Welcome to the U.S.A., Michigan, and Kalamazoo!
Welcome to Michigan

GREAT LAKES • GREAT TIMES
Michigan is located in the ‘Midwest’ of the U.S.A.
Michigan Landscapes and Lakescapes
Wildlife in Michigan

There are many White-tailed Deer in Michigan.

Squirrels are common, especially on K’s campus!

The Bald Eagle is the national bird and symbol of the U.S.A.
Michigan Facts and Figures

Current Governor: Rick Snyder

Current population: about 10 million

Capital: Lansing, also where the capitol building is located

Biggest city: Detroit

Michigan has more shoreline than any other state, except Alaska
Michigan Sports Teams

Baseball: Detroit Tigers

Football: Detroit Lions

Ice Hockey: Detroit Red Wings

Basketball: Detroit Pistons
The Big State Rivalry in Football

Michigan State University vs. University of Michigan
Popular Michigan activities

- Sledding
- Fishing
- Enjoying Fall colors
- Picking out pumpkins
- Picking blueberries
Petoskey is the Michigan State Stone

Petoskey stones are rocks that are composed of fossilized coral. The stones were formed as a result of glaciation.
Michigan is also known for the Mackinac Bridge that connects upper and lower Michigan. It is one of the longest suspension bridges in the world.
Tasty Treats from Michigan!

Apple Cider!

Mackinaw Island Fudge!

Pure Maple Syrup – great on pancakes!

Cherries!
Places to visit…

South Haven - You will visit during orientation!
You may also wish to visit Saugatuck...

Lots of shopping and restaurants - right on Lake Michigan!
Or Frederick Meijer’s Gardens and Sculpture Park in Grand Rapids...
A little about Kalamazoo...
Kalama-What?

The origin of the name **Kalamazoo** involves a Native American from the Potawatomi ethnic group named Fleet Foot. To win his bride, he successfully ran from the settlement to a point on the river and back before the water then heating in a pot boiled away.

The translations “boiling pot,” “where the water boils in the pot,” “boiling water,” or “place where the water boils” all originate from this legend.

Kalamazoo has also been called...

“The Paper City” for its many paper and cardboard mills;

“The Celery City,” after the crop once grown in the fields north, south, and east of town; and

“The Mall City,” after construction of the first outdoor pedestrian shopping mall in the United States in 1959

http://www.kalamazoomi.com/hisf.htm
Kalamazoo is also known for these products:

- Beer
- Gibson guitars
- Mint flavoring and oil
- Checker cabs

The fertile soil on which Kalamazoo is built has led the area to most recently be called the “Bedding Plant Capital of the World,” as the county is home to the largest bedding plant cooperative in the U.S.
And most recently for

The Kalamazoo Promise is a pledge by a group of anonymous donors to pay up to 100 percent of tuition at any of Michigan's state colleges or universities for graduates of the public high schools of Kalamazoo, Michigan.
Museums, Art, Festivals, Art, Music and Theatre in Kalamazoo

Kalamazoo Valley Museum

Kalamazoo Institute of Art

Festivals at Arcadia Creek Site

Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra

Theatre Kalamazoo
Historical Buildings near K College

Henderson Castle
Ladies Library Association Building
South Street Historic District
Kalamazoo College welcomes you!
Kalamazoo College President Eileen Wilson-Oyelaran welcomes you...
And the Center for International Programs welcomes you too!

Your International Student Advisor
Alayna Lewis

Your International Program Assistant
Jasmine An

Your International Student Peer Mentor
Terence Xu