

Spartan Sagas: Community Stories

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Part of the Michigan State University "Spartan's Will" campaign 2010, the website Spartan Sagas tells the story of Michigan State University alumni, faculty and staff across the world, doing their best to make it a better place. The website has a section that allows visitors to post their own Spartan Saga to share it with the world. My involvement was helping develop this "Community Stories" section, as well as providing assistance with browser testing and accessibility/validation.

The Community Stories section tasked me with developing a series of functions in Javascript that would display thumbnails of the submitted stories and apply roll-over titles. Clicking on the thumbnails would create a custom page using information pulled from the database. I then handed that Javascript over to another programmer who put it together with the back end he was building. I think with more time, I could have done a better job of making the Javascript code cleaner, but deadlines are deadlines.