Thanksgiving is just around the corner which means food, family, food, friends, food, and most importantly a break from all the stress that has been piling up through October and November. (But let’s be real, how many more things can beat the amount food you can get away with eating on Thanksgiving?) This year, I am extremely thankful for lots of things. I am thankful for the Academic Resource Center and the opportunities I have been given to provide academic support to the campus. I am entirely thankful for the continued support from not only my family and friends, but the staff and professionals I get to work with on a day-to-day basis. I am also pretty thankful that, as much as I love MSU, I have finally made it to my senior year and I will be graduating on time in May! There is a lot about MSU that I can proudly say I am thankful to have experienced. This school has provided me with so many great opportunities and I can only hope the same for all of you.

So what is it? What about MSU are YOU thankful for? Are you thankful for that club that you joined freshman year where you met your best friend? Maybe it’s the little things like the one secret quiet spot in the library that no one but you seems to know about. Are you thankful for the class you took that made you realize you definitely chose the right major and career path? Like I said, there is a lot at MSU to be thankful for. What is it for you?
Thanksgiving Crossword

**ACROSS**
1. the month in which Canada celebrates Thanksgiving Day
2. rock credited to where the pilgrims first landed
4. dangling skin under a turkey’s neck
5. state that produces the most cranberries
8. “horn of plenty”
10. longest balloon in the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade
11. term for baby turkey

**DOWN**
1. country in which the turkey is considered a sacrificial bird
3. chief of the Wampanoag tribe invited to the Thanksgiving feast
6. first department store to hold a Thanksgiving parade
7. US president who made Thanksgiving an official holiday
9. Greek goddess of corn

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**I Didn’t Know That!**

- November is considered: Adoption Awareness Month, Native-American Heritage Month, Tobacco Awareness Month, NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month), and Diabetes Awareness Month
- November begins on the same day of the week as March and February except in leap years
- In Xhosa (one of the official languages of South Africa), November is called “ngeyeNkanga” meaning “month of the small yellow daisies”
- November comes from the Latin word “novem”, which means nine; it was originally the ninth month of the Roman calendar
- Topaz is the birthstone for the month of November. It is a symbol of friendship.
- President Kennedy was assassinated on November 23, 1963.
- Famous people born in November include: James Garfield, Leonardo DiCaprio, Ethan Hawke, Whoopi Goldberg, Mark Twain, and Tina Turner
What are the Resident Tutors Thankful for?

Alex: “I am most thankful for my family, boyfriend, friends, and the new puppy that is in my life. I am thankful for their love, support, and loyalty over the years. They are always there for me when I have needed them the most and they always push me to succeed. I am also thankful and hopeful for all the opportunities in my future. As one door closes as an undergrad at MSU, many more doors will open upon graduation. Wishing everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving break!”

Dan: “I am thankful for the fantastic professors in the Mathematics department for strengthening my appreciation for the various branches of the subject as well as providing very helpful information when it came to preparing for graduate programs.”

Luis: “I am thankful for having health, food and my family. In MSU, I am thankful that my professors’ lectures are both educative and entertaining and that they are available outside of class to help me progress through my undergraduate degree.”

Kaba: “I am thankful for my family, especially my mom who is always understanding and supportive. I love my family! I am also thankful for being a student at MSU; my learning experience since I transferred has been positive and broadening. I would have missed out on so much if I had not transferred to MSU. I am thankful to all my professors and I am thankful that I will soon be a Red Hawk alumni.”

Amna: “Despite the fact that the shuttle schedules aren’t exact, I am very thankful for the kind-hearted shuttle drivers. I am thankful for the fact that they greet us as we get on and off the bus. They care to interact and make us smile, they recognize some of our morning patterns; for instance when we leave in the morning to come on campus. They also care to deliver us to our destinations throughout campus safely.”
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**Answers to Thanksgiving Crossword**

**ACROSS**
1  May  10  Superman
2  Plymouth  11  poult
4  wattle
5  Wisconsin
8  cornucopia

**DOWN**
1  Mexico
3  Massasoit
6  Gimbel's
7  Lincoln
9  Demeter

**Location & Hours**

There are now THREE Academic Resource Center locations open for all MSU students!

All three locations are open
Sunday – Thursday from 4 PM – 10 PM

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THANKSGIVING COMES AND GOES, BUT GORD ALWAYS HAS THE LAST LAUGH