

## **Welcome to our New SCS Outreach Specialist!**

Ms. Maria Rising, PhD(c), is excited to join the Statewide Campus System scholarly activity team! Maria is a Michigan native, currently completing her doctoral degree in the Higher Adult, and Lifelong Education program in the MSU College of Education. Her dissertation project concerns leadership, mentorship, and professional development strategies for faculty and graduate student learners.

Maria's most recent work in the College of Education's Office of Research Administration has allowed her to work closely with faculty and graduate students during the development of their professional projects and publications. At the SCS, Ms. Rising will consult with scholarly activity novices developing their project designs and IRB applications, serving on the Editorial Board of the Spartan Medical Research Journal.

Maria is a huge animal lover, in her free time enjoying bike rides with her dog Ellie, reading with her cat Todd, and competing in equestrian sports with horse Beau. She is a huge MSU fan and loves attending football games, campus walks (especially to The Dairy Store!), and helping other Spartans reach their highest potential! Maria's current email address is: [risingma@msu.edu](mailto:risingma@msu.edu)

