

BOND

Building Opportunities for
Networking and Discovery

The Origins of BOND

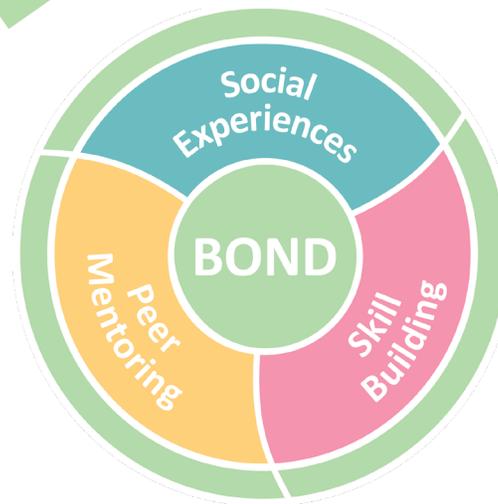
The BOND Program went live in 2010 with initial support from families experiencing autism and later from the Grand Rapids-based Baldwin Foundation. BOND offers structured opportunities for social, academic, and independent living skills development.

How BOND Works

Within this program, students connect with others facing similar challenges. BOND participants can access peer mentoring, skill building events, social outings, and more. The BOND Program empowers participants as learners and leaders as they shape the development of this dynamic program.

The Autism Initiatives Endowment

MSU students experiencing Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) now have the opportunity to benefit from an endowment established by Paul and Christine Kindzierski. The family's passion for creating awareness around ASD inspired this initiative to help others engage fully at MSU by overcoming associated challenges. The Autism Initiatives Endowment is intent on helping students with ASD grow and persist at MSU. If you would like to make a contribution, please visit www.rcpd.msu.edu/donate.



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Signature Program for
Students Diagnosed with
Autism Spectrum Disorder





Individualized Meetings

Participants are encouraged to meet with their RCPD Specialist on a weekly basis to discuss personal goals, strengths, and challenges and develop strategies for success.

Weekly Skill Building Seminar

RCPD specialists provide instruction on social, academic, health and wellness, and independent living skills for freshman and transfer students. Students also receive weekly counseling and peer mentorship.

Peer Mentoring

Peer mentors connect with participants to offer support in all aspects of the program. Mentors are fellow MSU students with strong social and academic skills.

Employment Planning and Preparation

Participants are connected with the MSU/MRS Careers Collaborative and other community partners to increase employment readiness skills and explore internship and employment opportunities.

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I know more about campus now than I did. I also have been informed about resources. And I do believe I am better for this.

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BOND TRANSITIONS

- Gain ground •
- Gather momentum •
- Get ahead •

WHO IS IT FOR?

Students who are interested in moving to campus a few days early to get acclimated, meet new people, and learn about MSU.

WHAT IS INVOLVED?

Programming includes informational sessions, campus tours, an introduction to the MSU community, and more!

HOW DO I JOIN?

Simply follow the QR code below and complete the survey by August 1st to reserve a spot!



Social and Skill Building Events

Events offered throughout the semester create opportunities for connecting with others who share similar experiences and challenges. Each event incorporates fun and engaging activities with purposeful and individualized skill development.

Social Outings

Each week, peer mentors invite participants to campus and community activities. Invites are sent via text, social media, and the weekly newsletter. All are welcome to attend activities of interest.

