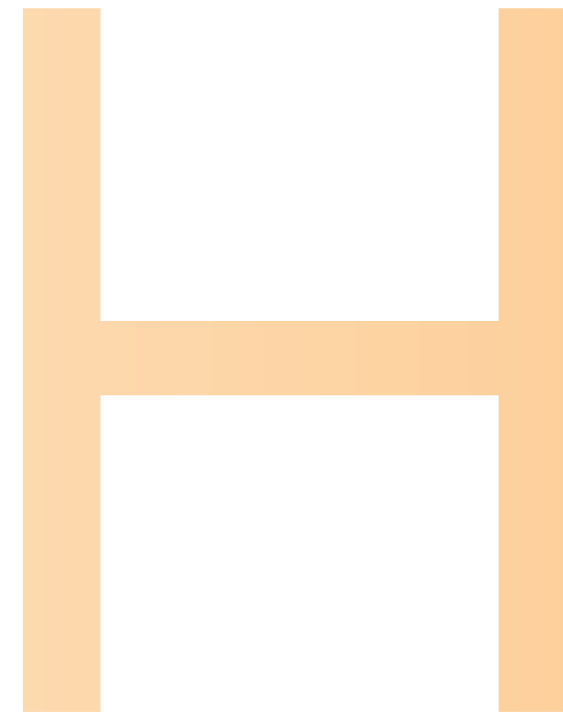
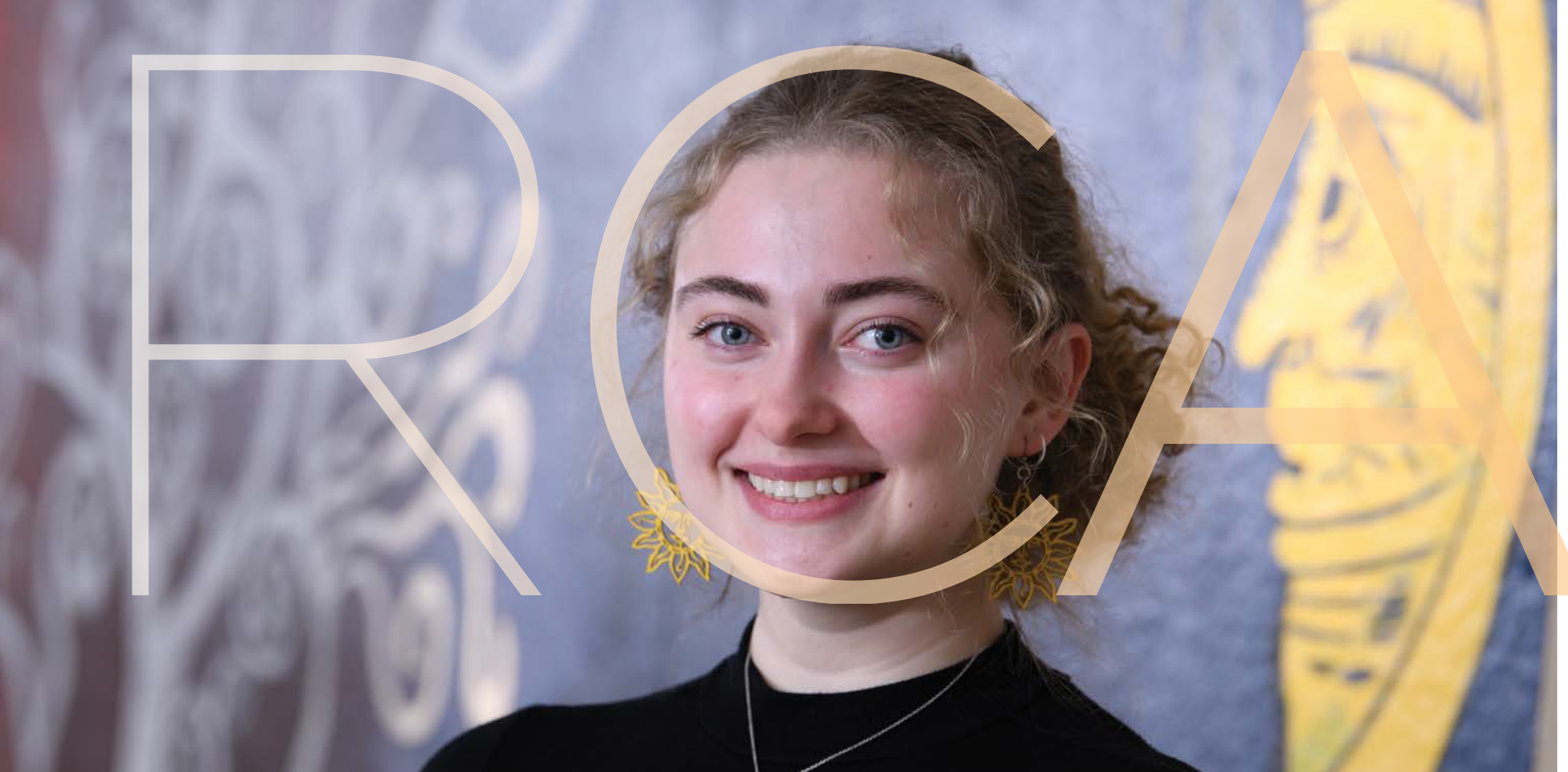


RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE IN THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY



Imagine a College

Imagine a **student-centered college** guided by people, passion, purpose, and place.

Imagine a focused **community** where students in the same major live, attend class, socialize, and form lifelong connections with friends and mentors.

Imagine a **creativity incubator** where students actively deploy the arts and humanities to solve complex problems and inspire change in the world.

Imagine an **inspiration catalyst** where faculty members and practicing professionals teach every course, and **the average class size is 15**.

Imagine a **rigorous major** where students refine the top skills employers seek and 99% of new grads land in a preferred job or graduate program.

Now, **imagine yourself in the Residential College in the Arts and Humanities (RCAH)** at Michigan State University. RCAH is an atypical, personalized major and a one-of-a-kind residential community that has all the benefits of a small college—with the myriad opportunities of a Big Ten university like MSU.



RCAH Students and Alumni

Eryn Savage Current Student

Dual Major: Arts and Humanities in RCAH, Creative Advertising in the College of Communication Arts and Sciences

College Bound: First-generation student in her family to attend college.

Kudos: Eryn serves as a Resident Assistant in Snyder-Phillips Hall.

RCAH Academics: Eryn chose the Arts Pathway, where she studies painting and art.



‘Expression is really big in this major—we’re trying to find a way to express ourselves to make change within our community and the world.’

Chrystel Lopez Current Student

Dual Major: Arts and Humanities in RCAH, Journalism in the College of Communication Arts and Sciences

College Bound: First-generation student in her family to attend college.

Kudos: Scholarship recipient

Experiential Learning: RCAH Communications Internship, Language and Media Center Student Consultant, Redhead Design Studio Internship

Fun Fact: Chrystel revived a beloved literature and arts magazine as a first-year student.



‘Being a first-generation college student, when I eventually made it to MSU and RCAH after figuring stuff out by myself, I felt proud. I found resources in the College from advisors, mentors, and certain programs to lead me to success.’

Bekah Galang Class of 2010

Major: Arts and Humanities in RCAH, Honors College

Job: Marketing and Retail Operations Director at Avalon International Breads in Detroit

MSU Activities: Sustainability Club, State Singers, three study abroad trips (Israel and twice in Italy)

Fun Fact: Bekah was an AmeriCorps Member after graduation.

Kudos: Recently honored as one of 12 Asian American women to watch in Metro Detroit.



‘I learned at RCAH that every experience is a learning experience, and every person you meet has the potential to build a relationship with you that’s lasting and can really make change.’



‘I loved the RCAH community because it loved me.’

Robert Lloyd Class of 2011

Major: Arts and Humanities in RCAH

Job: Therapist and Director of Community Counseling Services, former teacher

College Bound: First-generation student in his family to attend college.

Kudos: Earned his master’s degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling in 2021.

MSU Activities: African Student Union, Alternative Spring Break

Fun Fact: Robert taught and was Camps Program Director as an AmeriCorps Member after graduation.



Living-Learning Community

RCAH students join a vibrant living-learning environment that transforms Snyder-Phillips Hall into a true home away from home. RCAH's unique program combines our robust curriculum and arts- and humanities-based community engagement together with social, dining, and residential living spaces to offer students a comprehensive experience unmatched by other majors.

- Smaller class sizes (average class size is 15)
- All RCAH courses are taught by faculty members or practicing professionals, not teaching assistants
- Close-knit community of friends, classmates, staff, and faculty
- One-on-one guidance from academic and career advisors
- Help through challenges, problems, and difficult times by professionals and people who know you
- Active, interconnected RCAH and MSU alumni network that helps graduates navigate life after college

And between the RCAH living-learning community's small-college feel and the countless opportunities available on a major university campus like MSU, RCAH students really have the best of both worlds.

Photos clockwise from top left: Student with bubbles; winter on campus; outside Snyder-Phillips Hall; Beaumont Tower; RCAH Professor Tama Hamilton-Wray and students in the Main Office; Snyder-Phillips Hall (orange); student room in Snyder-Phillips.

MSU Learning Communities Like RCAH Ranked 1st Among Public Universities

For four years running, *U.S. News Best Colleges* has ranked MSU learning communities like the Residential College in the Arts and Humanities 4th best in the nation, following Yale and ahead of Princeton and the University of Michigan. Learning communities are embraced by *U.S. News* because of their impact on student success and positive learning outcomes "while fostering a successful undergraduate student experience." Specific benefits of learning communities like RCAH include:

- Higher GPAs
- Intellectual enrichment and empowerment
- Greater engagement with learning
- Increases in self-esteem, belonging, and collaboration
- Success after college



The (R)evolutionary Major

The RCAH major is “(r)evolutionary,” to borrow a term from Detroit-based activist Grace Lee Boggs; firmly rooted in a rigorous curriculum, yet flexible enough for students to personalize into formative experiences that shape their lives and careers.

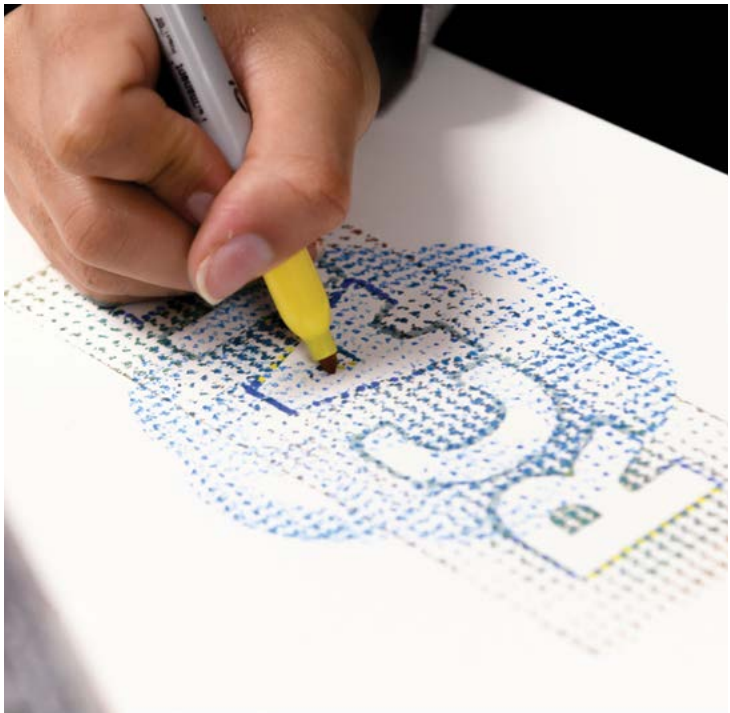
With their academic and career advisors, RCAH students craft an educational journey that works for them—and continues to work for them as graduates living in the world. It’s telling that 99% of new RCAH grads land in a career or graduate school after commencement—best among colleges at MSU.

The RCAH major’s flexibility also allows students to explore areas they might not elsewhere. More than 40% of RCAH students take on an additional major while at MSU—and they still graduate on time. Many others include a minor and off-campus studies.

Students are encouraged to embrace their passions—and discover their purpose—as they employ their learning in a variety of settings around the world, including students who recently:

- Presented their scholarship at a national academic conference
- Traveled on location to shoot a film
- Taught English as a foreign language in Europe
- Joined faculty on research that resulted in peer-reviewed, published papers
- Interviewed world-acclaimed playwrights, actors, and other theatre professionals
- Worked with professionals and landed internships that honed key skills
- Created major public art installations
- Led wellness workshops at local community centers

Photos from left: RCAH Professor Eric Aronoff; students in class; collaboration in the Language and Media Center.



In RCAH, students pick one of four Pathways:

- Arts
- Humanities
- Community Engagement
- Language and Culture

Students gain skills through opportunities and additional graduation requirements:

- 50 hours of experiential learning
- Opportunities with artists in residence
- Minors and dual majors
- Collaborations with community partners
- Senior capstone projects



Campus Creative Center

Whether they're lifelong artists or new to creative expression, *all* RCAH students learn to solve intractable problems inventively.

In fact, imagination and self-expression color nearly every facet of the RCAH experience. *THE* center of creative activity on MSU's campus is RCAH's home of Snyder-Phillips Hall, where undergraduates across many majors live in the University's only arts learning community, and where faculty, staff, and RCAH's many creative spaces cultivate students' artistic endeavors.

- **The Art Studio** supports a wide variety of media and hosts many creative workshops.
- **The Language and Media Center** is a technology-rich space for creating, learning, and collaborating.
- **The RCAH Center for Poetry** promotes engagement and expression through poetry and special events.
- **The LookOut Gallery** showcases artistic work by local and national artists, students, and professors.
- **The RCAH Theater** hosts plays, concerts, speakers, and performance-based courses.
- **Rehearsal rooms, book publishing tools, recording equipment,** and an impressive assortment of **technology** round out RCAH's creative offerings and maker spaces.
- Most of MSU's other creative spaces are a short walk from RCAH: **Broad Art Museum, MSU Museum, Wharton Center for Performing Arts, Department of Theatre, MSU Auditorium, Department of Art and Art History,** and the **College of Music,** to name a few.

Photos left, clockwise from top right: Dean Dylan Miner screenprinting in the Art Studio; a capella singers performing in the RCAH Theater; student with Funambulist; faculty member Guillermo Delgado (on right) works with students in the Art Studio; student in the Language and Media Center (LMC); students using technology in the LMC.





Traveling To Learn

The world beyond the classroom door is a laboratory of opportunity to an RCAH student. That's why traveling to learn is a hallmark of an RCAH education and our students study abroad at a higher percentage than students in most other majors at MSU.

RCAH's flagship Program on Sustainability in Costa Rica study abroad opportunity is always popular with our students and those from other colleges. So are the more than 275 for-credit programs that MSU offers in 60 countries on every continent—plus the hundreds of opportunities to study throughout the United States.

In recent years, RCAH students have traveled abroad to study in Costa Rica, France, India, Italy, Scotland, South Africa, and the United Arab Emirates—among many other locales.

Photos left: Students and faculty in Costa Rica.



India



New York City



Venice, Italy



Refugee Development Center, Lansing, Michigan



Teach-In, MSU Union



Grit, Glam, and Guts camp, RCAH



Costa Rica



Visiting artist Edgar Heap of Birds (third from right), RCAH courtyard

Inspired To Act

The RCAH major compels students to learn *and* take action in their communities. “Living their learning” far beyond classroom walls, RCAH students develop projects that mobilize the arts and humanities to humanize marginalized populations, bolster communities, and scrutinize and root out entrenched inequity. The result has been a lifelong commitment among our graduates to help others and tackle society’s thorniest challenges.

Individually and with classmates, faculty, and community organization partners, RCAH students have:

- ❖ Collaborated with clients of a vocational rehabilitation program to create public art
- ❖ Designed and built eco-friendly school playgrounds in Costa Rica
- ❖ Organized activities on campus in support of sexual assault survivors
- ❖ Written and performed poetry that dissects the human condition
- ❖ Workshopped poetry, 'zines, and yoga with incarcerated individuals in Michigan prisons
- ❖ Arranged neighborhood clean-ups with students, staff, and alumni
- ❖ Crafted pieces of art and worked with the MSU Social Justice Art Festival

Photos, top right: Mural by artist Nanibah Chacon, Old Town, Lansing, Michigan; pins by students.





Tylor Collier, graduate student at the University of Chicago



Kat Stuehrk Talo, youth worker and baker



Kirk Mason, documentary filmmaker

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Real-World Skills

An RCAH degree from MSU translates into real-world skills that employers seek:

- ✦ Thinking critically
- ✦ Communicating and writing clearly
- ✦ Solving problems
- ✦ Collaborating
- ✦ Effectively using digital media

Because RCAH students gain these valuable skills, 99% of new graduates land in a career or graduate program, the best among majors at MSU and better than most liberal arts competitors. RCAH's unique residential learning experience—a rigorous curriculum, meaningful engagement with community partners, personal interaction with inspiring professors and staff—helps students develop skills that lead to success.

Success After Graduation

RCAH's Career Consultant works closely with students from their first year through after graduation, exploring internship and career opportunities, developing career-related skills, making professional connections, and building strategies for success after graduation.

Alumni Career Paths

Arts and Arts Administration

Art Director, Artist, Events Director, Filmmaker, Gallery Preparator, Museum Curator, Performer, Theatre Technician

Business

Analyst, Consultant, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Coordinator, Entrepreneur/Owner, Human Resources Manager, Management Trainee, Marketing and PR Director, Product Developer, Sustainability Director

Communications, Media, Technology

Broadcast Reporter and Producer, Communications Manager, Sound Engineer, Graphic Designer, Senior Editor, Social Media Manager, Photographer, Videographer, Writer

Community and Social Services

Arts Program Administrator, Boys and Girls Club Director, Grant Writer, Peace Corps Member, Refugee Volunteer Coordinator, Service-Learning Manager, Student Engagement Coordinator, Youth Programs Manager

Education

Academic Advisor, After School Programs Manager, ESL Teacher, Fulbright Teaching/Language Scholar, Health and Wellness Coordinator, Music Teacher, Pre-School/K12 Teacher, Student Affairs Administrator

Health, Science, Environment

Art Therapist, Clinical Director, Coastal Waters Coordinator, Dentist, Mental Health Counselor, Nurse, Organic Farmer, Social Worker, Speech Language Therapist

Law, Policy, Advocacy, Government

Attorney, Bilingual Intake Specialist, Immigration Law Clerk, Legislative Director, Mayor's Office Constituent Manager, Paralegal, Strategic Services Manager, Victim Advocate

Graduate School

Art History, Business, Engineering, Graphic Design, Law, Psychology, Public Health, Religious Studies, Social Work, Women's and Gender Studies



APPLY TO RCAH!

Students routinely say RCAH is

- » Safe
- » Caring
- » Welcoming
- » Responsive
- » Supportive
- » Nurturing
- » Helpful
- » Inclusive

A Home for You at MSU. RCAH.

Celebrating one of the most diverse faculty and student populations among colleges at MSU, RCAH strives to resemble the communities in which we live and work. RCAH faculty and staff don't simply theorize about important topics, they live and breathe fundamental concepts like equity, inclusion, and diversity every day. For prospective students searching for a place truly guided by "People, Passion, and Purpose" rather than tests and metrics, there is a home for you at MSU. RCAH.

Along with many incoming students, RCAH faculty and staff are acutely sensitive to societal inequities and work daily to understand and correct them. A major part of this essential work is establishing a sense of belonging for our students. Within our acclaimed residential learning community that uses the arts and humanities to scrutinize today's critical issues, that means maintaining RCAH's presence in Snyder-Phillips Hall as a safe space that is a home for *ALL* students.

Photos from left: Language and Media Center, RCAH Student Center.

Apply to RCAH

- » Apply to Michigan State University (MSU) in the fall of your senior year.
- » Select "ARTS AND HUMANITIES" (8503) as your major preference.
- » No additional application materials or fees are required.

Scholarships and Financial Aid

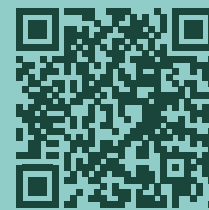
- » Your application for admissions is your application for Office of Admissions scholarships. Apply by November 1 to receive highest consideration.
- » A limited number of scholarships are available for incoming RCAH students.

Visit RCAH

The best way to get to know a college is to visit in person. We'd love to meet you and show you what RCAH has to offer. Check out rcah.msu.edu for more info or to schedule a visit.

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