

2026 MSU Farmworker Appreciation Commemorative Celebration Planning Committee update

March 18, 2026 — The 2026 MSU Farmworker Appreciation Commemorative Celebration (formerly the MSU César Chávez and Dolores Huerta Commemorative Celebration) Planning Committee is providing an update following recent developments.

We recognize the courage of individuals who have come forward, including statements shared publicly by labor leader Dolores Huerta, and affirm our commitment to fostering a safe, respectful and inclusive environment for all.

In alignment with these values, the planning committee—comprised of faculty, staff, farmworker students and community members—has decided to rename the program and related awards to better center farmworkers and the broader community.

The celebration will move forward as planned. The committee felt it was important to hold space and remain focused on recognizing the history, challenges, resilience and ongoing contributions of farmworker communities.

Michigan State University has long been a home for farmworker students, and through this celebration, we honor their presence and contributions on campus. This year's theme, "The Hands that Feed Us: Honoring Traditions through Repowerment – Timetzalimet" (We are Indigenous, in Nahuatl), reflects that commitment.

We thank you for your continued support of the 2026 MSU Farmworker Appreciation Commemorative Celebration.

MSU remains committed to supporting students, staff and faculty through the resources below.

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