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Brian Breslin was elected to the Board of Trustees in 2010. He earned his bachelor's degree in food systems economics and management from MSU in 1977, while playing basketball for the Michigan State Spartans.

Until his retirement in 2006, Breslin worked as the senior vice president of human resources and government relations at Michigan-based Meijer Inc. in Grand Rapids. Having been with Meijer since 1977, Breslin also served as the vice president for public and consumer affairs and as a company spokesperson.

Breslin has served as a board member on the Indiana Retail Council and the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, working to enhance business and employment opportunities in both states.

Breslin resides in Williamston, Michigan. He is married to Melinda and has four adult children.



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## Trustee Joel I. Ferguson, Chairman

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A successful business and civic leader, Joel Ferguson has been an effective coalition builder throughout his life. Whether it's been orchestrating a surprise victory in a presidential campaign or spearheading a multi-million dollar business venture, Joel Ferguson has established himself as a true leader.



Upon leaving Lansing's Sexton High School in 1956, Joel Ferguson enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps where he served for two years. Realizing a good education was a key to success, he enrolled at Michigan State University in 1959. A dedicated student and hard worker, Joel Ferguson financed his education by working nights on the Oldsmobile assembly line in Lansing for six years. Wanting to make a contribution to his community and to young people, he spent the next two years teaching and later became the director of the Greater Lansing Urban League OJT program.

A quiet but powerful force in local and national Democratic politics, Joel Ferguson emerged as a voice in the African-American community during a period of civic unrest in 1967. That same year he became the first African-American and youngest member elected to the Lansing City Council, and he was the first African-American to serve on the Ingham County Board of Supervisors. A major player in every presidential election since George McGovern's 1972 campaign, Joel Ferguson made political history in 1988 when he orchestrated Jesse Jackson's stunning statewide victory in the presidential primary. This surprise upset earned him the nickname "The Michigan Miracle Man" and was a true testament to his political savvy and organizational skills. Since 1988, Joel Ferguson has been an at-large member of the Democratic National Committee (DNC), and he is currently a member of the DNC's Standing Committee on Credentials. He was elected Vice Chairman of the Democratic National Committee Black Caucus in 2001. In 1995, President Clinton appointed Joel Ferguson a member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation.

Joel Ferguson is the co-founder of F&S Development Company, the developer of 14 multi-family residential complexes throughout Michigan. Affordable housing is a genuine concern of Joel Ferguson, and he has dedicated much of his professional career to providing housing for mixed-income and senior citizens throughout the state. In 1980, he was the co-founder, president, and owner of WFSL-TV,

Channel 47, a Lansing independent affiliate. In addition, Joel Ferguson was the founder, owner and president of WLAJ-TV, Channel 53, Lansing's ABC affiliate; and one of the original organizers of several banks including Capitol National Bank, the only locally-owned bank in Lansing. Through his efforts, Joel Ferguson has created over 30,000 jobs for the people of Michigan.

Throughout his life Joel Ferguson has been active in Michigan civic affairs. In 1986 he was elected in a statewide election to the MSU Board of Trustees and became its chairperson in 1992. He is a Golden Heritage member of the NAACP, and sat on the boards of the Lansing YMCA, The Boy's Club, the Arthritis Foundation and Junior Achievement. He chaired the Mid-Michigan Cancer Drive as well as the United Negro College Fund Annual Telethon. In 1989, Ferguson was appointed to the Board of Directors of Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Michigan Foundation. He also sat on the Greater Lansing Safety Council and was a member of the Citizen's Commission to Improve Michigan Courts. In 1987 Joel Ferguson received the A. Philip Randolph Institute Award for achievements, dedication and tireless efforts on behalf of the people. In 2002, Governor John Engler appointed Joel Ferguson to the eight-member Michigan Broadband Development Authority Board of Directors.

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## Dianne Byrum

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Dianne Byrum, a partner with Byrum & Fisk Advocacy Communications, was elected to the Michigan State University Board of Trustees for a term beginning Jan. 1, 2009.

Byrum formed the East Lansing-based public relations firm in 2006. Prior to that she served 24 years as a member of the Ingham County Board of Commissioners, the Michigan House of Representatives and the Michigan Senate.

From 1983 to 1990 she was a member of the Ingham County Board of Commissioners. She was elected to the Michigan House in 1991, then the Michigan Senate in 1995. She returned to the House in 2002. That year, Byrum became the first woman elected as the House Democratic Leader.

Since 2007, Byrum has served as co-director of the Michigan Public Leadership Program, an MSU program that trains future public policy leaders, and treasurer of the Michigan Democratic Party.

In 2002, Byrum received the Leadership Service Award from the Michigan Political Leadership Program. She also is the recipient of the "Champion of Hope" award from the Children's Trust Fund for her advocacy for children, as well as the Distinguished Service Award from the Michigan Education Association and the Public Official of the Year award from Habitat for Humanity.

Byrum has an associate's degree from Lansing Community College and a Bachelor of Science degree from MSU. She lives in Onondaga Township in Ingham County. She is married and has two adult children and two grandchildren.



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## Trustee Mitch Lyons

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Mitch Lyons was elected to the Board of Trustees for an eight-year term beginning January 1, 2011. A native of Michigan, he grew up primarily in the Grand Rapids area and has lived in Rockford since 1996. After graduating from Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern High School in 1988, he attended Michigan State on a football scholarship, playing for fellow MSU trustee George Perles from 1988 to 1992.



Upon graduation from MSU in 1992 with a degree in general business administration, Lyons continued his football career after being drafted by the Atlanta Falcons in the sixth round of the 1993 NFL draft. He played with the Falcons from 1993 to 1996 before signing a contract with the Pittsburgh Steelers where he played three seasons before enduring a career-ending knee injury in 1999.

Upon the completion of his NFL career, Lyons moved back to Rockford full time and began his financial services career in 2000. He is a principal at Lyons Kitzrow Wealth Advisors, consulting with individuals and businesses in the areas of wealth accumulation, protection, and distribution, offering investment management as well as life and disability insurance strategies.

Lyons also is active in his community, serving on various boards that have included Mentor One, the YMCA, and the West Michigan Sports Awards, including eight years as chairman.

Lyons and his wife, Angela, along with their six children, are members of River Rock Church.

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## Trustee Faylene Owen

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Faylene Owen, owner of the award-winning Mica Corporation, a small market research and communications firm, was elected to the Michigan State University Board of Trustees for an eight-year term beginning January 1, 2007.

A vital force for community causes throughout her adult life, Owen has served as chair of both the Sparrow Hospital Foundation and Child Abuse Prevention Services. She has also been a board member of the American Heart Association's fundraising campaign for women's heart research, MSU's Hillel Student Center, MSU Safe Place, and the MSU Kaleidoscope program. Owen's community service and success in business were recognized by the Jewish National Fund, which presented her with its Tree of Life Award.

Owen served in state government as the director of special projects and the deputy finance director for Governor James Blanchard; the executive director of the Michigan Executive Corps, a public-private partnership to bring private sector expertise to the government; and a board member of the Michigan State Fair. Owen also worked actively to elect Democratic senators, members of Congress, legislators, and local officials in Michigan. She chaired the Michigan Democratic Party's annual Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner.

Nationally, Owen served as a managing trustee of the Democratic National Committee and as the chair of the Clinton-Gore fundraising campaign in Michigan in 1992 and 1996. Owen's work was recognized by President Bill Clinton, who appointed her as a national member of the White House Fellows Commission.

Owen is especially proud that her children, two grandchildren, and husband Larry Owen, a former Michigan State University trustee, all attended MSU.



## Trustee George Perles

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George J. Perles, who was elected to an eight-year term on the Board of Trustees of his alma mater in November in his first campaign for public office, is a former Spartan football coach and athletics director, and has been the founding Chief Executive Officer of the Motor City Bowl since 1997. This year, the Motor City Bowl, which has become a Detroit holiday tradition and economic development generator, had a record attendance of 54,000-plus.

A Detroit native and graduate of the city's Western High School, Perles returned to MSU as head football coach in 1982, following a legendary coaching career with the Pittsburgh Steelers, where he coached and developed the famous "Steel Curtain" defense under Head Coach Chuck Noll, a defense that is universally regarded as one of the best — and rated by many as *the* best — in the history of the NFL. With the Steelers, Perles won four Super Bowl rings. In 1975, Perles was named NFL Assistant Coach of the Year.

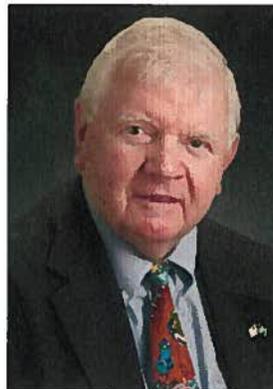
His 1983-94 career as MSU's head football coach was highlighted by two Big Ten titles and a Rose Bowl victory over Southern California. In 1987, he was named by Football News the College Coach of the Year, national Coach of the Year by the Columbus Touchdown Club, and Big Ten Coach of the Year. He is the recipient of the Duffy Daugherty Football Award, named after his beloved college coach, mentor, and friend and given to a distinguished Spartan alumnus. He also was named by the Detroit News a Michiganiaan of the Year, a select group of citizens whose achievements and contributions have had statewide impact.

From 1990-1992, Perles served as Director of Athletics at MSU. During those years, the football team was Big Ten co-champions, the men's basketball team twice was in the NCAA tournament, and the hockey team was in the "Frozen Four."

An Army veteran, Perles received his bachelor's degree from MSU in 1960, and a master's degree in educational administration in 1961.

Cited often for his entrepreneurial leadership in public service activities, Perles is especially known for his long-time association with the Special Olympics, for which he has created and hosted a highly successful golf-outing fund raiser since 1987.

He has served on the Board of Blue Cross and the selection



committee of the Hula Bowl. He is a contributor to the Harris Interactive College Football Poll. In 2006 he was inducted into the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame.

Perles and his wife Sally are the parents of four children, Kathy, Terry, John, and Patrick; they have six grandchildren.

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## Diann Woodard

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Diann Woodard, president of the Organization of School Administrators and Supervisors, was elected to the Michigan State University Board of Trustees for a term beginning Jan. 1, 2009.

Woodard was named president of the organization, which is the collective bargaining agent for administrators and supervisors employed by the Detroit Public School district, since January 2000. Prior to that she served as vice president from November 1998 to January 2000.

Woodard has a strong background in education, having served as an assistant principal at two Detroit high schools.

Woodard's professional affiliations have included national executive vice president, as well as national treasurer, of the American Federation of School Administrators; trustee of the Michigan State AFL-CIO; and member of the board of directors of Schools for the 21st Century.

In 2003 she earned the Administrator of the Year Award from the American Federation of School Administrators and the Distinguished Alumni Award from Wayne State University.

Woodard received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English education from MSU in 1973, and a master's in education from Wayne State University in 1979.



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## Academic Programs

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### General Information, Policies, Procedures and Regulations

#### General Procedures and Regulations

##### The Academic Record

A Grade Report of a student's grades earned in each course is available to the student at the end of each semester or summer session electronically at [www.stuinfo.msu.edu](http://www.stuinfo.msu.edu).

Due to unsatisfactory work, a student may be warned, placed on probation, academically recessed, or academically dismissed from the university.

A permanent record of all the student's courses, credits and grades earned is kept in the Office of the Registrar, 150 Administration Building. The permanent record reflects all courses taken while enrolled at any academic level at Michigan State University. Records are regularly audited and corrected as necessary. The student should maintain a record of courses, credits and grades each semester or summer session and check from time to time to see that this record agrees with that of the university. The record may also help the student determine eligibility for any activity that requires meeting specific scholastic standards.

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