

# News Items for 2013 - September

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## **‘Brew & Gold Happy Hour’ set for Hazard, Sept. 12**

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If visiting with friends and former classmates of Morehead State University sounds like something you would enjoy, prepare to attend an upcoming event.

A social gathering, titled Brew and Gold, will be held Thursday, Sept. 12, from 5-7 p.m. at Coal River Grille, 410 Village Lane, in Hazard.

You can catch up on all the happenings at the University and meet and greet fellow Eagles in an informal setting.

For the occasion, appetizers will be provided by the Alumni Association, and there will be a cash bar. The good times and memories are free for your enjoyment.

Additional information is available by calling 1-800-783-ALUM.

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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, Sept. 9, 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 <http://www.moreheadstate.edu/emergency/>.

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## Morgan County students visit Early College Program

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Students from Morgan County High School visited the Morehead State University campus, as part of the Early College Program, Friday, Sept. 6.

More than 50 high and technical schools offered MSU classes during the fall semester with more than 2,000 high school students participating in the program.

“This program is truly a win-win opportunity. Students get to earn college credit for free or at a much reduced rate, parents have less financial burden for a college education and schools get challenging new courses which fully optimize the talents of their high schools,” said Joel Pace, director of adult and early college programs.

MSU and the partner schools are collaborating to meet a goal of 24 college credits for all high school students before they graduate.

School systems taking part are: Bath, Boyd, Breathitt, Carter, Elliott, Estill, Fayette, Fleming, Floyd, Jessamine, Jefferson, Johnson, Knott, Lee, Lawrence, Lewis, Martin, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Owsley, Pike, Powell, Rowan and Wolfe counties; as well as Ashland Blazer, Frankfort, Jackson, Maysville’s St. Patrick, Paintsville Pikeville, Russell, Raceland-Worthington independents; and Lakeside Christian.

A minimum 3.0 grade point average and an 18 composite ACT score are necessary to be admitted to the program. Students also must meet any specific requirements that are course related.

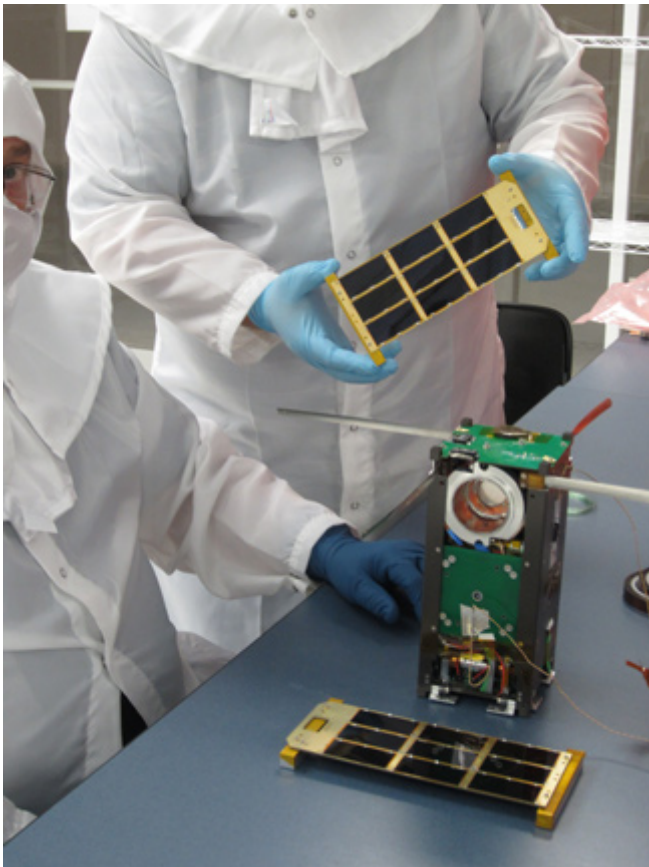
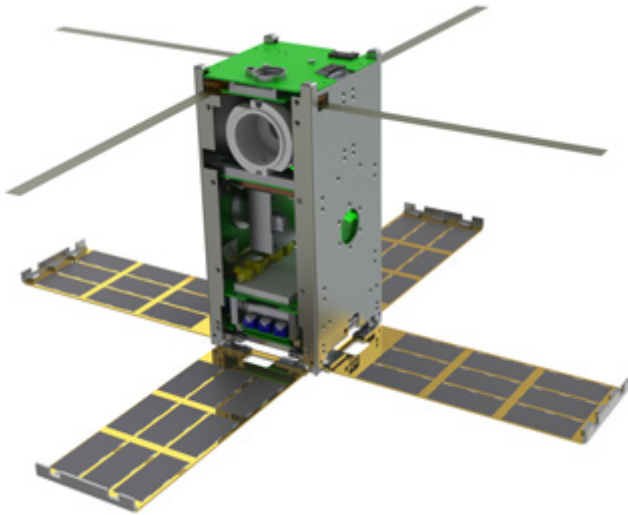
Students enrolled in courses taught by MSU faculty on the Morehead campus, at one of our regional campuses, or online during the semester will receive a 60 percent scholarship and would be responsible for the remaining tuition for their courses. Students enrolled in courses instructed by approved faculty in their school system will continue to receive a full waiver for the cost of tuition.

Additional information is available by calling Pace at 606-783-2995 or you can find an application at [www.moreheadstate.edu/earlycollege/](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/earlycollege/).

## MSU's Space Mission CXBN-2 selected by NASA

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Morehead State University in partnership with the University of California at Berkeley has had a space mission selected by NASA as one of the 24 small satellites to fly as auxiliary payloads aboard rockets planned to launch in 2014, 2015 and 2016. The Cosmic X-Ray Background Nanosatellite-2, or CXBN-2, is a follow-on mission to CXBN, a successful 2-U cubesat that was launched on September 13, 2012, as a secondary payload on the

NASA ELaNa VI OUTSat mission. CubeSats belong to a class of research spacecraft called nanosatellites. The cube-shaped satellites measure about four inches on each side, have a volume of about one quart, and weigh less than three pounds.

“The mission addresses a fundamental science question that is central to our understanding of the structure, origin, and evolution of the universe by potentially lending insight into both the high energy background radiation and into the evolution of primordial galaxies,” said Dr. Ben Malphrus, chair of MSU’s Department of Earth and Space Sciences.

CXBN-2 will map the Extragalactic Diffuse X-Ray Background (DXB) with a new breed of Cadmium Zinc Telluride (CZT) detector (first flown on CXBN) but with twice the detector array area of its precursor and with careful characterization and calibration. The DXB is a powerful tool for understanding the early universe and provides a window to the most energetic objects in the far-away universe. Although studied previously, existing measurements disagree by about 20 percent. The goal of the CXBN-2 mission is to increase the precision of measurements of the Cosmic X-Ray Background in the 30-50 keV range to a precision of <5%, thereby constraining models that attempt to explain the relative contribution of proposed sources lending insight into the underlying physics of the early universe.

“With the novel CZT detector aboard CXBN-2 and an improved array configuration, a new, high precision measurement is now possible,” said Malphrus.

Both the science program and the engineering of the spacecraft will be conducted by graduate and undergraduate students in concert with university faculty mentors. Dr. Malphrus is the principle investigator.

Dr. Kevin Brown, assistant professor of space science, is serving as the spacecraft engineer, Jeff Kruth, space science staff electrical engineer, is serving as the systems engineer, Eric Thomas is the lead microfabrication engineer, Michael Combs provides electronics systems technical support and serving on the science team led by Dr. Garrett Jernigan of the University of California Berkeley is Dr. Tom Pannuti, associate professor of astrophysics, and Dr. Roger McNeil, dean of the College of Science and Technology. Numerous students in space science and astrophysics serve on the student engineering and science teams. The anticipated launch, in 2016, will represent the fourth spacecraft developed by the Space Science Center and its partners to reach space.

Additional information is available by contacting Dr. Malphrus at 606-783-2212.

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## MSUCorps to host pancake breakfast for 'Day of Service'

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The MSUCorps Program will host a free pancake breakfast for emergency responders in the Morehead/Rowan County area in honor of 9/11 Day of Service.

The day of service occurs every Sept. 11 as a way to honor the memory of those lives lost on that tragic day as well as the unfailing service of those in the community, who respond to disasters and emergencies such as firefighters, police officers, EMS and first responders.

The event will take place from 9:30 a.m.-11 a.m. at the City Park in Morehead.

Emergency responders are encouraged to stop by for a free breakfast and words of encouragement from our local leaders.

Additional information is available by calling the MSUCorps office at 606-783-5302.

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## Upward Bound Programs seek Saturday Academy instructors

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The [Upward Bound Programs](#) at Morehead State University are seeking applications for Saturday Academy Instructors.

Instructors are needed to teach reading, writing, reading comprehension, math, science, ACT prep, or College prep to area high school students on the campus of Morehead State University. Class size ranges from 20-25 students.

Primary responsibility is instruction in the assigned discipline, and developing/executing approved lesson plans.

Instructors are responsible for teaching from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (with an hour for lunch) one Saturday per month during the academic year (dates are listed below). Salary for the day is \$75.

Applicants must hold a minimum of a bachelor's degree. Teaching experience and/or experience working with teenagers is preferred but not required.

Instructors may be needed for one or more of the Saturday Academy dates. Please indicate on application any dates you are not available to work.

Saturday Academy dates will be: Oct. 12, Nov. 14, Jan. 25, Feb. 15 and March 22.

Additional information about this position can be found at: <http://jobs.moreheadub.org>.

The deadline for applications is Sept. 15.

Additional information is available by contacting Amanda Lewis at 606-783-9329 or [a.lewis@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:a.lewis@moreheadstate.edu).

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## O'Keefe selected president of AASP

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Morehead State University's Dr. Jen O'Keefe, associate professor of geology and science education in the Department of Earth and Space Sciences (EASS), has been elected to the presidency of AASP – The Palynological Society.

“This is an outstanding honor and one that is well-deserved,” said Dr. Ben Malphrus, chair of EASS.

AASP – The Palynological Society was established in 1967 to promote the science of palynology (modern and fossil pollen, spores, etc.). Today, AASP is an international organization that is run by an elected Board of Directors, and led by the society president.

Dr. O'Keefe will serve as president-elect in academic year 2013-2014, president in 2014-2015, and past-president in 2015-2016. She will take office as president-elect at the business luncheon held during the society's meeting in San Francisco in October, and assume the society presidency next year at the International Palaeontological Congress in Mendoza, Argentina.

Dr. O'Keefe earned her Ph.D. degree in geology from the University of Kentucky, her M.S. degree in geology from Texas A&M, and her B.A. degree in geology from Cornell College.

She is an ICCP-accredited organic petrographer. Dr. O'Keefe is a past director-at-large of AASP-The Palynological Society (2009-2011) and at present completing the first year of a five-year term in the leadership rotation with the Coal Geology Division of the Geological Society of America.

Since joining the MSU faculty in 2002, she has led and participated in numerous studies of coal and source rocks along a spectrum from cradle (how they formed) to grave (how combustion by-products behave in the environment). The teams of investigators she works with typically involve national and international collaborations and MSU undergraduate students.

For additional information, contact Dr. O'Keefe at 606-783-2349 or email at [j.okeefe@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:j.okeefe@moreheadstate.edu).

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## Retirees to visit Owingsville

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### Retirees Association

The Morehead State University Retirees Association will take a walking tour of Owingsville on Tuesday, Sept.10, with Dutch treat lunch to follow at the Kentucky Market Pavilion.

Car pools will leave from the old Food Lion parking lot at 9:30 a.m.

After lunch, the group will visit the “Good Shepherd Cheese,” goat cheese farm, located on 435 Blueberry Lane, Owingsville. Aproximate time of the tour will be 2 p.m. and those interested can visit the website [www.goodshepherdcheese.com](http://www.goodshepherdcheese.com).

Those planning to make the trip should contact Tami Jones, director of alumni and constituent relations, at 606-783-2080 (toll-free 1 800-783-ALUM ) or email [t.jones@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:t.jones@moreheadstate.edu).

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## Browning Orchard Festival slated for Sept. 22

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As part of Family Weekend, Morehead State University will hold its third annual Browning Orchard Festival Sunday, Sept. 22, from noon to 4 p.m.

Participants will enjoy an afternoon of hayrides, horse-back rides, food, family-friendly activities and musical entertainment by the Kentucky Center for Traditional Music.

The orchard is located at (10955 Wallingford Road) Wallingford in Fleming County.

Browning Orchard was an important part of the Fleming County community for nearly 100 years. The orchard property, originally purchased in 1899 by E.P. Browning, was used to grow peaches. In the mid-1920s Francis P. (Mr. Frank) Browning, E.P.'s son, converted the farmland to a commercial orchard that predominately produced apples.

Passing through three generations, Browning Orchard Apples were known across central and northeastern Kentucky. Fall harvest drew visitors both near and far.

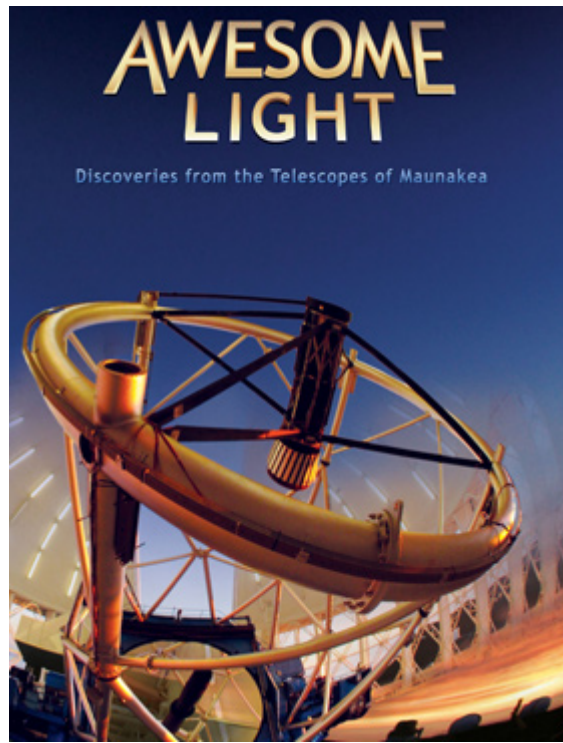
In 2008, the Brownings donated the orchard to Morehead State University, continuing the family's commitment to helping create more sustainable communities in the region.

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

## Star Theater announces September shows

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The public programs for Morehead State University's [Star Theater](#) for September will be "Awesome Light III: Chasing Celestial Mysteries" and "Dawn of the Space Age."

"Awesome Light III" will be shown Friday, Sept 13, at 6 p.m., followed by "Laser Country" at 7 p.m. and "Electrolaze" at 8 p.m.

Programs will continue on Saturday, Sept. 14, with showings of "Awesome Light III" at 1 and 2:15 p.m. and "Dawn of the Space Age" at 3:30 p.m.

Programs continue with laser shows on Saturday evening starting at 7 p.m. with "Laser Country" and at 8 p.m. "Electrolaze."

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).

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## MSU named military-friendly school

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Morehead State University has for the fifth straight year been named a "Military Friendly School" by Victory Media, the premier media entity for military personnel transitioning into civilian life. This places MSU once again in the top 20 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools nationwide that are doing the most to embrace America's veterans as students.

The common bond of these institutions is their shared priority of recruiting and retaining students with military experience.

"We are pleased to be recognized as the campus community continues to build on MSU's tradition of providing the help veterans and their families need to transition from soldier to student and ultimately to college graduate," said Max Ammons, MSU's director of military initiatives. "Two years ago, MSU opened the new Veterans Resource Center, which assists prospective and current military and student veterans by providing counseling and direction on all educational benefits, enrollment and registration assistance, counseling resources and referrals, academic and career assistance, and provides a place for student veterans to study or relax and reconnect with their fellow student veterans."

In February, [MSU's Veterans Resource Center](#) was named in honor of Lt. Col. Alan R. Baldwin. A former assistant to the provost, Baldwin joined MSU in 1978 as an assistant professor of military science. After leaving briefly, he returned in 1985 and was named chair of the Department of Military Science. During his tenure, he held numerous titles. He also served on the Morehead City Council for 13 years.

Veterans, National Guardsmen and Reservists, and military families interested in learning more about MSU can get additional information by calling Jill McBride, student-veteran liaison, at 606-783-5226.

She can connect military and veteran students with the services made available for them across campus.

Other reasons MSU is for our military and veteran students include:

- Application fee waived

- Priority registration
- Credit for military training and service
- No academic penalty upon documented deployment
- Participation in the Yellow Ribbon Program
- Student Veteran Association

“Inclusion on the 2014 list of Military Friendly Schools shows Morehead State University’s commitment to providing a supportive environment for military students,” said Sean Collins, vice president at Victory Media and a nine-year Navy veteran. The need for education is growing and our mission is to provide the military community with transparent, world-class resources to assist in their search for schools.”

Now in its fifth year, the 2014 list of Military Friendly Schools was compiled through extensive research and a data-driven survey of more than 10,000 VA-approved schools nationwide. Each year schools taking the survey are held to a higher standard than the previous year with the assistance of an Academic Advisory Board (AAB) consisting of educators from schools across the country.

A full story and detailed list of 2014 Military Friendly Schools will be highlighted in the annual G.I. Jobs Guide to Military Friendly Schools, distributed in print and digital format to hundreds of thousands of active and former military personnel in early October.

For a complete listing of military-related services, including enrollment, support services and benefits information, visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/veteran](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/veteran).

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## MSU at Ashland to host 'Constitution Day' program

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Morehead State University at Ashland and Ashland Community and Technical College will celebrate "Constitution Day," Tuesday, Sept. 17, with a program on the meaning of the U. S. Constitution.

The speaker is retired Lt. Col. Vance Huston, a Greenup resident who headed the ROTC at Greenup County High School from 1979 to 1988 after a 23 year career with the Marines. He will speak about the "Underpinnings of the Constitution and the Basis of Our Freedoms."

During his years of military service, Huston flew 160 combat missions in Vietnam and then was chosen to be one of the pilots for Marine One, the chopper assigned to the President of the United States. He flew Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy and Johnson and was at Love Field in Dallas the day Kennedy was shot.

Originally from Calif., Huston found Greenup when he and his wife were looking for a quieter place to retire. He then began a second 'career' of volunteer service, giving time at local correctional facilities, hospitals, churches and community service organizations. In 2012, he received the Kentucky Attorney General's Citizen Volunteer Award.

The free program is open to the public and will begin at 12:30 p.m. in the J. B. Sowards Theatre at the College Drive Campus.

Additional information is available by contacting Nancy Preston, MSU at Ashland director, at 606-327-1777.

## Ashland SBDC to host workshop Sept. 25

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A workshop, titled “Doing Business with the Federal Government,” will be offered by Morehead State University’s Ashland Small Business Development Center Wednesday, Sept. 25.

The event will be held from 1-3:30 p.m. at the Ashland Community and Technical College's Roberts Drive Campus, building 1, room 118.

Robert Coffey of the Louisville Small Business Administration will be the guest speaker.

This seminar will touch on various topics to help you understand how to sell your goods or services to federal agencies.

Topics to be discussed include:

- \* Federal government contracting opportunities;
- \* Products and services regularly purchased by the federal government;
- \* How the federal government buys products/services;
- \* Certification programs for small businesses (women, minorities, veterans,);
- \* Registering on System for Award Management (SAM) database;
- \* Marketing to the federal government;
- \* Reciprocal preference and other contracting laws.

Seating is limited and advance registration is required. The event is free of charge.

Training programs, sponsored or co-sponsored by SBDC, are available to all individuals without regard to race, color, sex, creed or national origin.

Additional information is available by calling 606-329-8011 to preregister or register online at <http://kysbdc.ecenterdirect.com/Conferences.action>.

## Alumnus Elmer Smith, president of top-ranking institution by U.S. Dept. of Education

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The U.S. Department of Education recently released its list of institutional costs, ranking colleges based on the value of services provided compared to average tuition price. [Interactive College of Technology](#) (ICT) ranked 17 on the Department's list of Top 20 Best Values in the Private-for-Profit, Two-Year College sector for lowest tuition. The national average for this group is \$13,969 annually; ICT's annual tuition is \$8,260.

"We are pleased to be recognized as an institution that continues to provide our students with an excellent value proposition in assisting them to move into viable career opportunities, while not being saddled with overly burdensome debt," said ICT President and Morehead State graduate Elmer R. Smith.

The College Affordability and Transparency Center compiles lists of institutions each year based on the tuition, fees and net prices charged to students. "With so much information out there, it's important that students and families are equipped with the tools they need to make informed decisions about where to go to college," said U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan.

There were 7,500 Title VI participating institutions of higher education considered, but only 1,498 were included on lists that recognize lowest tuition prices and best value in the specified sectors.

"Our posture continues to encourage students and families to make personal investments and discourage unnecessary borrowing," said Smith. "Thirty years ago, we pioneered adult learning in computer-based training. Today, we continue to lead the way in adult education, offering a flexible but structured learning environment that meets the needs of our students."

Interactive College of Technology (ICT) is an accredited institution that offers both associate degrees and diploma programs for high-demand careers. With a hands-on learning environment, flexible schedules, day and evening classes, and smaller class sizes for instructor availability, each program is combined with real-world training that prepares students for their future. Programs include accounting, computer information systems,

HVAC classes, business programs, training in medical coding and billing and medical office administration. In addition, ICT offers one of the nation's largest and most comprehensive English as a Second Language programs and currently enrolls students from more than one hundred countries. ICT has seven campuses, located in three states. Chamblee, Ga., is home to ICT's main campus. Branch locations are found in Gainesville and Morrow. In Texas, students are served in the Hillcroft, North and Pasadena suburbs of Houston; a location in Newport, which serves the greater Cincinnati area.

A native of Martin County, Smith received his B.S. degree in business education in 1971.

In addition to his outstanding career accomplishments and numerous personal accolades, Smith and his late wife, Donna, also a Kentucky native and an MSU alumna, were actively involved in supporting their alma mater by funding the first ever endowed chair in the College of Business –Elmer R. and Donna N. Smith Endowment for Business.

In 1999, Smith was inducted into Morehead State's Alumni Hall of Fame. He was a recipient of an honorary Doctor of Education degree during the 2011 Spring Commencement.

During Homecoming 2012, MSU's Board of Regents honored Smith and Jim Booth by naming the Space Science Center building as Smith-Booth Hall.

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# MSU to celebrate Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance

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Morehead State University honors the strength and resilience of our Nation on Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance , Wednesday, Sept. 11.

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. Each year thereafter, MSU continued to honor the memory of the fallen and celebrate the resilience of the United States.

This Patriot Day, MSU will display 6,000 United States flags on the lawn beside the Bell Tower. The flags will stand in remembrance of the men and women of our Armed Forces who made the ultimate sacrifice in support of our Nation since 2001.

Students, faculty, staff and students are invited to place the remaining 755 flags from 9 a.m. through 1 p.m. on Sept. 11.

Additional information is available by contacting Max Ammons, director of Military Initiatives, at 606-783-9267.

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## **‘Patriot Day’ and ‘National Day of Service and Remembrance’ tribute held**

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Morehead State University honored the strength and resilience of our Nation on Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance, Wednesday, Sept. 11.

Sept. 11 marked the 12th anniversary since planes were hijacked by terrorists and 2,973 people were killed. Planes crashed into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Passengers overpowered their hijackers and brought down a plane in a field in Shanksville, Pa.

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

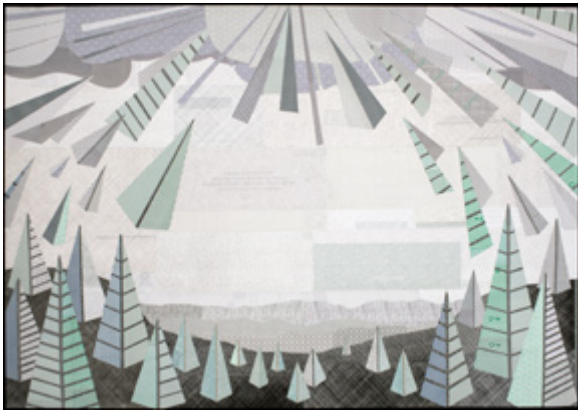
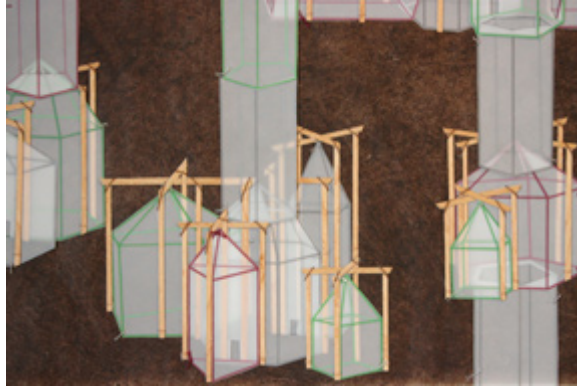
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## 'Constructed Environments' open through Oct. 2

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"Constructed Environments: Recent Work by Stephen Heywood, Mihyang Kim, Annie Albagli, Ellie Honl, Sarah Nicole Phillips and Emily Smith" will open in the main gallery of Morehead State University's Claypool-Young Art Building Wednesday, Sept. 11 from 5 – 7 p.m.

The exhibition features contemporary ceramic and mixed media sculpture, painting, drawing, printmaking and collage, and closes on Wednesday, Oct. 2.

Through a national call for submissions, the exhibition "Constructed Environments" was curated to include six artists from near and far whose works revolved around central themes of manipulating, controlling, and constructing structures and landscapes.

Smith, an artist from Hawthorne, Calif., creates layered two and three dimensionally mixed media artworks where nature and built environments collide. Honl from Tempe, Ariz., utilizes images of storms and fragile structures of shelter in her mixed media screen prints as a metaphor for how humans and society at large cope and survive stress. Integrating archetypal symbols of pyramids and geometric shapes, San Francisco based artist, Albagli works with printmaking and installation to investigate how we construct the world around us. From Brooklyn, N.Y., Phillips takes a material we commonly throw away – security envelopes – to craft camouflaged environments inspired by the growing distrust of large corporations including financial institutions. In her large-scale acrylic paintings, Kim from Los Angeles explores the precarious state of nature and the human environment.

An artist who incorporates references to architecture in his sculptural work, the ceramicist Heywood from

Jacksonville, Fla., will be the visiting artist associated with the exhibition, and will be presenting a lecture on his work, Tuesday, Oct. 1, 12:40-1:40 p.m., in 111 of the Claypool-Young Art Building.

While on the campus of MSU, Heywood will also be presenting to ceramic students through studio demos and a gallery talk.

The gallery in Claypool-Young features contemporary art for the MSU community as well as the University's service region. The gallery is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or by appointment. There is no charge for viewing and the public is invited. Parking is available on Main Street during the day, and on the MSU campus after 5 p.m. weekdays, and all day on weekends.

Additional information is available by calling Jennifer Reis, gallery director, at 606-783-5446 or email [j.reis@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:j.reis@moreheadstate.edu).

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## MSU top ranked college for 10th straight year

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Morehead State University has been recognized for the 10th consecutive year as one of the top public universities in the South in the 2014 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 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 24th 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," Dr. Andrews noted. "We are elated that others recognize Morehead State's academic quality."

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 2014 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.

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## **University Street closed Sept. 10-13**

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