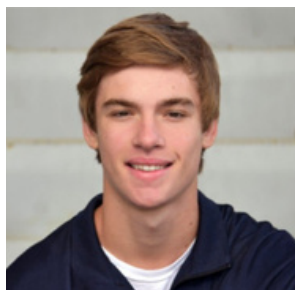


A Warm Welcome to New Student Researchers



Nicolas Ceme-Prefontaine

Nicolas Ceme-Prefontaine is a Regional and Economic Innovation (REI) Research Assistant at Michigan State University's Center for Community and Economic Development. As a senior majoring in Urban and Regional Planning at MSU, he is deeply committed to community and economic development, with a strong focus on equitable and sustainable planning. Highly engaged in both the MSU and East Lansing communities, Nicolas serves as Vice Chair of the East Lansing University Student Commission (USC) and is a member of the College of Social Science Dean's Advisory Board. His expertise spans data analysis, GIS, and 3D modeling software, including SketchUp and Twinmotion, which he utilizes to develop innovative planning solutions. Driven by a passion for fostering inclusive and resilient communities, Nicolas aspires to apply his academic background, technical skills, and leadership experience to shape equitable urban environments. In his free time, he enjoys working out, practicing yoga, and staying actively involved in community initiatives.



Joseph Novy

Joseph Novy is a Regional and Economic Innovation (REI) Research Assistant at Michigan State University's Center for Community and Economic Development. He is a senior majoring in Games and Interactive Media Design with a minor in Graphic Design from Michigan State University. In his role, Joseph focuses on videography, capturing key events and producing high-quality video content that highlights innovative economic and community development efforts. His creative and collaborative approach to storytelling helps bring attention to initiatives that drive regional growth. Previously, Joseph completed a marketing internship at XELA Robotics in Tokyo, where he worked on digital media campaigns to promote advanced robotic sensing technology. This experience strengthened his skills in visual communication, content creation, and international collaboration. Passionate about the intersection of design, media, and economic innovation, Joseph aims to leverage his skills as a videographer and graphic designer to support impactful initiatives. In his free time, he enjoys watching Michigan State sports and staying engaged with the university community.

