

# MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

## **Working for the Common Global Good**

It was a bold beginning. In the mid-19th century, the country needed colleges to educate the nation's young to become farmers, engineers, educators, and scientists. So in 1855, Michigan State University was founded and soon opened its doors to those who would go on to help build the nation.

While democratizing higher education, we created a revolutionary model for the land-grant colleges that would be established with the signing of the Morrill Act in 1862. We changed lives. And we began to change the world.

Today, there is an urgent need for higher education to meet the new and significant challenges facing a global society. Public research universities with land-grant values are positioned to make a difference by doing what they do exceptionally well—putting knowledge and research discoveries to work to make life better.

Once again, higher education is being called upon to take action. And once again, Michigan State is leading the way. We are determined to find solutions to the big problems of our time—providing alternative energy, clean water, food security, and quality education.

One of the top 100 universities in the world and one of the 10 largest public universities in the nation, Michigan State is home to a diverse community of dedicated students and scholars, scientists and leaders, athletes and artists.

Crossing disciplines, cultures, and continents, we work side by side with individuals and fellow universities, corporations, communities, and countries in partnerships that produce enduring commitments and awe-inspiring results around the world.

Today and every day, more than 500,000 Spartans around the world rise to practically every challenge imaginable and work to advance the common global good in uncommon ways.

**SPARTANS WILL.**