



Convocation Spring 2016

January 13, 2016

Morehead State University



MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY
CONVOCATION

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Presiding: Dr. Steven Ralston, Provost

*Pre-Convocation music provided by the MSU Faculty Jazz Trio featuring
Prof. Glenn Ginn (guitar), Prof. Ryan McGillicuddy (bass) and Prof. Jeffrey Mellott (drums).*

- I. Welcome
- II. Introduction of New Faculty & Staff
- III. Announcements & Updates
Featured musical selection performed by the MSU Faculty Jazz Trio
- IV. Remarks by President Wayne D. Andrews
- V. Morehead State University Alma Mater
Led by Eric Brown and accompanied by Chialing Hsieh

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 Crager Room, ADUC
11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.**

Post-Convocation music provided by the MSU Faculty Jazz Trio.

Welcome new employees!

(New hires since August 12, 2015)

Name	Job Title	Department
Ahmadi, Susan	Enrollment Services Counselor	Enrollment Services
Bailey, Selena Jo	Senior Payroll Associate	Payroll
Bentley, Tonya R	Financial Aid Support Specialist	Financial Aid
Black, Carl Dustin	General Serviceworker	General Services
Blair, Ethan Dakota	Police Telecommunicator	Police Department
Blanton, Amy Nikkeia	Cook/Food Services Worker	Carl Perkins Vocational Center
Burke, Casey R.	Clinical Instructor, Nursing	Nursing - ADN Program
Clark, Cory Martell	Minority Academic Services Coordinator	First Year Programs
Cloud, Merry-Jo Lynne	Patient Care Lab Coordinator/Instructor	Nursing
Crawford, Dean	Counseling Coordinator	Educational Opportunity Center
Eisenhour, Lynn	Instructor (Master Teacher)	MSUTeach
Enix, Blake Anthony	Groundskeeper	Landscaping & Grounds Maintenance
Haber, Michael	Assistant Athletic Trainer	Trainer
Haky, John Michael	Area Coordinator	Student Housing
Hardyman, Joshua	Craft Academy Enrollment Services Counselor	Enrollment Services
Jenkins, Marshall Ray	Instructor, Imaging Sciences	Kinesiology, Health & Imaging Sciences
Jones, Charles Martin	Visiting Assistant Professor, Psychology	Psychology
Lacy, Christopher Michael	Professional Development Associate	21st Century Education Enterprise
Litteral, David	Director, Military Initiatives	Provost & Vice President, Office of
Long, David	Assistant Professor, Education	Middle Grades & Secondary Education
Manley, Shawnta Damont	Building Services Technician	Building Services
Mast, Russell	Director, Recreation & Wellness	Recreation & Wellness
Meade, Debbie Rena	Facilities Personnel Administrator	Facilities Management
Menville, Shayla Delilah	Marketing & Communications Manager	Facilities Management
Mollette, Sarah	Instruction & Outreach Librarian	Camden-Carroll Library
Moore, Robyn Helene	Visiting Assistant Professor, Photography/Digital Art	Art & Design
Napier, Karen	Graduate Recruitment & Retention Coordinator	Graduate School
Poppas, Linda	Counseling Coordinator	Educational Opportunity Center
Rose, John Brandon	Financial Aid Counselor	Financial Aid
Scagnoli, Joseph Richard	Visiting Director, Bands & Professor	School, Music, Theatre & Dance
Sharp, Lee	Enrollment Services Counselor	Enrollment Services
Shaw, Antonio Martinez	Traffic Control Assistant	Police Department
Slone, Justin Lee	Disaster Relief Case Manager	Retired Senior Volunteer Program
Small, Heather	Assistant Professor, Flute	School, Music, Theatre & Dance
Stevens, Zach Keith	Financial Aid Support Specialist	Financial Aid
Vanhoose, Angela Lee	Cook/Food Services Worker	Carl Perkins Vocational Center
Wallace, Michael Taylor	Audio/Media Technician	Conference & Event Services
Williams, Erica Lynn	Coordinator, Student Organizations & Greek Life	Student Activities, Inclusion & Leadership Development
Williams, Lisa M.	Assistant Assessment Administrator/CAEP Coordinator	Student Services Center-Education

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE DATES

1/23	Open House	4/6-19	Advance Registration
2/20	Open House	4/27	Celebration of Student Scholarship
3/1	Spring Career Fair	4/30	MSU Spring Gala
3/14	Midterm Grades Due	5/14	Commencement
3/21-25	Spring Break		

ATHLETICS

Tickets for all remaining home basketball games and the OVC Tournament are on sale now. Visit www.msueagles.com to purchase your tickets.



CAMDEN-CARROLL LIBRARY

Camden-Carroll Library will migrate to a new integrated library online system, Alma/Primo, on Jan. 20. This will provide a new search protocol and new look to the library website.

CAMPUS GIVING CAMPAIGN

Thanks for giving to the 2015 Campus Campaign! As a result of the generosity of our faculty and staff, we provided much more to MSU students!

For 2016, we invite you to consider a gift to the new Eagle Emergency Loan Fund (EELF). This faculty and staff supported fund will provide short-term, interest-free loans to students facing unexpected financial barriers that interfere with their ability to continue their education at MSU.

For more information on the Campus Giving Campaign, or the EELF, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/campuscampaign.

CELEBRATION OF STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

The 11th Annual Celebration of Student Scholarship will be held in the Adron Doran University Center from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 27. The celebration continues to grow and last year featured 204 student presentations (75 oral presentations and 129 posters) that spotlighted the outstanding efforts of 313 undergraduate and graduate student scholars and their 115 faculty mentors. Awards were made for presentations of special merit as recommended by a panel of 126 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. Everyone is welcome. 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

Faculty, academic department chairs and staff are invited to Spring Professional Development Days from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jan. 14 and 15. Workshops include: (1) facilitating accommodated testing in academic departments; (2) supporting students with visual and hearing impairments; (3) career readiness resources for capstone courses; and (4) professional development webinars on demand. All workshops are one hour and each topic will be offered both days. Pre-registration is requested for workshops and required for the light buffet lunch. For registration and more information, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/pdday.

CENTER FOR REGIONAL ENGAGEMENT

The Center for Regional Engagement will host the 29th Annual East Kentucky Leadership Conference April 28 and 29. This year's theme is: The Next Big Thing Will Be Really Small.

COUNSELING AND HEALTH SERVICES

Flu vaccines are still available. Vaccines can be given any time during regular clinic hours, which are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Bring your insurance card. For more information, call 783-2055 or email Dr. Shannon Smith-Stephens at s.smithstephens@moreheadstate.edu.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS RESPONSE

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.

Faculty members are asked to document this process by following directions on the Classroom Resources link of the Emergency Resources website. Attention should also 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. For more information, contact Madonna Weathers at 783-2070, m.weathers@moreheadstate.edu or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/emergency.

MLK CELEBRATION

Morehead State University's week-long celebration to commemorate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will be held Jan. 18 through 22. The 2016 commemoration of King's life and work encompasses a slate of events organized by faculty, staff and students. Activities include various educational programs to encourage active participation by the campus and nearby community.

- 1/18: MLK Memorial Walk, 6 p.m., ADUC Lawn**
- 1/19: MLK Dream Wall, 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., ADUC Lobby**
- 1/20: Film Screening and Discussion, "Selma," 6 p.m., 111 Rader Hall**
- 1/21: Campus-Wide Ceremony, 7 p.m., Crager Room, ADUC**
- 1/22: Unity Faculty and Staff Luncheon featuring Jason L. Meriwether, 11:30 a.m., Crager Room, ADUC (Limited space available. RSVP required.)**

For descriptions of events and to register for luncheon, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/MLK.

Our community has been reminded this year that the fight for social justice, inclusion and equality is still ever present in our society. Please join the university community in celebrating the contributions of a great champion of racial justice and equality, a leader who not only dreamed of a color-blind society, but who also led a movement that achieved historic reforms to help make it a reality.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Registration is now open for Spring 2016 professional development opportunities. To register, login to your MyMoreheadState account, select "Employee Services," then choose "Professional Development."

RECREATION AND WELLNESS

The new year is a great time to check out the offerings of the Recreation and Wellness Center. A full slate of familiar and new opportunities in group fitness will be offered in the spring semester. Swim lessons and lifeguard classes will also be available, along with Intramural opportunities for faculty and staff. Day hikes, outdoor activities and open challenge course time will be offered. For more information, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/campusrec or call 783-2083.

SPRING CAREER FAIR

Morehead State University will host the Spring Career Fair from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 1 in ADUC. 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. Plus, 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. For more information, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/career or call 783-2233.

STUDENT RETENTION

In order to assist students with academic and social concerns, faculty and staff are encouraged to report matters that might come to their attention. Examples include, but are not limited to, poor class attendance, failure to complete assignments, changes in personal hygiene, suspicion of alcohol/drug use and the appearance of depression. MSU has two convenient reporting mechanisms – Early Intervention System (EIS) and Retention Alert.

Individuals can email concerns through EIS to eis@moreheadstate.edu or call 783-2014. Please contact Max Ammons at m.ammons@moreheadstate.edu if you have questions related to EIS. In addition, concerns can be shared through Retention Alert by selecting “Contribute Retention Information” in the Faculty/Advisors section of Datatel WebAdvisor. Please contact Michelle L. Barber at m.barber@moreheadstate.edu or Max Ammons at m.ammons@moreheadstate.edu if you have questions related to Retention Alert.

POINTS OF PRIDE ...

CAUDILL COLLEGE OF ARTS, HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES

- The Kentucky Center Governor’s School for the Arts (GSA), in partnership with Morehead State University, embarked on a new initiative: GSA Rising Artist. The GSA Rising Artist program, launched in September 2015, provided daylong arts instruction in instrumental music and visual art to Owsley and Lee County students and professional development for each school’s classroom arts teacher. MSU art and music education students also provided virtual private lessons to each participating high school student utilizing the virtual teaching platform, Collabra, utilizing computers from Dataseam. The school visits and private lessons also provided the MSU art and music education students the opportunity to accumulate pre-student teaching internship hours. The goal of the program is to provide college and career readiness assistance for students in Owsley and Lee counties, and to help position these students for a stronger GSA audition. The program was co-led by Carrie Nath, executive director of GSA; Dr. Jeanne Petsch, chair of the MSU Department of Art and Design; and Dr. M. Scott McBride, dean of the Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.
- Dongfeng Li, associate professor of art, received the first place award in the 2015 American Watercolor Society 38th Annual Juried Aqueous Exhibition 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.
- Jennifer Reis, gallery directory, and Elizabeth Mesa-Gaido, professor of art, had work selected for the regional juried exhibit, Fiber Focus. Both Reis and Mesa-Gaido had two works selected. The exhibit was held at the Art Saint Louis Gallery in St. Louis, Missouri, during September and October, 2015. Nearly 200 artworks from eight Midwestern states were submitted for the exhibition, of which the juror selected only 50 artworks. Both Reis and Mesa-Gaido’s artworks were featured on the Art Saint Louis website.
- Christopher Field’s installation, *Ghost Barn*, was installed as part of the Farm/Art DTour, a 50-mile self-guided tour through Sauk County, Wisconsin, as part of the 2015 Fermentation Fest, a 10-day Live Culture Convergence. The installation was created by W/Field Workshop, a collaborative studio between Field and his wife, Sarah West. *Ghost Barn* is based on the lines and architectural forms of rural Wisconsin barns and is dependent on natural wind currents to animate its large, billowing fabric shape. Field is an assistant professor in the Department of Art and Design.

- Gary Mesa-Gaido's artwork was juried into the international juried exhibit 28th Annual September Competition, sponsored by the Alexandria Museum in Alexandria, Louisiana. The exhibit highlighted contemporary art practices in all media and was on display from Sept. 4 through Nov. 21, 2015. Mesa-Gaido is a professor in the Department of Art & Design.
- John Flavell, instructor of journalism, and the staff of the MSU student newspaper, *The Trail Blazer*, provided the most significant coverage in the region concerning the Rowan County clerk who refused to issue marriage licenses for same-sex couples. The students' stories, photos and video were carried in the Ashland Independent, the Louisville Courier-Journal and the Lexington Herald-Leader.
- Dr. Thomas Williams' new book, *Among the Wild Mulattos and Other Tales*, was named a Great Read of 2015 by National Public Radio (NPR) Books reviewer, Michael Schaub, titled: "Identity Is At The Heart Of Brash, Essential 'Mulattos'" (August 7, 2015). Williams is chair of the Department of English.
- Dr. Annie Adams, professor of English, saw publication of a book chapter: "International Contexts: The American Reception of British Fiction in the 2000s." *The 2000s: A Decade of Contemporary British Fiction*. The Decades Series. Eds. Nick Bentley, Nick Hubble, & Leigh Wilson. Bloomsbury Academic, 2015. 199-222.
- Chris Holbrook, associate professor of English, published fiction in two anthologies, *Appalachian Gateway and Quarried*.
- Dr. Gary O'Dell, professor of geography, published "Fair and Square: Robert F. Schulkers, Seckatary Hawkins and the Literature of an Ohio Valley Childhood" (with Gregg Bogosianin) *Ohio Valley History* (Fall 2015).
- Dr. Scott Davison, chair of the Department of History, Philosophy, International Studies and Legal Studies, has signed a contract with Oxford University Press to produce the first book-length study of philosophical arguments concerning the pointlessness of petitionary prayer.
- Dr. Kristina DuRocher, associate professor of history and the author of the well-received book, *Raising Racists: The Socialization of White Children in the Jim Crow South, 1880-1939* (University of Kentucky Press, 2011), is finishing final edits on a new book on Ida B. Wells for a series on great Americans published by Routledge Press.
- The Department of Military Science accomplishments consist of commissioning four new second lieutenants into the United States Army during the 2015 Fall Commissioning Ceremony. Eleven new second lieutenants are anticipated to be commissioned during the Spring 2016 commissioning ceremony in May.
- The Military Science Department awarded 16 Minuteman Scholarships (four-year National Guard funded scholarships) to newly qualified Cadets during Fall 2015.
- The R.S.V.B. Tuba Euphonium Quartet recorded a debut album in September 2015 entitled, *Pilgrimage and Reunion*, featuring the music of well-known women composers, including Kimberly Archer, Sanae Kanda, Gail Robertson, Elizabeth Raum and Barbara York which will be released in February 2016. R.S.V.B. members include: Dr. Stacy Baker, professor of music (tuba/euphonium), Morehead State University; Dr. Gail Robertson, assistant professor of euphonium and tuba, University of Central Arkansas; Dr. Deanna Swoboda, assistant professor of tuba and euphonium, Arizona State University; and SFC Lauren Veronie, The United States Army Field Band.
- The MSU Chamber Singers were selected to compete in the 2016 Musica Eterna Roma International Choir Festival and Competition in July.
- The Lockagee Saxophone Quartet, the flagship chamber ensemble for the MSU Saxophone Studio, has won for the third year in a row at the State Round of the Music Teachers National Association (MTNA) Competition, one of the most highly regarded collegiate chamber music competitions in the country.
- In November 2015, Shihuan Wang won first prize in the Memorial Scholarship Classical Piano Competition hosted by the Ashland Area Music Teachers Association sponsored by the Music Teachers National Association. Wang, a piano performance major from Hunan, China, is a student of Chialing Hsieh.

- Greg Wing, professor of music, joined the National Tour of “Wicked” playing in Louisville from Nov. 18 through Dec. 6, 2015, at the KY Center for the Arts. Wing also continues to be the lead trumpet for the 2010 “America’s Got Talent” winner Landau Eugene Murphy Jr. on tour throughout the year. Wing also has been contracted to play lead trumpet for the National touring show of “Motown” at the KY Center for the Arts in Louisville from April 12 through April 17.
- Dr. Lynn Geurin, assistant professor of social work, was awarded an \$82,520 Public Child Welfare Grant from the Kentucky Department for Health and Families for the 2015-16 year. Geurin is the project director.
- Dr. Elizabeth Perkins’ First Year Seminar section was selected as part of a retention pilot program that pairs MSU student mentors with freshmen. The student mentors, both social work students, provided lessons/discussions once a week on topics such as early registration, campus involvement, study skills and more. Perkins is an assistant professor of criminology in the Department of Sociology, Social Work and Criminology.
- Under the leadership of Dr. Suzanne Tallichet, professor of sociology, the Department of Sociology, Social Work and Criminology’s master’s degree program in sociology is now an online degree program.

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS & TECHNOLOGY

- Dr. Sarah Garven, assistant professor of accounting, published two peer-reviewed journal articles during the fall semester, with those articles appearing in *The CPA Journal* and the *Academy of Accounting and Financial Studies Journal*.
- Dr. John Nelson, assistant professor of management, and Sydney Gebka, a junior BBA-Marketing student, published the article, “Identifying New Organizational Practices by Considering Different Perspectives: An Ethics Management Example” in *Industrial and Organizational Psychology: Perspectives on Science and Practice*.
- Dr. Chien-Chih Peng, associate professor of finance, published articles appearing in the following peer-reviewed journals: *Communications in Mathematical Finance*, *Kentucky Journal for Excellence in College Teaching and Learning*, and *Journal of Educators Online*.
- Dr. Janet Ratliff, assistant professor of management/entrepreneurship, and undergraduate business students organized and implemented the “Building Entrepreneurial Capacity for the Future” Regional Entrepreneurship Competition in Hazard, Kentucky, in early November. Approximately 800 middle school students participated in this business plan competition, with recognitions/prizes awarded to student teams.
- Several BA-Sport Management students participated in research projects with Dr. Steve Chen, associate professor of sport management, culminating in the research being presented at the 2015 KASPERD Annual Convention and the *2015 Kentucky Recreation and Park Society Annual Convention*. Students participating in the research presentations include Aspen Bentley, Kate Bruning, Tyler Davis, Morgan Dorsey, Bryon Gossett, Samantha Grimes, Mandy Leadingham, Anna Magnusson and Cole Osborn.
- Dr. John Nelson, assistant professor of management, was awarded a \$5,000 MSU/Appalachian Health & Research Center Grant for his research proposal entitled, “Promoting Ethical-Decision Making and Behavior in Healthcare Settings.”
- The 21st Century Center for Manufacturing Systems is now fully functional. This \$1.5 million project was possible thanks to a matching grant from the James Graham Brown Foundation of Louisville (\$497,000) and generous donations from several regional companies including Toyota Motor Manufacturing (\$100,000), KDMK (\$50,000), Boneal Inc. (\$25,000), Pentair Foundation (\$20,000) and others.

- The Engineering & Technology Management Advisory Board, representing corporations in the region, has established a merit-based scholarship with approximately \$60,000 in funds to support the STEM-focused engineering management program.
- MSETM student Fatemeh Davoudi has been appointed to serve as a student representative on the ATMAE Board of Accreditation.
- Matt Watson, a student in the MSETM program, and Dr. Nilesh Joshi's paper titled, "Design Refinement by Iterative Virtual Experimentation (DRIVE): A Methodology for Solving Engineering Problems," was selected through a blind peer review process as the 2015 ATMAE Conference "Best Conference Paper." Joshi is an associate professor of engineering and technology management.
- The Regal Beloit Foundation (formerly Emerson), located in Morehead, has donated \$5,000 to the Engineering and Technology Management (AET) Advisory Board Scholarship Endowment.
- Dr. Ahmad Zargari, associate dean of the School of Engineering and Information Systems, has been appointed as the ATMAE Accreditation Board Personnel and Policy co-chair. He also serves as the ATMAE Accreditation consultant and visiting team chair.
- Dr. Sanjeev Adhikari, associate professor of engineering and technology management; Steve R. Easterling, a construction management student; Dr. Sanghyun Lee, assistant professor of engineering and technology management; Dr. William Grise, professor of engineering and technology management; Dr. Nilesh Joshi, associate professor of engineering and technology management; Fatemeh Davoudi Kakhki, a MSETM student; Dr. Hans Chapman, associate professor of engineering and technology management; and Dr. Ahmad Zargari, associate dean of the School of Engineering and Information Systems; combined for nineteen presentations at the Association of Technology, Management, and Applied Engineering (ATMAE) Conference, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in November 2015.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

- Dr. John Curry, associate professor of education, along with one of our Ed.D. students, was the 1st Place Winner – Application-Based Research, 2015 AECT Division of Distance Learning (DDL) Journal Article Award.
 - Curry, J.H. & Cook, J. (2014). *Facilitating discussions at a MANIC pace: A new solution for an old problem*. Quarterly Review of Distance Education, 15(3), 1-12.
- Dr. Christopher T. Miller, chair of the Department of Foundational and Graduate Studies in Education, was elected president-elect of the Association for Educational Communications and Technology Foundation and will begin serving as president in November 2017.
- Dr. Jody Fernandez, associate professor of education, presented Enhancing Adolescent Literacy with Incarcerated Students as an invited speaker for the Kentucky Department of Juvenile Justice Transition Summit in Louisville, Kentucky, in August 2015.
- Dr. Margo DelliCarpini, dean of the College of Education, was elected to the KYTESOL Executive Board. DelliCarpini was also nominated to the national CAEP Standing Committee for Research.
- The first cohort of 64 students is beginning work in the NBC project as part of the SOAR initiative.

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE

- Lundergan Hall, the new residence hall at the Derrickson Agricultural Center, was dedicated in Fall 2015. The hall was named for long-time farm manager Eddie Lundergan, who was the heart and soul of the University Farm for almost three decades. It houses 24 students who live and work at the DAC. A second residence hall is under construction which will house another 24 students. This residence hall, Padula Hall, will be named after long-time, beloved farm maintenance supervisor, Mike Padula.
- Senior veterinary science student Megan Darby presented a paper on “Tumor necrosis factor alpha gene expression before and after exercise in middle-aged and older horses” at the 2015 national Equine Science Society meeting in Orlando, Florida. Her research mentors were Dr. Duane Chappell, assistant professor of veterinary technology, and Dr. Sara Malone, assistant professor of equine science.
- Senior agronomy student Tessa Combs, an Undergraduate Research Fellow, presented a paper entitled, “Improving soil health with a multispecies cover cropping system: preliminary data,” in the Agricultural Science section of the KAS meeting in November. Dr. Brent Rogers, associate professor of agriculture, was her mentor and co-author of the paper. John Graham, USDA, NRCS; and Dennis Perry, MCTCS-Rowan Campus, were also co-investigators on this research project.
- Dr. David Saxon, professor of biology, received the 2015 Outstanding Mentorship Award from the Northeast KY Area Health Education Center.
- Space science faculty, staff and students successfully completed the Lunar IceCube Kick-Off at NASA Goddard Spaceflight Center in November 2015. The project team led by Morehead State and including JPL, NASA GSFC, Busek, and Vermont Tech, will develop a small satellite that will be launched to the moon on the maiden voyage of the largest rocket ever built (NASA's Space Launch System), where it will orbit the moon and prospect for water ice. Lunar IceCube is supported by a \$9 million NASA contract.
- Astrophysics faculty and students have taken the first data with a fast pulsar detection system that developed by the National Radio Astronomy Observatory and transferred to and installed at the MSU Space Science Center. The instrument significantly enhances the capability of the 21-meter space tracking antenna and radio telescope.
- The diagnostic medical sonography program underwent a peer review, including a self-study and site visit, and was awarded 10 years of continuing accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Programs (CAAHEP).
- The computed tomography magnetic resonance program underwent a peer review, including a self-study and site visit, for continuing accreditation of the Magnetic Portion of the Program from the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT). The program awaits final confirmation from the JRCERT.
- MSU Teach is gearing up to launch during Spring 2016. MSU Teach is funded by a \$3.6 million grant from the National Mathematics and Science Initiative, and made possible through a generous private donation.

- Dr. Lynn Parsons, chair of the Department of Nursing at Morehead State University, and Dr. Maria A. Revell, Tennessee State University (Nashville, TN), were invited co-guest editors for the peer reviewed nursing journal – *Nursing Clinics of North America*, 50 (4). Several MSU nursing faculty published articles in this journal including:
 - Lynn Parsons & Maria Revell, Orthopedic Injuries: Protocols to Prevent and Manage Patient Falls, pgs. 645-661.
 - Lucy Mays, Diabetes Mellitus Standards of Care, pgs. 703-711.
 - T. Ceass & Lynn Parsons Addressing Tobacco Dependence Through a Nurse-driven Tobacco Intervention Protocol, pgs. 725-733.
 - Teresa Ferguson & Teresa Howell, Bedside Reporting: Protocols for Improving Patient Care, pgs. 735-747.
 - Michele Walters, Management of Travel-Related Illness Acquired in Haiti, pgs. 749-760.
 - Chas Rogers & Nathania Bush, Heart Failure: Pathophysiology, Diagnosis, Medical Treatment Guidelines, and Nursing Management, pgs. 787-7.
- A ribbon cutting ceremony for the neuroscience lab took place in November.
- Dr. Timothy Thornberry, assistant professor of psychology, had a publication: Cherry, A., Jacobs, N., Thornberry, Jr., T., & Gillaspy, S. (2015). A review of psychopathology and use of the diagnostic and statistical manual (DSM-5). In *Your Practicum in Psychology: A Guide for Maximizing Knowledge and Competence*, 2nd Edition. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.

RESEARCH & SPONSORED PROGRAMS

- External funding at Morehead State University continues its upswing due to the outstanding efforts of faculty and staff. During the 2014-15 academic year, 160 grant proposals and contracts were submitted. Total funding for all requests submitted is \$22,515,225, a 16 percent increase over the previous year's request. The total for awards funded to date is \$14,631,639, a nine percent increase over last year. Seven proposals are still in pending status for a total of \$908,014. The total request for facilities and administrative costs is \$1,421,224, with \$662,074 currently funded.
- The Appalachian Health and Research Center (AHRC), a collaboration of Morehead State University, St. Claire Regional Medical Center and the University of Kentucky Institute for Rural Health Policy, is dedicated to enhancing collaborative research that addresses health issues faced by Appalachian Kentucky and beyond. New programs were introduced to empower this initiative. These included the MSU/AHRC Research Seed Grants, which are \$5,000 awards to promote quality collaborative research within the MSU academic community to enhance the competitiveness of full-time 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. The first successful seed grant project proposals and AHRC Undergraduate Research Mentors included:
 - Examining Parent Smoking, Trauma, Reactivity, and Observed Parent-Child Interactions
Tim Thornberry, Ph.D. – MSU Department of Psychology (PI), Brady Reynolds, Ph.D. – UK
 - Attachment and Parenting among At-Risk Mothers and Babies: A Group and Individual Treatment Demonstration Project
Shari Kidwell, Ph.D. – MSU Department of Psychology (PI), Frances Merritt, CNM, Amy Conley-Sallaz, MD – St. Claire Regional Medical Center
 - Promoting Ethical-Decision Making and Behavior in Healthcare Settings
Johnathan Nelson, Ph.D. – MSU School of Business Administration (PI), Mark Neff, Sister Judi Lambert, Will Melahn, MD – St. Claire Regional Medical Center

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

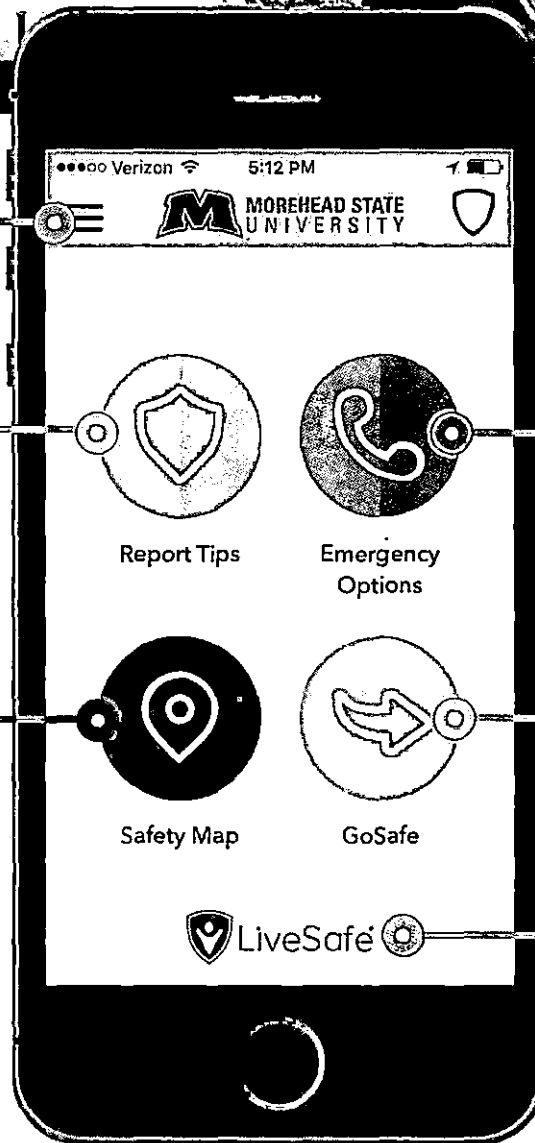
Safety officials can leverage location-data in an emergency situation, allowing faster response times.

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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