

News Items for 2011 - September

Kentucky ranked No. 1 in nation for improvement on key higher education metrics

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Over the past decade, Kentucky has improved faster than any state in the nation on key higher education performance measures, according to a report issued by the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems of Boulder, Colo.

Realizing Kentucky's Educational Attainment Goal: A Look in the Rear View Mirror and Down the Road Ahead measures Kentucky's rate of improvement on key metrics from 2000 to 2009. The report found that Kentucky ranked first among all states on three metrics, including the rate of improvement in the percent of working-age adults with college degrees, six-year graduation rates at four-year colleges and universities, and the number of undergraduate credentials awarded relative to the population with no college degree.

Kentucky ranked second in the nation in the rate of improvement in the percentage of younger adults, ages 25 to 44, with college degrees, as well as in the rate of improvement in the three-year graduation rates at two-year institutions. Further, total undergraduate credentials produced in the Commonwealth increased at a rate that surpassed all but four states.

The announcement was made at a news conference attended by Gov. Steve Beshear and other dignitaries instrumental in the passage of the Kentucky Postsecondary Education Improvement Act of 1997 (House Bill 1). The landmark legislation was signed into law by former Gov. Paul E. Patton who now serves as the chair of the Council on Postsecondary Education.

“We are here today to acknowledge and celebrate the tremendous progress that has been made by Kentucky's postsecondary system on key measures of educational performance. This kind of success would not be possible without the dedication of many leaders, educators and volunteers who made higher education improvement a priority,” Gov. Steve Beshear said. “Better education – and better access to education – are keys to sustained economic growth for our state. Investing in higher education is not only an investment in our students, but also an investment in our economy and future economic competitiveness.”

Council President Bob King said, “This progress validates the vision of HB1, which created a new set of expectations for postsecondary education tied to higher levels of degree production, economic growth and greater opportunity for all citizens.

“While we are improving at a faster rate than other states on these measures, Kentucky still faces challenges that we will focus on over the next several years, including college and career readiness, achievement gaps, and better connecting the work of higher education with the state’s economic needs,” added King.

The report’s key findings are described below.

- ?Since the year 2000, Kentucky’s college attainment rate for associate degrees and higher among adults age 25 to 64 has improved by six percentage points – from 24.5 to 30.5 percent. The actual percentage change from 2000-09 was the largest of any state in the nation.

- ?The percentage of college degree-holders among younger adults has improved by more than six percentage points from 27.3 to 33.7. The most notable change is in Kentucky’s state ranking from 44th in 2000 to 36th in 2009. Over this time period, Kentucky moved more positions in the positive direction than any state in the U.S.

- ?The six-year graduation rates at four-year institutions, both public and private, improved nearly nine percentage points from 2000 -09. This is the largest percentage change of any state in the U.S., and Kentucky moved nine positions among the states – from 44th to 35th.

- ?The three-year graduation rates at two-year institutions increased by roughly the same amount. It was the third highest percentage point change in the nation, and Kentucky moved from 38th among states to 16th.

- ?Kentucky had the fifth highest percentage point change in total undergraduate credential and degree production (one year or more in length) of any state in the country. This is even more impressive considering that the states ahead of Kentucky (Arkansas, Florida, Nevada and Virginia) benefited on this measure largely because of shifting demographics.

- ?The percentage change in the number of undergraduate credentials awarded per 1,000 adults with no college degree is the largest in the nation. This is a measure of market penetration and shows how well states are awarding college credentials relative to the population in need. On this metric, Kentucky jumped nine positions from 45th among states in 2000 to 36th in 2009.

The report is available at the following link: <http://cpe.ky.gov/planning/NCHEMSreport>.

MSU shares in ARC dentistry grant

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Gov. Steve Beshear today (Wednesday, Sept. 7) announced a new Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) and higher education partnership to enhance sustainable, collaborative dental health education and care in eastern Kentucky. Morehead State University (MSU), the University of Pikeville (UPIKE), and the University of Kentucky (UK) through its College of Dentistry, will partner in the design of the Appalachian Rural Dental Educational Partnership Plan.

The goal: to train more dentists to practice in rural areas and give them the tools necessary to set up thriving dental practices in eastern Kentucky. ([View photo gallery](#))

MSU President Wayne D. Andrews, UK President Eli Capilouto, and UPIKE President Paul Patton will take part in a ceremony at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg.

“Maintaining proper dental care is a fundamental health matter that affects every Kentuckian, yet not every Kentuckian has access to adequate dental treatment,” Gov. Beshear said. “Implementing this planning project is an essential step toward recruiting and educating more dentists in Appalachia who can provide the quality care our citizens need. Thanks to ARC and each university involved in taking the lead on this worthy and important project for our state.”

The Appalachian Rural Dental Educational Partnership Plan is funded by a \$400,000 ARC grant, as well as \$127,293 from UK, \$82,035 from UPIKE and \$47,873 from MSU.

The partnership’s main goal is to design and implement a program to increase the number of practicing dentists in Appalachia through enhanced training, recruitment and educational assistance. Through the program’s implementation, potential dental care providers will not only have access to high-quality oral health education, but will also learn how to operate financially sound rural dental practices. The participating universities will assess national dental education models with similar objectives before designing and developing dental programs and DMD degree options for eastern Kentucky.

“The majority of eastern Kentuckians have struggled to sustain quality dental health, and one of the barriers to maintaining good dental health is poor access of quality dental care,” said Department for Local Government (DLG) Commissioner Tony Wilder. “I commend Gov. Beshear, ARC and the universities for creating and expanding opportunities for dentists to provide much-needed quality care for our Appalachian communities.”

The most recent Kentucky Dental Provider Workforce Analysis estimated there will be 2,064 practicing dentists in 2016, a loss of 286 dentists from the state total in 2006. This study also documented the uneven distribution of dentists – with the lowest numbers of dentists per population in the rural eastern and western counties. A January 2010 re-licensure data analysis found that of Kentucky’s 2,348 practicing dentists, 40 percent were age 55 or older.

“This is another example of how collaboration between educational institutions can benefit citizens of Kentucky,” Dr. Andrews said. “A lot of hard work by each university went into this and we are extremely proud to be able to offer this program. Dental health is very important to overall health and we know that many people are struggling to afford dental treatment at the moment, so the program will undoubtedly improve access to dental care.”

“We know that if we can break a cycle of poor health, we can begin to break cycles of poverty. Cycles of despair can become legacies of hope,” said Dr. Capilouto. “We also, increasingly, know that partnerships and greater collaboration are the best – and, perhaps, only – way to address major challenges. Against the backdrop of a still challenged national economy, it is even more important that we engage in strategic alliances and partnerships. Uncommon resolve can be utilized to tackle common concerns and address commonly held challenges. Today’s announcement represents a unique partnership: Federal funding from the Appalachian Regional Commission; leadership at the state level from the Governor and his team; a commitment of resources from the state’s flagship institution, Kentucky’s public institution dedicated to serving the people of Eastern Kentucky, and a critically important college with deep roots in Eastern Kentucky.”

“Poor oral health is a serious problem in Eastern Kentucky,” said Patton. “The University of Pikeville is pleased to join in this partnership with the University of Kentucky and Morehead State University to address the issue. This effort will be a part of our continued programs of service to the people of Central Appalachia.”

Counties that will be served by the program are Adair, Bath, Bell, Boyd, Breathitt, Carter, Casey, Clark, Clay, Clinton, Cumberland, Edmonson, Elliott, Estill, Fleming, Floyd, Garrard, Green, Greenup, Harlan, Hart, Jackson, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Lewis, Lincoln, McCreary, Madison, Magoffin, Martin, Menifee, Metcalfe, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Nicholas, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Powell, Pulaski, Robertson, Rockcastle, Rowan, Russell, Wayne, Whitley and Wolfe.

Additional information is available by contacting Dr. Gerald DeMoss, MSU’s academic affairs liaison, at 606-783-2623.

CRMTA accepted by national organization

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The Cave Run Music Teachers Association, a newly formed group of music teachers and musicians dedicated to excellence in the teaching and performance of music, has been recognized as a local chapter of the Music Teachers National Association.

Morehead State University's Dr. Paul Taylor, associate professor of music, has been named president of the local association.

As such, the group will hold official MTNA music festivals, workshops and recitals throughout the year to provide young people and adults with stimulating musical experiences and to enable their teachers to be in touch with the latest developments in music teaching.

Any interested music teachers that teach piano, voice, strings, winds, percussion, or composition are urged to join the group. Those wishing more information should contact Dr. Taylor at 606-783-2405.

MSPR Fall Fundraiser and Membership Drive, Oct. 1-7

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Morehead State Public Radio's 2011 Fall Fundraiser and Membership Drive is scheduled for Oct. 1-7. The goal is to raise \$34,000 through listener gifts and business challenges with additional goals of 500 members with 150 new members.

During this time, listeners are asked to support MSPR's award-winning regional news, educational and entertainment programming. In addition, member gifts enhance the professional learning environment for MSU students.

Regional news and locally-hosted music programs make MSPR a vital part of the community.

"Since our first broadcasts in 1965, we've offered a variety of diverse, local programming with an emphasis on preserving and promoting the region's cultural heritage," said Paul Hitchcock, MSPR general manager.

MSPR recently added six new programs as the result of listener requests. "The Animal House," "Value This," "MSU Recital Series," "Tony Pence's Country Jukebox" and "Live From Fur Peace Ranch" are now a part of the regular program schedule. In addition, a repeat broadcast of "A Prairie Home Companion" is now offered Sundays at 6 p.m. and "Health Matters" has moved to Saturday mornings at 9 a.m.

In association with the membership drive and fundraiser, MSPR's popular online auction will be Sept. 30-Oct. 5. More than 50 unique items including artwork, home décor, concert tickets, gift baskets and getaway packages will be offered to the highest bidder. Proceeds from the online auction support MSPR's programming and services.

Serving all of east Kentucky and parts of Ohio and West Virginia, Morehead State Public Radio broadcasts 24-hours a day from the campus of MSU. In addition, MSPR's website offers a listing of community events, live audio web streams, archived audio, podcasts and videos.

Gifts to Morehead State Public Radio are tax deductible and may be made online at www.msuradio.com or by calling 1-800-286-9659 during the fundraiser.

"During the membership drive, MSPR is especially seeking new listeners and first-time supporters," said Hitchcock.

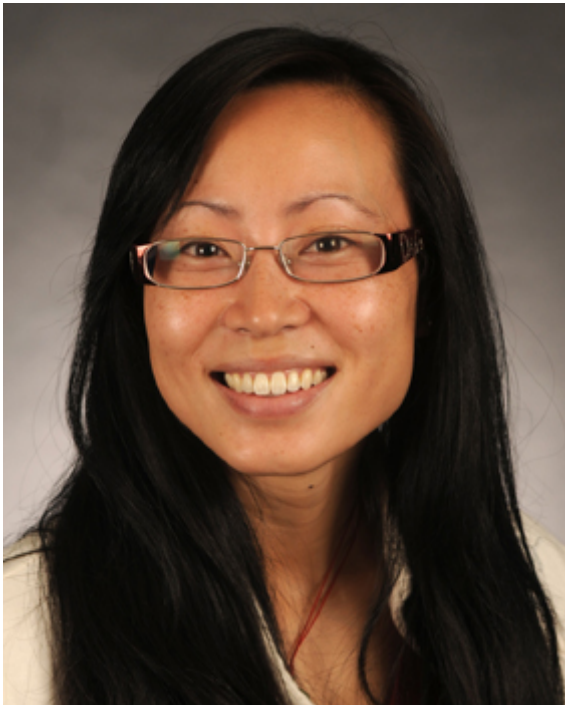
Additional information is available by calling MSPR at 606-783-2001 or 1-800-286-9659.

Diversity Spotlight:: Yan enjoys Haiti mission

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Morehead State University continues to grow by leaps and bounds. With the opening of the Center for Health, Education and Research (CHER), the nursing program is shining in the spotlight.

Many nursing students are awed by the beauty of the facility and impressed with opportunities that are presented. Connie Yan of San Francisco a spring 2011 nursing graduate, had an opportunity to travel to Haiti to participate in mission work.

Yan was inspired by a group of her peers who traveled with the mission group, Children International Lifeline to Haiti in the summer of 2010 after a 7.0 earthquake ravaged the country earlier in the year. She saved up enough money to travel to Haiti to participate in another mission trip during spring break 2011.

“Knowing that the country has had bad luck with hurricanes and now an earthquake, I wanted to do something good,” she said.

The first stop for the mission group in Haiti was Port-Au-Prince International Airport. The monstrous earthquake took its toll on Haiti and the capital city was affected as well.

“I was hit with the magnitude of the damage; cracks and broken glass were still seen a year later,” said Yan.

She participated in work at tent cities (as they are locally called). People were living without walls or even a roof. Blue tarps were used to provide basic coverage for Haitians and their possessions that remained.

The group also traveled outside the tent cities to reach as many people as they could. They were well received by the Haitians who appreciated the work that was being done. “Children would come up to you and not want

anything but to just hold your hand,” Yan said.

After climbing a 2,100-foot mountain to reach Haitians in a remote area, the mission group saw more than 500 patients.

“I’m very proud of the work that we done,” Yan said.

She emphasized that the week spent in Haiti hammered in how much she loved the nursing field and being able to help people. She also stated that there is still much more work that needs to be done.

Yan said she was very fortunate to have been able to help in Haiti and describes it as a humbling experience. She vows to return and continue mission work, but this time as a certified nurse instead of a nursing student.

She remembers a saying from a T-shirt “Suffering doesn’t stop just because the media coverage does.”

Organization registration is open for career fair

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Morehead State University's Fall Career Fair will be held Tuesday, Oct. 4, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Crager Room of the Adron Doran University Center.

MSU's Career Services invites employers and graduate programs to campus to recruit students and alumni for openings at their company or organization.

Attendees will seek full-time and part-time jobs, internships and seasonal positions.

Employer registration is open through Sept. 23.

Community members are welcome to attend as job seekers. No registration is required. Participants should bring copies of their resume and dress professionally.

To view a list of companies and organizations registered for the event or get additional details and information, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/career.

For additional information about registering as an employer or graduate program, call Megan Boone, career adviser, at 606-783-2233.

Campus remembers Sept. 11

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Morehead State University paused Friday morning to remember and honor those killed on the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the 10th anniversary.

President Wayne D. Andrews and Speaker of the House Rocky Adkins were among those who spoke to the crowd gathered at the Little Bell Tower.

The ceremony included MSU's Concert Choir which provided the musical salute.

Family members of Petty Officer 1st Class Edward Thomas Earhart, an aerographer's mate in the Navy, were recognized during the event. Earhart, a former MSU student, was the first killed while on duty at the Pentagon.

The memorial was sponsored by the MSU Office of Student Housing and Department of Military Science.

Chief photographer Tim Holbrook captured some of the sights of the event and has placed them into a [photo gallery](#).

MSU's Student Government Association erected the flag plaza in front of Howell-McDowell Administration Building in early 2002 in memory of those who died in the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

Jazz Guardians to visit MSU

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Morehead State University's Department Music, Theatre and Dance will host Army Ground Force's Jazz Guardians on Tuesday, Sept. 13, at 8 p.m. in the Duncan Recital Hall of Baird Music Hall.

The event is free and open to the public.

"This is another fine Army Jazz Band stopping at MSU to share their talents. For those who enjoyed the Jazz Ambassadors last year, this concert will be just as much fun and for others who missed last year's event, come join us and hear some great big band jazz," said Dr. Gordon Towell, professor of music.

"This will be an evening of fine and free entertainment featuring compositions from America's great big band tradition."

The Jazz Guardians is an 11-soldier group whose mission is to promote jazz, a uniquely American art form. They pay tribute to the big bands of yesterday, performing popular music by such greats as Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Glenn Miller and Woody Herman.

Showcasing its versatility, the group also performs the latest and most innovative sounds of today's popular composers. The Jazz Guardians has been featured at jazz festivals across the U.S., performing with Louis Bellson, Cab Calloway, Bill Watrous, Conrad Herwig and Jamey Aebersold.

For more information, contact Dr. Towell, at 606-783-2198 or g.towell@moreheadstate.edu.

'Williams: Rhythm in Relief' opens Sept. 16 at KFAC satellite gallery

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Morehead State University's Kentucky Folk Art Center announces a new exhibition at the KFAC satellite gallery at The Mall at Lexington Green. "LaVon Williams: Rhythm in Relief" will open on Friday, Sept. 16.

The satellite gallery is a partnership between KFAC and Artique. It is sponsored by The Mall at Lexington Green. The exhibition will draw from KFAC's permanent collection to present 17 works by Williams, one of Kentucky's most important contemporary folk artists.

The exhibition will close on Nov. 15.

Williams was born July 10, 1958, in Lakeland, Fla. He moved with his family to Denver in 1968, where he finished his schooling in 1976 and was a high school All-American basketball star. He attended the University of Kentucky on an athletic scholarship, playing on the UK basketball team that won the NCAA championship in 1978. In 1980, he graduated from UK with a degree in sociology, and left to play pro ball in Italy and Japan before returning to the U.S. In the mid-1980s, he returned to Lexington where he continues to live with his family.

He was introduced to carving as a child. In Sanford, Fla., Williams' great uncle, Luke Wright (1893-1979), was a woodcarver. His older half-brother, Dave Wright, was inspired to begin carving after watching Luke at work. Dave, in turn, taught his brother LaVon how to carve. LaVon dedicated himself to carving after the conclusion of his basketball career. For more than 20 years, Williams has maintained his own studio, separate from the family's home, in a small house located in a transitional neighborhood. Working with hammers and chisels, Williams has become one of America's pre-eminent wood carvers.

The Kentucky Folk Art Center recently concluded a two-year exhibition tour of Williams' work, that included a stop at the Lyric Theatre Gallery.

In his conclusion to the essay for that exhibition catalog, KFAC's Artistic Director Adrian Swain wrote, "Now in his early 50s, LaVon Van Williams is at the top of his creative game. There is greater fluency in how he presents his subject, more economy in his physical touch ... We are led to wonder whether certain people were not in fact put on this earth to bear witness through art."

Kentucky Folk Art Center is a cultural, educational and economic development service of Morehead State University. The Center is open Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, call 606-783-2204 or go to www.kyfolkart.org.

'Ivy Rowe' to be presented Sept. 15

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Morehead State University Women's Studies program will present "Ivy Rowe" on Thursday, Sept. 15, at 6 p.m. at the Rowan County Arts Center. The play has been adapted and performed by Barbara Bates Smith from the Lee Smith novel "Fair and Tender Ladies." Musical accompaniment is by Jeff Sebens. Tickets for the event are free.

Smith is noted for her Off-Broadway performance of "Ivy Rowe" which recounts the passionate life of a spunky mountain woman. Her 20-year touring of this one-person show has included the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

The Village Voice said of the New York production: "A lifetime's worth of sass, whoop, hurt, and reflection;" WOR Radio said: "We are captivated and enthralled;" Variety described it as: "Both funny and heartbreaking."

Additional information is available from Dr. Ann Andaloro, women's studies director, at 606-783-2714.

Audible alert system test today

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Morehead State University will conduct the monthly test of its audible alert system on Monday, Sept. 12, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

The system consists of three speakers that use an alert tone as well as voice messages to warn the campus during an emergency.

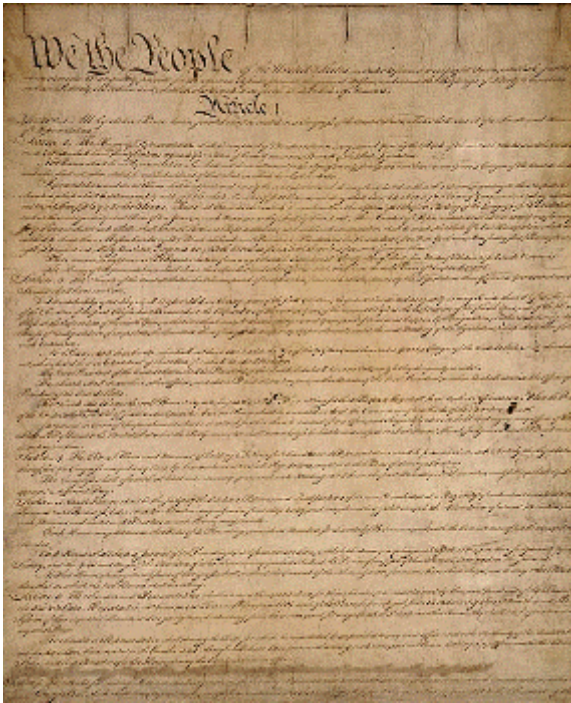
The high powered amplifiers are located on Ginger and Cartmell halls along with Jayne Stadium.

Constitution Day 2011 activities announced

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Morehead State University will celebrate American freedom and democracy for the seventh consecutive year. MSU's Center for Regional Engagement will present Constitution Day activities on Thursday, Sept. 15, and Tuesday, Sept. 20.

On Thursday, Sept. 15, events will begin at 11 a.m. in the Adron Doran University Center. Students may visit the "Cookies and the Constitution" display on the second floor to enjoy a sweet treat while engaging in a rousing game of Constitutional trivia. Students who answer a series of questions correctly will be entered into a drawing for an Apple iPod Touch, provided by the Office of Communications and Marketing.

On Tuesday, Sept. 20, the topic for the Forum on Culture, Politics and Society will be "The Constitution Today." Speakers will include Kelly Collinsworth, assistant professor of legal studies; Dennis Stutsman, lecturer of legal studies; and the Honorable Judge Beth Maze, Rowan County Chief Circuit Judge. The forum will take place at 7 p.m. in 002 Breckinridge Hall.

Constitution Day is a federal observance that recognizes the adoption and signing of the United States Constitution on Sept. 17, 1787. The law establishing the holiday was enacted in 2004. All publicly funded educational institutions are required by law to provide educational programming about the U.S. Constitution and its history on this day.

Additional information on this year's Constitution Day activities is available by contacting Randy Manis, LEAD coordinator and instructor, at 606-783-5399.

Reading Series starts Sept. 14

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Morehead State University's 2011 Reading Series will begin the semester featuring West Virginia poets Llewellyn and John McKernan, Wednesday, Sept. 14.

The duo will conduct a craft lecture, titled "Writing & Revising & Publishing -- Some Connections with an Analysis of How They Might Improve Each Other," from 4-5:30 p.m. in 312 Adron Doran University Center followed by a 6 p.m. reading from their works at the Kentucky Folk Art Center.

Llewellyn McKernan has lived and worked in Huntington, W.Va. for more than 30 years. She has a M.A. degree in creative writing from Brown University and a M.A. degree in English from the University of Arkansas. Her poetry has been published in 69 journals and newspapers. Her poetry has also been published in 30 anthologies. She has received 11 writing grants, including those from the West Virginia Humanities Council and Commission on the Arts, and Poets and Writers.

Her work has won 85 prizes, awards and honors in state, regional and national writing contests. Four of her poetry books for adults have been published: Short and Simple Annals, Many Waters, Llewellyn McKernan's Greatest Hits, and Pencil Memory. Four of her poetry books for children also have been published: More Songs of Gladness, Bird Alphabet, This is the Day, This is the Night.

John McKernan serves as editor for ABZ Press. He taught at Marshall University for more than 40 years. His most recent book is "Resurrection of the Dust." He has published poems in The Atlantic Monthly, The Paris Review, The New Yorker, Virginia Quarterly Review and many other magazines and journals.

The MSU Reading Series is sponsored by the BFA degree in Creative Writing Program in the Department of English, MSU's Arts and Humanities Council, Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, Kentucky Folk Art Center, Multicultural Student Services, International/Interdisciplinary programs, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and Morehead State Public Radio.

Additional information is available by calling the Department of English at 606-783-9448.

Retired professor Allen Lake passes away

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Allen Lake, a retired professor of biological sciences at Morehead State University, died Saturday, Sept. 10.

In 1966, Lake along with fellow faculty member James Chaplin discovered a tree fossil in Elliott County, which is still on display under its own shelter in front of Lappin Hall. This fossilized remnant of a swamp tree is estimated to be more than 300 million years old.

In May 2000, the Allen Lake Endowment for Biological Science was established to fund a professorship in biological sciences in the College of Science and Technology in his honor.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Phillips Lake, five children, and seven grandchildren.

Visitation will be Wednesday, Sept. 14, from 5-8 p.m. at Northcutt and Son Home for Funerals. Services will be conducted Thursday, Sept. 15, at 11 a.m. at Northcutt and Son Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Kathy Riley and the Rev. Mary Lake Dillensnyder officiating.

A graveside ceremony will follow at Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens with full military honors conducted by the Morehead American Legion Post 126.

MSPR 'Online Auction,' Sept. 30-Oct. 5

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Along with the membership drive, MSPR's annual Online Auction will be held Sept. 30-Oct. 5. More than 50 unique items will be featured including artwork, concert tickets, getaway packages, home décor and gift baskets. Auction items will be offered to the highest bidder.

Proceeds from the online auction will support MSPR's programming, student employment and community outreach services. The auction begins at 10 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 30, and will conclude at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 5.

Auction items may be viewed online at www.msuradio.com.

Serving more than 20 counties in eastern Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia since 1965, Morehead State Public Radio (WMKY, 90.3 FM) broadcasts 24 hours a day from the campus of Morehead State University.

Additional information is available by calling MSPR at 606-783-2001 or 1-800-286-9659.

Open House program dates set for fall 2011

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Morehead State University's Office of Enrollment Services will host Open House programs on Saturday, Oct. 8, and Nov. 5, from 9 a.m. until noon in the Adron Doran University Center on the Morehead campus.

According to enrollment services, the Open House events will be an excellent opportunity for students and families to discover why MSU has been named one of "America's Best Colleges" by U.S. News and World Report for the eighth year running.

University representatives will be available to meet students and their families, answer questions, lead campus tours and share information concerning college life.

"Our goal is to make it convenient to get answers to questions about starting college by bringing deans, department chairs and faculty from our academic programs, as well as staff from admissions, financial aid, housing and many more services together in one place," said Holly Pollock, assistant director of enrollment services.

"Families will hear success stories about our graduates and learn some statistics that demonstrate the academic quality offered at MSU."

On one such measure of success, MSU graduates are consistently accepted into professional schools, including medical, dental and pharmacy programs, at rates well above state and national averages.

Students and families are encouraged to register for the Open House. To learn much more about this event or to complete an online registration card, you may visit www.moreheadstate.edu/openhouse/.

Additional information is available by calling enrollment services at 606-783-2000 or 800-585-6781.

MSU top ranked college for 8th straight year

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Morehead State University has been recognized for the eighth consecutive year as one of the foremost public universities in the South in the 2012 edition of "America's Best Colleges" by U.S. News & World Report.

"We are very pleased to be recognized again this year as one of the outstanding regional public universities by this widely-popular college guide," said MSU President Wayne D. Andrews. "We have experienced record enrollment and retention this year. Our campus remains one of the safest in the region and we continue to improve the quality of life for our students."

The newest rankings include MSU as 21st in the Top Public University-Master's/South division.

"Our faculty and staff are deeply committed to making Morehead State the best public regional university in the South, all for the benefit of our students and their families," Dr. Andrews said.

The rankings place emphasis on acceptance rates, graduation rates, admissions selectivity, and small class sizes. MSU has consistently been recognized for relatively small classes and a high percentage of full-time faculty members, which are two important factors of student success.

The rankings include public and private institutions which grant bachelor's and master's degrees in 12 states of the South, including Kentucky, West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, Arkansas and Louisiana.

Initially, MSU appeared in the magazine's top tier of ranked institutions in the 2005 edition of "America's Best Colleges." The rankings are based on research of more than 1,400 institutions nationally.

"Our students are accepted into professional schools, including medical, dental and pharmacy programs, at rates well above state and national averages. This is one indicator of the high-quality education that students receive at MSU. We are elated that others recognize Morehead State's academic quality," Dr. Andrews noted.

At MSU, students can choose between various programs in the arts, education, business, and the sciences, including the space science program, one of only five in the nation.

The rankings will be published in the magazine's September issue. The 2012 America's Best College's guidebook will be available later this month.

MSU was founded in 1887 as a private college, became a public institution in 1922, and gained university status in 1966.

Board of Regents meeting set for Sept. 15

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EVENT: Board of Regents Meeting

DATE: Thursday, Sept. 15, 2011

TIME: 9 a.m.

SITE: Riggle Room, Adron Doran University Center

The Executive Committee will meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Adron Doran University Center.

Agenda

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

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[1. BOR Work Session at 9 a.m. on Thursday, November 17, 2011 \(CPE President Bob King will speak\): Audit Committee will meet at 8 a.m.](#)

[2. BOR Quarterly Meeting at 9 a.m. on Thursday, December 8, 2011](#)

[3. Winter Commencement at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 17, 2011](#)

[VII. ADJOURNMENT](#)

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