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Funded by Mickey and Debbie Stern, the Stern Tutoring and Alternative Techniques for Education (STATE) program provides innovative assistance for students with learning disabilities. Students gain community and targeted insights through weekly seminar, tutoring, mentoring, and meetings to build skills in circumventing challenges associated with learning disabilities.

> The Building Opportunities for Networking and Development (BOND) program began with gifts from Julie Wolf of Grand Rapids and the Baldwin Foundation and is helped today by the Autism Initiatives Endowment created by the Kindzierski Family. The partnership extends programming to students on the Autism Spectrum through social outings, peer mentoring, and skill development workshops.

The Careers Collaborative program began with gifts from Michael and Kathy Bosco and corresponding matching state and federal funds. This brought Michigan Rehabilitation Services to campus offering tailored career transition services. The collaborative is significant as a statewide and national model project connecting multiple entities.

RCPD launched the PEER Program, promoting education and emotional resilience, as a workshop developing student resiliency skills and building community. This program empowers students to learn about mental health, develop positive coping skills, and maneuver challenges.

Supported by the Edith Squires Endowment, RCPD created a course for first-year students to provide a strong start at MSU. This course advances occupational, nutritional, and emotional wellness.

