

# News Items for 2013 - February

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## **Drs. Eva Koppelhus and Philip Currie to lecture as part EASS speaker series**

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Morehead State University's Department of Earth and Space Sciences will present Drs. Eva Koppelhus and Philip Currie as part of its speaker series Friday, Feb. 22.

Both sessions are free and open to the public.

Dr. Koppelhus will speak at 4 p.m. in 419 Reed Hall about ongoing studies of fossil plants in Cretaceous Park, Alberta, a world-famous dinosaur site; at 6:30 p.m. in Button Auditorium, Dr. Currie, a world-renowned dinosaur paleontologist, will share new discoveries in dinosaur paleontology.

Dr. Koppelhus is a research associate in the Department of Biological Sciences at the University of Alberta, where she works with Dr. Currie. As a paleontologist educated at the University of Aarhus in Denmark, she worked for more than 10 years at the Geological Surveys of Denmark and Greenland. Her research focused on floras of the Triassic, Jurassic and Cretaceous geological periods. She completed a two-year post-doctoral fellowship at the Greenland Geological Survey in Copenhagen, Denmark, before travelling to the Royal Tyrrell Museum of Paleontology for a second post-doctoral fellowship from 1996-1997. During her postdoctoral position at the Tyrrell Museum, she worked with material from the Centrosaurus bonebeds in Dinosaur Provincial Park to determine more about the plants associated with this dinosaur. Her research interest is now

concentrating on floras of the Upper Cretaceous of Northwest America. Prior to October 2005, she spent eight years as a research assistant for Dr. Currie at the Royal Tyrrell Museum of Paleontology, before joining the Department of Biological Sciences at the University of Alberta. She works primarily with material from dinosaur-bearing formations such as the Pachyrhinosaur bonebed in Pipestone Creek and the Albertosaurus bonebed in Dry Island Park. Her work with Dr. Currie has taken her to all corners of the world, including Antarctica, Argentina, Australia, China, Europe, Indonesia, Japan, Madagascar, Mongolia, New Zealand, South Korea, South Africa and the U.S.

Dr. Currie is a professor and the Canada Research Chair in the Department of Biological Sciences at the University of Alberta. He is the former Curator of Dinosaurs at the Royal Tyrrell Museum of Paleontology, and an adjunct professor at the University of Calgary. He got his bachelor's degree at the University of Toronto in 1972, and his master's and doctoral degrees at McGill University in 1975 and 1981, respectively. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada (1999) and a member of the Explorers Club (2001). He received an honorary degree from the University of Calgary in 2008.

He has published more than 160 scientific articles, 140 popular articles and 20 books, focusing on the growth and variation of extinct reptiles, the anatomy and relationships of carnivorous dinosaurs, and the origin of birds. Fieldwork connected with his research has been concentrated in Alberta, Argentina, British Columbia, China, Mongolia, Indonesia, South Africa, and the Arctic and Antarctica.

He received the Sir Frederick Haultain Award (for significant contributions to science in Alberta), 1988; American Association of Petroleum Geologists, Michel T. Halbouty Human Needs Award, 1999; Michael Smith Award in 2004; ASTech Award, in 2006; The Alberta Order of Excellence, 2010; The Explorers Club (Canadian Chapter) Stefansson Medal, 2011; The Explorers Club Medal, and the Royal Canadian Geographical Society Gold Medal, 2012.

Since 1986, he has supervised or co-supervised 32 students at the universities of Alberta, Calgary, Copenhagen and Saskatchewan. Currently he is supervising nine (two undergraduates, two master's, four doctoral, and one postdoctoral) students at the University of Alberta. He has given hundreds of popular and scientific lectures on dinosaurs all over the world, and is often interviewed by the press.

Additional information is available by contacting Charles Mason, MSU professor of geoscience, at 606-783-2166.

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## Audible alert system test Monday

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Morehead State University will conduct the monthly test of its audible alert system on Monday, Feb. 4, 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.

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## 14th annual Big Sandy Women's Business Symposium set for Feb. 26

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The 14th annual Big Sandy Women's Business Symposium will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 26, at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center.

The theme of the conference is "The Power of Influence" and will feature two keynote speakers. The morning address will be delivered by Jean Hale, president and CEO of Community Trust Bank, and motivational speaker Martha Lanier will present the afternoon address, "The Power of Influence."

The cost of the event is \$25, which includes all workshops and meals. All women are invited to attend the symposium, presented by Morehead State University's East Kentucky Small Business Development Center.

Hale exemplifies the opportunities that are available to employees who start with a small company and grow with that company. She has been with Community Trust for 43 years and has participated in the growth of the corporation from \$18 million to \$3.6 billion in assets. She assumed her current position as president and CEO of Community Trust Bancorp Inc. in 1999 and added the position of chairman of the board in 2005. She also is the chairman of the board of the corporations' two subsidiaries, Community Trust Bank Inc. and Community Trust and Investment Company.

Hale is active in economic development and education initiatives. Currently, she is chair of the Kentucky Economic Development Partnership Board and serves on the boards of Commonwealth Seed Capital, ARH



Foundation and the University of Pikeville.

Lanier has an unrelenting belief that we are each capable of achieving far more than we think is possible. Whether it is competing in a triathlon or just taking time for ourselves. Participants in her programs are inspired to believe in themselves and achieve extraordinary results.

She honed her expertise while facing her own fears and overcoming one obstacle after another. Once petrified of taking risks, she triumphed over her fear of speaking in front of groups. At 50, she jumped out of a perfectly good airplane and has survived both breast cancer and a heart attack. To celebrate her first anniversary of being cancer free, she competed in the Aflac Iron Girl Sprint Triathlon.

Audiences are intrigued as key points are vividly reinforced through her animated stories. During her career, she climbed the corporate ladder from administrative assistant, through the ranks to vice president, and then to business owner. Based in Atlanta, she travels the country delivering her message of power.

Participants also will have the opportunity to attend their choice of breakout sessions during the conference. Exhibitor displays, networking, lunch, entertainment and door prizes will be available. Workshops will include "Dawkins Rails-to-Trails--Providing Small Business Opportunities" and "Commercial Air Service- Innovative Business Development."

Entertainment for this year's symposium will be provided by "Coaltown Dixie." When the gals of Coaltown Dixie met at a Front Porch Pick-in' event a few years ago something clicked. They quickly worked up a song backstage to perform and by the end of the night everyone thought they were an established band. So...they became one.

Their upbeat material consists of well-written and arranged originals, with some traditional tunes thrown in as well. The Coaltown Dixie gals have opened for Ricky Skaggs and Kentucky Thunder along with The Lonesome River Band.

Registration, breakfast and exhibits will run from 8:30-9:15 a.m. Welcoming remarks from Emcee Jill Fraley will follow. Hale will begin her morning keynote at 9:30 a.m.

A breakout session will be held from 10:15-11:15 a.m. Lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m. and entertainment will begin at noon.

The afternoon address by Lanier will begin at 12:45 p.m. The symposium will conclude at 2:30 p.m., following closing remarks and door prize drawings.

This event is funded in part through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration. Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities will be made, if requested at least two weeks in advance.

Additional information and registration is available by calling the East Kentucky Small Business Development Center at 606-788-7272, 606-432-5848, or online at [www.moreheadstate.edu/sbdc](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/sbdc).

## Open House to be held, despite weather

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Morehead State University's Open House program will still be held Saturday (Feb. 2) starting at 9 a.m.

If, because of the weather, you and your family cannot make it to the MSU campus, the Office of Enrollment Service will reschedule the visit for the next open house date.

MSU will host an Open House on Saturday, March 2.

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

Additional information is available by calling enrollment services at 606-783-2000 or 800-585-6781. Updates and information will also be posted to [Facebook](#) and [Twitter \(@moreheadstate\)](#).

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## SOAR dates announced

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Morehead State University will host seven Student Orientation, Advising and Registration (SOAR) programs in preparation for the 2013 fall semester.

First-year and transfer students will register for their classes during these events.

Students also will have their photographs taken for the University's identification card, the EagleCard, and meet with representatives from financial aid, student housing, food services, and accounting and financial services.

Campus tours will be available.

A student must be accepted to MSU before they can participate, and parents are encouraged to attend.

The 2013 SOAR dates will be April 19, April 20, June 5, June 7, June 18, June 20 and July 16.

Preregistration for each SOAR program is necessary because of limited space.

There are two ways to register: visit the Web page at [www.moreheadstate.edu/soar](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/soar) and complete the registration form; or register with the Office of First Year Programs by calling 606-783-5208.



## Star Theater announces February shows

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Morehead State University's Star Theater public programs for February will be "Cosmic Colors" and "The Night Sky Over Morehead."

With "Cosmic Colors," participants will take an adventure along the spectrum and discover the world of color. Discover why plants are green, the sky is blue. Take a trip in the universe to discover how scientists use the entire electromagnetic spectrum to view the universe.

"Cosmic Colors" will be shown Friday, Feb. 15, at 6:30 p.m., followed by "Laser Pink Floyd – The Wall" at 7:30 p.m. and "Laser Pink Floyd – Dark Side of the Moon" at 8:30 p.m.

Programs will continue on Saturday, Feb. 16, with afternoon showings of "Cosmic Colors," at 1 and 3:15 p.m. along with the new live program "The Night Sky Over Morehead" at 2:15 p.m.

Laser shows on Saturday evening start at 7 p.m. with "Laser Pink Floyd – The Wall" and at 8 p.m., "Laser Pink Floyd – Dark Side of the Moon" will be shown.

Selected laser music shows can contain unedited language.

General Public ticket prices are:

### Planetarium programs

- \$2 – Adults
- \$1 – Students & Senior Citizens (60+)
- Free – 4 and under

### Laser programs

- \$5 – Adults
- \$4 – Students & Senior Citizens (60+)
- Free – 4 and under

Seating is limited to 90 per program and tickets (cash only) for all shows are available at the door. No advance tickets or reservations are available.

Additional information is available by calling the Space Science Center's Star Theater at 606-783-9593 or visiting its website at [www.moreheadstate.edu/startheater](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/startheater).

## VITA offers free tax assistance

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During this filing season, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) will be available at no charge to Morehead State University students and eligible employees.

Through the University's School of Business, Department of Accounting, in conjunction with the Internal Revenue Service, the tax return assistance will be offered on Tuesdays from 3-6 p.m. (beginning Jan. 29) in room 311 of the Combs Building on campus. The office will not be open March 19. It is free to students, and also to employees and members of the Morehead community with an annual household income of \$50,000 or less.

No appointment is necessary. Taxpayers will be assisted on a first come, first-served basis, and no returns will be accepted for preparation after 5:30 p.m.

It will be necessary for taxpayers to bring with them documentation for any and all that apply:

Proof of identification (photo ID) for yourself and/or spouse and Social Security cards for each individual who will be listed on the return. Service cannot be provided if you do not have these documents.

Also, you will need the following:

- W-2(s);
- 1099(s);
- A copy of last year's return;
- Statements of other income;
- Information for deductions and credits;
- Proof of account for direct deposit of refund, if desired, voided check;
- Students:

- Proof of tuition paid (regardless of source of funds used) during 2012 for yourself, spouse, and/or dependents;
- Cost of books for 2012;
- Amount of scholarships and/or grants awarded in 2012.
- For proof of tuition and scholarships/grants, you should bring a copy of your account for the calendar year of 2012. This can be printed from MSU account Web page.

Additional information is available from Sharon Walters, associate professor of accounting, by calling 606-783-2725, or by emailing [s.walters@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:s.walters@moreheadstate.edu).

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## Alumni HOF nominees sought

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The Morehead State University Alumni Association Inc. is accepting nominations for its most prestigious honor, the Hall of Fame Award.

“We are seeking to honor our most outstanding alumni,” said Tami Jones, director of alumni and constituent relations. “Candidates must have achieved excellence in their profession, provided community service and been recognized at the local, state or national level.”

Submissions will be accepted until Monday, April 1.

To meet the criteria, the individual:

- must have graduated from MSU at least 10 years prior to the time of nomination;
- must be a responsible, respected citizen of good character in their communities and professions;
- must have remained in contact and shown support for Morehead State;
- must be in attendance to accept the award.

Nominations should include the name, address and graduation year of the nominee; reasons why this individual should be considered; honors and awards; and name and telephone number of the person making the nomination.

Materials may be sent to the Alumni Association, Morehead State University, 358 University Street, Morehead, KY 40351.

Individuals will be inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame on Friday, Oct. 25, during the 2013 Homecoming Weekend.

Nomination forms may be accessed at [www.moreheadstate.edu/alumniHOF/](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/alumniHOF/).

Additional information is available by calling the Alumni Association at 606-783-2080 or 800-783-ALUM (2586).

## Open House set for March 2

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Morehead State University's Office of Enrollment Services will host its next Open House program Saturday, March 2, from 9 a.m. until noon in the Adron Doran University Center on the Morehead campus.

According to enrollment services, the Open House events are 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 ninth 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, director of undergraduate admissions.

"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, you may visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/openhouse/](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/openhouse/).

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

## Dr. Perkins named assistant vice president of University College

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Morehead State University has announced that Dr. Emma Gillespie Perkins has been named assistant vice president of University College.

“I am pleased that Dr. Perkins has accepted the position in University College. She is a well-respected faculty member with a great deal of credibility on campus and throughout the state. Her commitment to student success will help us move Morehead State University forward,” said Dr. Karla Hughes, provost.

Dr. Perkins served in the interim assistant vice president role since the retirement of Dr. Charlie Patrick last year.

She graduated from MSU and The Ohio State University with a bachelor’s degree in art studio and art history and earned her master’s degree from MSU. Dr. Perkins earned her Ed.D. degree in instruction and administration, art education from the University of Kentucky.

Dr. Perkins, who has held several positions on campus, joined the MSU family in 1995.

She has been an active faculty member who continues to focus upon student mentoring, teaching and community outreach. She served as Cultural Studies Director and as Director of the Center for Leadership and Professional Development. During this time, she organized and presented numerous cultural diversity conferences and professional development programs for the MSU community. Some of these event topics included Appreciative Advising, Academic Success for Underrepresented students, Integrated Course Design, Critical Thinking and MSU student learning strategies. She worked to expand and develop MSU professional learning communities (PLCs) in areas such as student success, university mandates in Kentucky, technology, community outreach, diversity and international education.



An alumnus of MSU's President's Leadership Academy, she served as director and mentor for the PLA class of 2012 and as a mentor and facilitator for first year faculty. She is the past president of the Kentucky Art Education Association and was the distinguished Kentucky Art Educator of 2007 and 2008. Prior to her current career in academia, she was a statewide director who managed operations and budgeting for 10,000 field and office employees in the health sector.

She is co-author of Retention and Recruitment Plan: Closing the Gaps, Reaching the Summit, and is active in a variety of retention efforts both on the MSU campus and in Kentucky.

Dr. Perkins has published work in the fields of creativity, visual literacy and student learning, as well as English as a second language. She has presented more than 35 papers at regional and national venues on teaching, student learning and retention.

Additional information may be obtained by calling Dr. Perkins at 606-783-2884.

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## **Student dies as result of traffic accident**

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