

News Items for 2013 - May

Board of Regents work session set for May 2

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EVENT: Board of Regents Work Session

DATE: Thursday, May 2, 2013

TIME: 9 a.m.

SITE: Riggle Room, Adron Doran University Center

During the work session, the Regents will discuss item(s) on the agenda.

Prior to the work session, the Audit Committee will meet at 8 a.m.

Agenda

1. Update on Aspire to Greatness: MSU Strategic Plan 2010-14 – Jill Ratliff
 - Technology Master Plan – Beth Patrick
 - Campus Master Plan – Beth Patrick
2. Report on Draft Operating Budget and Tuition for 2013-14 – Beth Patrick
 - Update on Compensation Model – Beth Patrick
3. Report on Presidential Evaluation Process – Paul Goodpaster
4. BOR Retreat – November 7 (Begins with dinner on evening of 6th)
5. Future Meetings/Events
 - Spring Commencement – 10 a.m./2 p.m., May 11, 2013
 - Quarterly BOR Meeting – 9 a.m., June 6, 2013

Audible alert system test Monday

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Morehead State University will conduct the monthly test of its audible alert system on Monday, May 6, 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, located on Ginger and Cartmell halls along with Jayne Stadium, are designed primarily to alert pedestrians on campus sidewalks and streets.

Faculty, staff and students also can be notified by signing up for Eagle Alerts (e2Campus).

Additional information on MSU's emergency procedures can be found on the MSU Web page at www.moreheadstate.edu/emergency/.

SBDC assisting businesses in West Liberty and surrounding areas

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Since the tornadoes of last year, there have been many changes to the town and the businesses of West Liberty. The Kentucky Small Business Development Center has assisted clients who were affected by the tornadoes as well as new businesses coming in to the town.

Now they are taking it a step further and opening a satellite office in West Liberty. The office will be located in room 117 of Morehead State University at West Liberty, 155 University Drive.

With this additional funding by USDA/Rural Development, this office will be able to be open on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. to make it more convenient for the business owners to be able to get assistance from the KSBDC.

Operated by MSU, the Morehead SBDC is one of 15 statewide service centers that operate within the Kentucky Small Business Development (KSBDC) network. Each center provides area small businesses with valuable tools to help entrepreneurs make informed business decisions when planning to expand an established business purchase, an existing business or open a new business. KSBDC services include comprehensive business planning; cash flow projections; market planning and research; record keeping; financial analysis and customer retention strategies, to name a few. Morehead center director Mark Murphy explained that the Morehead SBDC brings more than just consulting to the table.

“We listen to our client’s dreams and find ways to help them make those dreams a reality,” said Murphy.

Morehead SBDC serves Bath, Bracken, Fleming, Lewis, Mason, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Robertson and Rowan counties.

For more information on services or to schedule an appointment, call 606-783-2895 or contact Murphy at m.murphy@moreheadstate.edu.

MSPR to host CAB meeting

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The Community Advisory Board for Morehead State Public Radio will conduct its quarterly meeting on Thursday, May 9, at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting will be held in the MSPR studios in Breckinridge Hall on the Morehead State University campus. Meetings of the board are open to the public.

WMKY (90.3 FM) is the flagship station for the network. MSPR serves more than 20 counties in Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia.

Additional information is available on MSPR's website at www.msuradio.com or from Paul Hitchcock, general manager, at 606-783-2001 or email wmky@moreheadstate.edu.

Kline to have work featured at regional tuba-euphonium conference

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Morehead State University's Tyler Kline, Mt. Sterling senior, will have one of his compositions performed at the 2013 Midwest Regional Tuba and Euphonium Conference in Normal, Ill.

Euphoniumist Gail Robertson will perform Kline's work, "For Those That Wander," with MSU faculty pianist, Dr. Eunbyol Ko, at the conference on Saturday, May 18, at 3 p.m.

The work is scheduled to be published by music publisher Potenza Music in early May. Kline already has one work published through the Louisville music company: a flute and alto saxophone duet titled "Different Worlds," commissioned in early 2012 by Awea Duo (MSU faculty Dr. Jennifer Brimson-Cooper and Dr. Masahito Sugihara).

"Not only is it exciting to have your own music performed, but to have people wanting to perform it, that is an incredible feeling," Kline said. In addition to being published, "Different Worlds" placed second in the Arnold Salop Memorial Composition Contest, an undergraduate composition contest sponsored by the Southeast Composers League.

Kline will graduate in May and will be attending the University of South Florida for graduate studies in music composition.

For more information, visit the composer's website at <http://www.tylerklinemusic.com/>.

Reis places second in NFD exhibition

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Jennifer A. Reis, gallery director and instructor in Morehead State University's Department of Art and Design, won second place in the 2013 National Fiber Directions exhibition currently on view at The Wichita Center for the Arts in Kansas for her piece "Golden Girl."

The juror, Pauline Verbeek-Cowart, awarded the work the \$750 prize. The artwork is one of two pieces Verbeek-Cowart chose of Reis' work, in an exhibition of 60 pieces selected from 217.

She is both an arts professional as well as a practicing artist with a B.F.A. degree from the Columbus College of Art, an M.A. degree in Museum Studies from Syracuse University, and an M.A. in Studio Art with an Art Education emphasis from MSU.

National Fiber Directions is a biennial exhibition showcasing the art of fiber, underwritten by the Fred C. and Mary R. Koch Foundation. The exhibition will be on view until May 19.

Further information about the exhibition or The Wichita Center for the Arts can be found at <http://wcfta.com/>.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Reis at 606-783-5446.

Rites of Passage slated for May 9

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Morehead State University's Office of Student Activities, Inclusion and Leadership Development will sponsor its 27th Semi-Annual Rites of Passage Recognition Ceremony on Thursday, May 9, from 7-9 p.m.

The ceremony will take place in the Crager Room of the Adron Doran University Center.

The purpose of the ceremony is to recognize and celebrate the scholastic achievement of minority and international students at MSU. Each student will receive a certificate and a special stole.

The Black Gospel Ensemble, directed by Dr. Roosevelt Escalante, will perform.

Keynote speaker for the spring celebration will be MSU's Dr. Clarendia Phillips, interim associate vice president for academic affairs.

Dr. Phillips earned Ph.D. and M.A. degrees in sociology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and a B.A. degree in sociology from DePauw University. She worked as a senior research associate with Policy Studies Associates Inc. in Washington, D.C., before starting her career at MSU in 2000.

Dr. Phillips spent the 2010-11 academic year as an American Council on Education (ACE) Fellow at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

In addition to faculty responsibilities, Dr. Phillips has served as assistant provost, heading major campus initiatives and projects including those related to diversity. She was awarded a prestigious National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) postdoctoral fellowship for the 2003-04 academic year to conduct research with the University of Kentucky College of Medicine's Department of Behavioral Science.

She was a member of the first class admitted to the MSU President's Leadership Academy and a former director of the MSU Interdisciplinary Women's Studies Program.

Dr. Phillips is a member of several University, college and department committees and assumes major leadership

roles on many of them. In addition to the NIMH Fellowship, she has been honored by other professional associations including Theta Phi Honor Society and the American Sociological Association. Her professional activities have taken her to the continents of Asia and Africa.

Additional information is available by calling Shanté Hearst, coordinator of multiculturalism and inclusion, at 606-783-2071.

Celebration of Student Scholarship observed

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Morehead State University held its Eighth Annual Celebration of Student Scholarship on Wednesday, April 24, at the Adron Doran University Center.

The event spotlighted MSU as a premier destination for all who desire the world-class education that is catalyzed by the dedicated mentorship of a world-class faculty.

President Wayne D. Andrews has said that the Celebration “is a time when we can all pause to reflect on the outstanding efforts of the community of scholars that empowers our diverse population of students to reach their educational goals.”

The 2013 Celebration featured 196 presentations that demonstrated the research and creative endeavors of 285 students and their 132 faculty mentors. This year, awards were made for student presentations of special merit.

Chief photographer Tim Holbrook has put together a [photo gallery](#) of the 2013 Celebration of Student Scholarship.

Awards for the Eighth Annual Celebration of Student Scholarship were as follows:

College of Business and Public Affairs

Oral Presentations

Certificates of Merit

CS-44 Early life experiences fostering ethical leadership development

Caitlin Bailey

Mentor - Johnathan K. Nelson

School of Business Administration

CS-45 Impacts of economic reform on the expansions of middle class in Southeast Asian countries

Yen Tran

Mentor - Ali Ahmadi

School of Business Administration

Certificate of Exceptional Merit

CS-44 Early life experiences fostering ethical leadership development

Caitlin Bailey

Mentor – Johnathan K. Nelson

School of Business Administration

Poster Presentations

Certificates of Merit

P-3 A community indicators project: Rowan County, Kentucky

Johnathon Dye, Taylor Lewis, Cody Murphy, Laura Pfalzer, Chad Wells

Mentors - Christine Emrich, Stephen Lange

School of Public Affairs

P-9 Cancer disparities and the availability of oncology services across Kentucky, 2005-09

Chad Wells, Porsha Smith

Mentor - Timothy Hare

School of Public Affairs

Certificate of Exceptional Merit

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Mentors - Christine Emrich, Stephen Lange

School of Public Affairs

Caudill College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Oral Presentations

Certificates of Merit

CS-26 The effects of bereavement on incarcerated men's harmful behavior

Hannah M. Willis

Mentor - Rebecca S. Katz

Sociology, Social Work & Criminology

CS-25 Fighting the "F" word: Organizing and recruiting for a feminist group

Danielle Story

Mentors - Bernadette Barton, Connie Hardesty

Sociology, Social Work & Criminology

CS-5 On the path from planning to programming: Art events and exhibitions

Carly Saunders

Mentor - Jennifer Reis

Art & Design

CS-8 Creating a TV series for KET: Pre-production, production, and post-production

Pamela Shay Hammond

Mentor - Jeffrey Hill

Communication, Media & Leadership

CS-9 A study of W.A. Mozart's "Trio for Clarinet, Viola, and Piano," K. 488 from a clarinetist's perspective

Maria Felice

Mentor - Lori Baruth

Music, Theatre and Dance

Certificate of Exceptional Merit

CS-8 Creating a TV series for KET: Pre-production, production, and post-production

Pamela Shay Hammond

Mentor - Jeffrey Hill

Communication, Media and Leadership

Poster Presentations

Certificates of Merit

P-18 Evolution of the "Hoochie Coochie" show from 1893 to the modern sex industry

Nikki Cagle

Mentor - Kris DuRocher

History, Philosophy, Religion & Legal Studies

P-21 Breaking up is hard to do: Helping low-income families through the pro se divorce clinic

Paula Jo Roberts

Mentor - Kelly Collinsworth

History, Philosophy, Religion and Legal Studies

P-16 Accents affecting attachment

Benjamin Lee, Bryan Harmon

Mentor - Katy Carlson

English

P-28 Identification of resource disparities in the gateway service region: A needs assessment

Tina Jones

Mentor - Lisa Shannon

Sociology, Social Work and Criminology

P-14 Exploring literature curriculum alignment and instructional support for Kentucky English teachers

Megan Ison

Mentor - Kathryn Mincey

English

P-23 Shortening the throw

Adam Dixon

Mentor - William Mann

Music, Theatre & Dance

P-13 Best practices in student-run collegiate public relations firm

Caitlin Farhat, Hannah Webb

Mentor - Randy Manis

Communications, Media & Leadership Studies

Exceptional Merit

P-18 Evolution of the "Hoochie Coochie" show from 1893 to the modern sex industry

Nikki Cagle

Mentor - Kris DuRocher

History, Philosophy, Religion & Legal Studies

College of Education

Oral Presentations

Certificates of Merit

CS-27 Successes and challenges of conducting a transition fair in a rural region

Amy Clausen

Mentor - Sarah Hawkins

Early Childhood, Elementary & Special Education

CS-28 Framing technology leadership in a Jackson Independent

Allison Johnston

Mentor - Rebecca Roach

21st Century Education Enterprise

Certificate of Exceptional Merit

CS-28 Framing technology leadership in a Jackson Independent
Allison Johnston
Mentor - Rebecca Roach
21st Century Education Enterprise

Poster Presentations

Certificates of Merit

P-39 What are the benefits of origami in the early childhood classroom?
Caroline Heston
Mentor - Mee-Ryoung Shon
Early Childhood, Elementary & Special Education

P-30 Analysis of authentic Korean vs. Euro-American versions of the "Cinderella" folktale by gifted students in grades 4 and 5
Lisa A. Bryant
Mentor - Mee-Ryoung Shon
Early Childhood, Elementary & Special Education

P-34 The effects of summarizing on Accelerated Reader TM scores
Amy Clausen
Mentor - Kimberly Nettleton
Early Childhood, Elementary, & Special Education

P-38 From zero to zoom: Read, write, publish: Lessons from a child
Laura J. Geiman
Mentor - Martha M. Decker
Early Childhood, Elementary & Special Education

P-41 Assessments of early numeracy
Kelsey Koontz
Mentor - Edna O. Shack
Early Childhood, Elementary & Special Education
Certificate of Exceptional Merit

P-34 The effects of summarizing on Accelerated Reader TM scores
Amy Clausen
Mentor - Kimbereley Nettleton
Early Childhood, Elementary & Special Education

College of Science & Technology

Oral Presentations

Certificates of Merit

CS- 31 Lichen species inventory for Carter Caves State Resort Park, Carter County
Victoria Evans, Channing Richardson
Mentor - Allen C. Risk
Biology & Chemistry

CS-24 Application of computational fluid dynamics to fault analysis in HVAC system design of heavy equipment

Charles M. "Matt" Watson
Mentor - Nilesch Joshi
Applied Engineering & Technology

CS-61 MSU's first femto-class satellite: BeakerSat-1

Jordan Healea

Mentors - Benjamin K. Malphrus, Robert Twiggs, David Mays, Jennafer Grinrod, Yevgeniy Byeloborodov
Earth & Space Science

CS-33 Beta diversity comparisons of woody plant species richness in two eastern Kentucky state parks

Lacey Pyles

Mentor - Allen C. Risk

Biology & Chemistry

CS-59 Numerical modeling and simulation of nanosatellite orbits

Jonathan Fitzpatrick

Mentor - Benjamin K. Malphrus

Earth & Space Science

CS-35 Dispersal ability of the Frecklebelly Darter (*Percina stictogaster*)

Brooke Washburn, Carol-Rose Gingras

Mentor - David J. Eisenhour

Biology & Chemistry

Certificate of Exceptional Merit

CS-24 Application of computational fluid dynamics to fault analysis in HVAC system design of heavy equipment

Charles M. "Matt" Watson

Mentor - Nilesch Joshi

Applied Engineering & Technology

Poster Presentations

Certificates of Merit

P-127 Getting over betrayal: Links between post-betrayal reactions and coping for men and women

Nolan Williams, Casey T. Fitzpatrick, Elizabeth Knox

Mentor - Laurie Couch

Psychology

P-105 Recommendations for non-pharmacological techniques to reduce pain in the medical-surgical setting

Haidar Alalawi, Samantha Bush, Tammy Heflin, McKenzie Hicks

Mentor - Michelle McClave

Nursing

P-60 Application of computational fluid dynamics to fault analysis in HVAC system of design of heavy equipment

Charles M. "Matt" Watson

Mentor - Nilesch Joshi

Applied Engineering & Technology

P-113 Exploration of patient identification solutions to reduce medication errors

Malissa Martinez, Jackie Richmond, Arian Snyder, Brandon Tackett, Jillian White

Mentor - Michelle McClave
Nursing

P-72 The synthesis of schiff bases derived from sulfonamides with potential medicinal and biological significance
Slim H. Khouja
Mentor - Mark T. Blankenbuehler
Biology & Chemistry

P-94 Liar, liar, scans on fire
Breanna Stone, Wade Prater
Mentor - Cyndi Y. Gibbs
Imaging Sciences

P-104 Analysis of a catcher's mechanics in baseball
Drew Williams
Mentor - Ignacio Birriel
Math, Computer Science & Physics

P-121 Am I good or bad? Parental sensitivity is associated with children's emotion competence
Shelby D. House, Kayla M. Sizemore, Katelyn M. Fugate
Mentor - Shari Kidwell

Psychology

P-91 Magnetic resonance imaging in antisocial disorders
Amy Coldiron, Ethan McCarty
Mentor - Cyndi Y. Gibbs
Imaging Sciences

P-128 Am I good or bad? Associations of parental sensitivity with children's emotion competence across 6 years
Shelby House, Orianna Reed, Brittany Weeks, Tina Ward, Mackinzee Tatman, Natalie Justice, Kayla Sizemore, Katelyn Fugate
Mentor - Shari Kidwell
Psychology

Certificate of Exceptional Merit

P-72 The synthesis of schiff bases derived from sulfonamides with potential medicinal and biological significance
Slim H. Khouja
Mentor - Mark T. Blankenbuehler
Biology & Chemistry

Peoples' Choice Awards

Oral Presentation

CS-25 Fighting the "F" word: Organizing and recruiting for a feminist group
Danielle Story
Mentors – Drs. Bernadette Barton, Connie Hardesty
Sociology, Social Work & Criminology
Poster Presentation

P-18 Evolution of the "Hoochie Coochie" show from 1893 to the modern sex industry
Nikki Cagle

Mentor - Kris DuRocher
History, Philosophy, Religion & Legal Studies

Higginbotham, Gibson to be student speakers at Spring Commencement

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Morehead State University will hold its 2013 Spring Commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 11, at the Academic-Athletic Center.

During the two programs, President Wayne D. Andrews will confer degrees on more than 1,100 graduate and undergraduate students.

The first commencement program will start at 10 a.m. Candidates from the College of Business and Public Affairs and College of Science and Technology will participate.

Logan Higginbotham of Morehead will be the student speaker.

A graduate of Lakeside Christian Academy, he is the son of Angela and John Higginbotham.

He is a candidate for a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics teaching and finished his college days with a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

Higginbotham has received both the outstanding freshman and outstanding sophomore awards in mathematics, and as a graduating senior, he received the Outstanding Mathematics Student Award and the Thomas Fouch Award.

He received an MSU Undergraduate Research Fellowship to do research regarding bus routing algorithms. Higginbotham presented results of his research at a Kentucky Section of the Mathematical Association of America conference as well as MSU's Celebration of Student Scholarship.

Higginbotham received the Recognition of Excellence Award from the Educational Testing Service in the PRAXIS Mathematics Content Knowledge, putting him in the top 15 percent of all test takers who took this assessment in previous years.

He completed his student teaching at Rowan County Senior High School this semester. Higginbotham intends to continue his education at the University of Tennessee where he will work toward a master's degree in mathematics.

Dr. C. David "Mugsy" Adair, a nationally recognized physician and researcher, is being presented an honorary degree of Doctor of Science during the morning ceremony.

A 1986 graduate of MSU, Dr. Adair is a leading researcher and innovative developer in the field of obstetrics and gynecology. He is professor and vice chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Tennessee College of Medicine and director of Women's Services at Erlanger Hospital. In addition to these positions, Dr. Adair is founder and chief science officer of Glenveigh Medical, a pharmaceutical company committed to OB/GYN issues, and co-founder and CEO of Regional Obstetrical Consultants.

Dr. Adair has continually been a strong supporter of MSU. He resides in Chattanooga, Tenn., with his wife Lisa and their three children.

The second program will begin at 2 p.m. with students in the Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences and College of Education participating.

Stephanie Gibson of Salyersville will be the afternoon student speaker.

A graduate of Magoffin County High School, she is the wife of Benjamin Gibson and the mother of three children -- Destiny, Avery and Jenna Gibson.

She is the daughter of Darrel and Virginia Hall and the daughter-in-law of Christine Gibson and the late Kenneth Jay Gibson.

Gibson is a candidate for a bachelor's degree in education P-5 (LBD P-12). She received her Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degrees from Big Sandy Community and Technical College.

Gibson has maintained a perfect 4.0 grade point average at Morehead State. She has been on the dean's list all but one semester when she was a split student at BSCTC and MSU.

She is a member of Kernie Freewill Baptist Church in Salyersville.

After graduating, Gibson plans to apply for graduate school at MSU in the field of education.

Following each ceremony, the newest alumni will be inducted into the MSU Alumni Association by its president, Sen. Robin Webb of Grayson.

ROTC students will be commissioned as part of each program.

Additional information on Spring Commencement exercises is available by calling 606-783-2008.

Softball to open OVC Championship Wednesday

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Morehead State University's softball team will take on host Eastern Illinois in the 2013 Ohio Valley Conference Tournament.

MSU, the eighth seed, will open play against # 1 EIU on Wednesday, May 8, at 4 p.m. The Eagles (24-23) were beaten by the Panthers (35-12) twice during the regular season.

If MSU wins, it will play the winner of # 4 Murray State/ # 5 UT Martin contest at 4 p.m. Thursday. If the Eagles lose, they will play at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the double-elimination tournament.

Due to technical issues the softball tournament will not be streamed on the OVC Digital Network.

MSUEagles.com will have live stats and updates throughout the tournament.

2013 Ohio Valley Conference Softball Championship

All Times are Eastern

Wednesday, May 8

Game 1: #3 Eastern Kentucky vs. #6 Jacksonville State – 11 a.m.

Game 2: #2 SIUE vs. #7 Tennessee Tech – 1:30 p.m.

Game 3: #1 Eastern Illinois vs. #8 Morehead State – 4 p.m.

Game 4: #4 Murray State vs. #5 UT Martin – 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 9

Game 5: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser – 11 a.m.

Game 6: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner – 1:30 p.m.

Game 7: Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner – 4 p.m.

Game 8: Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 loser – 6:30 p.m.

Friday, May 10

Game 9: Game 7 loser vs. Game 5 winner – 11 a.m.

Game 10: Game 6 loser vs. Game 8 winner – 1:30 p.m.

Game 11: Game 6 winner vs. Game 7 winner – 4 p.m.

Game 12: Game 9 winner vs. Game 10 winner – 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 11

Game 13: Game 11 loser vs. Game 12 winner – 11 a.m.

Game 14: Game 11 winner vs. Game 13 winner – 1:30 p.m.

(Game 15 if necessary follows 30 minutes after Game 14)

CPE to sponsor minority planning conference

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Registration is underway for the 26th Annual Academically Proficient High School Junior and Senior Diversity Conference on the campus of Eastern Kentucky University, June 28-29.

Sponsored by the Council on Postsecondary Education and hosted this year by ECU, the conference will acquaint minority students and their families with a wide range of college planning topics, including financial aid and scholarships, selecting a college and career, and developing skills for a successful transition to college.

A college fair with campus representatives from across the state will follow the sessions.

To participate, students must be classified as juniors or seniors during the 2013-2014 school year. There is no cost to participate in the conference; however, students, parents and guardians interested in overnight housing are asked to pay a \$15 per person fee.

For more information and to register, visit <http://cpe.ky.gov/diversityconference>. Registration closes June 21.

MSU police offer campus safety tips

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With the semester winding down, Morehead State University's Police Department offers this advice to the campus community: Be aware of your surroundings and take the necessary precautions to avoid loss of your belongings.

"It is not uncommon to see an increase in crime at this time of year," said MSU Police Chief Matt Sparks. "On the campus, everyone is busy with the end of the year activities and fail to adhere to the safety rules that they usually follow."

Purses, wallets, cell phones, iPods and textbooks are among the items that are reported missing most often.

Students, as well as faculty and staff, are urged to take all necessary measures to secure and protect personal belongings in residence halls, offices and vehicles, in addition to office equipment and other vulnerable items.

According to MSUPD, always be on the lookout for suspicious activity.

"We want to remind you to take the extra time to secure items in the trunk or under the seat before leaving your automobile," Chief Sparks said. "The threat of a break-in is reduced if your belongings are not visible. Remember to lock your vehicle before leaving it in the parking area."

University police remind students to also practice safety in the residence halls:

- Make sure your door is locked when leaving your room, even if you are only going next door. It takes less than 10 seconds for a thief to enter an open room and steal property.
- Do not leave messages on phones or computer accounts, indicating how long you will be away or when you expect to return.
- Follow the safety in numbers rule when going out at night and arrange to go with friends/roommates. It is a good practice to scan your surroundings whether walking on campus, traveling by automobile or enjoying a shopping excursion.
- Do not leave valuables or property (purses, backpacks, books, personal identification, etc.) visible in or around the office or living area.
- Keep emergency numbers by the phone. Call 911 to report any suspicious person or activity.

- Take the time to be aware of your surroundings and any unusual activity.

MSUPD also will be conducting traffic checkpoints at various locations throughout the spring and summer.

Additional information is available by calling the MSU Police Department at 606-783-2035.

Spring Commencement recognizes more than 1,100 degree candidates

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Morehead State University honored more than 1,100 degree candidates at its two spring commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 11, at the Academic-Athletic Center.

(View [photo gallery](#))

There were smiles, cheers and lots of photographs taken as the newest alumni took the ceremonial walk across the stage, signifying the completion of their college degrees. They were greeted by MSU President Wayne D. Andrews who offered a congratulatory handshake to each of those completing graduate and undergraduate degree requirements.

Candidates from the College of Business and Public Affairs and College of Science and Technology participated in the first program Saturday morning, while the Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences and College of Education took part in the afternoon program.

Logan Higginbotham of Morehead was the morning student speaker. A graduate of Lakeside Christian Academy, he is the son of Angela and John Higginbotham.

He is a candidate for a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics teaching and finished his college days with a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

Higginbotham said it was an honor to be selected as the student speaker.

“Our educations are not only about all the classes we have attended and all the grades which we have earned. It is all that and more. It includes the experiences we have had along the way that helped shape our character, form our attitudes, and develop our ability to think for ourselves,” he said.

“Morehead State University prepares you for life by providing a staff and program that help you see not what you are or even what you intend to be, but what you can become. In four years, I went from someone who was lost to someone who was accepted in graduate school and who now has the problem solving skills to combat the obstacles my future presents.

“The real accomplishment is who we have become in these four years. We cannot know what ups and downs life holds for us, but we now have the intellect, self-assurance, and problem solving skills to handle anything we encounter. After all, it's not the destination, it's the journey.”

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During the past year, Gibson’s life has changed radically. In March 2012 tornadoes hit her hometown of Salyersville and then her husband was diagnosed with stage IV colon cancer.

“Life was good before that day; a spring break cruise weeks away and the excitement of my upcoming senior year were my focus. But with just one storm system and a doctor’s visit, my life was turned upside down, changed forever,” said Gibson.

“I have always been a planner, but cancer changed that, cancer now planned my entire life. If not for my faith, my God, and such supportive family and professors here at the university, I would not be here giving this speech to my fellow classmates. I have never seen so many hands reaching out to help someone in all my life and they

were reaching out to me.”

Gibson concluded her speech reminding her classmates that ups and downs will happen.

“Change is not always good, but changes will occur, and we need to be ready to embrace whatever changes come in our future. Do not let change define you, you must define the change. I have learned that even when times are at the worst, great things can prevail from those circumstances. So fellow classmates as we step out onto the floor to accept our hard earned degrees, then out into the world, know life is about change and no matter how much we may wish, nothing ever stays the same.”

The grand marshal and mace bearer for the commencement exercises was Barb Lewis, associate professor of veterinary technology, who received the 2012 Distinguished Teacher Award.

Faculty marshals were Dr. Frances L. Helphinstine, professor of English, and Dr. Dora Ahmadi, chair of the Department of Mathematics, Computer Sciences and Physics.

Student marshals were Marvin Puckett and Nadeera Ekanayake, Graduate Programs; Sherry Ison and Kelsey Hill, College of Science and Technology; Kyle B. Smith and Waylan R. Coffey, College of Business and Public Affairs; Rachel Hall and Craig Walker, College of Education; Andrew R. Kuchenbrod and Elvia Reyna, Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

MSU’s Chamber Singers sang the national anthem while the Concert Choir performed the alma mater and special music during the commencement programs.

ROTC students were administered the oath of office by MSU alumnus Brig. Gen. Steven Hogan.

Following the ceremony, the newest alumni were inducted into the MSU Alumni Association Inc., by its president, Sen. Robin Webb of Grayson.

Morehead State’s summer intersession begins Monday, May 20.

'Donor Challenge' slated for May 16

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Morehead State University alumni and friends have been challenged. An anonymous donor has pledged \$20,000 if 500 gifts are received on Thursday, May 16.

According to University Advancement, the gifts will have a tremendous impact for students, funding student scholarships, classroom and lab improvements, and student software and technology updates.

Every gift received that day, whatever the amount, is important and counts toward rising to the challenge.

There are many ways to give on May 16:

- Online (<https://alumni.moreheadstate.edu/makegift>)
- Phone (606-783-2033 or 877-690-4483)
- On campus (Palmer Development House or Alumni Association)
- Brew and Gold Happy Hour Event

Locations for the events are:

Morehead (Fuzzy Duck, 159 E. Main St., from 7-9 a.m.);

Ashland (Fat Patty's, 1442 Winchester Ave., from 6-8 p.m.) - Special Guest: Rob Tenyer, head football coach;

Columbus, Ohio, (Rusty Bucket, 7800 Olentangy River Rd., from 6-8 p.m.);

Dayton, Ohio, (Bar Louie at the Greene, 4492 Glengarry Dr., from 6-8 p.m.);

Greater Cincinnati Area (Pirate's Cove at Four Seasons Marina, 4609 Kellog Ave., from 6-8 p.m.);

Lexington (Rafferty's at Hamburg, 1865 Alysheba Way, from 6-8 p.m.) - Special Guests: Sean Woods, men's basketball coach, and Jaime Gordon, head volleyball coach;

Louisville (Prime Lounge, 104 W. Main St., from 6-8 p.m.).

The challenge is open to all alumni and friends; participants do not have to be MSU graduates. Gifts from alumni will count toward the alumni participation rate which determines the University's inclusion on U.S. News & World Report's list of top public universities in the south, a list that has included MSU for nine consecutive years.

Additional information is available by contacting the Office of Development at 606-783-2033 or at www.moreheadstate.edu/24hourchallenge/.

MSPR to present Kentucky Golf Tour Books giveaway

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Just in time for summer, Morehead State Public Radio (MSPR) will give away five 2013 Kentucky Golf Tour Books.

Sponsored by the American Lung Association of Kentucky, each golf tour book features free deals, reduced rates and special offers at more than 300 golf courses throughout Kentucky, Tennessee, Indiana and Ohio. The book also offers valuable discounts at driving ranges and indoor golf facilities.

The golf tour book is a discount golfing program, which offers the book holder one or more 18-hole rounds of golf at each of the courses listed. The value of the 2013 Kentucky Lung Book is \$35 with proceeds benefiting the fight against lung disease.

General rules and restrictions may be applied. Unless otherwise indicated, 2013 Kentucky Lung Book discounts and special offers are good through Dec. 31.

Additional information is available by calling the American Lung Association of Kentucky toll free at 1-800-LUNG-USA or from their website at www.kylung.org.

To register, send an email, postcard or letter to MSPR with your full name, home address and daytime phone number.

Participants may sign up by email at wmky@moreheadstate.edu. Letters or postcards can be sent to: "Golf Tour

Book Giveaway,” Morehead State Public Radio, 132 Breckinridge Hall, Morehead State University, Morehead, KY 40351.

Contest entries by phone, fax or social media (Facebook and Twitter) will not be accepted and a person must be at least 18 to enter. Limit one registration per household. MSPR reserves the right to refuse any contest entries.

Entries must be received by 10 a.m. on Monday, June 10.

Winners will be randomly chosen with prizes mailed to the winners. Discounts and special offers included in the 2013 Kentucky Golf Tour Book may expire without notice.

Morehead State Public Radio employees and their families, MSPR Community Advisory Board members and associates of MSPR are not eligible for this contest.

Morehead State Public Radio broadcasts 24-hours a day from the campus of MSU and serves more than 20 counties in Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia.

Additional information is available by contacting 606-783-2334 or email wmky@moreheadstate.edu.

Brig. Gen. Steven Hogan will participate in MSU's ROTC commissioning ceremony

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Morehead State University alumnus Brig. Gen. Steven Hogan will participate in the University's ROTC program commissioning ceremony Friday, May 10, at 6 p.m. at the Crager Room of the Adron Doran University Center.

He also will administer the oath of office to the Cadets during Spring Commencement Saturday, May 11.

During the ceremony that begins at 10 a.m. in the Academic-Athletic Center, MSU President Wayne D. Andrews will confer degrees on graduate and undergraduate students from the College of Business and Public Affairs and College of Science and Technology.

A second program will begin at 2 p.m. with students in the Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences and College of Education participating.

ROTC graduates will be recognized during both ceremonies.

Hogan was promoted to brigadier general during a ceremony at Boone National Guard Center in Frankfort, March 12. He serves as Assistant Adjutant General - Army, Kentucky National Guard. He is responsible to the adjutant general for balancing the requirements of readiness, modernization, force structure and sustainment of the National Guard for mobilization and domestic missions. He oversees specified units that provide wide ranging support to the National Guard's federal and state mission sets, as well as those units that provide specialized support to civil authorities.

Brig. Gen. Hogan was commissioned through the Reserve Officers' Training Corps program at Morehead State University on May 11, 1985. Significant active duty assignments include tours with the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky.; 6th Infantry Division Light, Fort Richardson, Alaska; The Army Operations Center, Pentagon, Washington, D.C., and Multi-National Corps Iraq, Baghdad, Iraq. When not serving on federal active duty, Gen. Hogan served in the Kentucky Army National Guard as an active duty guardsman with the State's Counter-Drug Unit from June 1993 until February 2011.

'Rites of Passage' celebrated

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Morehead State University's Office of Student Activities, Inclusion and Leadership Development sponsored its 26th Annual Spring Rites of Passage Graduation Recognition Ceremony Thursday, May 9, in the Crager Room of the Adron Doran University Center.

The purpose of the ceremony was to recognize and celebrate the scholastic achievement of minority and international students at MSU. The students received a certificate and gift from the program's sponsor.

All students received a special stole during the ceremony. The Black Gospel Ensemble, directed by Dr. Roosevelt Escalante, performed.

Keynote speaker for the spring celebration was MSU's Dr. Clarenda Phillips, interim associate vice president for academic affairs.

Spring graduates who participated in the ceremony were:

Susan Ahmadi of Morehead; Devon Atkinson of Farmville, N.C.; Milton Chavis of Raleigh, N.C.; Ariel Collier of Cincinnati; Tempest Dickerson of Hodgenville; Jasmine Feaster of Cincinnati; De'Sean Gordon of Lexington; Jonesheisa Hall of Lexington; Jason Holmes of Elk Grove Village, Ill.; Aryn Howland of Bellevue; Jerica Kelso of Louisville; Dandan Li of Nanning, China;

Kahlil Owens of Philadelphia; Jin Qu of China; Oriana Reed of Dayton, Ohio; Tyrone Shaw of Atlanta; Thomas Speights of Columbus, Ohio; Marietta Strausbaugh of Alexandria; Davonia Stuart of Freeport, Bahamas; Dominique Walker of Cincinnati; Alaycia Paniagua-Williams of Harlem, N.Y.; and Fitsum Wodajo of Ethiopia.

MSU Chief Photographer Tim Holbrook shares some of the scenes from "Rites of Passage" in a [photo gallery](#).

Additional information is available by calling Shanté Hearst, coordinator of multiculturalism and inclusion, at 606-783-2071.

SGA officers for 2013-14 announced

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Andrew Abbott, a Hazard senior, has been elected president of Morehead State University's Student Government Association. He will serve as the student representative on MSU's Board of Regents for the 2013-14 academic year.

A design and manufacturing engineering technology major, he served as the Funding and Awards Committee chair prior to being elected president. Abbott has been a part of several organizations including Delta Tau Delta fraternity, Society of Manufacturing Engineers, and Up 'Til Dawn.

Also elected as executive officers of SGA were:

Caitlin Farhat, executive vice president, is a senior from Louisville, majoring in communications/public relations. Previously, she served as the Student Life Committee chair in SGA. Currently, she is president of the Public Relations Student Society of America, a founding member of the Center for Regional Engagement Service Corps, and a member of the LEAD Program.

Bradley Fyffe, vice president for administration, is a junior government and philosophy major from Greenup. He is the new member educator and an executive member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity. He is an Undergraduate Research Fellow in government in the School of Public Affairs and a member of MSU Democrats.

Jake McKay, vice president for campus involvement, is a junior pre-elementary education major from Mayslick. He is a contracted cadet in Morehead State's Army ROTC program, member of Raider Company (ROTC fraternity), and recruitment chair for Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

Kelsey Koontz, vice president for finance, is from Wilmore. She is pursuing a master's degree in teacher leadership with an emphasis in mathematics. She has served SGA since 2010 as a committee chair. She received the 2013 Outstanding Undergraduate Award for the Elementary Education program.

Oana Nae, vice president for public relations, is a junior public relations major from Bucharest, Romania. Prior to her executive role, she served as chair of the Public Relations Committee. She is a member of the Cosmopolitan Club and PRSSA, a Resident Advisor and an honors student.

Career Services hosts 'Etiquette Dinner'

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Morehead State University's Career Services hosted its third formal, etiquette networking dinner for university students at the Adron Doran University Center, April 30.

Enterprise Rent-a-Car, Farm Credit Mid-America, MassMutual Financial Group and Verizon Cellular Sales sponsored the dinner.

A total of 43 students took advantage of this opportunity. The evening began with employers mingling with students as tips were shared to prepare students to be successful networkers. The 13 recruiters volunteering their time to network represented Edward Jones, Enterprise Rent-a-Car, Farm Credit Mid-America, MassMutual Financial Group, St. Claire Regional Medical Center, UPS-Supply Chain Solutions, Verizon Cellular Sales and Woodmen of the World.

During the dinner, Terri Thompson, Etiquette Institute graduate, served as the guest speaker, guiding participants in the proper way to navigate courses of food, handle napkins and tableware, as well as how to excuse oneself from the table.

"Etiquette is about helping students develop professional poise, confident communication skills, and personal polish," said Thompson. "Practicing the three bedrock principles of etiquette...kindness, consideration and honesty is always the right thing to do and will help any student's success."

"I really enjoyed the tips that the speaker shared and I thought it was a great opportunity to network," said Courtney Benson, a criminology major.

According to national surveys, employers prize skills including: communication, a strong work ethic, etc. Employers who recruit at MSU also want those skills, but are more specific saying that students should be able to introduce themselves, learn to wear professional business attire, and practice basic etiquette.

"We listen to what employers say and try to build career events to help our students prepare for the world of work," said Julia Hawkins, Career Services director. "I am pleased with the increased attendance at the dinner."

For more information, contact MSU's Career Services office at 606-783-2233 or email at careerservices@moreheadstate.edu.

MSU to be closed Memorial Day

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In observance of the Memorial Day holiday, Morehead State University will be closed Monday, May 27. There will be no classes or office hours and mail will not be delivered.

Offices will reopen at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, May 28.

French wins Appalachian Leaders in Education Award

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Regina French, an adult education instructor in Bath County, was presented the Appalachian Leaders in Education (AppLE) Award by Forward in the Fifth. She was recognized for her work with students to promote lifelong learning and critical workforce skills.

She received the award Monday, May 13, at the Center for Rural Development in Somerset.

“This year’s award winners are to be commended for continuing to enhance educational progress in Southern and Eastern Kentucky,” said U.S. Congressman Harold “Hal” Rogers (KY-05), who helped launch Forward in the Fifth in 1986.

“We’re tapping into great ideas from energized educators across the region for new opportunities in preparing our students for postsecondary education and a bright future.”

The AppLE Awards were started in 2012 by Forward in the Fifth to celebrate excellence in education by recognizing individuals who work to accomplish the nonprofit organization’s mission: to increase the educational attainment levels for all in the region.

Adult education has been a lifelong passion for French.

She has resided in Bath County, where she and her husband raise cattle, and has been an adult educator for 18 years. She applied for the executive director position of the Bath County Council for Literacy Inc. in May 1995.

“I was offered the position and started my career in literacy and adult education June 25, 1995. I only wanted part-time employment and thought 30 hours per week was not too bad. Being new to Bath County, everything and everyone was new. I was really excited to start working with adults who wanted to learn to read or even brush up on skills needed for postsecondary institutions.”

The literacy position was very demanding and she had to become a certified literacy tutor and a tutor trainer, all the while continuing to instruct in all areas of adult literacy from level 0 through the 6th grade equivalency. In 1998, the literacy council was dissolved and her position merged with the Bath County Board of Education as literacy director. She held this position for several years and then became the Bath County Adult Education Program director.

“I have not regretted taking the literacy position and always strive to do the best I can for all students, equally. Everyone deserves a good education and I want to empower each student to reach for the stars. If a student

cannot come to our center, and time allows, I will make a way to help that student and go to their home or other suitable meeting place to further their education. The student has access to online instruction in addition to class and tutoring. All that's needed for success is the will to learn.”

French did not decide to be an educator until her senior year of high school. She had to double up on a couple of subjects to graduate with the courses needed to enter college. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in postsecondary education from Morehead State University in 1970 and is now working on a master’s degree.

“I have seen many changes take place in the adult education program. I really love what I do and look forward to working each and every day, helping others learn, empowering each learner to become a productive member of community, family and work. Through adult education, I have been able to provide services to learners that otherwise would not have been possible.”

Bath County Adult Education recently joined the MSU Adult Education programs. It is located at 39 Cedar Creek Drive, Owingsville.

The program serves adults, assisting in their preparation for the GED exam, the ACT or Compass college entrance exams and/or the ACT-WorkKeys exam to earn the National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC).

The Program collaborates with community organizations such as the Office of Employment and Training, Community Based Services and Gateway Action to provide the greatest opportunity for program participants. Operating with two full-time staff, the program offers a flexible schedule and serves between 130-170 participants each year.

Additional information is available by contacting French at 606-674-2664.

Doctorate program graduates first 19

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Morehead State University's spring 2013 commencement proved to be historic as 19 students graduated with a Doctorate of Educational Leadership degree. Even before this three-year program was approved by the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges, a number of educators in the region had expressed an interest in earning a doctorate. When the approval was given, several more students than could be accepted into the program applied.

Candidates for the Degree Doctorate of Education were:

Matthew Shane Baker, South Portsmouth; Scottie Billiter, Jenkins; Timothy Wade Bobrowski, Booneville; Christine Block Boyd, Winona Lake, Ind.; Robbie L. Fletcher, Inez; Kelly Anne Foster, Mt. Sterling; Roberta Lynn Walton Fugett, Wellington; Ray E. Ginter, Morehead; Jeffrey Clifton Hawkins, Neon; Rachel Elizabeth Holbrook, Flat Gap; James L. Hurley, Pikeville;

Lisa Cluxton Jones, Berea; Beth Banks Pennington, Whitesburg; Garrick Lee Ratliff, Morehead; Michael A. Rutherford, Waxhaw, N.C.; Amy Johnson Staton, Salt Lick; Lowell Shawn Thornsby, Ashland; Charles Douglas Ward, Williamson, W.Va.; and Henry Webb, Prestonsburg.

The three-year program requires successful completion of a minimum of 60 post-graduate hours, written and oral qualifying exams, and successful defense of a capstone project. Additionally, the practitioner-doctorate model means that students work full time while they are engaged in completing the various program requirements. Sometimes called practitioner-scholars, program participants are expected to engage in problem-solving activities designed to improve the district or organization in which they work.

It was only recently that public regional universities were given approval by Kentucky's Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) to grant doctoral degrees. In addition to Morehead State University, other regional comprehensive Kentucky universities that offer doctorates include Western Kentucky University, Eastern Kentucky University, and Northern Kentucky University.

"These candidates have worked hard over the last three years and they are to be congratulated," said Dr. David Barnett, director of the program. "The coursework and capstone projects are impacting countless lives. We couldn't be more pleased with the work of students in Cohort I."

“They truly are a remarkable group of practitioner-scholars.”

With the graduation of members of Cohort I, the attention now turns to Cohorts II, III, and the recently selected Cohort IV.

Additional information is available by contacting Dr. Barnett at 606-783-2261.

MSUPD received reaccreditation by KACP

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Morehead State University Police Department has received its fourth, five-year certificate of accreditation by the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police (KACP).

“The KACP accreditation is a rigorous and thorough evaluation of the entire agency,” said Chief Matt Sparks. “Our police department demonstrated that we conformed to high risk and high liability standards for effective operations.”

The KACP Accreditation Program is intended to provide law enforcement agencies of the Commonwealth with an avenue for demonstrating that they meet commonly accepted professional standards for efficient and effective operations.

Law Enforcement executives who choose to have their agencies accredited under this program have examined all aspects of their operations. They have made conscious decisions about policies and procedures that fit the law enforcement requirements of their jurisdictions and have implemented those policies and trained their employees in their use.

Accreditation reflects that the agency was carefully measured against an established set of standards and has met or exceeded professionally accepted practices in law enforcement.

“We were evaluated on 170 standards. A physical examination of the our facilities, evidence room, 911 communications center, patrol fleet, as well as all operating procedures was reviewed,” said Eddie Frazier, assistant chief.

“We are required to maintain those standards over the next five years and at that time will go through the same rigorous view for reaccreditation.”

“The Morehead State University Police Department did an excellent job in meeting or exceeding all of the national standards,” said Mike Bischoff, executive director of KACP

The KACP is a nationally recognized program and has assisted with implementation of the accreditation model in other states including Texas, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Alaska.

For the past three years, MSUPD has been recognized by StateUniversity.com as ranking first in Kentucky for Highest Safety Rating.

StateUniversity.com, a leading website for college information, released the rankings of the safest colleges and universities in the U.S. The Safest Schools findings are based on incidents of campus crime as reported by campus safety officials.

MSUPD has 16 full-time officers and 10 support staff.

Additional information is available by contacting Sparks or Frazier at 606-783-2035.

Preece named 'Distinguished Alumni Award' winner

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Craig Preece, chief financial officer of Booth Energy, was honored as the recipient of the 2013 Distinguished Alumni Award during Morehead State University's College of Business and Public Affairs Honors Banquet.

"I was thrilled when the faculty selected Craig as this year's recipient," said Dr. Bob Albert, dean. "His very impressive career success with Booth Energy, coupled with his community involvement and leadership, makes him a most worthy recipient of this recognition. He is truly an outstanding role model for our students."

Preece attended Morehead State University from 1980 to 1984 and received his Bachelor of Business Administration degree.

After graduation, he joined the Walter P. Walters Insurance Agency.

In 1986, the Martin County native accepted a position with Jim Booth's mining companies in accounting and worked his way up through the operations, from accounts payable clerk to controller. In 1989, he began an insurance agency with Booth and Ted McGinnis. It began writing workers compensation for the mining group and expanded from there to write commercial coverage, auto, homeowners and life and health. The company grew the agency from one to seven offices with locations across Central and East Kentucky. The Elite Agency currently writes \$32 million in personal and commercial premiums annually.

In 1995, Preece became the chief financial officer for the Booth Energy Group and had oversight of finances for the growth of the Retail Group. The company began developing Franchised Hotels, Ramada, Super 8, and Microtel Inns along the Central Interstate of Kentucky. It also developed and built Pennzoil Oil Change Centers, a chain of 21 stores and a chain of convenience stores, total of 14.

He is currently chairman of the board of Roy F. Collier Community Center in Inez. A member of the board of directors for Coal Operators Associates; board of directors and past treasurer, Big Sandy Area Development; Martin County Schools board member district 1; member of the board of directors of the MSU Foundation; and chairman of the nominating committee for Big Sandy Community and Technical College of the KCTCS College System in Kentucky.

For more than 20 years, Preece has performed with The Journeymen, a southern gospel quartet.

He and his wife, April, have three children: Whitney Paige Preece Schmitt, Sean-Craig and Cara Bell Preece.

Additional information is available by contacting MSU's College of Business and Public Affairs at 606-783-2174.

Flippin to be honored by Lexington Singers

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Morehead State University professor emeritus Jay Flippin will be honored Saturday, May 18, and Sunday, May 19, as the Lexington Singers will present “A Broadway Celebration Salute to Jay Flippin.”

The shows will be held at the Lexington Opera House, 401 W. Short Street. Show time Saturday, May 18, will be at 8 p.m. with a Sunday (May 19) afternoon matinee at 3 p.m.

An Emmy-Award winning musician, Flippin is an accompanist, arranger, composer and teacher. He has provided more than four decades of service to the Lexington Singers and Lexington Philharmonic Orchestra. A well-known jazz pianist, he has toured and performed with some of the biggest names in the entertainment business.

A Virginia native, Flippin earned a Bachelor of Music degree from Mars Hill (N.C.) College and a master’s degree from MSU. He retired in 2001 after teaching fulltime for more than 31 years but continued to teach one class while writing, keeping a vigorous performance schedule and pursuing other avenues in music.

In 2006, Flippin received the Artist Award by the Kentucky Arts Council.

Tickets are \$20 general public, \$18 seniors, and \$15 students.

Additional information is available at 859-233-3535 or at Lexingtonoperahouse.com.

‘Donor Challenge’ met

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Morehead State University alumni and friends rose to the challenge Thursday, May 16.

According to University Advancement, MSU received nearly 600 gifts and more than \$35,000 during the “Donor Challenge.”

An anonymous donor pledged \$20,000 if 500 gifts were received May 16.

The \$35,000 total will be added to the \$20,000.

The gifts will have a tremendous impact for students, funding student scholarships, classroom and lab improvements, and student software and technology updates.

Gifts are still being accepted.

David Patrick has put together a recap of Thursday’s events.

Additional information is available by contacting the Office of Development at 606-783-2033.

Campuses confer more than 61K degrees, credentials in 2012-13

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Officials at Kentucky's public and independent colleges and universities estimate that they have conferred 61,472 degrees and credentials during the 2012-13 academic year, with historic levels continuing at the associate, baccalaureate, master's and professional practice doctoral levels.

The Preliminary 2012-13 Degrees Report, issued by the Council on Postsecondary Education, shows declines for research doctorates and in undergraduate and graduate certificates. A slight overall decrease of less than one percent is estimated for total degrees and credentials conferred this year since last year's historic total.

Final numbers will be available this fall.

Other highlights include:

- Undergraduate certificates at KCTCS declined 4.4 percent, echoing the enrollment decrease seen last fall as general economic conditions improve.
- Professional practice doctorates increased 4 percent in the past year. This category includes newer programs such as advanced-practice nursing, as well as law and many health-related degrees.
- Research doctorates dipped 14 percent this year, but this relatively small number of degree-earners progresses unevenly. Even with this dip, research doctorates have increased 36 percent in the past 10 years.

Looking back over the past 10 years, the number of degrees conferred statewide has grown substantially at all levels.

- The largest growth was seen at the associate degree level, due primarily to the expansion of applied associate programs at KCTCS. Twenty-four percent of young adults in Kentucky, ages 25-44, have an associate or higher degree.
- The next largest growth at the state level was among master's degrees and professional-practice doctorates, reflecting the expansion of Kentucky's highly-educated, professional workforce.

The full report, including institutional breakouts by degree level, is available at <http://cpe.ky.gov/info/degrees/2012-13prelimrpt.htm>.

MSU mourns loss of student

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