

University of Michigan Margaret Waterman Alumnae Group

2026-2027 Town Hall Celebrity Lecture Series

Tuesday
October 20, 2026
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Washtenaw
Community College
Morris Lawrence Building
4800 E. Huron River Drive
Ann Arbor, 48105

***America's Global Challenges in 2026* Robin Wright**

Robin Wright is an international relations expert, journalist, and author. She has reported from more than 140 countries on six continents for publications such as *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times Magazine*, and *Time Magazine*. Wright has also been a fellow at the Brookings Institution, the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace as well as at Yale, Duke, Dartmouth, and the University of California. She received the U.N. Correspondents Gold Medal, the National Magazine Award, and the Overseas Press Club Award. The American Academy of Diplomacy selected her as the journalist of the year in 2004. Ann Arbor native and University of Michigan grad, Wright received an honorary degree from her alma mater in 2015.



Wednesday
November 18, 2026
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

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***Challenges for Women's Sports in Today's World* Carol Hutchins**

Though the University of Michigan (U-M) claims Carol Hutchins, she was born in Lansing, MI, and attended Michigan State University (MSU). At MSU, she played on the varsity basketball team and was the starting shortstop as a freshman on the varsity softball team. After coaching one year at Ferris State, Ms. Hutchins moved to U-M and began her 38-year head coaching career there (1985-2022). Carol Hutchins has won more games than any other U-M coach, in any sport, and led the Wolverines to their first NCAA softball championship in 2005. Her awards include induction into the National Fastpitch Coaches Association Hall of Fame (2006), the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame (2011) and the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame (2022). Since she began coaching at Michigan, the softball team has never had a losing season.



Tuesday
April 13, 2027
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

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***The Ultimate Remote Job: Living and Working Aboard the International Space Station* ... Josh A. Cassada**

Josh Cassada is an American physicist, test pilot, and a former NASA astronaut. Prior to becoming a naval aviator, Cassada graduated cum laude with a B.A. in Physics from Albion College and an M.A. and Ph.D. in Physics from the University of Rochester. He conducted experimental high energy physics research at Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory. In 2022, Cassada joined the International Space Station, as the pilot of NASA's SpaceX Crew-5. While there, he conducted three spacewalks totaling 21 hours, 24 minutes. During its mission, the crew contributed to hundreds of experiments and technology demonstrations, spending 157 days in orbit.



Wednesday
May 5, 2027
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

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***The New Yorker as a Women's Magazine* Tom Toro**

Tom Toro, a cartoonist and author, graduated cum laude from Yale. He has published over 200 cartoons in *The New Yorker* since 2010, and his cartoons also appear in *Playboy*, *The Paris Review*, *The New York Times*, and elsewhere. He has contributed a dozen essays to *The New Yorker Encyclopedia of Cartoons*, and his syndicated cartoon strip is called "Home Free." Toro's books include *And to Think We Started as a Book Club*, *Crocodiles Need Friends, Too!*, *How to Potty Train Your Porcupine* and illustrations for *Back to School, Backpack!* by Simon Rich and *User's Guide to Democracy* by Hannah McCarthy and Nick Capodice. Notable among his many speaking engagements and interviews are those for NPR, Sirius Radio, Columbia University, Twitter headquarters, the Kansas City Art Institute, the *San Francisco Chronicle*, and the *Kansas City Star*.



Membership Registration and Payment

----- Detach and return for mail registration -----

Membership is effective June 1, 2026 - May 31, 2027

ONLINE: Register and pay online through the Waterman website <https://www.watermanalumnae.org>

BY MAIL: Mail completed form and check (payable to Waterman Alumnae Group) to: **Waterman Town Hall Series, P. O. Box 8142, Ann Arbor, MI 48107-8142**

QUESTIONS? Membership: Emily Salvette, 734.645.5809 or esalvette@gmail.com

Waterman Membership, includes Lecture Series @ \$245 \$_____

Sustaining Membership, Lecture Series not included @ \$45 \$_____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State + Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Group seating requests require payment by June 15, 2026

Prefer Seating with Table Mates (list names):

Check Box for Alternate Luncheon Menu Entree (fruit plate)

Check Box to Receive Future Waterman Brochures by Postal Mail

Tax-Deductible Donation to the Endowment Fund \$ _____
Make **separate check** payable to the University of Michigan
(memo line: Waterman Endowment fund # 72392)

Under the guidance of Margaret Lawler Waterman, a group of University of Michigan women graduates established the Waterman Alumnae Group in the fall of 1953. Nineteen years later the Waterman Town Hall Series came into being, as the group's main fundraiser. Then, at the beginning of this century, another milestone resulted with the formation of the Waterman Endowment, which has added additional financial assistance and has helped to secure Waterman scholarships for University of Michigan students forever.



Since its inception, Waterman has awarded over three hundred ninety five scholarships to need-based, deserving students.

Membership is open to the public.

Lecture/Luncheon Series Policy

- No cancellation for a refund of money after September 15.
- Seven days prior notice needed to cancel a lecture/luncheon reservation and receive a tax receipt. Less than seven days, email **TownHallSeating@umich.edu** to release your reservation for the purpose of seating guests.
- For availability of an individual lecture/luncheon(\$65), email **TownHallSeating@umich.edu**
- Group seating available if all payments received by June 15, 2026.

If a speaker is unable to appear for any reason, we reserve the right to substitute another speaker.

The Waterman Endowment Fund

Thank you for your past support to the Waterman Endowment Fund. Donations to enhance the Endowment Fund are welcome at any time. Future scholarship recipients will always be appreciative of your continued support. You are now able to donate as instructed in the registration section of this form.

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