



Convocation Fall 2016

August 10, 2016

Morehead State University



MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY
CONVOCATION

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Presiding Dr. Steven Ralston, Provost

Pre-Convocation Music (MSU Music Faculty recordings)

- I. Welcome
- II. Introduction of New Faculty & Staff
- III. Announcements & Updates
- IV. Presidential Search Update by
Board of Regents Chair Paul C. Goodpaster
- V. Award Presentations
- VI. Remarks by Provost Steven Ralston
- VII. Remarks by President Wayne D. Andrews
- VIII. Morehead State University Alma Mater
Led by Dr. Roma Prindle and accompanied by Dr. Paul Taylor

Music provided by faculty in the School of Music, Theatre and Dance

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
the 2016 Campus Campaign Kickoff Luncheon.**

**Immediately following Convocation in Button Drill Room
11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.**

*First-year students move into residence halls from 1 to 7 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 10,
and 9 to 11 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 11.*

Faculty and staff are encouraged to volunteer.

Welcome new employees

(New hires since Aug. 12, 2015)

Name	Job Title	Department
Adkins, Shayla Rasche	Administrative Support/CMMS Specialist	Facilities Management
Antos, Michael Bridger	Police Telecommunicator	Police Department
Bailey, Jason	Visiting Asst. Professor, Legal Studies	History, Philosophy, International Studies & Legal Studies
Baker, Kody Michael	Book Specialist	University Bookstore
Barrett, Lindsey	Advanced Practice Registered Nurse	Counseling & Health Services
Barrette, Randy Lee	Instructor, Education	Middle Grades & Secondary Ed.
Bentley, Jason	Vice President, Student Success	Student Success
Blakely, Camilla M.	Academic Advisor (DCML/DENG)	Academic Advising & Retention
Blakely, Christopher W.	Minority Retention Coordinator	Academic Advising & Retention
Blanco, Danielle N	Enrollment Services Specialist	Enrollment Services
Butler, Christopher Lee	Enterprise Constituent Relations Management Specialist	Information Technology
Butler, Sandra	Building Services Technician	Building Services
Bycyra, Miescha	Instructor, Spanish	Communication Media & Languages
Conner, Charles D.	Research Scientist (DSP)	Space Science Center
Crawford, Jenny Leigh	Building Services Technician	Building Services
Curd, Joseph Brownlee	Instructor, Construction & Civil Engineering Technology	Engineering & Information Systems
Dickerson, Timothy	Building Services Technician	Building Services
Dillion, Candy	Building Services Technician	Building Services
Duck, Dominique I.	Asst. Basketball Coach	Basketball, Women's
Ferrell, David Lee	Instructor, Social Work	Sociology, Social Work & Criminology
Finnegan, Sarah	Hall Director	Housing & Residence Education
Frazier, Telissa	Instructor, Nursing	Nursing
Geiger, Matthew R	Instructor, Music (Jazz/Percussion)	School of Music, Theatre & Dance
Getchell, Morgan Colene	Asst. Professor, Communication	Communication Media & Languages
Green, Georgette	Instructor, Nursing	Nursing
Hackney, Mollie	Cook/Food Services Worker	Carl Perkins Vocational Center
Hall, Jason M	Police Officer	Police Department
Hatfield, Virginia	Visiting Asst. Professor, Education	Foundational & Graduate Studies in Ed.
Hayes, William	Technical Director/Scene Shop Supervisor/Instructor	School of Music, Theatre & Dance
Hill, Patrick Carl	Asst. Football Coach	Football
Izlar, Tamera	Asst. Professor, Theatre	School of Music, Theatre & Dance
Jump, Abby F.	Asst. Basketball Coach	Basketball, Women's
Kash, Olivia Dalton	Enrollment Services Counselor	Enrollment Services
Lydeard, Charles	Department Chair, Biology & Chemistry	Biology & Chemistry
Miller, Wayne Creger	Dean, College of Science	College of Science
Moore, Robyn	Asst. Professor, Photography	Art & Design
Motley, Maci	Project Coordinator	Construction & Engineering Services
Murphy, William	Instructor, Music	School of Music, Theatre & Dance
Otterson, Helen	Asst. Professor, Sculpture (3D Digital)	Art & Design

Name	Job Title	Department
Pappas, Thomas C.	Visiting Asst. Professor, Oboe/Theory	School of Music, Theatre & Dance
Scott, Rebecca E.	Costume Shop Supervisor/Instructor	School of Music, Theatre & Dance
Singletary, Thomas A.	Visiting Asst. Professor/Assoc. Director of Bands	School of Music, Theatre & Dance
Socha-Mower, Tonia M.	Coordinator, Dental Services/Hygienist	Counseling & Health Services
Sturgill, Aaron	Building Services Technician	Building Services
Thomas, Jamie	Asst. Director, Athletics/Student Athlete Services & SWA	Office of Athletics
Turner, Justin	Asst. Professor, Criminology	Sociology, Social Work & Criminology
Walker, Debra Kay	Instructor, Special Education	Early Childhood, Elem. & Special Ed,
Webb, Chad Evert	HVAC Technician	Building Maintenance
White, Samantha Ann	Building Services Technician	Building Services
Wright, Christina Jo	Dev. Education Reading Instructor	Instructional Services
Yeates, Richard	Asst. Professor, Theatre/Scene Design & Stage Lighting	School of Music, Theatre & Dance
Yungbluth, Adam	Visiting Asst. Professor, Ceramics	Art & Design

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE DATES

- **Family Weekend – Sept. 17**
- **4th Annual Business & Technology Beyond the Classroom Student Conference – Sept. 29**
- **Enrollment Services Open House Programs – Oct. 1, 29 and Nov. 12**
- **Fall Career Fair – Oct. 4**
- **Homecoming – Oct. 13-15**
- **Fall Funding & Grant Writing Symposium – Oct. 20**

PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH

The search for the next president of Morehead State University is well underway. Members of the Presidential Search & Screening Advisory Committee will hold a forum for University employees at 1 p.m., Monday, Aug. 22, in Button Auditorium. There also will be additional forums held in the month of August at other locations to get feedback from students and citizens of our service region. These forums will be your chance to provide input on the desired qualities of the next individual who will lead MSU into the future.

Additional forums will be held at the following times and locations:

Ashland

Friday, Aug. 19

4:30 p.m.

MSU at Ashland Campus
1400 College Dr.

Mt. Sterling

Tuesday, Aug. 16

4:30 p.m.

MSU at Mt. Sterling Campus
3400 Indian Mound Dr.

Maysville

Monday, Aug. 15

4:30 p.m.

Maysville Community & Technical College
1755 U.S. Highway 68

Morehead (Community)

Monday, Aug. 22

4:30 p.m.

Morehead Conference Center
111 E. 1st St.

The next meeting of the Presidential Search & Screening Advisory Committee will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 26, in the CHER Building, DeMoss Suite.

For more information on the presidential search, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/presidentialsearch.

CAMPUS GIVING CAMPAIGN

Make your 2016 Campus Campaign gift to the Eagle Emergency Loan Fund. The Eagle Emergency Loan Fund (EELF) is a faculty and staff supported fund that provides short-term, interest-free loans to students facing unexpected financial barriers that interfere with their ability to continue their education. Since the creation of the fund in January 2016, the EELF has awarded nearly \$2,000 to students facing various financial challenges, such as reduced income with which to support their family due to practicum requirements and the inability to pay for a unique educational opportunity.

Have another fund interest? Your Campus Campaign gift can support any fund that you choose. For more information on the Campus Giving Campaign, as well as instructions for how to sign up on convenient payroll deduction, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/campuscampaign.

CELEBRATION OF STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

The 12th annual Celebration of Student Scholarship will be held this year in from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 26, 2017, in Camden-Carroll Library and Button Auditorium. Last year, the celebration featured 204 student presentations (90 oral presentations and 114 posters) that spotlighted the outstanding efforts of 265 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 all of your students to attend. This event is open to the public. For more information, contact Dr. Mike Henson, associate vice president for research and dean of the graduate school, at m.henson@moreheadstate.edu.

CENTER FOR LEADERSHIP & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WEBINARS

The Center for Leadership and Professional Development is providing 24/7 access to over 300 webinars through a password protected Blackboard site. Developed by Magna, these webinars fall into five categories: (1) teaching face-to-face; (2) teaching blended or flipped; (3) teaching online; (4) distance education administration; and (5) academic administration. Certificates of completion are available for each webinar. To request access to the Blackboard shell, contact Janet McCoy at j.mccoy@moreheadstate.edu. For more information, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/clpdresources.

NOMINATIONS FOR DISTINGUISHED TEACHER AWARD

The Excellence in Teaching Committee is requesting nominations for the 2017 Distinguished Teacher Award. Faculty eligible for nomination must meet all four of these criteria: (1) primary responsibility is teaching; (2) teach face-to-face, online and/or hybrid classes; (3) earned tenure; and (4) not a previous award recipient. MSU students, alumni and employees are encouraged to submit nominations to the Office of the Provost. The deadline for submission is 4:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 17. More information is available online at www.moreheadstate.edu/distinguishedteacher.

COUNSELING & HEALTH SERVICES

Counseling, Health and Dental Services is expanding services to employees as appointments are available. Services now include illness care, travel clinic and immunization services, biometric screenings and dental services, to name a few. For additional information, contact Dr. Shannon Smith-Stephens at 783-2055 or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/chs.

Travel clinic services are now offered to all faculty, staff and students.

- Initial consultation and pre-travel examination
- Vaccination review and administration (including Yellow Fever Vaccine)
- Travel medication
- Post-travel examination and treatment

CRAFT ACADEMY FOR EXCELLENCE IN SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

We welcome 60 new students into our second Craft Academy class. We are now at full capacity with 120 students.

EAGLE CAREERNET IS LIVE

The Office of Career Services has launched Eagle CareerNet to replace MSU JobLink. Eagle CareerNet is designed to help students/alumni better connect with employers and graduate programs, in addition to providing robust job and internship resources, plus access to company and career events.

For more information, call 783-2233 or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/career.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS RESPONSE

In the instructional setting, the faculty member is the person to students should look to 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 the Emergency Resources website at www.moreheadstate.edu/emergency.

Faculty members are asked to document this process by following directions on the classroom resources link of the Emergency Resources web page. Attention also should be given to those students with disabilities or special needs that may require assistance in the event that evacuation is necessary. A general emergency evacuation plan has been developed for each campus building and is available at www.moreheadstate.edu/emergency. Evacuation directions may be specific to individual rooms and venues. 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.

Some emergency situations will require a “shelter in place” response rather than an evacuation. With any emergency, the best advice is to be prepared by familiarizing yourself in advance with emergency procedures. More information is available by contacting the Office of Student Success at 783-2070 or visiting www.moreheadstate.edu/emergency.

FALL CAREER FAIR

Morehead State University will host the fall Career Fair from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 4, in the Laughlin Health Building. At the career fair, students have the opportunity to network with employers and graduate schools, learn about internship opportunities, practice interacting in a professional setting, and may even be given an on-the-spot job interview. We expect over 80 employers and graduate programs to attend, and we consistently find that over 50 percent of the registered organizations recruit students of all majors. Please encourage your students to attend at all stages of their college experience.

FALL FUNDING AND GRANT WRITING SYMPOSIUM

The 2016 symposium will be held on Thursday, Oct. 20. The program will be relevant to faculty and staff from all disciplines and will feature morning and afternoon workshop presentations. Details on this evolving event will be forthcoming. For more information, contact Darlene Allen, director of pre-award administration, Research and Sponsored Programs, at d.allen@moreheadstate.edu.

MUCH MORE CONNECTED

The Much More Connected technology infrastructure project will be completed this fall. The remaining smaller buildings and outdoor Wi-Fi will be coming online this semester. MSU's legacy phone system will be replaced with a cloud hosted Unified Communications service. Questions may be directed to Steve Richmond, chief information officer, at 783-2068 or the IT Helpdesk at 783-HELP.

NEW STUDENT INDUCTION CEREMONY

The incoming freshman class will be inducted as the Class of 2020 on Thursday, Aug. 11, in the Laughlin Health Building gym/multi-purpose room. Academic regalia required (faculty and staff line up at 3:30 p.m. in the hall connecting Laughlin and Wetherby Gym).

REFER A PROSPECTIVE STUDENT

Are you the parent or grandparent of a high school student? Do you know a high school student that would benefit from the MSU experience? Help us connect with him or her so we can share information about our quality academic programs and our personalized student success efforts. By clicking on "Get Info" from the homepage, a student can submit his/her contact information and will start receiving recruitment material from MSU.

Each one – reach one.

UNIVERSITY FAMILY PICNIC

The annual faculty/staff opening of the year picnic will be held in conjunction with Family Weekend prior to the football game on Saturday, Sept. 17. To make reservations, contact the Office of Alumni Relations and Development at 783-2033 or events@moreheadstate.edu.

VEHICLE REGISTRATION/PARKING SYSTEM

The Traffic Office is located in 100 Laughlin Health Building in the Police Department. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Extended hours will be from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Aug. 10, 11 and 12, and 8 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Aug. 13. Address questions to 783-2220 or traffic@moreheadstate.edu. Updated regulations are available at www.moreheadstate.edu/police.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW STUDENT MOVE-IN

Faculty and staff are asked to volunteer a few hours on the afternoon of Wednesday, Aug. 10, and the morning of Thursday, Aug. 11.

AWARD RECIPIENTS

DR. STACY BAKER, PROFESSOR OF MUSIC TUBA/EUPHONIUM, DISTINGUISHED CREATIVE PRODUCTIONS

Dr. Baker has been with MSU since 1996.

She received both her M.M. and B.M. degrees from the University of Michigan where she graduated summa cum laude as a James B. Angell Scholar. She holds a D.M.A. in performance and literature with highest honors from the University of Illinois.

The 2014-15 Distinguished Teacher, Baker has toured and recorded throughout the United States, Europe and China as soloist, and as a founding member of SymbiosisDuo, the tuba/euphonium quartet JUNCTION, the IWBC's Monarch Brass, and the Athena Brass Band as well as with the Lexington Brass Band and MSU's Horizon Brass quintet. Baker also has performed as principal tubist with the Warren Symphony and the Allen Park Symphony, and as substitute tubist with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, the Illinois Symphony, the Champaign/Urbana Symphony, the Danville Symphony, the Owensboro Symphony and the Lexington Philharmonic.

DR. DAVID EISENHOUR, PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGY, DISTINGUISHED RESEARCHER

Dr. Eisenhour received his bachelor's degree from Evangel College, his master's degree from the University of Tennessee and his doctoral from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale.

He began teaching at MSU in 1997.

Eisenhour has presented numerous papers at conferences around the state and country.

His main area of research is documenting biodiversity of North American freshwater fishes, concentrating on those of the central United States, especially Kentucky. A former faculty senate member, he is the current curator of the Ichthyology Museum and Mammalogy Museum

DR. KAREN TAYLOR ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF FRENCH, DISTINGUISHED TEACHER AWARD

Dr. Taylor has been with MSU since 2002.

Taylor is the assistant director of the George M. Luckey Jr. Academic Honors Program.

She holds a Ph.D. degree in romance languages from the University of Georgia, and taught French and women's studies at the university level before coming to Morehead State. A native of England, she received her B.A. degree at the University of Liverpool, and spent a year teaching middle and high school English in the north of France.

Her research interest is in the French Middle Ages, and focuses on feminist interpretations of the literature and culture of that period. She has several publications in her field, including her book "Gender Transgressions: Crossing the Normative Barrier in Medieval French Literature."

DR. KRISTINA DUROCHER, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF HISTORY, DISTINGUISHED FACULTY SERVICE AWARD

Dr. DuRocher joined MSU in 2005.

She has published two books, "Raising Racists" (2011) and "Ida B. Wells" (2016), a number of book chapters, and presented at more than 20 conference and speaking engagements.

She is the founder and advisor of the MSU Historical Society and MSU Service Dog Association.

DuRocher earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Michigan State University and her master's and doctoral degrees from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

JOSEPH C. FRALEY, FARM MANAGER, DISTINGUISHED STAFF SERVICE AWARD

Fraley began at MSU in 1994 as a staff technician in the equine unit. In 2006, he was promoted to farm manager.

He received both his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science from MSU.

Fraley has completed MSU's President's Leadership Academy along with the Kentucky Agriculture Leadership Program. A current member of Staff Congress, he has served on numerous local and state boards/committees.

POINTS OF PRIDE

CAUDILL COLLEGE OF ARTS, HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

- Dr. Julia Finch, assistant professor of art and design, published a book chapter, Visual Literacy and Art History: Teaching Images and Objects in Digital Environments, in *Visualizing Learning: Essentials of Teaching and Integrating Visual and Media Literacy* (blind reviewed, Springer Publications, 2015).
- Elizabeth Mesa-Gaido, professor of art and design, had four works of art accepted into the international juried exhibition, *Nowhere Everywhere*, sponsored by The Cambridge School of Weston in Massachusetts.
- Christopher Field, assistant professor of art and design, had his work, *Silk Bloom*, installed throughout Lexington, Kentucky in celebration of the Breeder's Cup. This project was supported by a \$40,000 commission funded by LexArts and the City of Lexington, Kentucky.
- Dongfeng Li, associate professor of art and design, received the distinguished first-place award in the American Watercolor Society 38th Annual Juried Aqueous Exhibition (2015) for his piece, *Out of the Darkness, Into the Light*. His work was featured along with the other award-winning artists in the Louisville Courier-Journal.
- The Trail Blazer student newspaper staff members Rachel Adkins, Samantha Fangman and Patrick Brumback had their work featured in a National Geographic documentary titled, "Government in the Bedroom." The content was produced last year while they were covering the controversy surrounding the Rowan County clerk's handling of licenses for same-sex marriages. The program aired on July 22, 2016.
- Steve Middleton, instructor of mass communication, completed his video documentary concerning the history of Morehead State University titled, "Far Above the Rolling Campus." The project took more than 18 months of work and includes approximately 400 historic photos, images from archived 16 mm film and interviews with former MSU presidents.
- Dr. Thomas Williams, chair of the Department of English, had his new book, *Among the Wild Mulattos and Other Tales*, named a Great Read of 2015 by National Public Radio (NPR) Books reviewer Michael Schaub in the article "Identity Is At The Heart of Brash, Essential 'Mulattos'" (Aug. 7, 2015). Schaub sums up his review by stating, "It's tempting to compare Williams to other short story writers, not because his work bears their influences, but because he's part of a small group — Mary Robison, George Singleton, Percival Everett, a few others — who do exactly what they want to, and have the immense talent to back it up. *Among the Wild Mulattos* feels vital, essential, not only for the unexpected ways Williams talks about identity, but for his brash, gutsy writing. You could call him an author to watch, but he's really a writer we should have been watching a long time ago."
- Dr. Kris DuRocher, associate professor of history, will have his forthcoming book, *Ida B. Wells: Activist and Social Reformer* (Routledge Press), published on Aug. 26, 2016. She has a chapter forthcoming, "Men that Suck: Gender Anxieties and the Evolution of Vampire Men," in *Gender in the Vampire Narrative* (Sense Publishers, 2017) and another, "The Life of a Political Agitator: Wells-Barnett's Transition from a National Activist to a Local Reform Expert" in *Ida B. Wells-Barnett, Political Pioneer of the Press: Her Voice, Her Pen, and Her Transnational Crusade for Social Justice* (New York: Lexington Books) for 2018.
- The MSU Chamber Singers won two gold diplomas in international competition at the *Musica Roma Eterna International Choir Festival and Competition*. Rome, Italy, July 1-4. They competed in the compulsory and sacred music divisions and were award gold for each of their musical programs. They were selected to sing a special concert after the competition in the important pilgrimage cathedral, Shrine of the Virgin of the Rosary of Pompeii. Other trip honors included singing mass at St. Peter's Basilica, the Vatican and presenting a Fourth of July concert for high-ranking Italian and American diplomats at the U.S. Embassy in Rome. Ancillary to this accomplishment, the MSU Concert Choir was selected by audition and jury selection to present a concert at the 2017 Kentucky Music Educators Association Professional Development Conference in Louisville, Feb. 10, 2017.

- Dr. Timothy Hare, professor of anthropology in the Department of Sociology, Social Work & Criminology, works as a regional analyst and divides his time between the spatial analysis of social, economic, justice and health factors across central Appalachia; and the study of regional socioeconomic transformations in ancient Mesoamerican societies. Hare was able to take two Craft Academy students to the ancient Maya city of Mayapan in the Yucatan of Mexico this summer to map archaeological ruins using unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs/drones). This project was made possible by a research grant from the Brennan Foundation and was conducted with the support of Mobile Recon Systems and Unmanned Services Inc., two young aerospace companies based in Lexington.

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

- Dr. Bo Shi, assistant professor of finance, had an article, "Best Bounds on Measures of Risk and Probability of Ruin for Alpha Unimodal Random Variables When There is Limited Moment Information," accepted for publication in *Applied Mathematics* in 2016.
- Dr. Karen Pierce and Terry Elliott, associate professors of accounting, published the article "An Investigation of Student Performance, Student Satisfaction, and Learner Characteristics in Online Versus Face-to-Face Classes" in the *Kentucky Journal for Excellence in College Teaching and Learning*.
- Dr. Donna Everett, associate professor of management, published a journal article, "Adding Value: Online Student Engagement," in the *Information Systems Education Journal*.
- Business and agriculture students, under the direction of Dr. Bev McCormick, professor of management, Dr. Janet Ratliff, assistant professor of management/entrepreneurship, and Dr. Amy Lentz, won first place in the 2016 Alltech Innovation Entrepreneurship Competition and were awarded \$10,000 to facilitate continued development of a drone pollinator.
- Business students competing against students from other Kentucky universities in the 2016 Kentucky Phi Beta Lambda Business Competition (under the direction of Sam Stapleton, instructor of management) were awarded first place in six events and third place in three competitions.

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS

- Dr. Jorge Ortega-Moody, assistant professor of engineering and technology management, and Dr. William R. Grisé, professor of engineering and technology management, had a paper "Virtual Laboratory of Industrial Scenarios for Training in the Areas of Automation and Control," accepted for publication in *DYNA Ingeniería e Industria* in 2016. Also, Dr. Ortega-Moody's paper "Una Metodología para la Simulación de Manipuladores Industriales" was accepted for publication in *Revista Iberoamericana de Automática e Informática industrial* in 2016.
- Jayson Minix, a engineering and technology management graduate student, published the paper "An investigation of measurement uncertainty of coordinate measuring machines by comparative analysis" in the *Journal of Technology Studies*. Co-authors on this publication are associate professors of engineering and technology management, Dr. Hans Chapman and Dr. Nilesh Joshi, and Dr. Ahmad Zargari, associate dean, School of Engineering and Information Systems.
- Matt Watson, a engineering and technology management graduate student, and Dr. Nilesh Joshi, associate professor of engineering and technology management, received the Best Conference Proceedings Paper award from ATMAE for their paper "Design Refinement by Iterative Virtual Experimentation (DRIVE) for Analysis of Steering Column Mounting Bracket Design of an On-Highway Construction Vehicle."

- The Spring 2016 graduating class achieved a 93 percent pass rate on the Certified Technology Manager (CTM) Exam. Also, three 2016 MS-ETM graduates were granted full research/teaching scholarships to pursue Ph.D. programs: Caiwu Ding (Mechanical Engineering, New Jersey Institute of Technology), Fatemeh Davoudi (Agricultural and Industrial Technology, Iowa State University), and Armin Maraghemoghaddam (Electrical Engineering, Binghamton University, NY).
- Dr. Hans Chapman, associate professor of engineering and technology management, served as an engineering faculty member for the 2016 Governor's Scholars Program at Northern Kentucky University. He also serves on the Kentucky DOE EPSCoR Subcommittee.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION POINTS OF PRIDE

FOUNDATIONAL AND GRADUATE STUDIES IN EDUCATION

- Dr. Lola Aagaard, professor of education, and Dr. Chris Beckham, assistant professor of education, received an "Apple Award for Educational Excellence" at the April 2016 SGA awards.
- Becky Parton, assistant professor of education, received an external literacy grant from Phi Kappa Phi Foundation entitled, "LEADS - Literacy in English and ASL for Deaf Students," to begin fall 2016.
- Dr. John Curry, assistant professor of education, was selected as one of approximately 40 educators/practitioners in educational technology worldwide identified as a "Champion" to participate in the Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT) *Breakfast of Champions*.

EARLY CHILDHOOD, ELEMENTARY AND SPECIAL EDUCATION

- Choy, B. H., Dindyal, J., Lee, M. Y., & Schack, E. O. (July 2016). Mathematics teacher noticing: Expanding the terrains of this hidden skill of teaching. *13th International Congress on Mathematical Education*. Hamburg, Germany.
- Dr. Kim Nettleton, assistant professor of education, directed the Super Summer Gifted Camp in July that included 81 students raising in grades 3-8 this fall.

MIDDLE GRADES AND GRADES EDUCATION

- Dr. April Haight, director of the Environmental Education Center, received a grant for the Triplet Creek Watershed Implementation – Stream Restoration project. The City of Morehead and the Environmental Education Center are partnering to complete phase 1 of restoring a one-mile section of Triplett Creek below Bridge Street. This grant is also being used to complete the development of a new outdoor classroom area in front of the Space Science Center. Other major partners include the Kentucky Division of Water, Morehead Tourism Commission and Rowan County Fiscal Court.

21ST CENTURY EDUCATION ENTERPRISE

- The 21st Century Education Enterprise hosted the IEQ STEM Camp for Teachers and STEM Camp for Underserved Populations. During this professional learning experience, teachers from middle schools in MSU's service region (Elliott, Fleming, Lakeside Christian, Rowan and Wolfe) were engaged as "learners" working with LEGO Mindstorm EV3 Robotics and created individualized STEM Action Plans to meet school and district needs.

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE – POINTS OF PRIDE

AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES

- The Alltech Innovation Competition is a form of experiential learning and a platform for career opportunities. Morehead State University presented a joint effort between agriculture and business students with a team including Jordan Bach, Tessa Combs, Adam Lyon, Dalton Shepherd and advisors Amy Poston Lentz and Dr. Janet Ratliff, assistant professor of management/entrepreneurship. The group captured first place in the undergraduate category and won a prize of \$10,000 for the students to share. “The Pollinizer” they conceived is a drone attachment designed to combat the effects of bee colony collapse by mimicking the natural process of honey bee pollination throughout an orchard.

BIOLOGY AND CHEMISTRY

- Dr. Janelle Hare, professor of biology, discovered that a newly identified protein, which regulates the expression of many genes involved in repairing damaged DNA does its job. Citation: Witkowski, T., A. N. Grice, M. A. Peterson, D. B. Stinnett, W. K. Wells, and J. M. Hare. 2016. UmuDAb: An error-prone polymerase accessory homolog whose N-terminal domain is required for repression of DNA damage inducible gene expression in *Acinetobacter baylyi*. *PLOS ONE* 10.1371/journal.pone.0152013.

EARTH AND SPACE SCIENCES

- Fourteen space science students participated in internships this summer, including six with Rajant Corporation, four the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, two at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Haystack, one at Goddard Spaceflight Center and one at the University of Louisville - micronano technology.

KINESIOLOGY, HEALTH, & IMAGING SCIENCES

- Elizabeth Ash, instructor of health and wellness, was certified through the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing as a Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES).

MATH AND PHYSICS

- Three students, Bethany Alloway, Iris Johnson and Marla Kathleen Ferguson, (advised by Dr. Mike Dobranski, associate professor of mathematics) gave a poster presentation at the 2016 annual meeting of the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics on their research project “Daniel Boone National Forest Bird Population Analysis.” This project, conducted in Spring 2016, was part of the NSF-supported PIC Math program, in which 50 undergraduate student teams tackled research problems that came directly from industry.
- Dr. Wilson González-Espada, associate professor of physics and science education, and Abel Méndez, associate professor of physics and director of the Planetary Habitability Laboratory at the University of Puerto Rico at Arecibo, have published a book describing the search for potentially habitable extrasolar planets and what the best candidates are.

NURSING

- In April 2016, the Department of Nursing and St. Claire Regional Medical Center Hospice celebrated the 10th year of Camp SMILE (Sharing Memories in a Loving Environment) at Camp Lyons in Bath County. The 70 children in attendance, ages 6-17, participated in therapeutic bereavement activities that focused on healthy coping skills, support systems, stages of grief, feelings associated with grief and acceptance of the loss. In addition to small

groups, crafts and games, the children were able to participate in activities provided at Camp Lyons. Dr. Teresa Howell, coordinator of the AND program, and Dr. Nathania Bush, associate professor of nursing, are co-directors for the program.

PSYCHOLOGY

- Dr. Tim Thornberry, assistant professor of psychology, has co-authored a book. Group parent-child interaction therapy: Community based research with a family focus. In B. Brunner (Ed.), *Creating Citizens: Liberal Arts, Civic Engagement, and the Land-Grant Tradition*. Tuscaloosa, Alabama: University of Alabama Press.
- Faculty members associated with the neuroscience lab had two articles accepted for publication in *Physiology & Behavior*. The research concerned acute withdrawal from drugs of abuse. A total of 10 students were acknowledged in the articles for their contributions to the studies.
- There were 750 K-12 students from 12 schools in three counties who submitted entries for the annual Brain Drawing Contest, an outreach activity intended to foster an understanding of the brain and an appreciation for brain health. Seven faculty members from departments across campus were involved in judging entries, and 18 students helped organize the award ceremony, which was attended by over 150 students and parents. Posters describing this and other neuroscience-related outreach activities were presented at the Society for Neuroscience in fall 2015 and at the CSS in spring 2016. Ten students were co-authors on these posters.

ADULT EDUCATION AND COLLEGE ACCESS

- The Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) received an augmentation grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service to assist 481 families in Carter, Johnson and Rowan counties who were victims of the July 2015 flood. RSVP disaster case managers assisted families in appealing to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), finding community resources for additional funding and securing volunteer work groups to help with home and property repairs.
- The TRIO programs were visited by Congressman Harold Rogers in early May. A program, emceed by Dr. Wayne D. Andrews, highlighted students and alumni of MSU's Talent Search, Upward Bound, Upward Bound Math & Science, Student Support Services and Educational Opportunity Centers programs.
- The Upward Bound programs hosted the 50th Upward Bound Summer Academy at Morehead State University with 193 participants from the region. A highlight of the 50th anniversary was the return of program alumni.
- The Adult Education Academy collaborated with Kentucky Adult Education to implement the KYAE Lesson Bank, an online repository that houses standards-based lesson plans and instructional units created by Kentucky adult educators. The goal of the lesson bank website is to provide an Open Educational Resource (OER) comprised of high-quality lesson plans to adult education instructors all over the state. These lessons are aligned to the CCRS and are designed for the following content areas: reasoning through language arts, mathematics, science, social studies and employability.
- Thirty MSUCorps AmeriCorps members tutored 824 elementary and secondary students resulting in 91 percent of the students improving test scores in reading and mathematics.
- MSUCorps partnered with the Center for Regional Engagement, Retired Senior Volunteer Program, Talent Search, Adult Education and College Access, Gateway Homeless Shelter, Frenchburg Job Corps CCC, and Kentucky AmeriCorps programs to build and distribute 241 beds to children in Eastern Kentucky that did not have a bed of their own in their home.
- The adult education programs in Montgomery, Powell and Rowan counties met or exceeded the goals for National Career Readiness Certificates (NCRC) and the Rowan County program exceeded the GED attainment goal.

- As a direct result of the quality of professors at MSU, Craft Academy students improved their ACT scores from 2-5 points in one year.
- The number of applications submitted to the Craft Academy almost doubled from the first recruitment year, a result of the quality of instructors and programming at MSU.

SPACE SCIENCE CENTER

- Three current space missions are in development supported by NASA contracts (Lunar IceCube, CXBN-2, DM ISS Flight Experiment).
- DM-7 is manifested for launch on Nov. 11 on a Space X Falcon 9 from NASA Kennedy Space Center.
- CXBN-2 is manifested for launch on Dec. 30 on a Cygnus-Antares from NASA's Mid-Atlantic Launch range at Wallops Flight Facility.
- Lunar IceCube passed Preliminary Design Review in May 2016 and will fly to Earth escape (then to the Moon) on EM-1, the maiden voyage of NASA's Space Launch System (SLS) – the largest and most powerful rocket ever built in 2018.

STUDENT SUCCESS

ATHLETICS

- Logan Hogge was named an Ohio Valley Conference Scholar Athlete, the highest award bestowed to a student-athlete in the league.
- Meredith Jewell was named OVC Volleyball Freshman of the Year and Abby Timm received the same award for soccer.
- Austin Gahafer was named Pioneer Football League Offensive Player of the Year.
- Matt Anderson, Tyler Keele and Patrick McGuff were all drafted in the Major League Baseball Draft.
- Men's basketball reached the final round of the College Basketball Invitational.
- MSU Cheerleading squads won three national championships at competition in January.
- Brian Hutchinson, athletic director, will serve as chair of the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) Championship Committee for the 2016 season.

RECREATION AND WELLNESS

- The Recreation and Wellness Center surpassed its 1,000,000th visitor since opening in 2011.

UNIVERSITY POLICE

- MSU Police hosted National Tactical Officers' Association "Active Shooter Training" with participants from Italy, Canada, Texas, Washington, Kansas, South Carolina, Virginia and Kentucky.
- MSU continues to be rated as one of the safest state universities in Kentucky by stateuniversity.com.

GRADUATE SCHOOL

- The Kentucky Academy of Science held its annual meeting at Northern Kentucky University. More than 800 scientists and students from around the Commonwealth attended the meeting. Graduate students from Morehead State who were recognized in the research competitions were: Jennafer Grindrod, engineering, first place; Armin Maraghehmoghaddam, engineering, second place; Michael Robbins, physics and astronomy, first place; Jonathan Fitzpatrick, engineering, third place.
- "Affordable Colleges Online" recently released their 2016 rankings, highlighting the Best Online Master's Degrees. Morehead State's master's degree in English was recognized as offering one of the most notable combinations of academic quality, accommodation, guidance and affordability.

RESEARCH AND SPONSORED PROGRAMS

- As of June 30, during the 2015-16 academic year, 179 proposals and contracts for external funding of research and creative endeavor were submitted. The total of all requests submitted was \$20,244,758. The total of awards funded to date is \$12,875,013. The total request for facilities and administrative costs was \$1,578,638 with \$698,735 currently funded. Twenty-two proposals remain in pending status for potential additional funding of \$2,172,416
- Dr. David Long, assistant professor of education, was awarded \$248,871 by the SOAR Kentucky Appalachian Regional Development (KARD) Fund for his innovative project, "Fostering Lifelong S.T.E.A.M. Learning at the Dream Discovery Center." The project is a collaboration with The Dream Discovery Center in Martin County to promote educational programming and community workforce development in science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM).

CRAFT ACADEMY FOR EXCELLENCE IN SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

- Two students will have an exo-medicine experiment aboard the International Space Station in late November.
- Craft students are working with Dr. Michael Fultz, associate professor of biology, at MSU on his research on smooth muscle tissue.
- One student was selected to attend a NASA Space Camp.
- Two students participated this summer in an archeological mapping project of an ancient Mayan ruin using drone technology in Mexico with MSU's Dr. Tim Hare, professor of anthropology.
- Five students are National Merit Semi-Finalists.
- Four students were selected into the Governor's Scholars Program.
- One student was selected to do a summer internship with Kentucky's agricultural commissioner.
- Two students' creativity and design skills were showcased in the Rowan County Senior High School play "The Wizard of Oz." As a result, these students are starting a business in e-textiles.
- Two students placed third in the Regional IDEA State U Business Competition.
- Two students participated in astronomical research at the National Radio Astronomy observatory in Green Bank, West Virginia.
- One student placed seventh in the state-wide Governor's Cup Math competition.
- Thirty-eight students participated in an international study abroad in Germany and Switzerland with a focus on renewable energy.

HOUSING

- Staff received several state-wide awards in 2015-16. Notably, they are as follows: Ruth Ann Howard Service Award from the Kentucky Association of Housing Officers (Dr. Chris Summerlin); Unbridled Spirit Award from the Kentucky Association of Housing Officers (Alan Rucker, director of housing and residence education); Kentucky Association of Housing Officers Service Award (Robert Sparks, area coordinator); Kentucky Association of Housing Officers Outstanding Student Staff (Emaleigh Hall).
- Housing and Residence Life staff members Erin Edwards, and hall directors Luis Pelegrin and Jimmie Martin, were accepted to present "With Increased Compensation Comes Increased Responsibilities: Navigating Increased Expectations of Student Staff" at the 2015 Kentucky Association of Housing Officers (KAHO) state conference, the 2016 Southeastern Association of Housing Officers (SEAHO) regional conference, and the 2016 National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) national conference.

STUDENT ACADEMIC SUCCESS

- The Success Academy – Six Week Summer Bridge Program, recorded its largest enrollment to date with 92 students.
- Over the summer, the Eagle Diversity Education Center (EDEC) underwent a complete overhaul moving from the ground floor to a newly renovated space on the third floor of Allie Young Hall in the Center for Student Academic Success (STAS). EDEC, STAS and SAIL (Student Activities, Inclusion and Leadership) are partnering on programming and excited about the new energy surrounding the revitalization of EDEC and the impact it will have on retention and student success.
- The Department of English and the Center for Student Academic Success received a \$16,000 English Co-requisite College Readiness Program Grant from the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education.
- The Department of Mathematics and Physics and the Center for Student Academic Success were awarded a \$20,000 Math Co-requisite College Readiness Program Grant from the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education.

Safety AT YOUR Fingertips

LiveSafe is a mobile-safety technology that links the Morehead State University community with MSU PD.

Access campus resources

Have fast access to campus and local resources: phone numbers, just-in-time training, and emergency procedures.

Share info with University Police

Submit tips related to safety concerns. Attach a photo, video or audio file. Send anonymously if you choose.

Know what's around you

Use the Safety Map to see where you are in relation to campus buildings, safety places, and other information.

Request help in an emergency

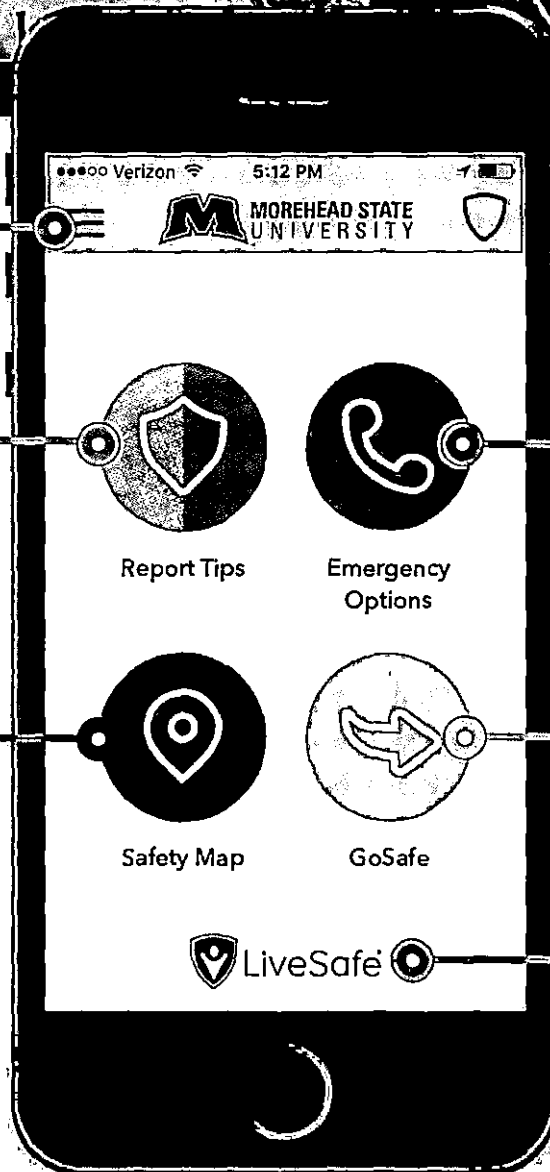
Safety officials can leverage location-data in an emergency situation, allowing faster response times.

Help ensure you and friends get home safely

Virtually walk a friend home by watching them on a map with SafeWalk. You can also request a safety escort from University Police.

Download the MSU LiveSafe app

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