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Homecoming 2026 Event & Accessibility Information

This document will continue to be updated as more information is available.

Event Overview

Mechanical Engineering (ME) Homecoming will take place on October 16, 2026, in the G.G. Brown Building on North Campus. Two major events will take place, including:

Homecoming Breakfast Honoring 2026 ME Alumni Merit Award Recipient Laurie Transou (BSE ME, ’90) (10:00am-11:00 am)

The Homecoming Breakfast honoring 2026 ME Alumni Merit Award Recipient Laurie Transou (BSE ME, ’90) will take place in the G.G. Brown Blue Lounge, Room 1280. Due to limited capacity, this event is open to ME faculty, alumni, and students at this time. Enjoy a light breakfast (with nut free, gluten free, vegan, and caffeine-free options) and connect with members of the ME alumni community during this engaging discussion.

Open House (2:00-4:00 pm)

ME’s Open House will predominately take place in the G.G. Brown BorgWarner Galleria on the first floor atrium and is open to anyone to attend. Activities include:

- Resource Fair: Talk to representatives from the ME department, College of Engineering, and ME-focused student groups. Groups will be set up at tables along the north side of the Galleria.
- Alumni Booth: Talk with representatives from the ME department about ways for alumni to stay involved and help the next generation of mechanical engineers. Games and swag will be available.
- Mural Art Table: Use provided art supplies to create a 4x4 inch art piece for our department mural on the second floor of G.G. Brown. Opportunities to submit pieces online will be available after the event.
- Photo and Media Booth: Use your own devices to take pictures in front of a ME backdrop. There may be some flash photography in this area; we encourage participants to turn off flash when taking photographs to be respectful of attendees with photosensitivity.
- Lab Tours: Visit ME lab spaces and meet faculty and students conducting research in our department. If you are interested in being escorted on a lab tour, please gather in the G.G. Brown Galleria at **2:10 pm or 2:55 pm**. You can choose to visit the following spaces:

- G.G. Brown Graduate Machine Shop and Xiao Research Group (on the first and second floor of G.G. Brown)
- Lay Automotive Engineering Lab (on the first floor of the AutoLab Building, a 0.3 mile walk from G.G. Brown on campus sidewalks)
- Dow Advanced Manufacturing Lab (on the first floor of the Herbert H. Dow Building, which is connected to G.G. Brown)

We are working to provide a few chairs in each lab for visitors to use. Elevator access is available between floors. Students, faculty, and staff can schedule U-M Paratransit ahead of time for transportation between G.G. Brown and the AutoLab.

Accessibility Contact

If you have any questions regarding event accessibility, please reach out to Susan Cheng, Project Senior Manager in Mechanical Engineering, at chengs@umich.edu.

Catering

Light appetizers and non-alcoholic beverages will be available with gluten-free, nut-free, vegan, vegetarian, and caffeine-free options.

COVID-19 and Respiratory Health

We welcome masking at events to help protect participants who are immunocompromised or have an increased situational risk. Medical masks and hand sanitizer will be provided at the event.

Fragrance Allergens

We encourage attendees to refrain from wearing strong fragrances to be respectful of those with environmental sensitivities or allergies.

Photography

A photographer will be roaming the event; there may be some flash photography, though the photographer will be asked to limit the use of flash.

Paratransit Services

Faculty, students, and staff can book free, weekday, curb-to-curb paratransit services through the University of Michigan Transportation Services.

Reflection Room

The closest reflection room to Lay Auto Lab can be found in the Electrical Engineering & Computer Science Building, which is the building directly to the north of the Lay Auto Lab. This reflection room is located at Room 3000 on the third floor, near the GG Brown Building. This room has a sink with storage cabinets, a carpeted floor, electrical outlets, dual level light switches, and is only accessible via stairs.

G.G. Brown Building Information (Building Map PDF)

G.G. Brown Address

G.G. Brown is located at 2350 Hayward Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48109. You can plan your trip using Google Maps or U-M's Magic Bus.

University Buses to G.G. Brown

The closest stops to G.G. Brown and the buses that service them are:

- **FXB Inbound (0.1 miles):** This bus stop is on the west side of Beal Avenue, immediately beside G.G Brown. Its University of Michigan stop ID is 1550, serviced by University of Michigan Blue Buses Northeast Shuttle and Northwood. This stop is also serviced by Ann Arbor Transit Authority buses 22 and 66.
- **FXB Outbound (0.1 miles):** This bus stop is on the east side of Beal Avenue, across the street from G.G. Brown. Its University of Michigan stop ID is N406, serviced by University of Michigan Blue Buses Commuter North, Med Express, and Northeast Shuttle. This stop is also serviced by Ann Arbor Transit Authority buses 22 and 66.
- **Pierpont Commons (0.4 miles):** The following Michigan buses stop at Pierpont Commons: Bursley-Baits, Northwood, Northwood Express, Commuter South, and Diag-to-Diag.

G.G. Brown Parking (Parking Map, Parking Website)

Nearby parking lots are listed below with estimated walking distance to G.G. Brown.

- **Parking Lot NC20 (0.0 miles):** Blue and gold permit parking are available at Lot NC20, which is located outside of G.G. Brown (2350 Hayward Street). This lot has 2 accessible Blue car spots and 1 accessible Blue van spot. A Zipcar is located in this lot.

- **Parking Lot NC21 (0.2 miles):** Blue and gold permit parking are available at Lot NC21, which is to the northeast of the Bob & Betty Beyster Building (2260 Hayward Avenue). This lot has 3 accessible Blue car spots.
- **Parking Lot NC28 (0.2 miles):** Blue and gold permit parking are available at Lot NC28 behind the Climate and Space Research Building (2455 Hayward Street). This lot has 6 accessible Blue car spots and 1 accessible Blue van spot. This lot has electric vehicle Blue spots.
- **Parking Lot NC48 (0.3 miles):** Blue and gold permit parking are available at Lot NC48, which is to the north of the Leinweber Building (2200 Hayward Street). Visitor parking is also available. Parking fees are $2.50 per hour. There are no accessible parking spots in this lot.
- **Parking Lot NC26 (0.3 miles):** Visitor parking is available in lot NC 26 (2500 Hayward St). Parking fees are $2.50 per hour. There are no accessible parking spots in this lot.
- **Parking Lot NC53 (0.4 miles):** Orange permit parking is available at Lot NC53 (2500 Hayward Street), which is located at the southwest intersection of Hayward Street and Hubbard Road. This parking lot has 9 accessible Orange spots and 1 accessible Orange van spot. A Zipcar is located in this lot.
- **Parking Lot NC46 (0.4 miles):** Orange permit parking is available at Lot NC46, which is located at the northwest intersection of Hayward Street and Hubbard Road. This parking lot has 5 accessible Orange spots and 3 accessible Orange van spots.
- **Parking Lot NC27 (0.5 miles):** Blue permit parking is available at Lot NC27 (1300 Murfin Avenue). This parking lot has 2 Blue accessible car spots and 1 Blue accessible van spot. Visitor parking is also available. Parking fees are $2.50 per hour. There are 2 visitor accessible car spots and 1 visitor accessible van spot. There are also 2 visitor electric vehicle spots.

G.G. Brown Entrances

Accessible entrances with automatic door openers are located at the Northwest and North central entrances of the Hayward Street side of G.G. Brown.

- **G.G. Brown Northwest entrance:** This entrance has an accessible ramp and is located south of the three cube statue on Hayward Street. The ramp slopes up when entering the building, and it slopes down when exiting the building. This ramp functions as a bridge over gravel, dirt, and plants below.

- **G.G. Brown North central entrance:** There is a diagonal curb cut from the parking lot to the sidewalk leading to this door. This entrance is closer to the accessible parking spots.

G.G. Brown Elevator Access

When entering from the Northwest entrance, there is an elevator to the left. Take the elevator to Floor 1 to access the BorgWarner Galleria or Blue Lounge. When entering from the North central entrance, there is an elevator to the right (next to room 2621).

G.G. Brown First Floor Restrooms

- Men's and women's restrooms with accessible stalls are located at the west side of the Galleria. There are no automatic door openers, but doors will be propped open during the event.
- Men's restrooms with accessible stalls are located to the west of the Blue Lounge at 1344T (no automatic door opener) and to the east of the Blue Lounge at 1212T (no automatic door opener).
- Women's restrooms with accessible stalls are located to the west of the Blue Lounge at 1340T (no automatic door opener) and to the east of the Blue Lounge at 1216T (no automatic door opener).
- Single occupancy all-gender restrooms are located to the west of the Blue Lounge at 1352T (no automatic door opener) and to the northeast of the Galleria at 1628T (no automatic door opener).

G.G. Brown Second Floor Restrooms

- Men's restrooms with accessible stalls are located at the southwest side of G.G. Brown at 2344T (with power door opener) and 2216T (no automatic door opener)
- Women's restrooms with accessible stalls and automatic door openers are located at the southwest side of G.G. Brown at 2340T and the southeast side of G.G. Brown at 2268T.

G.G. Brown Lactation Room

A lactation room is located inside the women's restroom at 2340T.

Lay Auto Lab Building Information (Auto Lab Building Map)

Auto Lab Address

The Lay Auto Lab is located at 1231 Beal Avenue, Ann Arbor MI 48109. You can plan your trip using Google Maps or U-M's Magic Bus.

Auto Lab Parking

The closest parking lot to the Lay Auto Lab is 0.1 miles away at NC60 (1221 Beal Avenue). This parking lot includes Gold and Blue permit parking. There are 5 accessible Blue car spots and 1 accessible Blue van spot. There are 10 Blue electric vehicle spots and 2 Gold electric vehicle spots. There are 3 Zipcars in this lot.

Auto Lab Entrances

- **Auto Lab North entrance:** This entrance is located on the north side of the Auto Lab near the center of the building. The outermost doors have automatic door openers into the lobby area. The next set of double doors into the hallway do not have automatic door openers.
- **Auto Lab Southwest entrance:** This entrance is located on the southwest corner of where the Auto Lab and the Electrical Engineering & Computer Science Building meet. The outer most doors have automatic door openers. The next set of doors into the Auto Lab does not have an automatic door opener.

Auto Lab Restrooms

- Men's restrooms with accessible stalls are located at 1068M (no automatic door opener).
- Women's restrooms with accessible stalls are located at 1064W (no automatic door opener).
- The closest single occupancy all-gender restrooms are located in G.G. Brown to the west of the Blue Lounge at 1352T (no automatic door opener) and to the northeast of the Galleria at 1628T (no automatic door opener).

Auto Lab Lactation Room

There is a lactation room inside of the women's restroom in Room 2063T. Another lactation room can be found in the Lurie Engineering Center, which is the building directly south of the Lay Auto Lab. The Lurie lactation room is located in room 3266A.