Engineering to welcome nine of MSU's top incoming student scholars

Almost half of the 20 incoming students awarded an MSU Alumni Distinguished Scholarship (ADS) or University Distinguished Scholarship (UDS) this summer are headed to the College of Engineering!

The scholarships are valued at about $120,000 for in-state and $200,000 for out-of-state students and cover full tuition, room and board and a stipend for up to eight semesters of study at MSU. All students receiving an Alumni Distinguished Scholarship or University Distinguished Scholarship will be members of the Honors College.

Engineering Dean Leo said the College of Engineering is pleased to be the preferred choice for so many exceptionally talented students.

“We look forward to helping them grow as professionals in the Spartan Engineering program. The high percentage of UDS and ADS winners choosing the College of Engineering is a testament to the high quality of our faculty, students, staff, and alumni,” Kempel added.
The college’s incoming **Alumni Distinguished Scholars** are:

- Noah Ankey – Advanced Mathematics, Computer Science, Bath,
- Madison Bowden – Environmental Engineering, Canton,
- Sarah Caldwell – Chemical Engineering, Brighton,
- Kyle Kierzyk – Chemical Engineering, Computational Mathematics, Wheaton, Illinois,
- Ethan Lau – Mechanical Engineering, Mission Viejo, California,
- Jacob Loukota – Computer Science, Bentonville, Arkansas,
- Sriram Motheram – Electrical Engineering, Computer Engineering, Canton, and
- Joseph Riordan – Biosystems Engineering, Solon, Ohio.

The college’s incoming **University Distinguished Scholar** is Nathan Dutch – Finance, Computer Science, Lexington, Kentucky.

“As students are reminded throughout the recruitment process, it is not only what MSU offers them once on campus, but also what they will accomplish toward making our world-changing university even greater,” said Jim Cotter, MSU director of admissions.

Alumni Distinguished Scholars were selected from more than 1,200 of the top high school seniors who applied to MSU and took an intensive general knowledge exam in the winter. A committee comprising faculty and administrators selected them based on the results of the exam, high school programs, achievements and other standardized test scores.

University Distinguished Scholars were chosen from an MSU applicant pool based on academic records and accomplishments. The director of admissions and the dean of the Honors College selected students based on their high school programs, achievements, standardized test scores and interviews with the finalists.
See more on MSU's 2017 ADS and UDS scholars.

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