

MICHIGAN STATE NORMAL COLLEGE FIRSTS--

1. It was the first teacher education institution established west of the Alleghenies, the sixth in the United States, 1849.
2. It was the first tax-supported college in Michigan open to men and women alike, 1849.
3. It was the first institution of higher learning in Michigan to receive support from the State Legislature, 1850.
4. It was the first in the West to establish a department to train teachers in physical education, 1888.
5. It was the first in Michigan to establish a department of geography, 1890.
6. It was the first teachers college in the United States to have a building for religious activities, Starkweather Hall, 1896.
7. It was the first teacher educating institution in the United States to be raised to a four-year college, 1897.
8. It was the first collegiate institution in Michigan to offer courses in industrial arts, 1901.
9. It was the first state teachers college in the United States to establish training for teachers of handicapped children, 1915.
10. It was the first teachers college in the United States to have a social center building, McKenny Hall, 1931.
11. It was the first teacher training institution to organize a curriculum for library service, 1940.