MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

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To the Family and Friends of Baalu Girma c/o The Baalu Girma Foundation
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Dear Family and Friends of Mr. Baalu Girma:

On behalf of the students at the Michigan State University School of Journalism, I would like to say thank you. Our faculty thanks you, as well.

Times are tough in Michigan and elsewhere as our economy struggles. This means that students who thought they were headed to MSU, now struggle to find a way to go – or can not attend at all.

But some students have found help thanks to the generosity of you and others like you. The Baalu Girma Scholarship In Journalism will make a huge difference in a student's life. Journalism majors who fit the criteria specified by you will be applying for the scholarship in late October. We plan to notify all winners by Thanksgiving.

At that time, the winner of the Baalu Girma Scholarship In Journalism will write a letter to the Baalu Girma Foundation, describing how this wonderful scholarship opportunity has affected his or her life.

The faculty at the School of Journalism sincerely thanks you for your generosity. We are one of the top Ten J-Schools in the country and I know the Baalu Girma Scholarship In Journalism winner will make the faculty and Foundation proud.

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