

#SPARTANSWILL

MANY VOICES WILL SOME



WHO WILL BUILD INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES?

LOCALLY, STATE-WIDE,
NATIONALLY, GLOBALLY?

WHO WILL LISTEN?

DIALOGUE? EXCHANGE?

WHO WILL CONNECT

WITH OTHERS DIFFERENT
FROM THEMSELVES?

SPARTANS WILL.

WE BELIEVE OUR DIFFERENCES ARE OUR STRENGTH. DIVERSITY IS POWER. BUILDING INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES IS AT THE CORE OF OUR VALUES. **THAT'S WHY IN 1855** THE INSTITUTION WAS FOUNDED ON THE IDEALS OF DEMOCRATIZATION OF KNOWLEDGE. **THAT'S WHY IN 1870** WOMEN WERE WELCOMED ON CAMPUS. **THAT'S WHY IN 1904** THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN GRADUATED. **THAT'S WHY IN 1913** GIDEON SMITH WAS THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN TO PARTICIPATE IN ATHLETICS AT MSU. **THAT'S WHY IN THE 1930S** WE FIRST PROVIDED ASSISTANCE FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED. **THAT'S WHY IN THE 1940S** WE BECAME THE FIRST UNIVERSITY IN THE NATION TO ACCEPT AMERICAN-BORN JAPANESE AS STUDENTS DURING WWII. **THAT'S WHY IN 1956** MICHIGAN STATE WAS THE FIRST MAJOR UNIVERSITY IN THE U.S. WITH A DEAN OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS. **THAT'S WHY IN 1957** JOHN HANNAH WAS THE FIRST CHAIRMAN OF THE U.S. COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS. **THAT'S WHY IN THE 1970S** MIGRANT WORKERS' CHILDREN WERE OFFERED IN-STATE TUITION. **THAT'S WHY IN 1972** EAST LANSING BECAME THE FIRST COMMUNITY IN THE NATION TO ENACT CIVIL RIGHTS PROTECTIONS FOR THE LGBT COMMUNITY. **THAT'S WHY IN 1972** WE BECAME A VOICE FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES THROUGH A DESIGNATED PROGRAM. **THAT'S WHY IN 1981** THE NATIVE AMERICAN INSTITUTE WAS ESTABLISHED TO AID NORTH AMERICAN TRIBES. **THAT'S WHY IN 1989** THE JULIAN SAMORA INSTITUTE WAS ESTABLISHED. **THAT'S WHY IN 1994** WE FOUNDED MSU SAFE PLACE, THE NATION'S FIRST ON-CAMPUS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER. **Our history is rich with examples of creating opportunities for all people. As Spartans, we will make a better campus, society, and world. Today and tomorrow. MANY VOICES, ONE WILL. #SPARTANSWILL**