

News Items for 2014 - April

MSU to host press conference Thursday

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EVENT: Press Conference to Announce New Educational Academy

DATE: Thursday, April 10, 2014

TIME: 1:30 p.m.

SITE: Smith-Booth Hall (Space Science Center), 235 Martindale Drive, Morehead

Senate President Robert Stivers, House Majority Floor Leader Rocky Adkins, Alliance Resource Partners CEO Joe Craft and MSU President Wayne D. Andrews will announce the establishment of an academy for mathematics and science for academically exceptional Kentucky students.

Dongfeng Li picked for International American Watercolor Society exhibit

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A watercolor painting titled “Out of the Darkness and Into the Light” by Morehead State University’s Dongfeng Li, associate professor of art and design, was accepted by the exhibition jurors for inclusion in the 147th American Watercolor Society Annual International Exhibition in New York.

The Society holds a juried exhibition of watercolor painting from artists throughout the world each year. This year’s exhibition will take place April 1-20 at the Salmagundi Club, 47 Fifth Avenue, in New York. The gallery is open from 1-5 p.m. daily.

The AWS annual is one of the premier watercolor exhibits in the world. More than 1,200 artists from throughout the United States and 12 foreign countries submitted their work to a panel of jurors chosen from signature members of the AWS.

The prize jurors awarded “Out of the Darkness and Into the Light” the Mario Cooper and Dale Meyers Medal and \$2,000. With his inclusion in this year’s exhibition, Li has become a signature member of the American Watercolor Society.

A nationally acclaimed artist in oriental brush, watercolors, pastel portraits and figure painting, he began his art career in China, then earned a Master of Fine Arts degree from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. He previously taught at Webster University in St. Louis.

The American Watercolor Society is a nonprofit membership organization that began in 1866 to promote the art of watercolor painting in America.

Additional information is available by contacting Li at 606-783-2764.

MSU installs prescription drop box

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Morehead State University's [Office of Counseling and Health Services](#) along with [MSU's Police Department](#) are partnering with Cardinal Health Foundation to help raise awareness in the community about the growing public health issue of prescription drug abuse and misuse.

Grant funding has been used to establish a permanent controlled substance (narcotic) drug drop box in the campus police department.

"We wanted to provide a safe and secure place where our university and community members could go at any time to dispose of these drugs," said Matt Sparks, MSU chief of police. "This is a way to dispose of unused or unwanted medication in a legal, safe manner."

This system will provide our campus community with an appropriate means of disposal of unused controlled substance medications. The box is available to students, faculty and staff on a year around basis.

The police department, located at 100 Laughlin Health Building, is open 24 hours a day, year-round. The program is open to the public, and all drop-offs are confidential.

Disposed drugs may be in or out of a container, but needles are not permitted. All items will be collected and destroyed by the Drug Enforcement Administration. Please remove label or black out names on any prescription bottles.

Additional information is available by calling MSUPD at 606-783-2035.

Star Theater announces April shows

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Morehead State University's [Star Theater](#) public programs for April will feature several favorites and its most popular live program.

The programs will start on Friday, April 18, with the "Origins of Life" at 6 p.m., followed by laser "iPop" at 7 p.m. and "Laser Pop" at 8 p.m.

Programs will continue on Saturday, April 19, with "Nature of Science" at 1 p.m., the live program "Night Sky over Morehead" at 2:15 p.m., and "Origins of Life" at 3:30 p.m.

Programs continue on Saturday evening with our laser shows "iPop" at 7 p.m. and "Laser Pop" at 8 p.m.

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.

Regional MAT sessions planned

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College graduates who are interested in a career as a teacher may want to attend one of the upcoming information sessions on the [Master of Arts in Teaching \(MAT\) program](#) at Morehead State University.

MSU offers three MAT programs (middle school/secondary/interdisciplinary early childhood education) in which degree holders with no prior teaching experience may obtain a master's degree and teacher certification, while employed as a teacher.

Orientation sessions for the MAT program at MSU will be held at various locations from April 14-22. At the sessions, program design, including admission and application processes for middle, secondary and interdisciplinary early childhood education will be discussed.

Interested persons are encouraged to bring transcripts and GRE or Praxis I (PPST) scores for evaluation purposes. Registration for the GRE or PPST can be completed through the Educational Testing Service (ETS) website at www.ets.org. In addition, the subsection scores for the PPST or GRE can be found on the MAT website at www.moreheadstate.edu/mat.

Sessions will be held on these dates and locations:

- Monday, April 14, 4 p.m., Main campus (601 Ginger Hall);
- Tuesday, April 15, 4 p.m., MSU at West Liberty;
- Tuesday, April 15, 3 p.m., UK's James W. Stuckert Career Center, Lexington;
- Wednesday, April 16, 4 p.m., MSU at Ashland;
- Thursday, April 17, 4 p.m., Mason County High School;
- Thursday, April 17, 4 p.m., MSU at Mt. Sterling;
- Friday, April 18, 3:30 p.m., Morton Middle School in Lexington.
- Tuesday, April 22, 1 p.m., Kentucky State University, Frankfort;

On MSU's Morehead campus, orientation meetings are available by appointment.

For additional information or to make an appointment, contact Michelle Roberts, coordinator of MAT Admissions and undergraduate certification, at 606-783-2079 or by email at m.roberts@moreheadstate.edu.

Former professor Dr. David Kent Hylbert dies

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Former Morehead State University professor, Dr. David Kent Hylbert, 75, of Woodland Drive, Morehead, passed away Monday, March 31, in Morehead. ([View guest book](#))

Dr. Hylbert received his bachelor's and master's degrees in geology from Ohio University and a Ph.D. degree in Geology from The University of Tennessee.

He began his career at MSU in 1963 and for the next 36 years served as professor of geosciences, conducted research, and authored numerous publications, particularly in areas related to underground coal mining.

From 1966 until 1981, he was also heavily involved with external agencies including the U.S. Geological Survey in the Kentucky Mapping Program and the Appalachian Coal Mining Institute, as well as serving as Project Director for contracts between the U.S. Bureau of Mines and MSU and contracts between the University of Kentucky Institute for Mining and Minerals Research and MSU.

He was recognized for developing a technique to detect coal mine roof falls using satellite imagery and in 2005 was presented the Lifetime Achievement Award by the American Institute of Professional Geologists Kentucky Section. In 1982, he was the recipient of the Morehead State University Distinguished Researcher Award.

Dr. Hylbert is survived by his wife, Shirley Shrigley Hylbert; two sons, Dwayne D. and wife Tammy Jo Hylbert of Berea, Kenneth Lee and wife Laura Hylbert of Nicholasville, and was preceded in death by one son, Timothy Eugene Hylbert.

Visitation is 5-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 2, at Northcutt and Son Home for Funerals in Morehead. Graveside services will be conducted 3 p.m. Thursday, April 3, at Zanesville Memorial Park, Zanesville, Ohio, with the Rev. H. A. Thompson officiating.

Dr. Kunz honored at MBAA conference

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Morehead State University's Dr. Michelle Kunz, professor of marketing, was awarded the honor of Fellow of the Marketing Management Association, at the annual MBAA International Spring Conference in Chicago.

In 1995, the Board of Directors initiated action to honor Marketing Management Association members who have served the Association and the profession particularly well with the designation "Fellow of the Marketing Management Association." Fellows of the Association are also designated as life members.

She has been a member of the Marketing Management Association for 20 years, and has served as proceedings editor, fall-conference program co-chair, and is currently serving as Executive Director of MMA.

Dr. Kunz received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Kansas Wesleyan University, a Master of Science degree from Kansas State University and her Ph.D. degree from the University of Tennessee.

She joined the MSU faculty in 1988.

Additional information is available by contacting Dr. Kunz at 606-783-5479.

Perkins participates in Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service

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Morehead Mayor David Perkins along with more than 1,750 mayors from all 50 states and the District of Columbia, Guam, and Puerto Rico stood together in support of AmeriCorps and Senior Corps by participating in the second annual Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service Tuesday, April 1.

Mayors across the country participated in a national day of recognition Tuesday, April 1, to highlight the impact of national service in their cities and thank individuals who serve.

Together, these mayors represent more than 110 million citizens or one-third of all Americans.

Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service is designed to spotlight the impact of national service and thank those who serve. Mayor Perkins signed a Proclamation declaring April 1st Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service in Morehead.

Mayor Perkins heard from Kentucky AmeriCorps program directors and members, VISTA members, and the Retired and Senior Volunteer program director about the services they provide to the Morehead community.

These services include tax preparation assistance for low income families, assistance with transitioning families of violence or homelessness to safe and affordable housing, case management to homeless families, volunteer assistance at local nonprofit agencies such as St. Claire and Christian Social Services, organizing the Eastern Kentucky Veteran's Expo and the Remote Area Medical and the Build-A-Bed program which provides beds to school age children that do not have a proper place to sleep in their homes.

"Our 65 active retired and senior volunteers provided 14,000 hours of service to Rowan County which is equal to 100,000 dollars in savings at minimum wage," said Teresa Judd, Retired and Senior Volunteer Program director.

On April 9, 2013, the first-ever Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service united Mayors across the country to spotlight the impact of national service and honor those who serve. Altogether, 832 Mayors in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, Guam, and Puerto Rico officially recognized the work that AmeriCorps members and Senior Corps volunteers are doing to make cities better and stronger.

Additional information is available by contacting Mary Claire Williams, MSUCorps project director, at 606-783-2719.

Gwen Sloas named director of MSU Mt. Sterling

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Dr. Gwen Sloas, assistant dean of admission for Wright State University's Boonshoft School of Medicine, has been named regional campus director at [Morehead State University at Mt. Sterling](#).

"We were thrilled to attract a person of Dr. Sloas' caliber to the position," said Brent Jones, executive director of distance education and regional campuses. "Mt. Sterling is poised to move into the second decade of its existence and having someone with Dr. Sloas' skills and passion for regional campus education and students will lead us there. With her local ties and her educational background, we feel that she can continue the high standards that Dr. Kenney has started here in Mt Sterling."

A native of Fleming County, Dr. Sloas was named assistant dean of admission in 2013. Prior to that she was associate director for student affairs/admissions and director of student scheduling/academic programming.

She had been with the medical school since November 1997, serving as an associate director of student affairs/admissions, academic support specialist and director of financial aid services.

"Coming to MSU at Mt. Sterling is a dream come true," said Dr. Sloas. "Not only can I come home to help the place I love, but I can work with students who may not have been able to reach their full potential because college seemed out of reach due to time and location constraints. Our students here have opportunities that they didn't have years ago and I hope to continue to expand these opportunities."

Prior to her tenure at Wright State, Dr. Sloas served as campus director at Ivy Tech Community College in Lawrenceburg, Ind., from 1989-97.

She served as a residence hall director at MSU from August 1984-85.

Dr. Sloas received her Bachelor of Arts degree in biology from Transylvania University; a Master of Arts degree in student personnel work in higher education from The Ohio State University and an Ed. D. degree in educational leadership from Nova Southeastern University.

She succeeds Dr. Janet Kenney, who had been with MSU since July 1994. Dr. Kenney became the first full-time director of MSU at Mt. Sterling in July 2003. Under her leadership, MSU at Mt. Sterling has grown to be MSU's largest regional campus.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Sloas at 859-499-0780.

MSPR captures 13 AP awards

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[Morehead State Public Radio](#) won 13 awards during the annual Kentucky Associated Press Awards Banquet held on Saturday, March 29, at The Galt House in Louisville.

MSPR students earned 11 awards, including First Place for Best Reporter, Best Newscast, Best Public Affairs and Best Sports Coverage.

Tyler Kline also earned Best of Show in the College Radio division.

“I’m extremely proud of our staff and students,” said Paul Hitchcock, MSPR general manager. “This recognition is a testament to their hard work and dedication in providing quality news to our listeners every day.”

In the college competition, winners were:

Tyler Kline, first place Best Reporter; Carly Lacey, second place Best Reporter; David Gillum, third place, Best Reporter;

Tyler Kline, first place, Best Newscast; Carly Lacey, second place, Best Newscast;

Joshua Grandison, first place, Best Public Affairs for “Electric Shock Drowning;”

Chase Scott, first place, Best Sports Coverage for “MSPR Weekday Sports” Shelby Steele, second place, Best Sports Coverage for “Best High School Football Coach;”

David Gillum, second place, Best News Story for “Postal Service Ending;”

Tanner Boyd, third place, Best Feature Story for “Explosives Research Team.”

In the non-commercial categories, New Director Chuck Mraz received an honorable mention for “Best Sports Reporting.” MSPR received an honorable mention for “Best Website.” Greg Jenkins, operations director, is the webmaster.

Morehead State Public Radio broadcasts 24 hours a day from the campus of Morehead State University. WMKY (90.3 FM) serves as the flagship station for the MSPR network, which includes translator (88.3 FM) in Inez. MSPR serves more than 20 counties in Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia.

Information is available by calling MSPR at 1-800-286-9659 or 606-783-2001; or log on to www.wmky.org.

Ashland Innovation Network recognized by ARC

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Mick Fosson, director of the Kentucky Innovation Network office at Ashland Community and Technical College, was recognized by the Appalachian Regional Commission for his role in organizing an angel investment group in northeastern Kentucky.

The Ashland location is a satellite office of Morehead State University's Innovation Network. The two work in tandem in MSU's and ACTC's service region to help grow the new economy.

Angel investors are affluent individuals who provide capital for start-ups or growing businesses, usually in exchange for company equity- that is, partial ownership in the venture. The term "angel" originally comes from Broadway, where it was used to describe wealthy individuals who provided money for theatrical productions.

Today, angel investors often organize themselves into angel groups or angel networks to share research and pool their investment capital, as well as to provide advice to their portfolio companies. Fosson hopes to replicate that process in the Ashland area.

"A regional angel network can play a key role in the development of an entrepreneurial economy," said Dr. Kay Adkins, president of ACTC. "Entrepreneurship should be a vital strategy in diversifying our region's economy, as we learned from the Shaping Our Appalachian Region (SOAR) Summit in December."

Fosson stressed that local ownership and buy-in is critical.

"Local people helping local businesses is a theme resonating in the hills of eastern Kentucky and the bordering regions of Ohio and West Virginia," he said.

"It's hard to raise money to support an innovative business and most traditional venture capital funds aren't interested in early stage companies. Angel capital fills the gap in financing between 'friends and family', who provide seed funding, and formal venture capital."

The angel group being organized in Ashland will work to recruit investors from the entire tri-state community. It will offer local entrepreneurs and businesses a new way to finance entrepreneurial growth, and investors a new opportunity to invest their wealth locally.

An additional angel network is being planned in the Pikeville area.

For information about the Kentucky Innovation Network in Morehead State University's service region, contact Vicci Lewis at 606-783-9536.

Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics established

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Kentucky Senate President Robert Stivers, House Majority Floor Leader Rocky Adkins, Alliance Resource Partners CEO Joe Craft and MSU President Wayne D. Andrews announced Thursday, April 10, the establishment of the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics, a dual-credit residential high school for academically exceptional Kentucky students. (View [photo gallery](#))

“I have seen firsthand, through my daughter Caroline’s participation in The Gatton Academy at Western Kentucky University, the impact a dual-credit program can have on the lives of gifted and talented students in Kentucky,” said Sen. Stivers. “The program didn’t just give her a head start on a college career. It showed her opportunities that were available to her and made her excited about college and a future career. And because of that, she is thriving at the University of Kentucky. Knowing that more students can have this same experience at Morehead State University is exciting. I’m thankful to President Andrews and Mr. Craft for making this a reality. I hope we will be able to establish more programs like this one in the future.”

The Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics is scheduled to open August 2015. Students will live on campus in a newly renovated residence hall designed for high school aged students. The facility will have meeting and social space and be staffed 24/7.

“I am excited to be a partner with Morehead State University in making this program available to exceptional young men and women to develop their God given talents. My passion is to provide opportunity for people that want to help themselves and develop professionally,” said Craft.

State lawmakers budgeted \$2.3 million to establish the academy. Craft has pledged \$4 million during the next several years in support of the Academy. This is the single largest cash gift in the history of the University.

The Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics will meet the unique educational needs of academically gifted and talented high school juniors and seniors in the Commonwealth. A college-level curriculum will allow students to finish high school while also completing up to two years of university coursework. It will offer a residential college experience and environment that promotes excellence, innovation and creativity while developing the full potential of the state’s brightest minds and most promising future leaders.

At the end of the two years, students will have earned as much as 60 credit hours, finished high school and have the opportunity to further their education at MSU or transfer to any other college/university in Kentucky or elsewhere.

The Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics graduates will be able to participate in their home high school graduation.

“The Craft Academy is one of the most important announcements and initiatives that I have been part of in my 27 years as a legislator. Educating Kentucky’s brightest and best high school students with a heavy emphasis on science and mathematics will ensure their professional success, inspire entrepreneurship and provide our region with a workforce uniquely prepared to compete in the 21st century. This public/private partnership is a game changer for Eastern Kentucky and the commonwealth,” said Rep. Adkins.

According to Dr. Andrews additional information will be available soon. MSU personnel have already started the process of visiting other similar academies throughout the U.S.

“This Academy could have never come to fruition without the inspiration and leadership provided by Sen. Stivers, Rep. Adkins, the Kentucky General Assembly and through the generosity of Mr. Craft,” said Dr. Andrews. “This is a big day for students and families in the Commonwealth and Morehead State University.”

“A lot of hard work is ahead of us before we open the Academy, but it provides an opportunity for MSU to develop and deliver a program that will be transformational for the young men and women in our region and across Kentucky for generations to come.”

Additional information on the [Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics](#) is available by calling Dr. Roger McNeil, College of Science and Technology dean, at 606-783-2158.

Concert Choir and Chamber Singers will present free concert

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Morehead State University's Concert Choir and Chamber Singers will present its Bon Voyage concert Thursday, April 24, at 8 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 123 E. Main Street, Morehead.

The event is free and open to the public.

The 50-voice Concert Choir and 18-voice Chamber Singers are conducted by Dr. Greg Detweiler. The choirs will include the performance as a local concert tour in preparation for their nine-day concert tour of Ireland.

The program titled "Songs of the Spirit and Spirited Song" will feature music from Appalachia, the masters and Ireland.

Concert Choir will open with the "Down in the River to Pray" followed by "Esultate Deo" by Palestrina, "Os Justi" by Anton Bruckner, and the Irish "Alleluia: Incantations" by Micael McGlynn. The climactic part of this section is formed by two very dramatic piece "Lighten Mine Eyes" by Bo Hansson and "The Conversion of Saul" by Z. Randall Stroope. The exuberant "Psalm 57" by John Tebay closes the first part of the concert.

The Chamber Singers' portion features three sacred songs framed by an opening "My Spirit Sang All Day" and a closing Cuban rumba "El Guayaboso." The center sacred pieces are "Agnus Dei" from William Byrd's "Mass for Four Voices," "Selig sind die Toten" by Hienrich Schütz, and "Jesu Dulcis Memoria" by Ivo Antognini.

Concert Choir will conclude with three pieces: the Appalachian song, "Every Night When the Sun Goes Down" by Gwyneth Walker; the traditional spiritual "I Can Tell the World" by Moses Hogan, and the traditional Irish song "Irish Blessing" arranged by Graeme Langager.

Concert Choir and Chamber Singers represent MSU on regional, national and international tours. Recent trips have included an eight-day tour of Hungary and Austria, a five-day concert tour of Virginia, and a 10-day concert tour of Costa Rica. The Chamber Singers won its division with the gold diploma at the 2012 World Choir Games in Cincinnati.

Both groups will compete in the 2014 Mayo International Choral festival as part of their May tour of Ireland. Other highlights include a concert in Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin and a concert at the Ballymena Arts Festival. Ballymena is Morehead's sister city in Northern Ireland. The choir will perform nine concerts on its nine-day tour.

Dr. Detweiler is in his 16th year as director of choral activities at MSU. Besides conducting the Concert Choir

and Chamber Singers, he teaches conducting, voice and vocal pedagogy. He holds the Doctor of Music Arts degree from the University of Illinois and has studied Dalcroze Eurhythmics at the Manhattan School of Music. His choirs have toured Costa Rica, Canada, Germany, Austria, Hungary, and the Czech Republic, and have appeared at state and regional conventions of the American Choral Directors Association and the Music Educators National Conference. He was the 2002 Kentucky Music Educators Association Teacher of the Year in College-University Education.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Detweiler at 606-783-2480.

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Greg Todd named head women's basketball coach

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Greg Todd, who has won nearly 80 percent of his games as a head coach, has been named head women's basketball coach at Morehead State.

A press conference to formally introduce Todd will be held Monday at 2 p.m. in the EAGLE Center on MSU's campus.

"After spending time with him and discussing our team, it was apparent to me that Greg was the best coach for the student-athletes in our program," MSU Director of Athletics Brian Hutchinson said. "He has demonstrated significant leadership abilities everywhere he's been and is an immediate program-changer for us."

Todd has served his entire head coaching career in Kentucky, including the previous eight seasons at Transylvania University in Lexington where he led the Pioneers to four Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) championships and three NCAA Division III Tournament appearances.

He also spent seven years as head coach at Lexington Catholic High School where he claimed three state titles and won 90 percent of his games. He began his head coaching career at Berea High School, leading the program to seven 20-win campaigns.

"I am so grateful to be named Morehead State University's women's basketball coach," Todd said. "I want to thank (MSU President) Dr. Wayne Andrews, Brian Hutchinson and the search committee for this opportunity. I look forward to being part of building this program to new heights."

In 22 seasons as a head coach at the college and high school level, Todd is 548-144 (.791 winning percentage).

"I've asked him to do some things on behalf of our program that haven't been done before, and I am confident Greg will do those things," Hutchinson said. "He will be a tireless advocate for our university and the women who represent our program."

Todd, who was a four-time HCAC Coach of the Year, produced a 157-64 (.710) record at Transylvania,

highlighted by a 26-3 mark in 2013-14, which set a school record for winning percentage. The Pioneers advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament and ranked sixth in the nation in scoring average (84.7). Transylvania also earned the program's first-ever top-25 national ranking.

He guided the Pioneers to the program's first NCAA Tournament berth in 2006-07 and followed up with conference regular-season titles in 2008-09 and 2009-10. He was named HCAC Coach of the Year in 2008-09 and 2009-10, leading the Pioneers to the conference tournament championship in 2008-09. His teams were 32-2 in league games his final two seasons, claiming HCAC regular-season titles.

He mentored HCAC Players of the Year Julie Leach (2006-07), Jackie Distler (2008-09) and Nicole Coffman (2012-13 and 2013-14).

Todd guided Lexington Catholic High School to a 225-26 (.896) mark in seven seasons, reaching the 30-victory plateau five times. He won Kentucky state championships in 2000-01, 2004-05 and 2005-06 and is the first coach in state history in either gender to lead his team to four consecutive state title games. His teams were state runners-up in 2002-03 and 2003-04. The program also won the 11th region title six times.

His 2005-06 squad, which featured five all-state players and seven eventual Division I players, was 35-1 and finished No. 3 in the final USA Today girls high school poll. That still stands as the highest national ranking for a Kentucky boys or girls team. He was named EA Sports National Coach of the Year by StudentSports.com.

Eleven of his players earned Division I scholarships and 20 moved on to play college basketball. He coached notable Division I student-athletes Natalie Novosel (Notre Dame), Keyla Snowden (Kentucky) and Nikki Davis (Alabama and Virginia Tech). Novosel was Notre Dame's leading scorer during its 2010-11 run to the national championship game. Snowden helped guide UK to Elite Eight appearances in 2009-10 and 2011-12. Davis is a former assistant coach at Morehead State.

Todd's teams at Berea reached the 20-win standard every season despite never accomplishing that feat before in school history. The 1997-98 squad was 29-6 and advanced to the final four of the state's Sweet 16 Tournament.

A Berea native, Todd graduated from Eastern Kentucky University. He and his wife, Renee, have three children, Brooke, Katie and Robert.

"The success he's had over a 20+ year career is nothing short of remarkable," Hutchinson added. "It's an indicator of our dreams too, and it's time to get started."

Sin Fronteras to premiere April 18

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[Morehead State Public Radio](#) has announced the addition of a Spanish music program to its lineup.

Sin Fronteras - Spanish for “no borders” - is a new program to be featured on WMKY (90.3 FM). Locally hosted by Maria Arroyo, the program will make its debut Friday, April 18, at 7 p.m.

The program will be presented in both Spanish and English as an educational and informative learning tool.

“We should embrace opportunities to learn from other cultures,” said Paul Hitchcock, MSPR general manager. “This program will highlight the rich Latin American culture in a way that’s entertaining for all to enjoy.”

Sin Fronteras will explore the history and culture of the Latin American community through stories and music. The program will feature contemporary and traditional music from Latin America, along with stories about everyday life in the Spanish-speaking community.

Host of the program is Maria Arroyo, a native of Huancayo, Peru, and Instructor of Spanish at Morehead State. Arriving in the United States in 2004, Arroyo completed her Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish and French and a Master of Arts degree in Teaching with an emphasis in Spanish from MSU.

“My passion is teaching and I’m grateful for opportunities to share my love for languages,” said Arroyo. “My desire is for everyone to enjoy learning the Spanish language and the cultures that represent this beautiful language.”

Morehead State Public Radio (WMKY) broadcasts from the campus of Morehead State University to more than 20 counties throughout east Kentucky.

Additional information is available at 606-783-2001 and online at www.wmky.org.

KEDC Receives Federal Grant

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The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) with the U.S. Department of Labor announced its formal acceptance of a grant proposal from the [Kentucky Educational Development Corporation](#) (KEDC).

“We are ecstatic about the opportunity this grant affords us,” said KEDC CEO Nancy Hutchinson. “The Youth Career Connect program is designed to assist high school students smoothly transition into the world of work. Our KEDC Board of Directors, comprised of over 60 local superintendents, commits itself to the long-term economic and social well-being of our Commonwealth.”

The Kentucky Board of Education has made “College and Career Readiness” for all Kentucky’s students its first priority. Those students who want to go from high school into a career rather than college will now have specific career counseling and other opportunities. By targeting ten schools and more than 1,800 students in eastern Kentucky, KEDC will provide training that combines academic and technical subjects about specific industries and careers.

Partners include Morehead State University, Kentucky One Health and Baptist Health, Kentucky Career and Technical College System, Tarter Industries, Highlands Diversified Service, Ashland Iron Works, New Horizons, WKYT-Television, Big A-Solutions (industrial fans), Link-Belt Cranes, and Project Lead the Way. Also agreeing to work with the YCC Program are the Directors of the Work Force Investment Areas (Eastern Kentucky Concentrated Employment Program (EKCEP), Lake Cumberland Area Development District (LCADD), and the Bluegrass Workforce Investment Board.

“Five million dollars spread over five years will certainly help us reach our kids. I can’t wait to get started,” said Clabe Slone project director of the Teach American History program for KEDC. He also wrote the grant proposal.

The 10 high schools are in the following school districts: Lawrence, Johnson, Lee, Garrard, Casey, Middlesboro Independent, Pulaski (two schools), and Knox (two schools).

Career Fair is a success

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Morehead State University held its annual Spring Career Fair with 56 organizations including employers and graduate schools attending. More than 200 students, alumni and community members networked with employers and graduate programs with the hope of landing an interview for an internship, part-time or full-time position.

“Employers and graduate programs like to attend the career fair to meet potential candidates in person. Candidates are evaluated on professional dress, knowledge of organization and ability to communicate,” said Ingrid McKinney, career fair coordinator.

Candidates attending a career fair need to make a great first impression and dressing professionally is one way to accomplish this. A competition for those dressed for success was part of the career fair preparation. The Division of University Advancement provided an iPad mini for the winner.

If candidates were dressed in professional business attire when they registered at the career fair, [MSU Career Services](#) offered them a ticket to enter a special drawing. The winner was Haley Cyrus of Ashland.

She spoke with hospitals in attendance and Siemens.

“The career fair is a great way to get your resume out, meet employers and find out about new opportunities,” said Cyrus.

“Organizations who take the time to attend a career fair are particularly targeting our MSU students, alumni and community job seekers. In hard economic times, networking at a career fair is one of the best ways to get job leads and an interview,” said Megan Boone, career services employer liaison. “Current students need to begin applying for internships to help build skills. We encourage all job seekers to take advantage of the career fair.”

The next career fair will be Tuesday, Oct. 7.

UCM celebrates 10th anniversary

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Morehead State University President Wayne D. Andrews joined education officials Wednesday, April 16, at Hazard Community and Technical College to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the University Center of the Mountains.

“As I look back on the history of the University Center of the Mountains, we have had more than 1,000 students earn their degrees,” said Dr. Andrews. “That is what it’s all about. Giving the students a chance to obtain their education that will make a difference in this area for many years to come.”

Dr. Andrews, Dr. Steve Greiner, HCTC president; Dr. Michael Benson, ECU president; Dr. William T. Luckey Jr., Lindsey Wilson president; Dr. Deronda Mobelini, UCM director; and Sen. Brandon Smith all were among those on hand for the event.

UCM founders were recognized and a “transfer signing” ceremony was held for those students who were accepted by one of the schools or a partner’s graduate program.

The University Center of the Mountains (UCM) is a consortium of postsecondary educational institutions bringing more bachelor and master's degrees and educational opportunities close to home in southeastern Kentucky.

MSU, Kentucky Community and Technical College System, Hazard Community and Technical College and Eastern Kentucky University signed the original UCM agreement in July 2002.

Today, there are eight partners – MSU, HCTC, ECU, KCTCS, Kentucky State University, Lindsey Wilson College, Midway College and the University of the Cumberlands.

Offices are located within HCTC.

MSU provides assistance and support with its online degree programs. Area students may choose from a variety of courses leading to a bachelor, master, education specialist or doctoral degrees.

UCM's service area includes the Kentucky River Area Development District, which serves Perry, Breathitt, Knott, Letcher, Lee, Leslie, Owsley and Wolfe counties.

In June 2011, Morehead State University and Eastern Kentucky University announced a program, "Associate to Baccalaureate Degree Pathway: Collaborative Regional Education Program," that allows students at UCM and HCTC who have already received an associate degree to obtain a bachelor's degree from MSU or ECU without leaving the area.

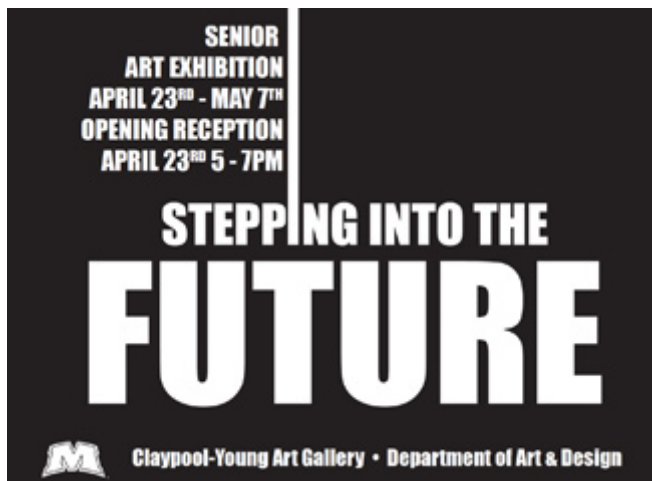
Upon completion of an AAS degree, graduates meeting the admissions requirements and academic policies of MSU and ECU are eligible for admission to an online Bachelor of University Studies in professional studies degree program at MSU while ECU will offer a Bachelor of Arts Professional track – general studies.

Additional information is available by contacting Joel Vanhoose, senior enrollment services counselor regional campus/transfer advisor, at 606-487-3182.

Senior art exhibition opens April 23

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The main gallery of Morehead State University's Claypool-Young Art Building will present "Stepping Into The Future: 2014 Annual MSU Senior Juried Art Exhibition," April 23 through May 7.

The annual show is an opportunity for MSU Department of Art and Design students to exhibit as emerging artists in a professional setting. The exhibition opens with a reception featuring live music by MSU students and complimentary refreshments on Wednesday, April 23, from 5-7 p.m., where awards including Best in Show, first, second, and third will be announced at 6 p.m.

The 31 participating artists include: Lisa Adams, Eubank; Amanda Berry, Ashland; M.J. Blanton, Hueysville; Maria Blevins, Maysville; Sara Brooks, Nicholasville; Amber Dillon, Morehead; Juanita Dixon, Olive Hill; Austin Everman, Grayson; Beverly Kiara Gabbard, Morehead; Alex Gubser, Cincinnati; Charles Hackney, Elkhorn City; Caitlin Hall, Louisa; Jeff Hehr, Maysville; Callie Himes, Winchester; Ina Huffman, Vanceburg;

Travis Johnson, Olive Hill; James Justice, Pikeville; Bethany King, Butler; Megan Lindsey, Morehead; Laura McVey, Mt. Sterling; Rachel Penniman, Winchester; Maria Risner, Hindman; Kara Staggs, Harlan; Rebecca Thomas, Princeton; Ericka Varney, Pikeville; Haley Walls, Stanford; Jonathan A. Washko, Milford; K.S. René White, Chavies; Melonie Jolene Whiting, Paintsville; Andrew Williamson, Sandy Hook; and Rachel Yanko, Versailles.

The gallery, within 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, and is free and open to the public. Parking is available on Main Street and across campus after 5 p.m.

Additional information is available by contacting Jennifer Reis, gallery director, at 606-783-5446.

MSU's '1,000 Gifts for 1,000 Grads' underway

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To celebrate Morehead State University's Class of 2014, the Office of University Advancement has a challenge for alumni and friends to donate "1,000 Gifts for 1,000 Grads."

Make a gift in honor of the Class of 2014, or in honor or in memory of someone who had an impact on your MSU career. The University will notify your honoree of your gift, and donors and honorees will be recognized online (www.moreheadstate.edu/giftsforgrads/).

Several "Graduation Week Eagle Hour" events will be held May 5-9 to celebrate this campaign.

Locations will be:

Monday, May 5, Fuzzy Duck Coffeeshop, Morehead, 7-10 a.m.;

Tuesday, May 6, Pirate's Cove - Tropical Bar and Grille at Four Seasons Marina, Cincinnati, 6-8 p.m.;

Wednesday, May 7, The VIP Suite, Dayton, Ohio; and Rafferty's at Hamburg, Lexington, 6-8 p.m.;

Thursday, May 8, Fat Patty's Ashland; Captain's Quarters, Louisville; Carriage House, Paintsville; Greenbrier Country Club (The Golden's Volleyball Awards), Lexington, all 6-8 p.m.;

Friday, May 9, Buffalo Wild Wings, Morehead, 5-8 p.m.

Make your gift to the "1,000 Gifts for 1,000 Grads" campaign [here](#).

To make a reservation or receive additional information, call MSU's Alumni Office at 800-783-ALUM or 606-783-2080 or email events@moreheadstate.edu.

Graduate Dean's scholars honored

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Dr. Gerald DeMoss, acting provost and vice president for academic affairs, and Dr. Michael Henson, associate vice president for research and dean of the graduate school, hosted a reception recognizing the exemplary academic performance of the Graduate Dean's Scholars.

The reception was held Wednesday, April 9, in the Crager Room of the Adron Doran University Center.

"The selection of our Graduate Dean's Scholars each year is based upon the outstanding academic records of our undergraduate honorees combined with their demonstrated potential to succeed at the graduate level. It's always a great pleasure to honor such a distinguished group of high achievers and to share the occasion with the family members who have so significantly contributed to their success," said Dr. Henson.

To qualify as a scholar, the student must be an undergraduate graduating in the spring semester with a minimum 3.9 cumulative GPA. The program began in 2012 and is designed to encourage high performing undergraduate students to continue their academic career with MSU into Graduate School.

For more information, contact Susan Maxey, director of the graduate school, at 606-783-2317.

TLC accepting nominations for McBride tutoring award

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Morehead State University's Tutoring and Learning Center (TLC) is accepting nominations for the 2013-14 Molly McBride Tutoring Excellence Award.

Nominations will be accepted through May 1.

MSU students, staff and faculty are welcome to nominate TLC tutors who have demonstrated the highest level of excellence in tutoring skill and caring for MSU students.

Nomination forms are available at the TLC in the Camden-Carroll Library and TLC in 220 Allie Young. Completed nomination forms can be submitted at either TLC location or 215 Allie Young.

According to Alvin Madden-Grider, learning strategies coordinator, McBride was an exemplary tutor in MSU's Tutoring and Learning Center. She helped many MSU students succeed and continue their education. She also taught them an appreciation for learning.

She died in a car accident in May 2013. This award honors her skillful work as a tutor and her commitment to excellence.

Additional information is available by contacting Madden-Grider at 606-783-5181. [Nominations](#) can be emailed to a.madden@moreheadstate.edu or visit the [TLC website](#).

Supernova creates havoc

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Supernovas are the spectacular ends to the lives of many massive stars. These explosions, which occur on average twice a century in the Milky Way, can produce enormous amounts of energy and be as bright as a galaxy itself.

These events also are important because the remains of the shattered star are hurled into space. As this debris field -- called a supernova remnant -- expands, it carries the material it encounters along with it.

A paper was published in the Feb. 20 issue of *The Astrophysical Journal* describing the results. The first author was Morehead State University's Dr. Tom Pannuti, associate professor of space science and astrophysics; Jared Napier, a junior physics major from Louisville, served as co-author along with Oleg Kargaltsev, George Washington University; and Derek Brehm, George Washington.

Astronomers have identified a supernova remnant that is sweeping up a remarkable amount of surrounding material, equivalent to about 45 times the mass of the Sun. This supernova remnant is called G352.7-0.1 (G352 for short) and is found about 24,000 light years from Earth in the Milky Way galaxy.

This new composite image shows [G352 in X-rays from NASA's Chandra X-ray Observatory](#) in blue, along with radio data from the NSF's Karl G. Jansky Very Large Array in pink, infrared data from the Spitzer Space Telescope in orange, and optical data from the Digitized Sky Survey in white. One unusual trait of G352 is that it has a very different shape in radio data compared to that in X-rays. Most of the radio emission is shaped like an ellipse, contrasting with the X-ray emission that fills in the center of the radio ellipse.

A recent study suggests that the X-ray emission in G352 is dominated by debris from the explosion rather than emission from surrounding material that has been swept up by the debris. This is curious because supernova remnants that are several thousand years old usually produce X-rays that are dominated by swept-up material, and the researchers estimate that G352 exploded about 2,200 years ago as observed in this image. Scientists are

still trying to come up with an explanation for this behavior.

Although it does not produce a lot of X-ray emission, the amount of material – the aforementioned 45 times the Sun's mass – swept up by G352 is remarkably high for a supernova remnant located in our Galaxy. This may indicate that a special type of evolution has occurred, involving a massive pre-supernova star interacting with dense surrounding material.

Astronomers conducted a search for a neutron star that may have been produced by the supernova explosion. They did not find any hints of a neutron star in G352, suggesting that such a star is too faint to be detected or that the supernova created a black hole instead. Another possibility is that the supernova was a Type Ia involving the destruction of a white dwarf, where no stellar remnant is expected.

For additional information, contact Dr. Pannuti at 606-783-9591 or email t.pannuti@moreheadstate.edu.

MSU Entrepreneurs win big at Idea State U Business Plan Competition

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Morehead State University students received a cash award to help them become Kentucky's newest entrepreneurs, thanks to the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development.

Morehead State was one of 10 colleges and universities competing in the seventh-annual Idea State U competition at the Lexington Center. The statewide contest is designed to identify and support the next generation of Kentucky innovators and entrepreneurs. The Cabinet hosts the competition and awards winners with a share of nearly \$100,000 to start their businesses.

Morehead graduate student Kayla Keeton of Louisa received \$5,111 for her proposed venture, Belles of the Bluegrass, a high-tech event planning service. Belles of the Bluegrass will serve much of eastern Kentucky.

A second team also took home prize money. Bamboo RF received \$1,270 for plans to manufacture radio frequency instruments. The instruments are designed to be affordable for anyone who wants to develop new products. Bamboo RF's team consists Kien Dang of Vietnam; Ana Merritt of Menda, Mexico; Garret Adam of Jeffersonville; and Fred Ringrose of South Lyon, Mich.

BambooRF also received the Governor's Innovation Award. The trophy and \$500 is presented to the team that best demonstrates innovative and "out of the box" thinking.

Twenty-six teams, comprised of more than 80 undergraduate and graduate students from seven Kentucky public

universities, the University of Pikeville and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, participated in Idea State U. With the help of faculty advisors, students spent months developing business concepts or formal business plans, which were presented to panels of business experts serving as volunteer judges.

The emphasis on readiness to compete in the marketplace maximizes the opportunity to earn a return on the state's investment by creating real companies that provide real jobs for Kentuckians. Most of the money can be only claimed as reimbursements for specified business expenses after the team forms a legal company in Kentucky.

In response to this annual competition, several schools have enhanced their existing programs or established new entrepreneurship courses to help students compete in future "Idea State U" events.

The Cabinet hosts the Idea State U competition to encourage a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship that will help sustain Kentucky's future economy in the global marketplace.

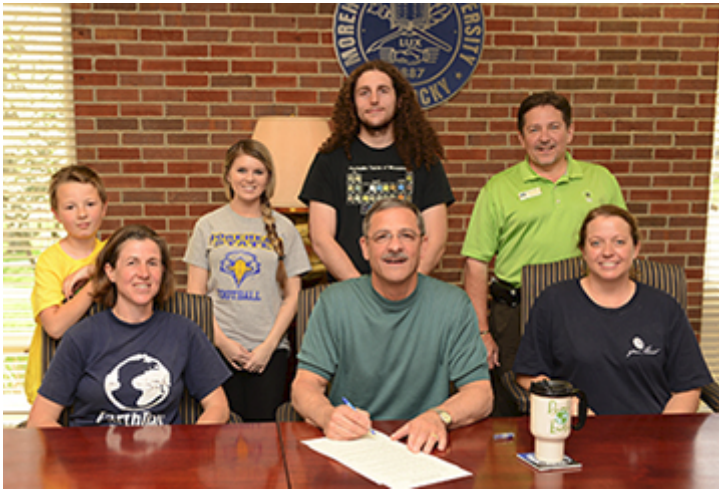
The \$100,000 in awards makes Idea State U one of the top state-sponsored business plan competitions in the country.

For more information, visit www.IdeaStateU.com.

MSU celebrates Earth Day

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Morehead State University celebrated Earth Day on Tuesday, April 22.

Earth Day is an annual event, which events are held worldwide to demonstrate support for environmental protection. It was first celebrated in 1970, and is now coordinated globally by the Earth Day Network, and celebrated in more than 192 countries each year.

MSU President Wayne D. Andrews signed a declaration during a ceremony Tuesday afternoon.

Morehead State University 2014 Earth Day Declaration

I, President Wayne D. Andrews, support all students, faculty and staff to work together as a university community to create an environmentally sustainable campus.

Thus on this day of April 22, 2014, and every day, I encourage the campus community to take the following actions:

1) Model Environmentally Sustainable Behaviors for the Common Good

Practice environmental behaviors such as environmental service learning, reducing waste, recycling, practicing energy conservation, supporting local food sources, and driving less and more efficiently.

2) Increase Awareness of Environmentally Sustainable Development

Use academic and facility operations to raise public, government, industry, foundation, and university awareness by openly addressing the need to move toward an environmentally sustainable future.

3) Educate for Environmentally Responsible Citizenship

Establish programs to produce expertise in environmental management, sustainable economic development, and related fields to ensure that all university graduates are environmentally literate and have the awareness and understanding to be ecologically responsible citizens.

4) Foster Environmental Literacy For All

Create programs to develop the capacity of university faculty to teach environmental literacy to all undergraduate, graduate, and professional students.

Establish partnerships with primary and secondary schools to help develop the capacity for interdisciplinary

teaching about population, environment, and sustainable development.

5) Collaborate for Interdisciplinary Approaches

Convene university faculty and staff with administrators and environmental practitioners to develop interdisciplinary approaches to curricula, research initiatives, operations, service, and outreach activities that support an environmentally sustainable future.

6) Maintain the Movement

Support the Sustainability Committee to continue this momentum and to inform and support each other's efforts in carrying out this declaration.

Morehead State University President Wayne D. Andrews

Additional information is available at www.moreheadstate.edu/earthwise/.

Dr. Janet Ratliff receives national award for outstanding service

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Morehead State University's Dr. Janet Ratliff, assistant professor of management/entrepreneurship and director of Center for Economic Education, received the Jack Kahl Entrepreneurial Leadership Award for the Sam M. Walton Free Enterprise Fellows of the Year at the 2014 Enactus National Exposition in Cincinnati.

Dr. Ratliff was honored for her outstanding leadership and service to the region and to the advancement of the entire Enactus organization. The award was presented by Jack Kahl, chief executive officer of ShurTech Brands, which makes iconic products like Duct Tape.

In addition, she will receive an all-expense paid trip to Beijing, China, to attend the Enactus World Cup Competition. Enactus is a community of students, academic and business leaders committed to using the power of entrepreneurial action to transform lives and shape a better more sustainable world.

Dr. Ratliff is the MSU Enactus advisor. In the 2013-14 academic year, Dr. Ratliff led her Enactus team to donate 1,374 hours that resulted in 6,388 hours of direct impact.

Dr. Ratliff and her group hosted several campus-wide projects like the "Lights Off" energy conservation challenge and the Wallets and Wellness Financial Literacy programs accompanied with the Affordable Care Act forum. Some projects directly affected MSU's School of Business students and small businesses in Morehead, through the Student Business Consulting Board. While some projects affected individuals in the Eastern Kentucky Region through Entrepreneurial Competitions, such as one held in Pikeville for more than 455 middle school students.

Due to these combined efforts, the MSU's Enactus Team was a finalist for its league in the opening round and Dr. Ratliff was acknowledged for her hard work and dedication by receiving such a prestigious award.

A native of Morgan County, she received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Morehead State and earned a Ph.D. degree from the University of Kentucky.

Additional information is available from Dr. Ratliff at 606-783-2390.

Tyndall takes Tennessee title

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University of Tennessee vice chancellor and director of athletics Dave Hart announced Tuesday (April 22) the hiring of Donnie Tyndall as the Volunteers' 19th men's basketball coach.

Tyndall is a 1993 Morehead State graduate.

The 43-year-old Tyndall joins Tennessee from Southern Mississippi, where he posted a 56-17 record (.767) in two seasons. He has averaged more than 21 wins during his eight seasons as a head coach with an overall record of 170-102 (.625), including six seasons at his alma mater, Morehead State, from 2006-07 through 2011-12. Tyndall played at MSU from 1990-93.

Attendance at Southern Miss home games rose 23 percent in Tyndall's first season. And in his second year in Hattiesburg, season-ticket sales saw an additional spike of more than 20 percent.

"I am humbled, appreciative, and thankful for this tremendous opportunity," said Tyndall. "We have great tradition at the University of Tennessee and with our men's basketball program, and we will work tirelessly to take our program to new heights."

In 2006, Tyndall took over a Morehead State program that finished 4-23 the previous year. He improved the Eagles' record in each of his first five seasons and led the school to 20-win seasons from 2008-11. MSU had reached the 20-win mark just twice in its history before his arrival.

His first Morehead State team tripled its win total from the previous year. And in year two, despite being picked to finish 10th in the OVC, MSU finished third in the conference, earning him OVC Coach of the Year acclaim.

The Eagles' trajectory skyrocketed during the 2008-09 season, as Tyndall led his alma mater to a 20-16 finish, an OVC championship and the program's first NCAA Tournament berth since 1984. Morehead State defeated Alabama State before falling to Louisville in the second round.

Tyndall followed that effort with a 24-win season in 2009-10 and then a 25-win campaign in 2010-11. The 2011

team, led by first-round NBA Draft pick and current Denver Nuggets star Kenneth Faried, captured the second OVC title of Tyndall's tenure. Tyndall was once again tabbed as the NABC District Coach of the Year, and the 13th-seeded Eagles shocked Rick Pitino's fourth-seeded Louisville Cardinals in the second round of NCAA Tournament.

A native of Grand Rapids, Mich., Tyndall earned his bachelor's degree from Morehead State in 1993 and received his master's degree from LSU in 2000.

He has two daughters: Taylor Elise and Grace Elizabeth, and is engaged to Nikki Young.

Celebration of Student Scholarship observed

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Celebration of Student Scholarship



Showcase of Student Research,
Scholarship, Creative Work,
and Performance Arts

Morehead State University held its Ninth Annual Celebration of Student Scholarship on Wednesday, April 23, at the Adron Doran University Center.

Once again, 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 “when considering the accomplishments at this year’s Celebration, I am confident that through the continued efforts of all those involved, our University will indeed become a primary destination for students who wish to become both active partners in the process of discovery and exceptional citizens of our increasingly challenging world.”

The 2014 Celebration featured 199 presentations (92 oral and 107 poster) spotlighting the outstanding efforts of 277 undergraduate and graduate student authors and their 107 faculty mentors. Awards were made for presentations of Merit and Exceptional Merit, as recommended by a panel of 108 faculty and staff judges.

Chief photographer Tim Holbrook has put together a [photo gallery](#) of the 2014 Celebration of Student Scholarship.

Although most awards at the Celebration are decided by faculty /staff judges in accordance with an official judging rubric, the Peoples’ Choice Award is chosen by the vote of all participants (students, faculty, staff and visitors) on the basis of perceived scholarly impact & overall quality of presentation. Those 2 awards and those presentations receiving awards of Exceptional Merit for both oral presentation and poster in each college and for the Graduate School received a \$150 cash award to be shared by the student presenters.

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

Peoples’ Choice

Oral Presentation

CS – 62

***Yen H. Tran, Dr. Ali Ahmadi and Dr. Bo Shi, Mentors, School of Business Administration, College of Business and Public Affairs**

Impacts of macroeconomic factors on industries' equity returns

Poster Presentation

P - 30

***Demi Jacques, Dr. Elizabeth B. Perkins, Mentor, Department of Sociology, Social Work, and Criminology, Caudill College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences**

Porn culture in the U.S.

Graduate School

Oral Presentations - 3 awards

Merit

CS 77

+Valerie Paige Hale, Dr. John Curry, Mentor, Department of Foundational and Graduate Studies in Education, College of Education

Facts influencing graduate student membership in the Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT)

CS 70

+Kelsey Koontz, Dr. Edna O. Schack, Mentor, Department of Early Childhood, Elementary, and Special Education, College of Education

Developing early numeracy

Exceptional Merit

CS 73

+Stephanie Gebka, Dr. Kimberly Nettleton, Mentor, Department of Early Childhood, Elementary, and Special Education; Professional Partnership Network, College of Education

Co-Teaching: Effects on student achievement

Graduate School

Poster Presentations - 3 awards

Merit

P – 43

+Brandon J. Combs, Dr. Jeannie Justice, Mentor, Department of Foundational and Graduate Studies in Education, College of Education

Distance education in law enforcement: Exploring Kentucky's barriers

P – 50

+DeAnna L. Proctor, Dr. Jeannie Justice, Mentor, Department of Foundational and Graduate Studies in Education, College of Education

Does proximity of post-secondary institution influence college choice?

Exceptional Merit

P – 103

+Kayla D. Nichelson, Glenn T. Harris, Evan S. Rollins, Kayla M. Sizemore, Dandan Li, Dr. Shari L. Kidwell, Mentor, Department of Psychology, College of Science and Technology

Depression as a negative predictor of parenting sensitivity: A seven year follow-up

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Caudill College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Oral Presentations – 4 awards

Merit

CS – 8

***Sarah Kadish, John Flavell, and Tim L. Creekmore, Mentors, Department of Communication, Media and Leadership Studies, Caudill College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences**

Living in Between, a documentary

CS - 10

Andrew R. Kuchenbrod, Dr. Joy L. Gritton, Mentor, Department of Art and Design, Interdisciplinary Appalachian Studies Program, Caudill College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Understanding the process of identifying community needs through the Haldeman after-school program

CS – 22

***Jessica Farrell, Dr. John Hennen, Mentor, Department of History, Philosophy, Religion, and Legal Studies, Caudill College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences**

The historical foundations of contemporary worker cooperative networks in the United States

Exceptional Merit

CS -4

***Benjamin D. Caldwell, Dr. Glen Colburn, Mentor, Department of English, Caudill College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences**

Freedom, happiness, and the general will: Rousseau's philosophy on individual happiness

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Caudill College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Poster Presentations – 5 awards**Merit****P – 23*****Brannah Hamilton, Kelly E. Collinsworth, Mentor, Department of History, Philosophy, Religion, and Legal Studies, Caudill College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences****Students' perspectives on service learning through a pro se divorce clinic****P - 34*****Montana Hobbs, Dr. Joy L. Gritton, Mentor, Department of Art and Design, Caudill College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences****Traditional music alive in “new Appalachia”****P – 32*****Sara S. Brooks, Dr. Jeanne Petsch, Mentor, Department of Art and Design, Caudill College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences****Discovering identity through art: Working with “at-risk” middle school students****P – 30*****Demi Jacques, Dr. Elizabeth B. Perkins, Mentor, Department of Sociology, Social Work, and Criminology, Caudill College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences****Porn culture in the U.S.****Exceptional Merit****P – 20*****Dakota Trenary, Carter Kozar, Karla Aleman, Mentor, Camden-Carroll Library, Caudill College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences****Finding character in our collections: Investigating library material usage and subject coverage****College of Business and Public Affairs****Oral Presentations - 2 awards****Merit****CS - 64*****Cody Murphy, Murray S. Y. Bessette, Mentor, School of Public Affairs, College of Business and Public Affairs****The Lincoln Douglas Debates and the Test of Statesmanship****Exceptional Merit _____****CS - 61**

***Alyssa Franklin, Dr. Karen Taylor Mentor, School of Business Administration, College of Business and Public Affairs**

Static Vs. Dynamic Routing: A look into the DSD models of a fortune 500 company

College of Business and Public Affairs

Poster Presentations – 3 awards

Merit

P - 7

***Sarah George, *Kelsey Kuessner, Dr. Janet Ratliff and Dr. Beverly McCormick, Mentors, School of Business, College of Business and Public Affairs**

A comparison of entrepreneurial perspectives between middle school students and college students

P - 1

***Donald James Burns, Dr. Christine Emrich, Mentor, School of Public Affairs, College of Business and Public Affairs**

The influence of bordering nations on country political risk

Exceptional Merit

P- 3

***Madyson Elizabeth Hutchinson, Dr. Michael W. Hail, Mentor, School of Public Affairs, College of Business and Public Affairs**

Federalism and the regulation of sin: Intergovernmental regulatory power and the constitution

College of Education

Oral Presentations – 3 awards

Merit

CS - 71

***Heather Travis, Maggie Horton, Dr. Mee-Ryoung Shon, Mentor, Department of Early Childhood, Elementary, and Special Education, College of Education**

Preschool children's fine motor development through paper folding activity

CS - 74

***Amy Clausen, *Olivia Fulton, Dr. Sarah Hawkins-Lear, Mentor, Department of Early Childhood, Elementary, and Special Education, College of Education**

Using constant time delay to teach discrete skills to individuals with significant disabilities

Exceptional Merit

CS - 72

***Kristen Stacy, Dr. Karen Taylor, Mentor, Department of Middle Grades and Secondary Education, College of Education**

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College of Education

Poster Presentations – 3 awards

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***Amy Clausen, Dr. Sarah Hawkins-Lear, Mentor, Department of Early Childhood, Elementary, and Special Education, College of Education**

The attitudes of pre-service physical education teachers toward teaching individuals with disabilities

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***Maria Leeanne Kallas, Dr. John Curry, Mentor, Department of Foundational and Graduate Studies in Education, College of Education**

Trends in student perceptions of one-to-one iPad implementation

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***Annie O'Brien, Dr. Melinda Willis, Mentor, Department of Early Childhood, Elementary, and Special Education, College of Education**

Using standards-based pre- and post- reading assessments to design targeted instruction in elementary classrooms

College of Science & Technology

Oral Presentations – 7 awards

Merit

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***Travis Miller, Dr. Benjamin Malphrus, Mentor, Department of Earth and Space Science, College of Science and Technology**

Rapid prototyping of spacecraft structures at the space science center

CS – 25

***Kyle Bradley, Dr. Doug Chatham, Course Instructor, Randy Ross and Richard Blanton, Mentors, Department of Mathematics, Computer Science, and Physics, College of Science and Technology**

High school curriculum designed to avoid remedial math in college**CS – 36*****Matthew Marcum, Dr. Manuel Probst, Mentor, Department of Health, Wellness, and Human Performance, College of Science and Technology****The correlation between the Wingate Anaerobic Test and sprinting****CS – 43*****William M. Holbrook II, Dr. R. Duane Skaggs, Mentor, Department of Mathematics, Computer Science, and Physics, College of Science and Technology****A depreferential attachment model and an inverse preferential attachment model for geometric graphs****CS – 78*****Steve Collier, Dr. Kent Price, Mentor, Department of Mathematics, Computer Science, and Physics, College of Science and Technology****Improving hot mirror design to increase halogen capsule efficiency****CS – 28*****Bryan Allen Conn, Dr. Jennifer Birriel and Dr. Ignacio Birriel, Mentors, Department of Mathematics, Computer Science, and Physics, College of Science and Technology****A model to reduce light pollution on MSU's campus****Exceptional Merit****CS – 69*****Chayce Swafford, Dr. Kent Price, Mentor, Department of Mathematics, Computer Science, and Physics, College of Science and Technology****Quantum efficiency of nano rod CdS implanted in CdTe photovoltaic cells****College of Science & Technology****Poster Presentations – 8 awards****Merit****P – 106*****Laura J. Secord, Nolan R. Williams, Dr. Laurie L. Couch, Mentor, Department of Psychology, College of Science and Technology****Coping with loneliness for those sensitive to rejection****P – 71*****Emily Nickell, Cory Tackett, Dr. Nathan Coker, Mentor, Department of Biology and Chemistry, College of Science and Technology**

The synthesis and characterization of various salts of [Au(SCN)₂]⁻ and analogue of [Au(CN)₂]

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*Michael Blake Cantrell, Dr. Mark T. Blankenbuehler, Mentor, Department of Biology and Chemistry, College of Science and Technology

Novel organic compounds as possible selective cyclooxygenase inhibitors

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Kathryn Renyer^{1}, Qian Wang², Paul Chiarelli², ¹Department of Biology and Chemistry, College of Science and Technology, ²Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, College of Arts and Sciences

Investigation of novel environmental chlorinated pollutants via triple quadrupole mass spectrometry

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*Zachary J. McKinley, Taylor L. Gasser, Dr. Sean T. O’Keefe, Mentor, Department of Biology and Chemistry, College of Science and Technology

Preliminary comparison of yellow pan traps vs. pitfall traps as an assessment of spider diversity

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*Amber Kirchner, Dr. Timothy O’Brien, Mentor, Department of Mathematics, Computer Science, and Physics, College of Science and Technology

Horsing around

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*Travis A. Witkowski, Alison N. Grice, Dr. Janelle M. Hare, Mentor, Department of Biology and Chemistry, College of Science and Technology

Identifying the role of DdrR in the Acinetobacter baylyi DNA damage response

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*Macy T. Kootz, Nolan R. Williams, Dr. Laurie L. Couch, Mentor, Department of Psychology, College of Science and Technology

The green-eyed monster: Jealousy’s link to relational self-efficacy and emotional intelligence

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Camden-Carroll Library Prize for Undergraduate Research

Todd Blevins

Owingsville on Fire – The Second Great Awakening and the Birth of Small-Town Evangelism

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Green receives KABHE President's Award

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Morehead State University's LaCrystal Green, senior enrollment services counselor for regional campuses/transfer advisor, was the winner of the President's Award during the annual Kentucky Association of Blacks in Higher Education conference.

The award is presented by the president of KABHE in recognition of an individual's outstanding devotion and service.

KABHE has been in existence for 31 years. The purpose of the organization is to promote the advancement of Blacks in Higher Education in Kentucky by articulating needs and concerns, promoting unity, cooperation and awareness, and enhancing the personal and professional growth of its members.

The group also seeks to aid Kentucky colleges and universities in the recruitment, retention and development of African American faculty and staff by sponsoring regional meetings and an annual conference where pertinent educational issues are discussed and solutions are explored.

Green is based in Winchester, on the campus of Bluegrass Community and Technical College (CTC). She travels among the campuses of Bluegrass, Gateway and Maysville community and technical colleges to assist current and prospective transfer students with admissions, advising, and other student services.

Additional information is available by contacting Green at 606-783-2000.

MSU to host 'Transfer Tuesday'

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Curious about Morehead State University?

Morehead State University's Transition Center in the Office of Enrollment Services has announced it will host a free application day for [transfer students](#) Tuesday, May 6.

"Transfer Tuesday" is a special event for students considering transferring from the Kentucky Community and Technical College System or from another college or university.

On May 6, transfer students will be able to apply for free online using the promo code "TransferTuesday" or at any campus.

MSU offers online bachelor's degree "completer" programs designed primarily for graduates of KCTCS. These programs are designed to allow KCTCS graduates to earn bachelor's degrees while continuing to meet work and family obligations and without traveling long distances.

MSU also offers courses at its regional campuses (Ashland, Mt. Sterling, Prestonsburg, West Liberty and the University Center of the Mountains) and via the Internet, providing busy adults the opportunity to complete class work at a time and place convenient to them.

Additional information is available by contacting Jen Timmermann, transfer senior enrollment services counselor, at 606-783-5488.

Bath County students visit Early College Program

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Students from Bath County High School visited the Morehead State University campus, as part of the Early College Program, Thursday, April 24.

More than 50 high schools and area technology centers 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 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, Grant, Greenup, Henry, Jessamine, Jefferson, Johnson, Knott, Lee, Lawrence, Lewis, Martin, Mason, Menifee, Mercer, Montgomery, Morgan, Nicholas, Oldham, Owsley, Pike, Powell, Rowan, Shelby and Wolfe counties; as well as Ashland Blazer, Frankfort, Jackson, Maysville’s St. Patrick, Paintsville Pikeville, Russell, Raceland-Worthington independents; and Lakeside Christian Academy.

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/.

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 28th Semi-Annual Rites of Passage Recognition Ceremony on Friday, May 9, at 7:30 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 Kente stole.

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

Keynote speaker for the spring celebration will be Dr. Cassandra Smith, accounting instructor, at MSU.

A native of Los Angeles, she moved to Kentucky in 2011 to teach at the Frenchburg Job Corps. In July 2012, she accepted the program director position at MSU-Montgomery County Adult Education (MCAE).

During her tenure at MCAE, she established the Adult Basic Education and Literacy Council to create a legacy and organizational growth. Before moving to Mt. Sterling, Dr. Smith taught accounting at Atlanta Technical College for four years and Georgia Perimeter College three years.

Dr. Smith worked in private industry for 10 years and owned an accounting business for seven years.

She earned her Bachelors of Science degree in accounting from California State University Dominguez Hills, Masters of Business Administration degree with an emphasis in accounting from Keller Graduate School at DeVry University, and a doctorate degree of Business Administration from University of Phoenix (2011).

She currently serves on the Mt. Sterling-DuBois Community Center Board and Education Committee.

Registration deadline is Wednesday, April 30.

Additional information is available by calling Andrea Araujo at 606-783-2071.

MSU set to battle in Alltech Innovation Competition

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Morehead State University will be one of 11 universities to participate in the 2nd Alltech Innovation Competition Saturday, April 26, at the Newtown Campus of Bluegrass Community and Technical College in Lexington.

This year Alltech is seeking a business plan to capitalize on innovation in Kentucky's food and agriculture sectors. \$20,000 in prizes is once again on the line.

Other schools that are scheduled to participate are Asbury University, Eastern Kentucky University, Georgetown College, Kentucky State University, Murray State University, Northern Kentucky University, University of Kentucky, University of Louisville, University of Pikeville and Western Kentucky University.

MSU's team will consist of:

Maryssa Whittaker is a junior Business Administration (General Business) major from Harrodsburg. She is a member of the Gamma Phi Beta International Sorority, a member of the Rho Epsilon Real Estate Fraternity, and also a member of the Student Managed Investment Fund club. She will graduate in May 2015 and hopes to pursue a management career.

Lauren Byarski is a senior Business Administration (Management) major from Winchester. She is a member of Enactus and enjoys playing intramural sports through the university. She will be receiving her degree in August 2014. After graduation she hopes to find a job in the hospitality industry.

Jake Detwiler is senior Agriculture Business and Horticulture major from Marysville, Ohio. He is currently president of: Collegiate FFA, Honorary Delta TAU Alpha and Agriculture Ambassadors and was the former treasurer of the Horticulture club. He is expected to graduate May 2014. Upon graduation, he will be taking a position as production manager for Cargill.

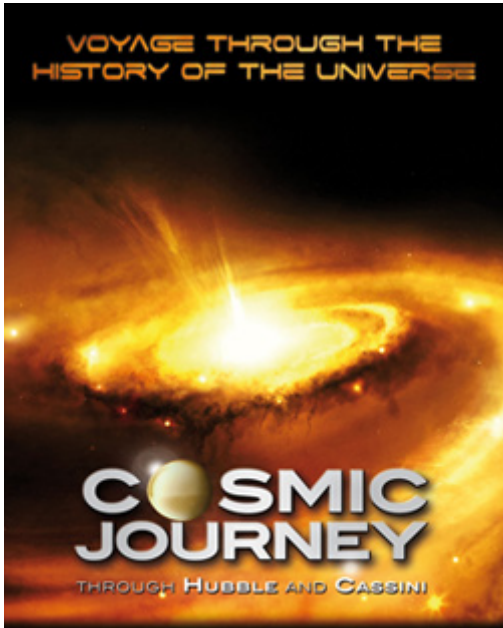
Jocelyn Zaborowski is a junior Animal Science major with a minor in Biology from Brighton, Michigan. Zaborowski is president of Christian Veterinary Fellowship, treasurer of Delta Tau Alpha and social chair of Service and Therapy Dog Association. She currently works for MSU's Center for Regional Engagement. She volunteers with the Rowan County Animal Shelter and Christian Social Services. Zaborowski plans to pursue a career in animal health research after graduation in 2015.

The team is advised by Drs. Beverly McCormick and Janet Ratliff.

Star Theater announces May shows

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Morehead State University's Star Theater public programs for May will feature several favorites and its most popular live program.

The programs will start on Friday, May 9, with the "Cosmic Journey" at 6 p.m., followed by "Laser Country" at 7 p.m. and "Laser Spirit" at 8 p.m.

Programs will continue on Saturday, May 10, with "Live Tour of the Universe" at 1 p.m., the live program "Night Sky over Morehead" at 2:15 p.m., and "Cosmic Journey" at 3:30 p.m.

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

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.

MSPR will broadcast Kentucky Writers Hall of Fame

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Morehead State Public Radio (WMKY 90.3FM) will present a program showcasing Kentucky writers.

The Kentucky Writers Hall of Fame announced the 2014 Hall of Fame class at an induction ceremony earlier this year at the Carnegie Center in Lexington. This is the second class to be inducted.

MSPR will air a program showcasing the introductions, readings and musical performances Sunday, May 4, at 4 p.m.

The 2014 class includes:

Children's author Rebecca Caudill, best known for "A Pocketful of Cricket" and "Tree of Freedom;"

University of Kentucky professor Thomas D. Clark, best known for "A History of Kentucky;"

Novelist Janice Holt Giles, whose work focused on Kentucky historical fiction;

James Baker Hall, a UK professor and Kentucky's 2001 Poet Laureate;

Affrilachian poet Etheridge Knight, whose work was strongly influenced by the civil rights movement;

Thomas Merton, a Trappist monk and one of the most prolific 20th century Catholic writers;

and Jesse Stuart, known for his sonnets and focus on rural Appalachia.

Selections from their work were read by Marcia Thornton Jones, James Klotter, Katerina Stoyanova, Sarah Wylie VanMeter, Jude McPherson, Eric Reece and Georgia Green Stamper.

Neil Chethik, Carnegie Center director, served as master of ceremonies, providing the introductions for each writer and reader. The ceremony was recorded and produced by WUKY.

Morehead State Public Radio broadcasts 24 hours a day from the campus of Morehead State University. WMKY (90.3 FM) serves as the flagship station for the MSPR network, which includes translator (88.3 FM) in Inez. MSPR serves more than 20 counties in Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia.

Information is available by calling MSPR at 1-800-286-9659 or 606-783-2001; or log on to www.wmky.org.

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MSU captures second at Alltech Innovation Competition

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A team from the University of Louisville took home first place and \$10,000 in the second annual Alltech Innovation Competition held Saturday, April 26, at the Newtown Campus of Bluegrass Community and Technical College in Lexington.

Morehead State finished second and won \$6,000 for the Morehead State University's Better Pork Company. MSU's team of four undergraduate students presented a plan for enriching pork with omega-3 to meet consumer demand for functional foods.

The team consisted of:

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There were additional team members that were not on the presentation team, Taylor Ferguson, Danae Philippus, and Freddie Ringrose. They were involved in the creation of the business plan and helped the presentation team with their script and PowerPoint. Drs. Flint and Patricia Harrelson served as advisors to the team.

The event drew business venture ideas from eight Kentucky universities.

Selected by a panel of nine judges ranging from entrepreneurs and investors, to chairmen and CEOs, additional winners at the Alltech Innovation Competition included.

The University of Kentucky's Arymza Technologies placed third and won \$4,000.

"The eight teams we saw today have businesses that can change their communities and can change the face of the industries they're working in. I was very impressed with all eight universities," said Dr. Van Clouse, moderator and advisor. "Six thousand or ten thousand dollars can make a huge difference to a small company that's trying to launch their product or service."

A total of 29 students represented eight universities from across the state in presenting their innovative ideas, the 2014 Alltech Innovation Competition drew a field nearly triple the size of its inaugural event in January 2013.

The MSU team is advised by Drs. Beverly McCormick and Janet Ratliff

Additional information is available from Dr. Ratliff at 606-783-2390.

‘Carnival’ Spring Gala 2014 recap

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Morehead State University held its annual Spring Gala on Saturday, April 26, with this year’s theme was “Carnival.”

For this evening of laughter and fun, there was a multitude of gala masked revelers under a confetti sky for a colorful evening filled with song, dance, food and fun.

Beginning with the hors d’oeuvres’ at a welcoming reception in the Adron Doran University Center, the celebration never ended. From the silent auction, dinner, special entertainment performance, and dessert and dancing in Button Drill Room, laughter was abundant as attendants shared the camaraderie.

After dinner, Button Auditorium was the place to experience the sights and sounds of colorful samba dancers and mesmerizing drums.

The proceeds from this event, which raises approximately \$100,000 annually, provides educational opportunities for MSU students.

Chief photographer Tim Holbrook captured some of the flavor of the evening and has provided this [photo gallery](#).

Additional information is available by calling [MSU’s Office of Development](#) at 606-783-2033.

MSU, UK and St. Claire to form Appalachian Health and Research Center

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Morehead State University, St. Claire Regional Medical Center and University of Kentucky's Institute for Rural Health Policy signed a "memorandum of understanding" Wednesday, April 30, to form the Appalachian Health and Research Center (AHRC).

Participating in the signing ceremony were Dr. Wayne D. Andrews, MSU president; Mark J. Neff, president and CEO of St. Claire Regional; and Dr. Brady Reynolds, Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky Endowed Chair in Rural Health Policy and co-director of the University of Kentucky Institute for Rural Health Policy.

"It's a great day," said Dr. Andrews. "With this new agreement it will be allow us to focus on some areas of research that will help us improve the lives of the citizens in east Kentucky. It's great again to be working with St. Claire and UK."

Dr. Michael Henson, MSU associate vice president for research and dean of the graduate school, explained to the group the mission of AHRC and recognized the hard work from a lot of the people gathered for the signing.

"The primary mission of the AHRC is to increase the capacity for innovative collaborative research based out of Morehead, which directly addresses health issues faced by residents of Appalachian Kentucky and beyond. AHRC will seek to improve local educational opportunities related to health research and to facilitate the translation of research findings into local health policy.

"A lot of people worked very hard to get this accomplished and we are very fortunate to be able to form this organization," Dr. Henson said.

The AHRC will be housed in the Center for Health, Education and Research.

"I am thrilled about this new collaboration to form the Appalachian Health and Research Center based in Morehead," said Dr. Reynolds. "This partnership stands to greatly increase capacity for health-related research in the Morehead area and Northeastern Kentucky, with the ultimate aim of improving health and health policy in the region. Through this partnership we will be able to accomplish research and community health goals that may not otherwise be possible."

"We are all very proud of what has developed since we first came together for the Center for Health, Education and Research," said Neff. "We (at St. Claire Regional Medical Center) are thrilled to be

working again with UK and MSU and hope to accomplish some great things.”

The AHRC goals are:

- **Create new and productive research partnerships with regional colleagues at Morehead State University, St. Claire Regional Medical Center, and the University of Kentucky, in the areas of health and wellness;**
- **Increase research infrastructure in Morehead, KY and the surrounding area;**
- **Enhance opportunities for faculty, students, and medical residents to participate in cutting-edge biomedical research;**
- **Streamline Institutional Review Board (IRB) processes for collaborative projects between investigators at the associated institutions and increase the number of behavioral and clinical trials into which local residents and patients may be enrolled;**
- **Promote dialogue with the public about health, wellness, and biomedical research; and**
- **Actively work to identify and translate specific research findings to local health policy to improve health in the region.**

The management of the AHRC will be shared equally by the three partner institutions - MSU, SCR and UK's Institute for Rural Health Policy.

In August 2010, MSU, UK and SCR officially opened the Center for Health, Education and Research. The Center was considered the first such partnership involving a regional public university, a land grant university and a private, nonprofit hospital corporation. The \$30 million facility is the largest construction project in the history of MSU. The four-story 90,000 square foot state-of-the art structure is located at 216 West Second Street on the campus of St. Claire Regional Medical Center.

A formal press conference will be scheduled for a later date.

Additional information on the Appalachian Health and Research Center (AHRC).is available by contacting: Dr. Henson at 606-783-2010 or by email at m.henson@moreheadstate.edu.

MSU Athletics partners with Dr. Timothy Kremchek and Beacon Orthopaedics

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Morehead State University Athletics has announced a sports medicine partnership with Dr. Timothy Kremchek and his staff at Beacon Orthopaedics in Cincinnati. Dr. Kremchek will serve as MSU's senior orthopaedic consultant.

Dr. Kremchek and his staff of fellows will provide weekly training room visits to MSU for evaluations and to care for student-athletes in post-operation status. In addition, the University will have full access to the services provided at Beacon's Summit Woods facility in Ohio, which includes surgical capabilities.

The Beacon staff will work closely with Dr. Thomas Fossett of St. Claire Regional Medical Center in Morehead, who will remain in his role as MSU's team physician.

"Having worked with Dr. Kremchek for the last 15 years dating back to my time with the Cincinnati Reds, I know the level of commitment and care he will provide us is second to none," said Chris Lapole, assistant athletic director and director of sports medicine. "Having Dr. Fossett and Dr. Kremchek working together gives us what I believe is one of the best orthopedic teams in Division I athletics. Dr. Kremchek and his medical team provide care to the highest level of professional athletes in all of the four major sports, plus Olympians, and we are honored now that he will provide that same level of care to the student-athletes in all of our sports."

Dr. Kremchek is in his 18th season as the Cincinnati Reds medical director and chief orthopaedic surgeon. A 1986 graduate of the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, he completed his orthopaedic residency at Tufts University in Boston. In 1993, he completed a one-year Orthopaedic Sports Medicine Fellowship at the Alabama Sports Medicine Institute in Birmingham under the direction of Dr. James Andrews and Dr. Lawrence Lemak. He began private practice in Cincinnati in 1993.

"This is a wonderful partnership with Morehead State Athletics that makes sense at this time," Dr. Kremchek said. "Working with Dr. Fossett, I know our staff at Beacon can provide Morehead State student-athletes with the best care possible. We have a wide range of specialists and fellows who work alongside me, so whatever care is necessary, there is someone on our staff with the knowledge and expertise to provide the best medical services and advice for these athletes."

Beacon provides medical services to the Cincinnati Reds and several other colleges and high schools in the southwestern Ohio, southeastern Indiana and northern Kentucky.

Lapole is in his third season on the sports medicine staff at MSU. He was promoted to assistant athletic director and director of sports medicine in August 2012 after serving as assistant athletic trainer in 2011-12. The sports medicine staff also includes Kelly Mason, David Anderson, and several graduate assistants and students.

