



# **Convocation Spring 2017**

**January 11, 2017**

**Morehead State University**



MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY  
**CONVOCATION**

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**Presiding Dr. Steven Ralston, Provost**

*Pre-convocation music is provided by KCTM faculty, staff and students: Raymond McLain (Director), Jesse Wells (Music Archivist/Instructor), Nathan Kiser (Operations Manager), Will Parsons (Instructor), David Austin Tackett (Student) and Andy Brown (Student).*

- I. Welcome
- II. Introduction of New Faculty & Staff
- III. Announcements & Updates
- IV. Remarks by President Wayne D. Andrews
- V. Morehead State University Alma Mater  
*Led by Eric Brown and accompanied by William Murphy*

**Alma Mater**

*Far above the rolling campus,  
Resting in the dale,  
Stands the dear old Alma Mater  
We will always hail.  
Shout in chorus, raise your voices,  
Blue and Gold - praise you.  
Winning through to fame and glory,  
Dear old MSU.*

**We invite all faculty and staff to join us for  
lunch following Convocation in the Button Drill Room, from  
11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.**

*Post-convocation music provided by the MSU Faculty The Baird Winds*

# ASPIRE

## ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

- Undergraduate Fellowship Program
- Program of Distinction in Space Science
- SACS Reaccreditation
- General Education Redesign
- Multiple Program Accreditations and Reaccreditations
- First Doctoral Degree – Ed.D.
- MSUTeach
- Established 21st Century Center for Manufacturing Systems
- Annual Celebration of Student Scholarship

## STUDENT SUCCESS

- Established Division of Student Success
- Centralized Advising
- Summer Success Academy/Eagle Success Program
- Multiple OVC Academic Awards (team and individual)
- Multiple OVC Conference Titles
- Recreation & Wellness Center
- Dental Clinic
- Expanded Student Health Services
- DREAMS Mentoring Program

## PRODUCTIVE PARTNERSHIPS

- Established Center for Regional Engagement
- CHER Facility and Programs with St. Claire Regional Medical Center and UK
- Shaping Our Appalachian Region
- Career Services

## IMPROVED INFRASTRUCTURE

- Facility Improvements – CHER, Space Science Center, Housing Renewal, Campus Master Plan, ADUC Phase II
- Technology Enhancements – Infrastructure & Security Enhancements, ERP, Campus Wireless
- Employee Compensation Program
- Employee Wellness Program

## RESOURCE ENHANCEMENT

- Endowment Growth
- Renegotiated FF&A Rate
- Restructured Debt
- Reduced Discount Rate
- Growth in Grant Funding

## ENROLLMENT & RETENTION GAINS

- Improved FY Retention
- Improved Average ACT
- Early College Program
- Established Craft Academy for Excellence in Science & Mathematics

## Welcome new employees!

<b>Name</b>	<b>Job Title</b>	<b>Department</b>
Ahmadi, Susan	Enrollment Services Counselor	Enrollment Services
Beauchamp, Rachel R.	Accountant	Accounting & Financial Services
Brunson, Joseph Craig	Technology Services Manager	Information Technology
Chapman-Johnson, Suzannah	Instructor, Education	Early Childhood, Elementary & Special Education
Clymer, Zachery Orion	Horticulture Technician	University Farm
Conn, Kaila Louise	Groundskeeper	Landscaping & Grounds Maintenance
Crail, Stephen Joseph	Academic Advisor (Generalist)	Academic Advising & Retention
Cundiff, Travis Aaron	Police Officer	Police Department
DeLong, Richard Elmer	STEM Instructor	Middle Grades/Secondary Education
Dews, Katie Kelm	Veterinary Technologist	Veterinary Technology Program
Duff, Nicholas Christopher	Enrollment Services Counselor	Enrollment Services
Elgazzar, Heba	Instructor, Computer Science	Computer Science & Information Systems
Fife, Steven Wesley	Program Asst. (DSCI)	College of Science, Office of Dean
Ghanem, Sahar Yousef	Visit Asst. Prof., Construction & Civil Engineering	Engineering & Technology Management
Lord, Annelle Louise	Academic Advisor (BIOC)	Academic Advising & Retention
McDaniel, Heidi Katrina	Financial Aid Support Specialist	Financial Aid
McGlone, Tyler Scott	Groundskeeper	Landscaping & Grounds Maintenance
McKinney, Jennifer Lynn	ABE Instructor I	Montgomery County Adult Learning Center
Miller, Amy Kile	Data Entry Specialist	Small Business Development Center
Moore, Jerry Leland	Groundskeeper	Landscaping & Grounds Maintenance
Otterson, Helen	Asst. Prof., Sculpture (3D Digital)	Art & Design
Pickering, Carl R.	Instructor, Kinesiology	Kinesiology, Health, & Imaging Sciences
Reis, Carly	Athletics Video Coordinator	Athletics
Rude, Brett	Assistant Football Coach	Football
Smith, Todd Joseph	Visit Asst. Prof., Psychology	Psychology
Southwood, Stacy	Instructor, Nursing	Nursing
Stegall, Andrea	Building Services Tech. (BLDS)	Building Services
Stubbs, Steven Aaron	Inst., Career & Technical Education	Engineering & Technology Management
Trent, Amanda Dawn	Building Services Tech. (BLDS)	Building Services
Truesdell, Jeffrey A.	Building Services Tech. (BLDS)	Building Services
Truesdell, Malinda	Building Services Tech. (BLDS)	Building Services
Umphress, Sarah	Instructor, Biology	Biology & Chemistry
Wallace, Lisa	Instructor, Nursing	Nursing
White, Lorrina Mabry	Reg. Acad. Counseling Coordinator	Nursing
Wolff, Kyle Charles	Asst. Athletic Trainer	Athletics

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SAVE THE DATES

- **Jan. 21:** Open House
- **March 31:** Kentucky Envirothon Training Day for High School Student Teams
- **April 26:** Celebration of Student Scholarship
- **April 29:** Spring Gala
- **May 13:** Commencement

## PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH

The Presidential Search and Screening Advisory Committee will meet today (Jan. 11) at 1:30 p.m. in 201 Howell-McDowell to continue to distill the pool of presidential candidates. The meeting is open to the public and will include a closed session to discuss specific candidates.

With the help of the search firm R. William Funk and Associates, the committee narrowed the number of candidates to 10 at its meeting in December. Since that time, committee members have engaged in gathering more in-depth information about the candidates with the assistance of the search firm. Face-to-face interviews will be conducted by the committee with an undetermined number of candidates in the coming weeks. The committee then plans to provide the Board of Regents with their recommendations for finalists. The 14th president of Morehead State University will begin on July 1, 2017. For more information on the presidential search, visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/presidentialsearch](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/presidentialsearch).

## ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

### CELEBRATION OF STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

The 12th Annual Celebration of Student Scholarship will be held this year from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 26, 2017. Morning oral presentation sessions will be in the Camden-Carroll Library, with the afternoon poster session and awards presentation in Button Auditorium. Last year's Celebration featured 203 student presentations (90 oral presentations and 113 posters) that spotlighted the outstanding efforts of 264 undergraduate and graduate student scholars and their 88 faculty mentors. Awards were made for presentations of special merit as recommended by a panel of 111 faculty, staff and guest judges. Please plan to help us to continue to grow this exciting event by personally attending, sponsoring student presenters, volunteering to judge and encouraging your students to attend in 2017. For more information, please contact Dr. Mike Henson, associate vice president for research and dean of the graduate school, at [m.henson@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:m.henson@moreheadstate.edu).

### KENTUCKY ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING DAY

On March 31, 2017, MSU will host the Kentucky Envirothon training day for high school teams competing in the regional and state Kentucky Envirothon. The event is co-sponsored by Dr. Brent Rogers, Department of Agricultural Sciences, and the Kentucky Envirothon Planning Committee and will be held at the Derrickson Agricultural Complex.

## **DIVISION OF STUDENT SUCCESS**

Organized in 2016, the Division of Student Success includes Intercollegiate Athletics, Student Engagement (Recreation and Wellness; Student Activities, Inclusion and Leadership Development; and Disability Services), Enrollment Services (Admissions, Early College and Financial Aid), Student Affairs (Housing, Student Conduct, Police, Parking, Counseling and Health Services) and Student Academic Success (Advising, Orientation).

Together with the campus community, we strategically plan, implement, assess and improve processes, systems and services to support learning from pre-application to graduation, gainful employment and sustained alumni engagement.

### **ATHLETICS**

Basketball tickets for all remaining home games and discounted tickets for the OVC Tournament are on sale now. Please visit [www.msueagles.com](http://www.msueagles.com) to purchase.

### **ENROLLMENT SERVICES**

An Open House program is scheduled at 1 p.m., Jan. 21 in Button Auditorium. Our guests will be given tickets to the men's and women's basketball games later that day. As students return to campus for the spring semester, if they encounter financial issues, please refer them to the Office of Financial Aid in the Enrollment Services Center, suite 205.

### **STUDENT ACADEMIC SUCCESS**

Faculty play the vital lead role in student success. Daily faculty interaction is critical to the student's intellectual development. Student Academic Success is committed to working in conjunction with faculty to assist all students. When faculty observe barriers to success, including poor attendance, they are encouraged to immediately report concerns. All faculty have access to Retention Alert to elevate concerns and enlist academic advising and support for our students. You can access Retention Alert from MyMoreheadState by selecting the Employee Services tab and then "Retention Alert." You can also access Retention Alert from the "Faculty" tab in WebAdvisor by selecting "Contribute Retention Alert." If you have interest in learning more about Retention Alert or desire any assistance using this tool, please contact Michelle Barber, director of academic advising and retention ([m.barber@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:m.barber@moreheadstate.edu)) or Sara Larson, assistant director of academic advising and retention ([s.larson@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:s.larson@moreheadstate.edu)), or call 783-2084.

Faculty are encouraged to share ways they can engage students in and out of the classroom. An innovative example of faculty student engagement is "Coffee with a Professor." Dr. Robert Boram, professor of physics and science education, piloted the initiative in the fall semester to take small groups to coffee on campus to engage students intellectually and socially. This initiative was funded through a portion of Boram's professional development account funds.

Do you have innovative ideas of how you can engage students? Please share ideas with Dr. John Ernst, associate vice president for student academic success ([j.ernst@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:j.ernst@moreheadstate.edu)), or Lora Pace director of first year programs ([l.pace@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:l.pace@moreheadstate.edu)), or call 783-2084.

### **SOAR**

The Office of First Year Programs will host nine SOAR programs in 2017 on the following dates:

April 20, 21 and 22

June 8, 9, 21, 22 and 23

July 11

Online registration will begin in early February. A revised SOAR schedule will be sent to the campus community in late January.

## **STUDENT AFFAIRS**

### **LiveSafe**

We encourage all students and employees to download and use the LiveSafe app. LiveSafe is a mobile safety communications platform that facilitates discreet and risk-free bystander intervention by community members through information sharing with campus safety officials. Features include campus wayfinding, safety tips and reporting, emergency alert notifications, location sharing and more. LiveSafe is free and available through your app store.

### **Emergency Preparedness**

In the instructional setting, the faculty member is the person to whom students look for direction and leadership when emergency situations arise. Faculty are asked to take a few minutes at the first class meeting each semester to discuss emergency procedures with students and refer them to [www.moreheadstate.edu/emergency](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/emergency).

The Campus Safety Statement for your syllabus is available on "Classroom Resources" link on the Emergency Resources web page. Attention should also be given to those students with disabilities or special needs that may require assistance in the event that evacuation is necessary. Please explore the nearest exit route from your classroom prior to having this discussion with your students and share that specific information as you discuss emergency situations.

Additional information about emergency situations may be found on the "What to do if ..." link on the Emergency Resources web page and on the LiveSafe app. With any emergency, the best advice is to be prepared by familiarizing yourself in advance with emergency procedures. More information is available by contacting Max Ammons, assistant vice president/dean of students ([m.ammons@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:m.ammons@moreheadstate.edu)), 783-2014 or by visiting [www.moreheadstate.edu/emergency](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/emergency).

### **Active Shooter Training**

MSUPD will provide training for students, faculty and staff in "Guidance for Surviving an Active Shooter Situation." The training takes approximately 60-75 minutes. Contact Chief Merrell Harrison at 783-2822 to schedule.

### **Counseling & Health Services**

Flu vaccines are still available. Vaccines can be given any time during regular clinic hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please bring your insurance card.

The Counseling, Health and Dental Services office is expanding services to employees-acute illness care, travel clinic and immunization services, biometric screenings, and dental services. More information is available from Dr. Shannon Smith-Stephens, director of counseling and health services ([s.smithstephens@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:s.smithstephens@moreheadstate.edu)), or by calling 783-2123. Additional information is available at [www.moreheadstate.edu/chs](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/chs).

### **Living-Learning Communities (LLCs)**

LLCs are a partnership between academic affairs and student housing, which provide valuable opportunities to enhance student learning. By integrating formal academics into the student life experience, LLCs facilitate a seamless learning experience that also increases student engagement on campus. Departments/faculty interested in getting involved or establishing new LLCs for next year should contact the housing office at 783-2060.

## STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

### Recreation & Wellness Center

The new year is a great time to check out the offerings in the Recreation & Wellness Center (RWC). A wide variety of exercise and weight equipment are available to meet your fitness needs. Lifeguard classes are available, along with intramural activities for faculty and staff. Day hikes, outdoor activities and open challenge course time will be offered throughout the spring semester. Keep abreast of the RWC hours and programs at [www.moreheadstate.edu/campusrec](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/campusrec) or call 783-2082 for more information. Please note that the center will be closed Thursday, Jan. 12, and Friday, Jan. 13 for staff training. The facility will re-open at 9 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 14.

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## POINTS OF PRIDE

### CAUDILL COLLEGE OF ARTS, HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

- Christopher Field, art and design assistant professor, together with his wife Sarah West (W/Field Workshop) utilized their backgrounds in architecture, public art and digital technologies to create their ArtPrize Eight entry, *As I went over the water, the water went over me*. The installation, which received a \$10,000 grant through the inaugural ArtPrize Featured Public Projects program, was displayed at Gillett Bridge in Grand Rapids, Michigan, in September and October, 2016. This installation created a physical experience for ArtPrize Eight visitors. The wooden forms mimicked a partially submerged creature, and individually-controlled LED flood lights created the impression of a “breathing” sculpture. W/Field Workshop has produced public projects in numerous cities across the country including Nashville, Boston and Minneapolis.
- Gary Mesa-Gaido, art and design professor, presented two panoramic photographs in the invitational exhibit, *Take Ten: The Gallery Celebrates a Decade of Contemporary Art*, sponsored by the Pennsylvania College of Technology in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. Out of 55 solo exhibitions and more than 20 group and traveling exhibitions, Mesa-Gaido was one of only 25 artists invited to participate in the Penn College Gallery’s 10th Anniversary exhibit. Mesa-Gaido is included in the exhibit’s publication, including a color image of one of his photographs, an artist statement and bio. The Gallery Director, Penny Lutz, stated in the publication, “The 25 artists were chosen for various reasons: the impact their show made on our campus or in our community and the impact their work has made in the larger world.” The exhibition was on display from Aug. 25 through Oct. 9, 2016. The pieces were created with support from an MSU Creative Productions Grant.
- Elizabeth Mesa-Gaido, art and design professor, had 12 pieces from her Then & Now Series juried into the blind peer-reviewed, regionally juried (six states), *58th Mid-States Arts Exhibition*, at the Evansville Museum of Arts, History and Science in Indiana. The exhibit will be displayed from Dec. 11, 2016, through March 5, 2017, and was juried by Irina Toshkova, Gallery Director of the New Gallery of Modern Art in Charlotte, North Carolina. All 12 of Mesa-Gaido’s selected pieces were created with support from an MSU Creative Productions Summer Fellowship.
- For the fifth consecutive year the MA in English program was named a “Top 20” online program by The Best Masters’ Degrees ([bestmastersdegrees.com](http://bestmastersdegrees.com)). The 2016 review ranks MSU number 20 of the 30 Most Affordable Top Ranked Schools for an Online Master’s in English Degree. The reviewers recognized the program for providing students with a comprehensive study of linguistics, literary works, and technical and creative writing and for being taught the same way as the on-campus degree, with the exception of delivery. The Best Masters’ Degrees reviewed 53 top ranked schools that offer an online master’s in English, English literature, teaching English or a related program. They examined school rankings from major publications like Forbes magazine, The Princeton Review and U.S. News and World Report, and then chose the 30 most affordable programs based on the most recent graduate tuition/fees listed by NCEC College Navigator. They list the most affordable school in their #1 spot.



- The following books and articles were published by faculty in the Department of History, Philosophy, International and Legal Studies:
  - DuRocher, K.A. (2016) *Ida B. Wells: Social Activist and Refomer*. Routledge Press.
  - Zhu, J, G.A O'Dell, E.L. Lauder milk, G. Bogosian, J.C. Currens, S.E. Webb and P. Bogosian (2016) "Locating a Sealed Cave in Kentucky Using Electrical Resistivity Surveys." *AIMS Geosciences* 2 (1): 32-44.
  - Weir, J. (2016) "Abortion: A New Argument from Evolutionary Psychology," *Philosophy in the Contemporary World*.
- Assistant Professor Tamera N. Izlar presented a paper entitled "The Awakening: Reexamining, Marketing, and Introducing New Audiences to August Wilson's Pulitzer-Prize Winning Play, *Fences*" at *An August Occasion: A National Conference on the Life and Legacy of August Wilson* at Howard University in Washington D.C. (October 6-8, 2016).
- For the third time since 2014, a production by the MSU Theatre's The Little Company (*Einstein's Dreams*) was selected to perform at the Kennedy Center American Collegiate Theatre Festival Region IV from Feb. 8-11, 2017, in Statesboro, Georgia. Kentucky is one of nine states represented in the Region IV Festival and Morehead State is the only school in the state of Kentucky to be selected to perform. In fact, each time a production has been entered for consideration, it has been selected. In addition to the selection of the production itself, the MSU student designers, stage manager and assistant director were also chosen to compete in their respective areas of expertise. The other productions previously selected to perform at the Kennedy Center American Collegiate Theatre Festival Region IV are *This Is Not a Pipe Dream* (Feb. 2014) and *Amelia Earhart* (Feb. 2015).
- Becky Davison and Deirdra Robinson-Phipps, instructors of social work in the Department of Sociology, Social Work and Criminology, presented "Maintaining the Integrity of Field Education Placements: Challenges & Opportunities for Social Work Students at a Regional Service University in Rural Appalachia" during the Annual Fall Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education in Atlanta, Georgia.

## COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY

### FACULTY AWARDS

- Dr. Ken Henderson, associate professor of marketing, received the 2016 Meritorious Teaching Award from the Marketing Management Association at their 2016 Fall Educators Conference.
- Dr. Bo Shi, assistant professor of finance, received the 2016 Best Published Paper Award from the Asia-Pacific Journal of Risk and Insurance. The Asia-Pacific Journal of Risk and Insurance is one of the top journals in the field of finance/risk management and insurance.
- Dr. Hans Chapman, associate professor of engineering and technology management, was recognized for making positive impact on academic performance of MSU's students athletes during MSU Football Senior Day on November 12, 2016.

### FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

- Dr. Michelle Kunz, professor of marketing, published an article, "A Proposed Investigation of Corporate Social Responsibility Reporting on Fortune 500 Corporate Websites," in the *Journal of Leadership, Accountability, and Ethics*.
- Dr. Karen Pierce, associate professor of accounting, published an article entitled "Final Regulations on the Deductibility of Estate and Trust Costs" in *Practical Tax Strategies*.

- Dr. John Nelson, assistant professor of management, published an article, "Identifying New Organizational Practices by Considering Different Perspectives: An Ethics Management Example," in the *Industrial and Organizational Psychology: Perspectives on Science and Practice* journal.
- Dr. Hans Chapman, associate professor of engineering and technology management, was a presenter and co-presenter in three conference papers at the annual Association of Technology, Management, and Applied Engineering (ATMAE) Conference held in Orlando, Florida, in November 2016.
- Dr. Sanghyun Lee, assistant professor of engineering and technology management, presented two papers at the annual Association of Technology, Management, and Applied Engineering (ATMAE) Conference held in Orlando, Florida, in November 2016.
- Dr. Jorge Alberto Ortega-Moody, assistant professor of engineering and technology management, presented "Virtual Production Line Development" at the annual Association of Technology, Management, and Applied Engineering (ATMAE) Conference held in Orlando, Florida, in November 2016.
- Dr. Nilesh Joshi, associate professor of engineering and technology management, presented and co-presented three papers at the annual Association of Technology, Management, and Applied Engineering (ATMAE) Conference held in Orlando, FL in November 2016.

## **STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Engineering and technology management students in the ETM 499C Senior Project class achieved 100 percent pass rate in the Certified Technology Manager (CTM) Exit Exam administered by the Association of Technology, Management, and Applied Engineering (ATMAE). The average national pass rate from a composite group of more than 1,000 examinees from approximately 50 institutions is 64 percent.

## **COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

- Dr. Kimberlee Sharp, associate professor of education in the Department of Middle Grades and Secondary Education, recently received a letter of commendation from the Kentucky Valley Educational Cooperative, celebrating her contributions to schools of the region. Dr. Will Kayatin, senior director for Higher Education Affairs at KVEC, wrote, "Dr. Sharp has served on numerous PETLL teams in multiple schools and districts in the KVEC and MSU service region. She has also provided co-leadership for the PETLL field-based leadership initiative in some schools, working shoulder-to-shoulder alongside school administrators and teachers as we identified, enhanced and shared the many professional talents our school leaders possess. Not only has PETLL expanded to become fully operational in 50 schools in 17 districts, PETLL has also garnered national notoriety as an innovative, practitioner-created solution to bridge the art and science of teaching for the benefit of students. As such, Dr. Sharp has been a key team member of select professors from across the region KVEC has employed to be a part of this special work that continues to change the life trajectories of our children."
- "Building Math in CTE: Computational Thinking & Construction" was funded by the Council on Postsecondary Education for \$130,000 through the Improving Educator Quality (IEQ) grant program. The research-based professional development project is a collaborative effort of personnel from MSU Career and Technical Education, the 21st Century Education Enterprise and the Department of Mathematics and Physics. Building Math in CTE: Computational Thinking & Construction will lead high school mathematics and CTE teachers in collaborating to design and implement Kentucky Academic Standards (KAS) aligned instruction that fosters classroom environments rich in authentic mathematical practices to improve college and career readiness among their students.

## RESEARCH AND SPONSORED PROGRAMS

- External funding at Morehead State University continues to increase because of the exceptional efforts of faculty and staff. During the 2015-16 academic year, 188 grant proposals and contracts were submitted. The total funding for all requests submitted was \$21,531,682 with the total for awards funded to date being \$15,184,938, a 3.7% increase over last year. Fourteen proposals totaling \$1,583,095 are still in pending status. The total request for indirect facilities and administrative (F&A) costs is \$1,657,645 (a 16.6% increase over last year), with \$805,773 currently funded (a 21.7% increase).
- The Appalachian Health and Research Center (AHRC) is a collaboration of Morehead State University, St. Claire Regional Medical Center and others that is dedicated to enhancing collaborative research that addresses health issues faced by Appalachian Kentucky and beyond. Programs that empower this initiative include the MSU/AHRC Research Seed Grants, which are \$5K awards to promote collaborative research with AHRC partners to enhance the competitiveness of full-time MSU faculty and staff pursuing external funds to support their scholarship and the MSU/AHRC Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program, which provides undergraduate students with opportunities to work with faculty mentors from MSU and AHRC partners on research projects. This year's successful seed grant project proposals and AHRC Undergraduate Research Mentors include:
  - **Chronic Upper Body Pain among Sonographers:**  
Wretha Goodpaster, associate professor of imaging sciences, Marcia Cooper, associate professor of imaging sciences, Gina Gonzalez, associate professor of kinesiology, Manuel Probst, associate professor of kinesiology, Anthony Dotson, assistant professor of imaging sciences – Department of Kinesiology, Health, and Imaging Sciences, Morehead State University; Theresa Holland, Rhonda Thomas – St. Claire Regional Medical Center
  - **Detection of Obstructive Sleep Apnea through Investigating the Effect of Obstructive Sleep Apnea on Respiratory Sinus Arrhythmia**  
Shahrokh Sani, assistant professor of computer science – School of Engineering and Information Systems, Morehead State University; Randy McCleese – St. Claire Regional Medical Center.

## COLLEGE OF SCIENCE

- The Council on Postsecondary Education awarded \$390,000 in federal funds to three universities to support professional development for P-12 career and technical education teachers. Each university will work with its school of arts and sciences, teacher preparation program and at least one high-need local school district. Morehead State University will receive \$130,000. MSU's project is to build math skills in computational thinking and construction.
- Dr. C. Brent Rogers, associate professor of agriculture, is now in the fifth cycle of a long term project on using cover crops to improve soil health. This project has supported the efforts of undergraduate researchers and currently an honors student researcher. Multiple posters and presentations have been based on this project. It is co-operative with Maysville Community and Technical College and the Natural Resources Conservation Service.
- The Department of Nursing will expand its BSN program in the spring 2017 semester. The program has been running at maximum capacity of 60 students and will be able to double in size with this expansion.
- Associate Professor of Astrophysics & Space Science Dr. Thomas Pannuti's research on supernova remnants was recently featured on the web page of the Chandra X-ray Observatory. On Oct. 14, the Chandra X-ray Observatory celebrated American Archive Month by releasing a collection of images from datasets contained in its archive. Among the six objects featured was CTB 37A, a Galactic supernova remnant that Pannuti analyzed in a paper published in 2014. William Moffitt, a co-author on that paper and former undergraduate student at MSU, is currently pursuing graduate studies in the Department of Physics at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville.

- Dr. Doug Chatham, associate professor of mathematics, published an article on the maximum queens problem in *Recreational Mathematics Magazine*.
- Undergraduates Bethany Alloway, Marla Ferguson and Iris Johnson, under supervision of Dr. Mike Dobranski, associate professor of mathematics, completed "Daniel Boone National Forest Bird Data Analysis" for the US Forest Service and presented a poster on their findings at the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM) national meeting in Boston.
- Five MSU students won research awards at the Kentucky Academy of Science Research Competition:
  - Botany – 1st Place, Breanna Knicely
  - Engineering – 1st Place, Michael Tyler Edlin; 2nd Place, Adam Stanley; 3rd Place, Adolfo Enrique Samudio Cano
  - Mathematics – 2nd Place, Connor Owens; 2nd Place, Zackary Kiser
  - Microbiology – 3rd Place, Megan Peterson
  - Physics and Astronomy – 2nd Place, Joshua Allen
  - Physiology and Biochemistry – 3rd Place, Rachel Hudson
  - Psychology – 2nd Place, Samuel Case; 3rd Place, Zoe Becerra
  - Zoology – 1st Place, Brandon Yates
- Dr. Kent Price, associate professor of physics, received the 2016 George B. Pegram Prize for Outstanding Achievement in Physics Education awarded by the Southeastern Section of the American Physical Society in Nov. 2016.

## ATHLETICS

- Jamie Thomas, assistant director of athletics for student athlete service, was selected as a member of the CPE Diversity Task Force.
- Brian Hutchinson, director of athletics, is serving as chair of the NCAA Division I Football Championship Committee.
- Jake Raymond is the Pioneer Football League all-time receptions leader with 263.
- Austin Gahafer is the Pioneer Football League all-time leader in passing yards and total offense.
- Austin Gahafer is a finalist for the Walter Payton Award, the highest honor bestowed to a Football Championship Subdivision student-athlete.
- Colt Briggs was named CoSIDA First Team Academic All-District.
- Freshman runner Farah Abdulkarim was named to the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association All-Southeast Region Team.

## ENGAGEMENT

- Morehead State University finished 11th out of 89 participating colleges/universities in the 2016 Outdoor Nation Campus Challenge. MSU had 413 active participants who logged 2,343 entries. The challenge uses prize incentives and competition to promote connecting adults and youth to the outdoors. The MSU Recreation & Wellness Center received over \$2,500 in merchandise and funds to support the Outdoor Adventure programs.
- The Office of Student Activities, Inclusion and Leadership Development (SAIL) coordinated a committee of campus-wide partners to support the inclusion of our LGBTQ community. The committee reviewed campus materials and facility accommodations listed in the Campus Pride Index. The Campus Pride Index is a benchmark assessment that allows individuals to view a rating of support for the LGBTQ community at higher education institutions.

- The Office of Student Activities, Inclusion and Leadership Development (SAIL) collaborated with the athletic department to re-establish a “pep rally” during the week of Homecoming. This annual event will promote tradition and points of pride for the MSU community.
- The Kentucky Intramural-Recreational Sports Association (KIRSA) has selected Morehead State University to host their annual state workshop for 2017.

## **ENROLLMENT SERVICES**

- MSU inducted 47 new members into Tau Sigma, the national honor society for transfer students.
- Ninety-five percent of survey respondents rate our campus visit as “Excellent.”

## **STUDENT ACADEMIC SUCCESS**

- The Eagle Diversity Education Center recorded over 1,000 student visits in Fall 2016 for either study sessions, workshops or social gatherings.
- Cory Clark, minority academic services coordinator, was elected vice president of the Kentucky Association of Blacks in Higher Education and assisted in coordinating the regional drive-in meeting for the Northwest region held at Transylvania University in Lexington, Kentucky.
- Lora Pace, director of first year programs, will be presenting “The Evolution of a Summer Bridge Program,” at the national 34th Annual First Year Experience Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, in February 2017.
- Pat DiSalvio, a Morehead State University punter, received Academic All-PFL honors for the third consecutive year. DiSalvio has a 3.83 GPA in biomedical science and serves as a peer coach in the MSU Center for Student Academic Success.
- Colt Briggs, a Morehead State University defensive lineman, was named an Academic All-American. Briggs has a 3.8 GPA in biomedical science and serves as a tutor in the MSU Center for Student Academic Success.
- The Office of Career Services had a record 99 employers and graduate programs attend the Fall 2016 Career Fair.

## **STUDENT AFFAIRS**

- MSU opened its largest residence hall, Andrews Hall, which is also the first, new non-apartment residence hall since 1969.
- Student Director Zack White was named the Kentucky Association of Residence Halls “Student of the Year” award winner at the KAHO annual conference. White was also named MSU Housing Student Staff of the Year.
- Assistant Director for Housing, Leslie Barger, was awarded a Kentucky Association of Residence Halls Service Award at the KAHO annual conference
- Area Coordinator for Housing, John Haky, was named as the Kentucky Association of Residence Halls organizational advisor, advising this state-wide student organization
- Counseling and Health Services increased services to MSU employees. Medical services include acute care, chronic care and wellness visits, as well as dental prophylactic and restorative visits. Take advantage of the great care available without leaving campus.
- MSU Counseling and Health Services is leading a medical/dental service learning experience to the impoverished community of Ciudad Espana, Honduras. This opportunity was made possible by the Appalachian Regional Commission grant, allowing our students the chance to help this struggling community.

## UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT

- There are 11 new recordings that feature seven current students, six recent graduates and six staff from the Kentucky Center for Traditional Music. Two of these recordings are currently on the Billboard charts. Some of the songs involved were written in Lecturer/Instructor, Ruth McLain Smith's, Songwriting and Publishing class. Some were recorded in the Traditional Music Studio with instruction, mentoring, engineering and production oversight from Jesse Wells, music archivist/instructor of traditional music. All the artists have organized multi-state tours to promote them.
  - Students, declared traditional music majors, Lauren and Leanna Price – self-titled recording on Rebel Records, one of the premier Bluegrass record labels. It is currently on the Billboard charts.
  - Students, declared traditional music majors David Austin Tackett and Matthew Holleran, recent graduate Andrew Preston (double major, traditional music/psychology), and former student Melissa Caskey (The WoodSheep) – “Watching Mars”
  - Staff, Jesse Wells (The Wooks) – “Little Circles,” This week, it is a Top 10 record according to Billboard Magazine’s Bluegrass Chart.
  - Recent graduates Linda Jean Stokley (traditional music) and Susan Montanna Hobbs (double major, traditional music/jazz studies) (The Local Honeys) – “Little Girls Acting Like Men”
  - Student, declared traditional music major Becki Alfrey, accompanied by Andy Brown, Ruth McLain, Raymond McLain, Austin Tackett and produced by recent graduate Andrew Preston – “Three Mile Creek”
  - Recent graduate, traditional music Thomas Albert and staff member Sarah Wood, accompanied by Ruth McLain and Jesse Wells – “Hard For To Love”
  - Student, declared traditional music major Sarah Kate Morgan – “Jubilee”
  - Recent graduate, traditional music major and current graduate student in MSU's MBA program, Michelle Canning – “Flower And The Serpent”
  - Recent graduate, convergent media major/traditional music minor Tanner Blevens (Wicked Peace) – “The Edge”
  - Staff, Stephanie Jeter – “Missing Piece”
  - Staff, Ruth McLain Smith (AI, Alice & Ruth) – “’Tis A Gift”
- Staff from Alumni Relations & Development and Communications & Marketing won nine CASE-KY awards for publications, events and projects executed in 2016.



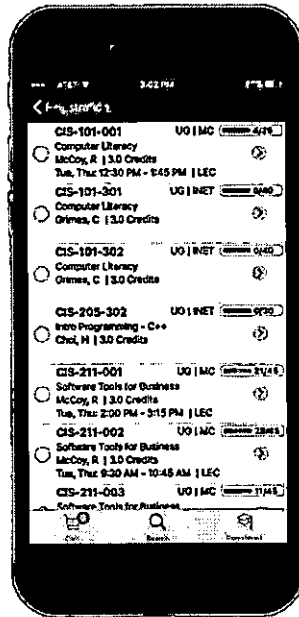
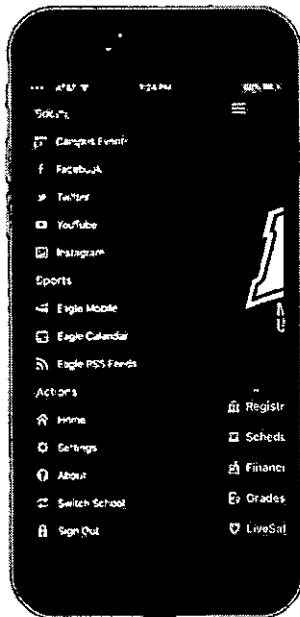
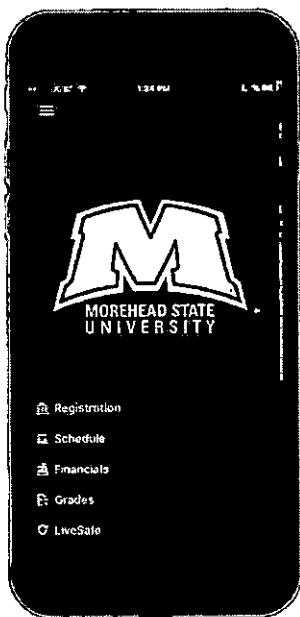
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