

MARATHON OF MAJORS

It was a dark and stormy night, but that didn't stop undergraduate students from coming out and exploring the Neighborhood Student Success Collaborative's (NSSC) bi-annual Marathon of Majors event. Michigan State University representatives from 15 colleges were on hand to provide guidance to students who were interested in exploring major and minor options.

Current and prospective undergraduate students gathered at the Union to learn more about majors, education abroad, scholarships, internships and career opportunities. Kamryn, a current MSU freshman, stated that she is an exploratory preference student and found it extremely helpful to have so many colleges all in one place. Academic support units such as Career Services & Placement, Office of Admissions, Air Force, Army, Undergraduate Research Office and many more were also on hand to answer questions and provide information about ways students can gain experiences outside the classroom.

Academic Advisors, Christy Stehouwer and Billy Massey were the coordinators that planned and orchestrated this event for students. According to Stehouwer, "Marathon of Majors is a bi-annual event that is designed to bring college advisors and campus resources together in one location for student access. The environment is conducive to quick conversations that can help students while exploring majors, minors, and more!" Stehouwer also acknowledged that the NSSC is fortunate to also be able to count on the support from community partners like MSUFCU, Bigby, and Costco.

This free event was started in 2001 and has evolved into a great resource for undergraduate students. Carina, a current freshman at MSU, attended the event because she isn't sure what she wants to major in yet. She found the event extremely helpful because "college representatives were able to give her information on applying to their college and what you can do with their majors and minors." She went on to state that making face to face connections at such a large institution was very beneficial.

The next Marathon of Majors event will be held in Spring 2019.

