The University of Michigan School of Kinesiology is always on the move! Here’s what we’ve been up to over the last few months.

Worth a Thousand Words

Kathy Kern, Applied Exercise Science and Movement Science lecturer, taught her newly virtual Principles of Motor Behavior lab from her dining room. Before COVID-19 struck, Movement Science senior Semat Adekoya (front center) and her student org, Maize Rage, celebrated ’90s Night at Crisler Center. Faculty, staff, and alumni congratulated our graduating students via a video produced by Sport Management alum Jon Paley. Watch it at myumi.ch/BoP5o.

Moving the World Towards Racial Justice

Dean Lori Ploutz-Snyder and Professor Ketra Armstrong respond to recent events that are rooted in systemic racism. Read their joint statement

Countdown to the Kinesiology Building

Construction on our new home, the Kinesiology Building, was paused for two months due to Michigan’s “Stay Home, Stay Safe” order. Now that construction restrictions have been lifted, we’re ramping back up and are still on track for fall 2020 move-in and January 2021 classes. We’ll post new photos at myumi.ch/Lo9nn throughout the summer.

In the News
Planning for Fall

In a 5/27 video chat with incoming students, U-M President Mark Schlissel said he is optimistic the university can provide a “public health-informed” fall semester that brings students back to campus and blends in-person and remote learning. He added that the university would have a much clearer understanding of what the fall semester will look like by the end of June.

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Title IX and Campus Sexual Misconduct

Last month, the US Department of Education issued new rules for how sexual misconduct investigations are handled on college campuses. Sport Management lecturer and practicing attorney Marissa Pollick talked with NPR Stateside’s April Baer about what these changes mean and how they relate to Title IX.

Listen to the segment

CHAMPion for Children

Applied Exercise Science and Movement Science associate professor Leah Robinson was awarded a five-year National Institutes of Health grant totaling $2.6M for the Children’s Health Activity Motor Program (CHAMP) Afterschool Program: Promoting Physical Activity & Health in Children.

Learn more about CHAMP

Returning to College Sports

What's the safest way to resume sports following a global health pandemic? Sport Management professor Mark Rosentraub wrote an op-ed for the Indianapolis Business Journal with suggestions for how and when college sports could return.

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Prosthetic Breakthrough

In a major advance in mind-controlled prosthetics for amputees, U-M researchers, including Movement Science associate professor Deanna Gates, have tapped faint signals from arm nerves and amplified them to enable real-time finger-level control of a robotic hand.

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Teachers and Best

Faculty members Pete Bodary, Tom George, and Kathy Kern, and GSI Allyssa Memmini, received the 2019-20 Students' Excellence in Teaching Award, which is voted on and presented by the Kinesiology student body. Recipients were surprised with the news in their virtual classrooms.

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Alumni Spotlight

Supporting the Front Line

As the manager of athletic training at the Henry Ford Health System, Christina Eyers (MVS ’97) and her team were ready to join the fight against COVID-19. This included providing health screenings, assisting in emergency rooms and walk-in clinics, and safely transporting patients to isolation wings. “[The athletic trainers] were eager to help,” she said.
Rising Star

Katharine Bohlmann (SM '19), business solutions manager for the Miami Dolphins and Hard Rock Stadium, got the surprise of her young professional career last month when she found out she’s a 2020 Front Office Sports Rising 25 awardee. "It’s humbling to get to represent the University of Michigan," she said.