Scherer

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College Dean

Date

Andrew J.
Storer

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Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Date

Richard J.
Koubek

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President

Date

VIII-C. Five Year Capital Outlay

FY28 FIVE-YEAR STATE CAPITAL OUTLAY PLAN AND REQUEST

The FY28 Five-Year State Capital Outlay Plan and Request is required to be submitted to the State of Michigan this fall with Board of Trustees approval and is included herein.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Trustees approves the FY28 Five-Year State Capital Outlay Plan and FY28 Capital Project Request to be submitted to the State of Michigan.

FY27 Five-Year State Capital Outlay Plan							
Rank	Project Name	Gross Sq. Ft. New	Gross Sq. Ft. Renovated	Total Project Costs (000's)	State Funds (000's)	Est. Const. Univ. Funds (000's)	FY Start/ FY End
1	Center for Convergence and Innovation (CCI)	70,000	0	56,000	30,000	26,000	2027/2031

Description

1. Center for Convergence and Innovation: The Center for Convergence and Innovation (CCI) will help position Michigan's economy as a leader in digital transformation through cutting-edge research, workforce development, and strategic partnerships. The CCI aligns closely with Michigan's "Sixty by 30" and economic prosperity goals by supporting innovations in computing, connectivity, sensorization, and business in this new age of digital transformation fueled in part by the rapid advances in artificial intelligence. In its 2026 report, Hanover research (hanoverresearch.com) reported that six of the top ten fastest growing occupations will be Data scientist (33.5%), Information security analyst (28.5%), Information Security Analyst (28.5%), Actuary (21.7%), Operations research analyst (21.5%), Computer & information research scientist (19.9%), and Financial examiner (18.6%). Supporting this growth, four of the top ten fastest growing bachelors degree programs are Data Science (133.1%), Business Analytics (54.4%), Computer Engineering (35.9%), and Computer Information Systems Security/Auditing/Information Assurance (19.4%). Additionally, six of the top ten fastest growing masters degree programs are Data Science (130.5%), Business Analytics (123.7%), Research Methodology & Quantitative Methods (113.9%), Computer Engineering (80.6%), Data Analytics (80.4%), and Artificial Intelligence (39.4%). Each of these increases in demand will be addressed in the CCI building. Within Michigan, the Michigan Bureau of Labor, the state expects a 34.8 percent increase for data scientists, a 14.2 percent increase in workforce demand for financial managers, a 25.6 percent increase for information security analysts, and a 7.1 percent increase for management analysts— cumulatively generating over 4,160 projected new jobs in Michigan in these specific areas by 2032.

Michigan Tech's College of Computing was the first of its kind in Michigan and with increased focus on Artificial Intelligence (AI) the college expects to see associated growth. Michigan Tech's Center for Artificial Intelligence is a hub for departments, colleges, industry partners, community organizations, and other stakeholders to catalyze interdisciplinary AI research initiatives. The Center for AI includes 48

faculty and \$16.1 million in research projects since the start of FY22, working on fundamental advances in AI and cross-cutting research in areas including transportation, materials design, health informatics, and climate resiliency. The center is also committed to preparing a new generation of AI professionals by offering cutting-edge educational programs and professional development activities to promote ethical and trustworthy development and usage of AI.

The College has also been a key player in developing the Institute of Computing and Cybersystems (ICC), a research institute that forms an umbrella for the growing research activity in these areas. The ICC had \$7.5M in research expenditures in FY26. The College of Computing had FY26 research awards totaling \$5.0M and \$6.3M in research expenditures. Nationally, Michigan Tech is now in the top-100 for computer and information science research expenditures in the most recent NSF-HERD rankings for FY24, a rise in the rankings from 150th when the college was formed. Congruent with the state's long-term economic transformation, this project will provide a place for existing computing, data science, computing and business programs to converge to spur new degree programs, entrepreneurial projects, outreach to businesses and communities, increased industry and government funding for research, and the development of a highly agile workforce prepared to implement digital transformation solutions throughout Michigan. Students and employees from the College of Computing and College of Business will be commingled to promote cross-disciplinary collaboration, innovation, and entrepreneurship. The design of the building will intentionally promote connections among faculty and students across colleges. Reconfigurable spaces and theme-based shared digital lab facilities will be spread throughout. These facilities will include convergence centers of excellence (cybersecurity, data science, health informatics, fintech, business analytics, and tech-based entrepreneurship); active learning, computer-learning, and online-learning classrooms; flexible collaboration spaces open to all; student learning centers; open-access conference rooms; a reconfigurable digital makerspace; and an entrepreneurship training hall. In addition to meeting Michigan Tech's convergence needs, this building will facilitate continued aggressive growth in areas that will help Michigan reach our goal of talent retention/attraction. The estimated investment of \$56,000,000 will allow Michigan Tech's College of Computing and College of Business to realize their combined potential and ensure Michigan's future economic prosperity.

VIII-D. Resolution of Appreciation

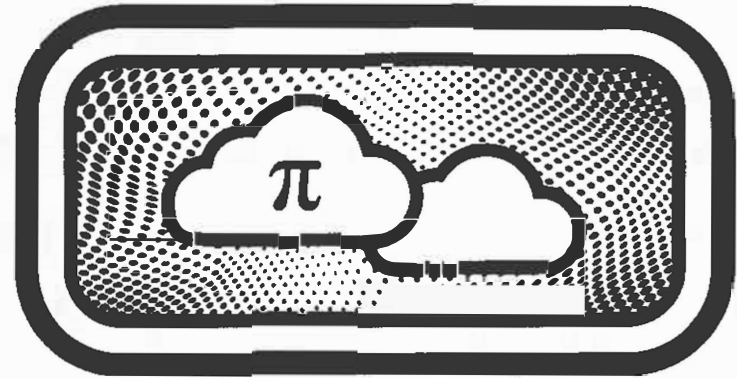
IX-A. Research Presentation

Will Cantrell & Raymond Shaw, Department of Physics

MTU Pi Cloud Chamber Group Recognized with Three Awards from US Department of Energy Genesis Mission

Three Genesis Mission “phase 1” awards to MTU:

- One led by MTU
- One led by Brookhaven National Laboratory
- One led by Pacific Northwest National Laboratory



Will Cantrell & Raymond Shaw
Department of Physics
Michigan Technological University

Thanks to:

- Department of Physics, College of Sciences and Arts, and EPSSI
- Research proposal staff at Great Lakes Research Center and Sponsored Programs Office
- The many students and postdoctoral scientists who have contributed to Pi Chamber science

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The Genesis Mission

A national initiative building the world's most powerful scientific platform.



The Genesis Mission unites DOE National Labs, industry, academia, and more to harness AI for breakthroughs in energy dominance, discovery science, and national security.

Genesis Mission Inaugural Teams
→ 342 participating institutions

16 National Laboratories
142 Institutions of Higher Education
157 Companies
13 Non-profits
14 Other Organizations



Slide shown by Secretary of Energy Chris Wright at the DOE Genesis Mission Summit, July 2026

Predicting U.S. Water for Energy

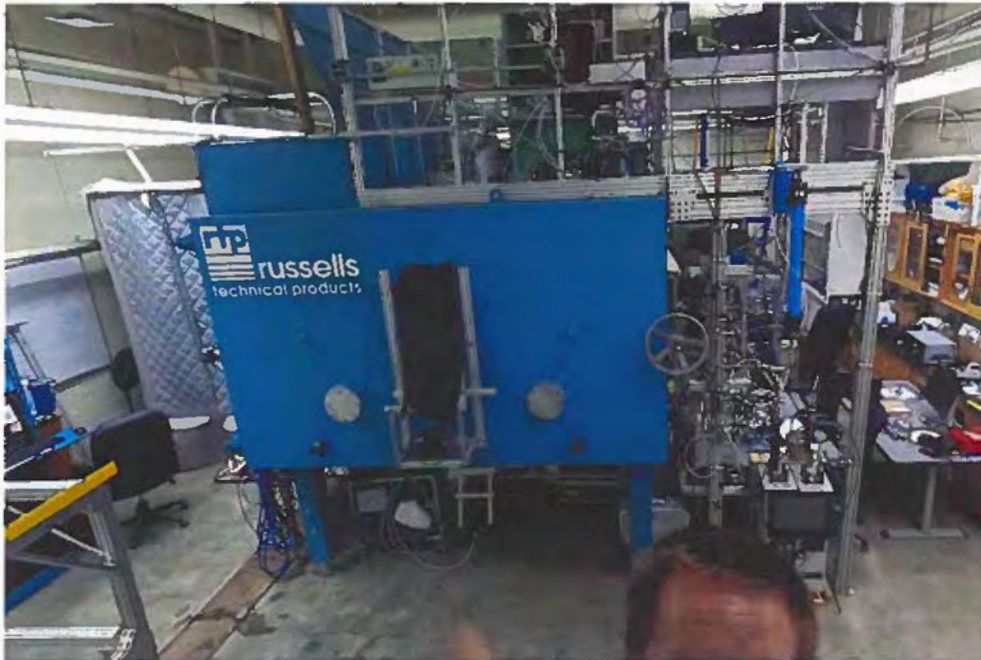


Challenge

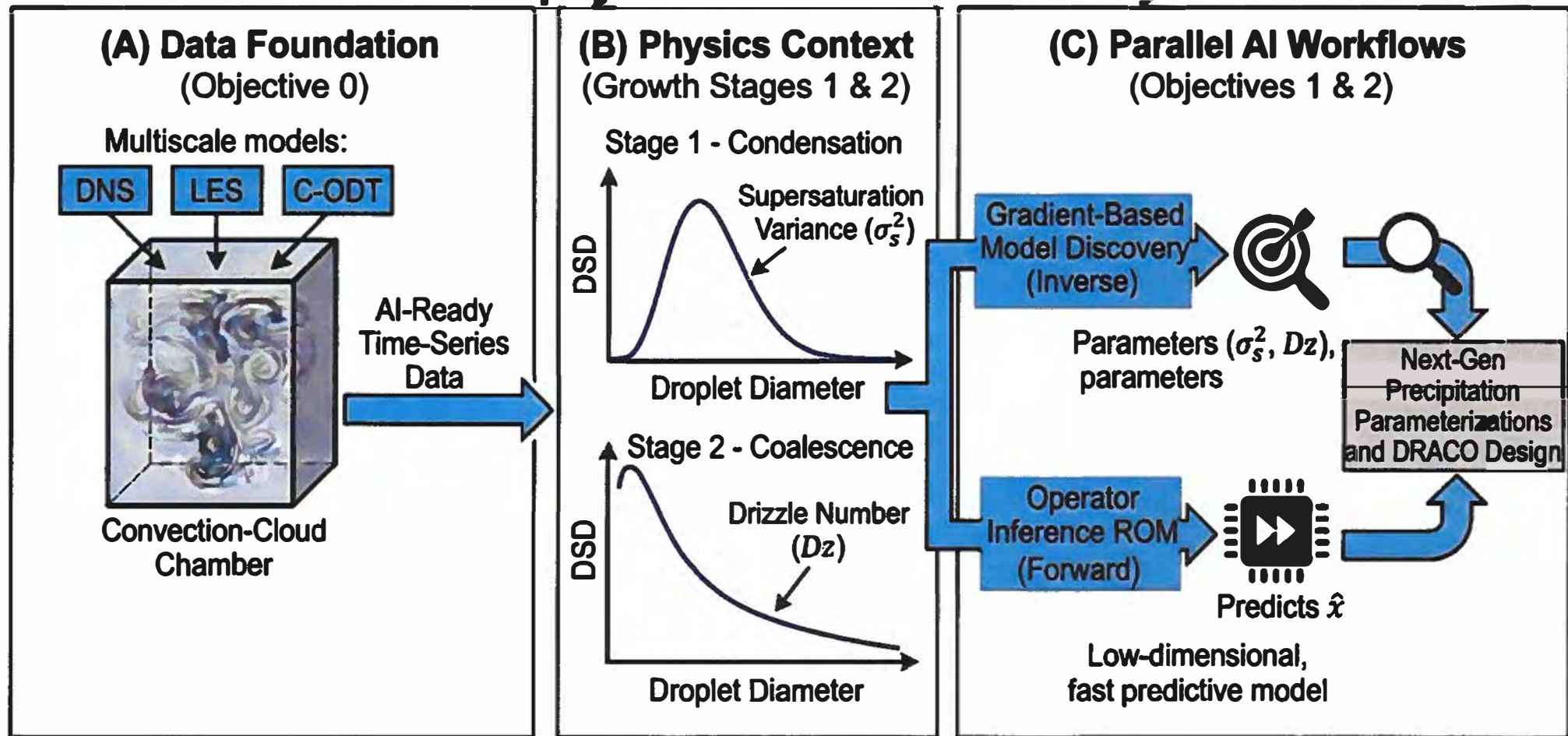
Water availability is essential for expanding production and utilization of energy, as well as the nation's health and security. However, there are fundamental scientific gaps in our understanding of terrestrial and atmospheric systems that limit our ability to predict water resources, especially on the time scale of weeks to years.

Why us?

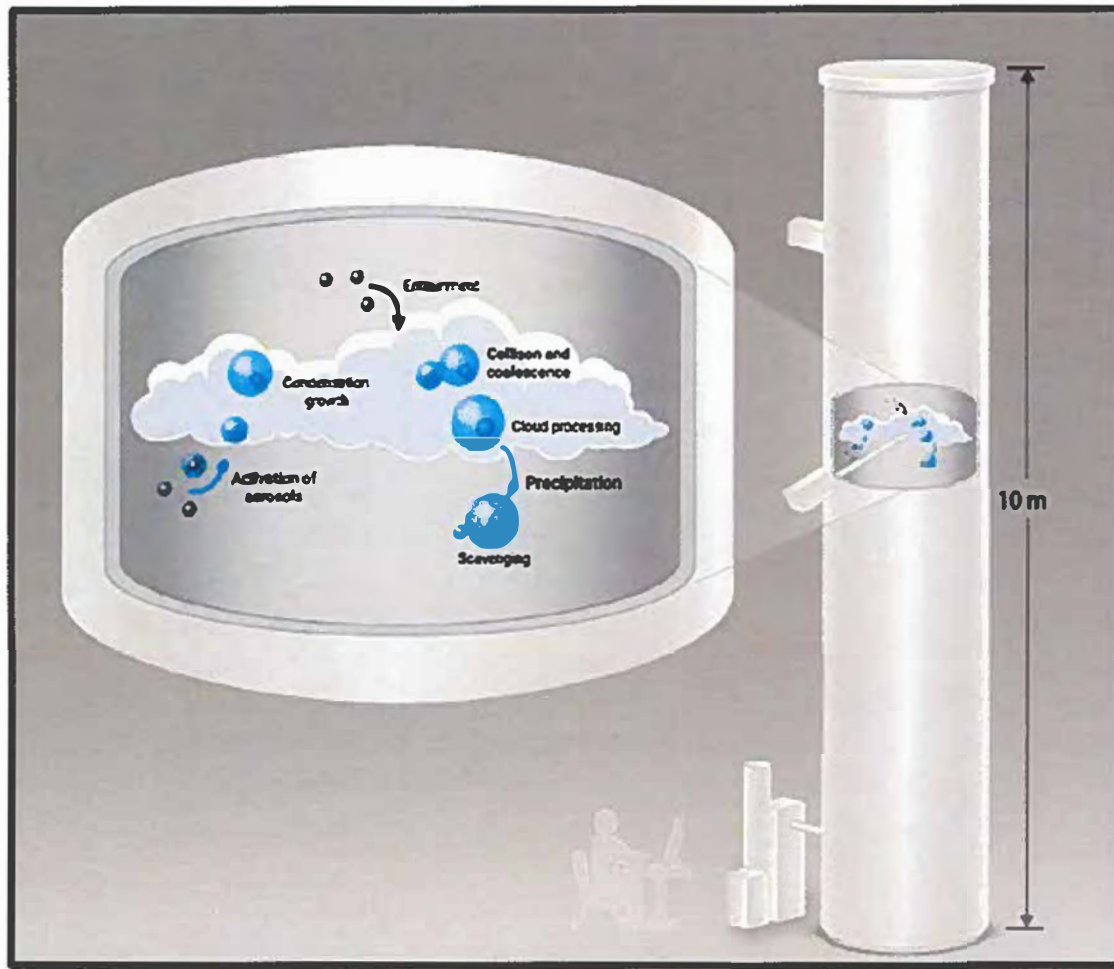
AI needs data... and over a 15-year span
we've built a world-class facility capable of
generating and measuring clouds



Data-driven, physics-constrained, AI-enabled workflow for microphysics-turbulence discovery



Drizzle, Aerosol, and Cloud Observation Chamber (DRACO)



- ~10-meter-tall convection-cloud chamber, inspired by the MTU Pi Chamber
- Envisioned as a major US research user facility supported by DOE
- Estimated budget ~\$100M with completion in 2033
- Currently passed critical decision level zero ("Approve Mission Need"), and under assessment for prioritization by DOE facilities committee

From "Summaries of Office of Science Facilities Under Construction and Proposed" (page 17)

IX-B. UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Ford Schoonover, President

IX-C. Graduate Student Government

Sam Jensen, President



Presentation to **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Sam Jensen

GRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

October 2nd, 2026



3 Minute Thesis

Wednesday, November 4th
Open Competition from 10 am – 1pm
MUB B Ballrooms

Thursday, November 5th
Finals from 6 pm – 8 pm
MUB A Ballroom

We are looking for judges for the open competition and hope to maintain the elevated cash prizes from 2025



RESEARCH: CAN YOU MAKE IT FAST, CLEAR, AND SIMPLE?

Three Minute Thesis (3MT) is an academic competition that challenges graduate students to present their research in just **three minutes**, using only **one slide**.



CASH AWARDS

1st Place: \$300
2nd Place: \$200
People's Choice: \$100



REGISTER HERE:



MTU 3MT 2026 IS A TWO DAY EVENT!



Open Session: Wednesday, November 4th, 2026

Finals: Thursday, November 5th, 2026



Open Session: 10 am – 1 pm

Finals: 6 pm – 8 pm



MUB Ballrooms

Open Session: B ballrooms

Finals: Isle Royale



DEADLINE TO REGISTER: OCT. 23 @ MIDNIGHT

Volunteers Needed

Fill out the spreadsheet here:



Opportunities for undergrad & grad students!



Events so Far!

Alumni Reunion Poster Session

Disc Golf Outing

First Friday Social

Hungarian Falls Hike

Grad Commons Cleanup





Upcoming Events

Fall Color Tour — Oct 10th

Training to Teach — Seminar w/ distinguished faculty

Write it Right — Grant writing workshop

Karaoke Night — Grad Commons

Graduate Research Colloquium — March 2027

Reverse Career Fair — Interview workshop



Fall Color Tour 2025



Updates

GRAD COMMONS

August 2025 – August 2026

1,407 swipes

35 scheduled events amongst 8 RSOs

Weekly Events

Office Hours – GSG President

Movie Mondays

GSG Tennis/Pickleball League (Gates)

TRAVEL AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

68 Total Approved Grants

From 05/2026 to 09/2026



Initiatives/Goals

- 1. Establish a lasting and meaningful relationship with USG to collaborate on shared issues**
- 2. Advocate for a grad-focused career event**
- 3. Explore possible funding sources for future GSG budgets**
- 4. Host inclusive social events amongst students to reinforce the grad community**

THANK YOU!



IX-D. UNIVERSITY SENATE

Holly Hassel, President

X. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A. Analysis of Investments
- B. Sponsored Programs
- C. Advancement & Alumni Relations
- D. Media Coverage
- E. Employee Safety Statistics
- F. Disposal of Surplus Property
- G. Contracts over 500K

X-A. ANALYSIS OF INVESTMENTS

MICHIGAN TECH UNIVERSITY INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO JUNE 30, 2026 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2026

	Market Value 6/30/2026	Market Value 08/31/2026	Fiscal-Year Investment Return	Benchmark Return	Benchmark
Money Market Fund	\$ 2,941,265	\$ 2,938,392	0.56%	0.61%	3-Month T-Bill
Equity Funds:					
Core Equity Fund	4,545,196	4,668,600	2.71%	2.66%	S&P 500
Commonfund OCIO Equity Fund	-	-			
Total Equity Funds	4,545,196	4,668,600			
Fixed Income Funds:					
Intermediate Term Fund	9,797,189	9,828,357	0.32%	0.40%	ICE BofA Merrill Lynch 1-3 Yr Treasury
Commonfund Contingent Asset Portfolio	9,824,211	9,852,031	0.28%	0.40%	ICE BofA Merrill Lynch 1-3 Yr Treasury
High Quality Bond Fund	4,094,229	4,052,367	-1.02%	-0.92%	Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index
Multi-Strategy Bond Fund	4,076,661	4,045,082	-0.77%	-0.92%	Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index
Total Fixed Income Funds	27,792,290	27,777,837			
Total	\$ 35,278,751	\$ 35,384,829	0.36%		

X-B. Sponsored Programs

Sponsored Activities Summary

Fiscal Year 2026 Ended 6/30/2026

- Total awards are down 15.7% for FY26 compared to FY25.
- Gifts are down 2.0% for FY26 compared to FY25.
- Federal agency awards are down 18.8% for FY26 compared to FY25.
- Overall Industry activity is down 9.7% over the last fiscal year.
- Preliminary research expenditures are up 9.0% over FY25. Internal research expenditures are up 16.7% while external expenditures are up 4.4%.

**Sponsored Awards
Fiscal Year 2026
4th Quarter
Ended June 30, 2026**

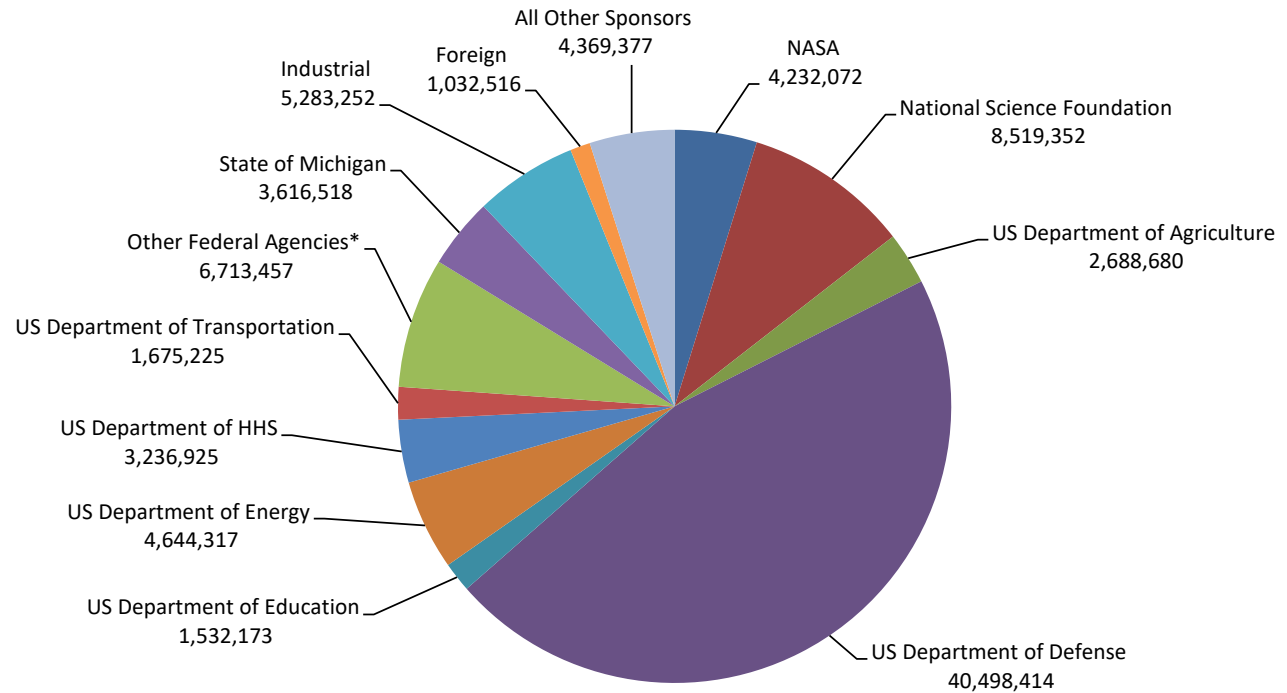
TOTAL: \$92,195,763

Pre-Proposals Submitted

*(excluded from Proposals
Submitted figures below)*

FYTD 2025: 63

FYTD 2026: 41



Sponsor	Proposals Submitted		Awards Received		Awards Received (\$)		Variance \$	Variance %
	FY '26 as of 6/30	FY '25 as of 6/30	FY '26 as of 6/30	FY '25 as of 6/30	FY '26 as of 6/30	FY '25 as of 6/30		
NASA	66	68	48	63	4,232,072	4,899,949	-667,877	-13.6%
National Science Foundation	165	156	41	42	8,519,352	9,652,669	-1,133,317	-11.7%
US Department of Agriculture	64	48	36	37	2,688,680	1,770,730	917,950	51.8%
US Department of Defense	89	138	107	133	40,498,414	42,394,083	-1,895,669	-4.5%
US Department of Education	2	1	4	6	1,532,173	1,755,504	-223,331	-12.7%
US Department of Energy	49	44	25	46	4,644,317	10,168,187	-5,523,870	-54.3%
US Department of HHS	90	70	12	18	3,236,925	3,805,818	-568,893	-14.9%
US Department of Transportation	16	15	4	12	1,675,225	4,450,455	-2,775,230	-62.4%
Other Federal Agencies*	58	55	44	52	6,713,457	11,935,762	-5,222,305	-43.8%
Federal Agency Total	599	595	321	409	73,740,615	90,833,157	-17,092,542	-18.8%
State of Michigan	61	68	21	34	3,616,518	3,821,218	-204,700	-5.4%
Industrial	134	130	108	112	5,283,252	6,780,474	-1,497,222	-22.1%
Foreign	13	10	11	8	1,032,516	1,324,903	-292,387	-22.1%
All Other Sponsors	184	119	92	51	4,369,377	2,318,592	2,050,785	88.4%
Subtotal	991	922	553	614	88,042,278	105,078,344	-17,036,066	-16.2%
Gifts**	N/A	N/A	328	321	4,146,675	4,229,192	-82,517	-2.0%
Crowdfunding	N/A	N/A	5	7	6,810	28,557	-21,747	-76.2%
Grand Total	991	922	886	942	92,195,763	109,336,093	-\$17,140,330	-15.7%

* Office of the Director of National Intelligence, National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment for the Arts and Humanities, US Bureau of Land Management, US Dept of Commerce, US Environmental Protection Agency, US Dept of the Interior, US Dept of Homeland Security, US Dept of Labor, US Small Business Administration, US Dept of State, US Dept of Treasury

**Gifts represent non-contractual funding from corporations, foundations, associations and societies in support of academic programs, scholarships/fellowships, student design & enterprise, research, youth programs and special programs.

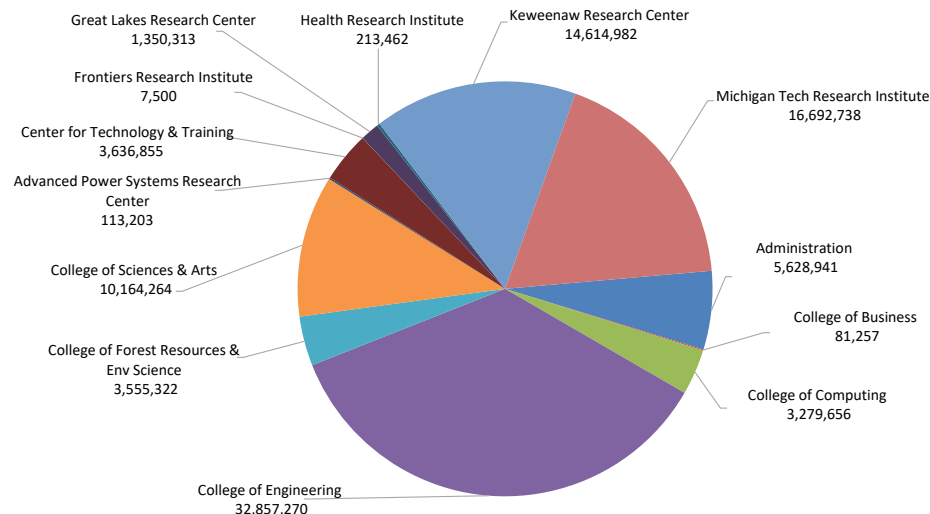
Vice President for Research
Fiscal Year 2026
4th Quarter
Ended June 30, 2026

TOTAL: \$92,195,763

**Percentages of Tenured
 & Tenure Track Faculty
 (as either PI or Co-PI)**

**Submitting Proposals
 since 07/01/2025
 72.2%**

**On Active Projects
 as of 6/30/2026
 62.9%**



SPO & OIC Metrics ¹	Administration	College of Business	College of Computing	College of Engineering	College of Forest Resources & Env Science	College of Sciences & Arts	Advanced Power Systems Research Center ³	Center for Technology & Training ³	Frontiers Research Institute ³	Great Lakes Research Center ³	Health Research Institute ³	Institute of Computing & Cybersystems ³	Keweenaw Research Center	Michigan Tech Research Institute	Totals	Fiscal Comparison	Percent Change
Proposals Submitted	44	2	54	510	100	106	13	10	1	26	8	-	46	71	991	922	7.5%
Awards Received	224	7	22	336	74	62	4	12	1	14	2	-	46	82	886	942	-5.9%
Federal	1,762,069	-	2,008,022	21,525,699	2,314,924	8,337,454	-	75,000	-	-	-	-	11,550,300	8,768,864	56,342,332	64,314,633	-12.4%
Federal Pass-Through	610,841	-	1,013,655	4,694,553	355,139	705,690	-	2,096,511	-	1,133,047	-	-	-	6,788,847	17,398,283	26,518,524	-34.4%
Foreign	30,000	-	-	85,278	38,610	17,381	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	861,247	1,032,516	1,324,903	-22.1%
Gifts	2,621,329	13,000	125,637	1,031,861	227,028	127,820	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,146,675	4,229,192	-2.0%
Crowdfunding	-	-	462	-	621	103	-	-	-	1,850	-	-	3,774	-	6,810	28,557	-76.2%
Industry	35,586	53,757	35,000	1,548,845	210,354	-	113,203	-	7,500	5,415	7,684	-	3,060,908	205,000	5,283,252	6,780,474	-22.1%
Other	73,798	14,500	96,880	2,482,613	332,146	953,661	-	-	-	210,001	205,778	-	-	-	4,369,377	2,318,592	88.4%
State of MI	495,318	-	-	1,488,421	76,500	22,155	-	1,465,344	-	-	-	-	-	68,780	3,616,518	3,821,218	-5.4%
Total \$ by Division	5,628,941	81,257	3,279,656	32,857,270	3,555,322	10,164,264	113,203	3,636,855	7,500	1,350,313	213,462	-	14,614,982	16,692,738	92,195,763	109,336,093	-15.7%
Fiscal Comparison	7,392,377	107,126	4,393,181	41,949,301	3,694,356	12,993,838	663,022	620,881	N/A	2,852,773	-	-	21,149,444	13,519,794	109,336,093		
Percent Change	-23.9%	-24.1%	-25.3%	-21.7%	-3.8%	-21.8%	-82.9%	485.8%	N/A	-52.7%	N/A	N/A	-30.9%	23.5%	-15.7%		
Disclosures Received ²	3.70%	-	5.56%	81.48%	-	9.26%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27	28	-3.6%
Nondisclosure Agreements	8	-	9	40	-	3	25	-	-	2	-	-	16	24	127	148	-14.2%
Patents Filed or Issued ²	-	-	-	55.58%	-	41.67%	2.75%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	14	-14.3%
License Agreements	1	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	11	-27.3%
Gross Royalties ²	-	-	22.00%	78.00%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	92,950	98,925	-6.0%

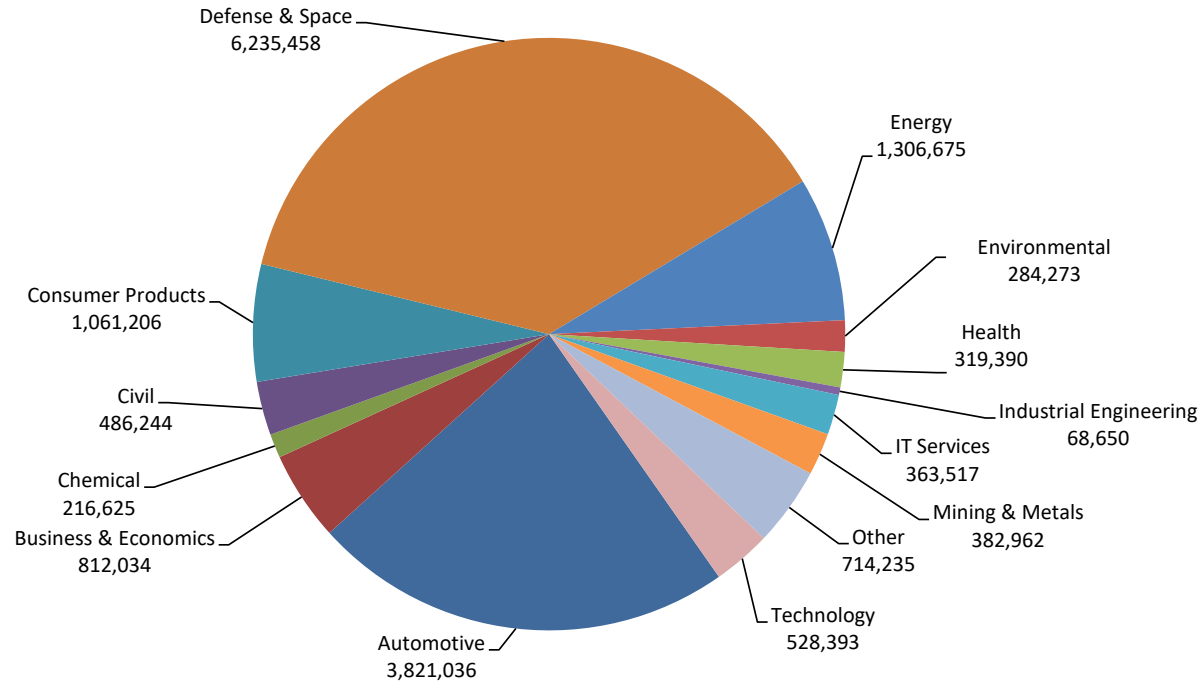
¹ Combined Metrics from both the Sponsored Programs Office (SPO) and Office of Innovation & Commercialization (OIC)

² Percentages reflect the proportional contribution from each Division (calculated by dividing the sum of the fractional contributions of all inventors for each unit by the total number of inventors).

³ Denotes department (non-academic researchers) level activity only. All other institute activity is shown in the researchers' respective colleges.

Sponsored Awards
-Industry-
COMBINED
Fiscal Year 2026
4th Quarter
Ended June 30, 2026

TOTAL: \$16,600,698



Industry Segment	Proposals Submitted		Awards Received		Awards Received (\$)		Variance \$	Variance %
	FY '26	FY '25	FY '26	FY '25	FY '26	FY '25		
	as of 6/30	as of 6/30	as of 6/30	as of 6/30	as of 6/30	as of 6/30		
Automotive	40	40	65	69	3,821,036	3,907,166	-86,130	-2.2%
Business & Economics	6	11	25	30	812,034	1,056,833	-244,799	-23.2%
Chemical	4	7	9	16	216,625	429,041	-212,416	-49.5%
Civil	17	6	49	56	486,244	390,966	95,278	24.4%
Consumer Products	22	23	49	46	1,061,206	1,126,410	-65,204	-5.8%
Defense & Space	46	43	56	52	6,235,458	5,280,136	955,322	18.1%
Energy	4	13	30	30	1,306,675	2,016,513	-709,838	-35.2%
Environmental	4	5	27	21	284,273	130,500	153,773	117.8%
Health	5	12	10	18	319,390	267,214	52,176	19.5%
Industrial Engineering	7	9	10	18	68,650	350,653	-282,003	-80.4%
IT Services	10	15	23	33	363,517	770,420	-406,903	-52.8%
Mining & Metals	17	10	31	29	382,962	683,391	-300,429	-44.0%
Other	11	20	56	34	714,235	1,288,460	-574,225	-44.6%
Technology	8	24	6	13	528,393	688,568	-160,175	-23.3%
Total	201	238	446	465	16,600,698	18,386,271	-1,785,573	-9.7%

Michigan Technological University
Total Research Expenditures by College/School/Division
Fiscal Year 2026 & 2025
As of June 30, 2026 and June 30, 2025

College/School/Division	FY2026	FY2025	Variance	%
Administration*	7,114,103	3,207,204	3,906,899	121.8%
Advanced Power Systems Research Center (APSRC)**	1,396,765	1,316,286	80,479	6.1%
Center for Technology & Training (CTT)**	396,657	162,941	233,716	143.4%
College of Business	2,257,020	2,150,913	106,107	4.9%
College of Computing	6,311,396	6,507,374	(195,978)	-3.0%
College of Engineering	51,808,196	47,949,851	3,858,345	8.0%
College of Forest Resources & Environmental Science	5,745,634	7,276,063	(1,530,429)	-21.0%
College of Science & Arts	20,536,346	22,414,133	(1,877,787)	-8.4%
Frontiers Research Institute (FRI)**	579,549	-	579,549	N/A
Great Lakes Research Center (GLRC)**	3,243,839	2,842,164	401,675	14.1%
Health Research Institute (HRI)**	932,880	20,476	912,404	4456.0%
Institute of Computing and Cybersystems (ICC)**	533,011	74,337	458,674	617.0%
Keweenaw Research Center (KRC)	16,282,503	14,824,344	1,458,159	9.8%
Michigan Tech Research Institute (MTRI)	18,206,795	15,470,504	2,736,291	17.7%
Total	135,344,694	124,216,590	11,128,104	9.0%

*Includes the Vice Presidents, Provost, and others who report to a VP, Provost or the President.
Except for the research institutes that report to the VPR.

**Includes department (non-academic researchers) expenditures only. All other institute
expenditures are shown in the researchers' respective colleges.

X-C. ADVANCEMENT AND ALUMNI RELATIONS

Advancement and Alumni Engagement Narrative Michigan Tech Board of Trustees October 2, 2026

FY27 MTF Working Goals

- Donors First
- Evaluate MTF Spending Policy
- Evaluate purchasing power of the endowment
- Review of MTF Operations
 - Acceptance of online, mail, and in-person gifts.
- Evaluate MTF and MTU University agreement in collaboration with CFO, General Counsel, and VP for Advancement
- State Compliance Filing Review
 - Michigan LARA registration
 - Registration to Solicit
 - Registration to issue gift annuities
- Form 990 compliance
- Endowed funds review
 - Financial Manager review/training
 - Legal compliance, donor restrictions, bylaw compliance

As of August 31, 2026

- \$379 million or 108% to the campaign goal of \$350 million
- \$3.9 million in new planned gifts earmarked for the endowment
- \$461,000 in cash to the endowment
- 18 new agreements, 7 executed agreements and 90 agreements in process
- 2 illustrations were provided to donors
- \$5.4 million in planned gifts
- \$123,000 in realized planned gifts
- \$450,000 in major outright gifts and pledges
- \$170,000 in annual gifts under \$10,000
- \$360,000 in corporate support
- \$200,000 in foundation gifts

Advancement and Gift Planning

Advancement hosted the annual joint meeting with the MTU Board of Trustees and Michigan Tech Fund Board of Directors.

The Advancement and Gift Planning team experienced a minor shift following one remote fundraiser's resignation. Operational continuity remains strong, bolstered by the return of three student workers supporting critical Gift Administration processes. Additionally, key

stewardship efforts included launching first-time donor thank-you initiatives and sending an FY26 appreciation mailing to annual giving supporters.

The charitable giving and foundation teams successfully blended targeted regional travel with strategic virtual outreach:

- **Travel & Outreach:** Major gift officers conducted targeted visits across Michigan (Lower and Upper Peninsulas), Colorado, and the Chicago/Detroit metros to advance major proposals and review gift documentation. Foundation Relations utilized virtual engagement to maintain momentum with state officials and key regional partners while optimizing travel efficiency.
- **Campus Collaboration:** Advancement teams actively partnered with Athletics on sport-specific annual appeals, worked alongside academic Deans on capital projects, and collaborated with state economic and historical preservation coordinators regarding the Ford Center. Gift Administration also initiated annual fund balance reviews with college leadership and finance teams.

The team continues to emphasize industry leadership and skill-building:

- The Executive Directors of Advancement Services and Charitable Giving co-presented "Creating a Culture of Moves Management" to over 200 attendees at the APRA Conference in Chicago.
- Staff across Charitable Giving and Gift Administration participated in specialized professional training covering Donor-Advised Funds (DAFs), year-end compliance, donor retention analytics, and the 2026 Giving Report.

Michigan Tech was recognized with the Henry Ford Heritage Association's 2026 Organization Friend of Ford Award for its long-standing preservation of the historic Alberta Sawmill. Established by Henry Ford in 1935 as a self-sustaining model "village industry," the Alberta Sawmill and 1,800 surrounding forest acres were gifted to Michigan Tech in 1954. The award highlights the university's ongoing stewardship to ensure structural stability, preserve the site, and manage the surrounding forest for public appreciation. Today, Michigan Tech utilizes the Ford Center and Forest at Alberta as a living laboratory for ecological research, hands-on natural resources education, and sustainable forestry demonstrations. Receiving this honor serves as the launchpad for a new fundraising initiative aimed at expanding research capabilities and continuing critical preservation work at the Alberta site.

Alumni Engagement

Hundreds of alumni and friends gathered on campus for a memorable [Reunion Weekend 2026](#), bringing together graduates from eight decades.

The [Alumni Board of Directors](#) is excited to announce the addition of [five new members](#) who began their six-year terms of service this July.

- David Aro '90
- Robin Chosa '15
- Matthew Carothers '09
- Megan Mordorski '16 '18
- Kacy Hermans '10 '13

Events

- August 14: Michigan Tech Alumni Golf Outing 2025 at Shepherd's Hollow Golf Club
- August 25: First Day of Class Photo Booth + Treats
- September 6: Yooper Night at the West Michigan Whitecaps
- September 20: CFRES Alumni Picnic
- January 2, 2027: Michigan Tech College Night at the Red Wings



Michigan Tech

Earned Media Report

July 10, 2026 - September 11, 2026

From July 10 to Sept. 11, 2026, Michigan Tech was mentioned in more than **4,200** media stories across local, regional, and national outlets. These stories reflected the span of university activity, from innovative research and faculty expertise to athletics, student success, alumni achievements, and administrative appointments.

Coverage in publications including TIME, Popular Mechanics, The Detroit News, MLive, Forbes, Car and Driver, Town & Country, and ScienceDaily expanded Michigan Tech's national visibility and reinforced the University's reputation as a leading R1 research institution.

Media Impact Overview

- **Total Mentions:** 4,203 articles
 - **Journalist Reach:** 4.19M unique viewers
-

Media Coverage Highlights

Reputation and Rankings

[Patch](#) highlighted Michigan Tech's No. 4 ranking among colleges and universities in Michigan in Niche's 2027 Best Colleges rankings and its inclusion among [The Princeton Review's](#) Best 392 Colleges for 2027. [Town & Country](#) also featured Tech's new bachelor's degree in artificial intelligence in coverage examining how AI is influencing students' decisions about college majors and careers.

Reach: National + Rankings + Higher Education

Research and Expertise

Natural Resources, Water, and Energy

[Brookhaven National Laboratory](#) and [Keweenaw Report](#) mentioned Michigan Tech in stories

about projects selected for the U.S. Department of Energy's Genesis Mission initiative. Michigan Tech researchers are involved in three projects, as announced by [Michigan Tech News](#).

[Popular Mechanics](#), [The Detroit News](#), [MLive](#), [Wisconsin Public Radio](#), and additional national and regional outlets featured research suggesting lake sturgeon may live more than 400 years, far longer than previously thought. The findings provide new insights that could help inform conservation and management of the threatened species.

[Pew Charitable Trusts](#) featured Michigan Tech postdoctoral scholar Dominic Uhelski and MTRI's work to develop more detailed maps of U.S. peatlands and better understand their importance to water, climate and ecosystems. [ScienceDaily](#) also quoted Simon Carn (GMES) in coverage of an underwater volcanic eruption in the Bismarck Sea that could potentially create a new island.

Reach: National + Regional + Natural Resources + Water

Health and Quality of Life

[SCIENMAG](#) highlighted Michigan Tech-led research developing a new three-step process to create low-cost carbon electrodes for use in blood-testing devices. Published in [Biomedical Microdevices](#), the research demonstrates a new approach to producing carbon electrodes for microfluidic hematocrit detection.

Reach: National + Health + Biomedical Research

Sustainability and Resilience

The [Michigan Economic Development Corporation](#) highlighted Michigan Tech's Keweenaw Energy Transitions Lab in coverage of Michigan's growing advanced nuclear energy industry, featuring the lab's research on clean energy systems, grid resilience and advanced power technologies.

[Car and Driver](#) highlighted Michigan Tech's Keweenaw Research Center in its ranking of the best all-weather tires for 2026. Editors conducted snow testing at KRC's proving grounds, with the story also appearing on [MSN](#) and [Yahoo! News](#).

The [Iron Mountain Daily News](#) also featured Zhanping You (CEGE/MTTI) in coverage of recycled tire materials being used in rubber-modified asphalt to improve road durability in Dickinson County.

Reach: Regional + Sustainability + Energy

Autonomous and Intelligent Systems

[Help Net Security](#) highlighted Michigan Tech research identifying an artificial intelligence security vulnerability that can significantly delay robots using vision-language models. The research included Ph.D. student Qiang Han (computer science), Jie Wu (CS) and Bo Chen (CS/ICC).

[Vertical Magazine](#), [Post & Parcel](#) and 15 regional outlets also highlighted the Michigan Tech Research Institute's role in the Chippewa County Drone Project, which demonstrated advanced

beyond-visual-line-of-sight drone operations for aerial inspections and railroad research.

Reach: National + Regional + AI + Autonomous Systems

Policy, Ethics, and Culture

[Forbes](#) mentioned Michigan Tech in coverage examining strategies colleges and universities can use to increase student voter registration and civic engagement.

Jonathan Robins (SS) was also featured on the [Edible Empire](#) podcast discussing his research on the history of palm oil, including its colonial legacy, environmental footprint and the corporate forces that have shaped the global commodity.

Reach: National + Policy + Culture + Civic Engagement

Education for the 21st Century

The [U.S. National Science Foundation](#), [Government Technology](#), [Semiconductor Digest](#) and additional national outlets highlighted Michigan Tech as one of 14 universities selected for the inaugural CyberAICorps Scholarship for Service awards supporting artificial intelligence and cybersecurity education.

Virginia's [WDBJ-TV7](#) and [MSN](#) also featured Michigan Tech in coverage of the U.S. Department of Energy's PROSPECT initiative, which is designed to strengthen education and workforce development in mining, minerals and related critical-minerals supply chain technologies. Stories in the [Daily Mining Gazette](#), [Keweenaw Report](#), and [WLUC TV6](#) highlighted Michigan Tech's role in a number of federal initiatives with the U.S. Department of Energy, which the federal assistant secretary of energy noted during her visit to campus on Tuesday, Sept. 1.

Reach: National + Higher Education + Workforce Development

Campus and Community

Arts & Culture

The [Daily Mining Gazette](#) and [Keweenaw Report](#) highlighted the Rozsa Center for the Performing Arts' 2026/27 Presenting Series and the return of season ticket packages.

[Keweenaw Report](#) also previewed Michigan Tech's 2026 Festival of Nations, which will feature an expanded downtown Houghton event with additional family-friendly activities, vendors and opportunities for community members to connect with students and celebrate the cultures represented on campus.

Reach: Regional + Arts + Community Engagement

Athletic Excellence

[WLUC TV6](#) and the [Daily Mining Gazette](#) highlighted the upcoming induction of 10 former student-athletes into the Michigan Tech Sports Hall of Fame.

The [Daily Mining Gazette](#) and [BVM Sports](#) also highlighted strong academic achievement across Husky Athletics. Michigan Tech volleyball earned the AVCA Team Academic Award for the 14th consecutive season, while men's basketball received the [NABC Team Academic](#)

[Excellence Award](#) for the fifth time in six years, with nine players also named to the NABC Honors Court.

Reach: Regional + Athletics + Academic Excellence

Alumni Achievements

[TIME](#) named Michigan Tech alum and Handshake co-founder Garrett Lord to its 2026 TIME100 AI list of the world's most influential people in artificial intelligence.

[Plastics Business](#), [Medical Product Outsourcing](#) and [PlastikMedia](#) highlighted Niiko Rautiola '08 (B.S. Mechanical Engineering) following his appointment as CEO of RJG Inc. New York's [ABC50 NOW](#) and [NNY360](#) also featured Kathryn Allen '15 (B.S. Wildlife Ecology and Management) following her appointment as acting executive director of Zoo New York.

[WorkBoat](#) highlighted the legacy of late Michigan Tech alumni Harold J. Lawson '55 (B.S. Civil Engineering) and Ronald Johnston Pearce '51 (B.S. Mechanical Engineering), for whom two new U.S. Army Corps of Engineers icebreaking tugboats operating on the St. Marys River were named.

Reach: National + Regional + Leadership + Technology

Business & Entrepreneurship

[Crain's Detroit](#) featured 1885 Capital, the Upper Peninsula's first venture capital fund, and quoted co-founder Jim Baker (VPR). The independently operated fund is named in recognition of Michigan Tech's role in the region's innovation economy.

Andrew Barnard (VPR) was featured on [The Michigan Opportunity](#) podcast discussing Michigan Tech's efforts to transform University research into economic opportunity by strengthening connections among researchers, entrepreneurs, investors, government and industry.

Reach: Regional + National + Economic Development

Campus Updates

[WNMU-FM](#) and the [Daily Mining Gazette](#) covered \$30 million in state funding for Michigan Tech's planned Center for Convergence and Innovation, included in Michigan's fiscal year 2026-27 education budget.

[Keweenaw Report](#) also highlighted the dedication of the McLean Brownell River Trail, a new 1.5-kilometer addition to the Tech Trails network made possible through a land donation from alum Norman McLean '68 and his brother, Don McLean.

Reach: Regional + Campus Development

Earned media coverage strengthens Michigan Tech's national reputation and supports strategic goals around research excellence, student and faculty visibility, community engagement, and alumni success. These placements help tell the story of Michigan Tech's impact in the Upper Peninsula and beyond.



EMPLOYEE SAFETY STATISTICS YEAR-TO-DATE

Jan - August 2025/2026

	Category	Years	Employee Classification								Total
			AFSCME	Faculty	Non-Exempt	POA	Professional	Student	Temporary	UAW	
Number of Recordable Injuries	Injury Only w/Medical - No Lost Time	2025	0	2	0	0	2	2	0	2	8
		2026	2	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	6
	Lost Time Cases	2025	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	4
		2026	5	1	0	0	2	1	2	0	11
	Restricted Work Cases	2025	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	5
		2026	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	5
	Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Recordable Injuries (Total of above)	2025	0	2	1	0	4	6	2	2	17
		2026	8	1	1	0	3	4	3	2	22
Number of Days	Injury Lost Time ³	2025	0	0	22	0	40	0	10	0	72
		2026	138	4	0	0	14	7	107	0	270
	Restricted Work Days ³	2025	0	0	0	0	202	17	23	0	242
		2026	16	0	10	0	78	35	155	85	379
Hours Worked	Total Work Hours	2025	172,066	477,502	47,922	17,160	850,522	632,292	57,154	91,785	2,346,403
		2026	170,824	458,840	45,766	16,474	848,373	558,708	66,109	91,296	2,256,390
	Percentage of Work Hours	2025	7.3%	20.4%	2.0%	0.7%	36.2%	26.9%	2.4%	3.9%	100.0%
		2026	7.6%	20.3%	2.0%	0.7%	37.6%	24.8%	2.9%	4.0%	100.0%
Rates	Lost Time Case Rate ¹	2025	0.0	0.0	4.2	0.0	0.5	0.0	3.5	0.0	0.3
		2026	5.9	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.4	6.1	0.0	1.0
	Frequency Rate ² (Recordable)	2025	0.0	0.8	4.2	0.0	0.9	1.9	7.0	4.4	1.4
		2026	9.4	0.4	4.4	0.0	0.7	1.4	9.1	4.4	2.0

OSHA has established specific calculations that enable the University to report the Recordable Injuries, Lost Time Case Rates and Frequency Rates. The Standard Base Rate (SBR) calculation is based on a rate of 200,000 labor hours which equates to 100 employees who work 40 hours per week for 50 weeks per year. Using the SBR allows the University to calculate their rate(s) per 100 employees.

- 1 The Lost Time Case Rate is calculated by multiplying the number of Lost Time Cases by 200,000 then dividing by the labor hours at the University
- 2 The Frequency Rate is calculated by multiplying the number of recordable cases by 200,000 then dividing by the labor hours at the University.
- 3 The number of days are total days for the life of the cases first reported during this period.

[The Bureau of Labor Statics 2024 Injury, Illness, and Fatalities, Table 1 reports for Colleges, Universities, and Professional Schools](#)

the average LOST TIME CASE RATE of days away from work was 0.4 and the average FREQUENCY RATE was 1.3.

X-F. Disposal of Surplus Property

**Michigan Technological University
Surplus Property Sales
July 1, 2026 - August 31, 2026**

Date	Description	Amount
07/22/26	Ladle Heater System, Fuel-Miser 24-G-150 HF	\$ 500.00
07/22/26	Mineral Processing Equipment	1,432.50
08/24/26	HP Designjet Z5200 PostScript Printer	560.00
08/24/26	Quick HIP System	17,000.00
Total		\$ 19,492.50

All listed items are surplus with no further use internally.

IX- G. CONTRACTS OVER \$500,000

Board Policy 11.13 requires that all contracts with a value of \$500,000 or greater but less than \$1,000,000 be presented to the Board of Trustees as a subsequent information agenda item.

- Ellucian CRM Advance & Advise
 - Anticipated contract dates: December 1, 2026 - November 30, 2029
 - Contract type: Renewal of existing software service
 - Anticipated contract amount: \$695,349.00
 - Funding source: General Fund
- Lamers Husky Bus
 - Anticipated Contract Dates: August 26,2026 - August 25,2028
 - Contract Type: Two year extension on original three year contract
 - Anticipated Contract Amount: \$878,178 (Year 1: \$432,680 Year 2: \$445,578)
 - Funding Source: Facilities Deferred Maintenance