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## DEAN'S MESSAGE

The new academic year begins and brings fresh starts and new excitement for growing graduate programs at Morehead State. In the past year, the Graduate School initiated a new general marketing plan that involved contacting potential students in selected areas who had taken the GRE, GMAT, and MAT, advertising in Graduate Schools.com, actively reaching out to graduating seniors from MSU, providing College of Education-specific program information to teachers/administrators in the service region, and beginning to plan for the use of Graduate Dean's Scholars for focus groups and as student ambassadors.

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**EARLY GRAD SCHOOL: MSU'S  
BEST KEPT SECRET**

The word is getting out about the Early Grad School program and students are beginning to take advantage of the many opportunities that it offers. Early Grad School gives undergraduate students the ability to earn up to 12 graduate credit hours while holding undergraduate concurrent admission. Enrolling in graduate courses at the undergraduate level permits students to "try out" graduate school while giving them a jump start on their graduate school education.

However, one of the biggest benefits is that students who are admitted to the Early Grad School Program are billed at the undergraduate tuition rate for graduate level courses. This means that early grad school students have the opportunity for huge savings while potentially completing almost half of their graduate degree program.

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*Pictured above: Gera Jones with early grad school student Austin Vice*



## **FEATURED PROGRAM: MASTER OF ARTS IN SOCIOLOGY**

The Master of Arts in Sociology program has expanded its areas of concentration and is now entirely online beginning Fall 2016. The program offers four areas of concentration: General Sociology, Criminology, Chemical Dependency, and the newly added Interdisciplinary Social Sciences.

There are several different types of jobs for which our graduates are qualified. Examples include education (teaching, administration, or research); business (management, marketing consumer research, planning or human resources); human services and community relations (counseling, advocacy, mental health and social services agencies); criminal justice (law enforcement, corrections, rehabilitation or judiciary) and the environment (health and planning agencies at the federal, state and local levels and nonprofit advocacy and consulting nongovernmental organizations).

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## **STUDENT SPOTLIGHT**

"The students in eastern Kentucky deserve the best possible education to help them meet their career or college goals," declared Kellie Wolford. "I want to be a National Board Certified Teacher so that I can be the best teacher possible for my students." That's exactly what Wolford is working toward at Morehead State University. Wolford, who is originally from Lexington, now lives in Floyd County where she teaches third graders at John M. Stumbo Elementary School. She realizes how essential a graduate degree is for her to continue to learn and grow in her chosen career. "I want to learn new strategies and means for instruction, and the MSU SOAR Initiative is making this possible."



*Kellie Wolford, third grade teacher at John M. Stumbo Elementary, is part of the MSU SOAR Initiative.*

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## 2016 Fall Career Fair

Sponsored by  
Morehead State University  
Career Services

**Tuesday, October 4, 2016**  
**10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

**Laughlin Health Building**  
**Morehead State University**

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## Grad School Virtual Open House



**Thursday, October 20, 2016**  
**2:00 - 6:00 pm**

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