

On February 22, 2021, we – the Order of Angell class of 2021 – voted to officially disband the organization. This decision is the result of several months of discussion and reflection on the harmful, elitist, and racist history of the organization.

Upon being invited into the Order of Angell, we learned about its history involving the misappropriation of Indigenous cultures, exclusion of certain social identities, and perpetuation of white patriarchal structures of power. Previous members attempted to rectify past harm by eliminating traditions rooted in Indigenous cultural appropriation, changing the name from Michigauma to Order of Angell, and attempting to open conversation channels with communities who expressed dissent to Order's continued existence. When becoming full members in September 2020, we hoped that we could initiate our own reform.

Order of Angell was founded on the mission to make the Michigan campus a better place for students. We realized that any actions we could take would not be adequate in healing the past and improving the future of the organization. Ultimately, the historical lack of transparency and sufficient action prevent the achievement of this core mission.

We recognize that further harm was caused by our own complacency in continuing the organization for the majority of this school year. In the strongest terms possible, we condemn any attempts to keep the organization alive in secret, restart the group, or build a new one that seeks to erase the history of the Order of Angell.

Signed,  
The Former Order of Angell Class of 2021