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## ‘Personal and professional factors’

### Guskiewicz: Family, support led him to pass on Clemson job

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EAST LANSING – When he left the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill in 2024 to become Michigan State University’s president, Kevin Guskiewicz was warned of cold Michigan winters.

But even on dark, snowy days, Michigan has a midwestern warmth to it, Guskiewicz told the State Journal on Tuesday, July 7, one day after he announced

he was staying at the university after having accepted the presidency of Clemson University.

“It’s a special community,” he said. “There’s something about this midwestern warmth that (his wife) Amy and I have come to love.”

In May, Guskiewicz was ready to leave. He accepted the job as Clemson University’s president and wrote a scathing letter describing the governance disputes among the school’s trustees as an “unsustainable situation.”



**Guskiewicz**

But in the last few weeks, there was been an outpouring of support for Guskiewicz throughout the state. “We (heart) Kevin G” signs popped up around campus. Some signs traveled farther throughout the state. Men’s basketball coach Tom Izzo called him the “best president that may have ever been here.”

“The board chair (Brianna Scott) knew that Amy and I were struggling

and had come to the realization through so many of those conversations ... that Michigan State is where we felt we needed to be,” he said. “There were both personal and professional factors that we considered. And I want to be clear that family really matters to us and that that’s a big part of the personal side of this decision.”

Late last week, he told Scott he had changed his mind. By Monday morning, July 6, he informed Clemson leaders he wouldn’t be moving south after all.

“It was emotional whenever Amy and

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A few commissions, contracts, sales or cancellations can dramatically change what artists earn in a given year.

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## Program gives struggling artists \$1,000 a month

### The result: Freedom and time to focus on their art

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Though artificial intelligence is making it easier than ever to produce images, music and text, the technology is also making it harder for the people who have traditionally produced this work to earn a living.

A photographer who once was commissioned to make art for an advertising campaign is now competing with graphics produced by the AI image generator Midjourney. A novelist who used to make money on the side as a technical writer is seeing that work be replaced by a series of prompts in ChatGPT.

The extent to which AI will upend creative work remains unsettled. But that uncertainty has made

**The program selected artists through a weighted lottery. It adopted an expansive definition of “artist.” Anyone engaged in artistic, cultural or community-centered creative practices – such as musicians, storytellers or muralists – was eligible to apply.**

guaranteeing income for creatives a more viable policy idea.

In fact, creatives in New York recently participated in the largest basic income program for artists in U.S. history, the Guaranteed Income for Artists initiative.

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### ALEX MURDAUGH CASE

## AG wants sealed juror files opened before retrial

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In a reversal from its position during the original murder trial of Richard “Alex” Murdaugh, heading into the April 2027 retrial, the South Carolina Attorney General’s Office wants to unseal some confidential records and lay all its cards on the table.

Previously, on June 4, Attorney General Alan Wilson filed a motion with the S.C. Supreme Court retracting its objection to the unsealing of “in camera,” or private, conversations in the judge’s chambers which led to the dismissal of Myra Crosby, a juror in the 2023 double murder trial of Richard “Alex” Murdaugh.

On Monday, July 6, the Attorney General’s Office followed that by officially filing a motion to unseal documents related to the juror inquiries from Murdaugh’s original murder trial. The State is asking to unseal, with appropriate privacy redactions and necessary time for careful review, the original trial transcript and related investigative materials that led Judge Clifton Newman to dismiss Crosby for alleged violation of the court’s orders.

The State’s motion also asked the court to modify the protective order, with appropriate privacy redactions, to unseal documents and video interviews related to the jury tampering investigation into then-Colleton Clerk of Court Becky Hill.

Newman’s in-camera interview of Crosby was sealed from the public by court order during the trial, and remained sealed during Murdaugh’s appeals process before the appellate court and the Supreme Court, but on Sept. 4, 2024, attorneys for Crosby, who has denied allegations of improper juror conduct, filed a motion to have those transcripts unsealed in an effort to help clear her name.

Murdaugh’s attorneys did not oppose this motion, but on Sept. 16, 2024, the S.C. Attorney General’s Office filed a motion in opposition, and the records remained sealed.

The State’s June and July motions may well be granted by Judge Debra McCaslin, who will oversee the Murdaugh retrial, now that there is no

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