

A Spartan family legacy has swayed many people to commit themselves to attending MSU, and for American alum Daniel Thompson, family was certainly an influential factor. Out of seven family members, four had received a degree from MSU, so he also decided to continue the family tradition. As a member of the Business College, Thompson pursued a degree in Hotel Restaurant Management. How he ended up living and working in Canada however, is an interesting story. Following his time spent serving in the American Armed Forces, he discovered the job market was lacking for hotel restaurant management positions. He initially found a position working in hospital dietary services. While at Albion Community Hospital, he sold accounts traversing both sides of the border. While in Ontario working, Thompson met his wife and decided to settle down there.

When asked about his time at MSU, Thompson said that being a part of the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity was among his favorite memories of MSU. Being at the 1966 MSU v. Notre Dame football game, which ended in a 10-10 tie, was definitely a memorable experience as well! To current students, Thompson advises that you, “Dive into the pool. Pursue what you are passionate about and Michigan State will teach you how to swim.” He emphasizes that, “You won’t be in school forever, so take advantage of what you can while you’re there.” Thompson himself still uses textbooks and knowledge learned during his time at MSU. He also advises maintaining contact with friends made during your time at school. Thompson has maintained contact with his peers and they meet up regularly to tailgate during the football season.

Thompson currently works for Nutritional Management Services in London, Ontario, which has provided food service management to long-term care, educational, industrial, and community care clients in Southwestern Ontario for over thirty years. To learn more about Nutritional Management Services visit [nms.on.ca](https://nms.on.ca). While he is not a Canadian citizen, his children share dual citizenship between Canada and the U.S. Will Thompson return to the U.S.? He says, “Maybe; but while I live in Canada I remain an example of American-Canadian relations.”