

News Items for 2014 - January

Spring convocation to mark beginning of semester

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The 2014 Spring Semester at Morehead State University gets under way next week.

Before the students begin classes, President Wayne D. Andrews will address the faculty and staff during the Spring Convocation.

The event will take place at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8, in Button Auditorium.

After the welcome by Provost Gerald L. DeMoss, new faculty and staff will be introduced.

Updates and brief announcements will be made, to be followed by Dr. Andrews' address.

Classes for the spring semester begin on Monday, Jan. 13.

Additional information on classes is available by calling MSU at Morehead at 606-783-2008

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Organization registration is open for MSU's Spring Career Fair

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

MSU's [Career Services](#) invites employers and graduate programs to campus to recruit students and alumni for openings in their company or organization.

Attendees are seeking full-time and part-time jobs, internships and seasonal positions.

Details and registration are online at www.moreheadstate.edu/career/postatmsu. Employer registration is open through Feb. 21.

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

If you have questions about registering as an employer or graduate program, call [Megan Boone](#), employer relations, at 606-783-2233.

Open House program dates set for spring 2014

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Morehead State University's Office of Enrollment Services will host Open House programs on Saturday, Feb. 1 and March 1, from 9 a.m. until noon in the Adron Doran University Center on the Morehead campus.

According to enrollment services, the Open House events will be an excellent opportunity for students and families to discover why MSU has been named one of "America's Best Colleges" by U.S. News and World Report for the 10th year running.

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

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

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

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

In August, MSU announced its largest freshman class in school history with more than 1,700 first-time students on campus.

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

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

Eric Jerde elected vice president of KAS

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Morehead State University's Dr. Eric Jerde, associate professor of geology, was recently elected vice president of the Kentucky Academy of Sciences.

He was elected during the 99th Annual Kentucky Academy Science Meeting which was held at MSU.

Dr. Jerde received a bachelor's degree in physics from St. Cloud State University, a master's in structural geology from Washington State University, and his Ph.D. degree in geology from the University of California, Los Angeles, in 1991 with an emphasis on geochemistry.

While at UCLA, he studied the chemical systematics of lunar rocks, meteorites, and the evolution of igneous rocks in northeastern Minnesota. Post-doctoral work was at the University of Tennessee in geochemistry and environmental chemistry, followed by four years of work at Oak Ridge National Laboratory as a radiochemist.

The work at Oak Ridge involved neutron activation for chemical analysis, and work in collaboration with the high-energy physics group as part of the design and development of the Spallation Neutron Source at Oak Ridge, which is now in operation.

Currently, Dr. Jerde has research interests continuing in the geology of the Moon and in atmospheric science related to climate change. He has received several internal grants, as well as a NSF EPSCoR grant, and a NSF Major Research Instrumentation grant to purchase a scanning electron microscope, which is housed in the Department of Biology and Chemistry at MSU. He has more than 30 peer-reviewed articles and geologic maps, and more than 70 additional publications related to conference presentations.

Additional information is available by contacting Dr. Jerde at 606-783-5406.

MSU closed for 'MLK Day'

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In observance of the Dr. Martin L. King Jr. holiday, Morehead State University will be closed Monday, Jan. 20.

There will be no classes or office hours and mail will not be delivered.

A civil rights activist, Dr. King was a leader in the movement to end racial segregation in the United States. His most famous address was the "I Have A Dream" speech. He was an advocate of non-violent protest and became the youngest man to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. He was assassinated in 1968.

A bill was signed in 1983 creating a federal holiday marking the birthday of Dr. King. It was first observed in 1986, although it was not observed in all states until the year 2000.

Offices will reopen and classes will resume on regular schedule at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 21.

‘15 to Finish’ campaign urges students to take full course schedule

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A statewide campaign launched earlier today urges full-time college students to finish college faster by completing a full 15-credit schedule each semester, or 30 credits a year, the standard course load for on-time graduation.

The “15 to Finish” campaign will promote the benefits of completing a full course schedule, which include saving time and money, and getting into the workforce sooner.

“Much of our administration’s emphasis over the last six years has been on creating a stronger, healthier and more educated population, in essence building our human capital,” said Lt. Gov. Jerry Abramson.

“The governor and I know that if Kentucky is to compete for 21st century jobs, we must have a highly trained, skilled and educated workforce. Fifteen to Finish is an important campaign by CPE that will raise awareness for our students and their families about the benefits of on-time graduation.”

The campaign is a collaborative project of Kentucky’s colleges and universities and Kentucky’s Council on Postsecondary Education.

“Time is money when it comes to on-time graduation,” said Bob King, CPE president. “Students avoid the cost of extra semesters, incur less debt, and can get in the workforce sooner to begin earning higher incomes.

“And the research shows that the longer students let college drag on, the less likely they are to graduate because life circumstances, even positive ones, get in the way of degree completion,” King added.

Students who take a full course schedule can finish an associate degree in two years and most bachelor’s degrees in four years.

The majority of full-time students only need to add one more class to stay on track to on-time graduation since most full-time students take 12 credit hours. According to CPE data, 75 percent of first-time, full-time students at Kentucky’s public colleges and universities are off track to graduate on-time by their sophomore year.

The campaign is a key strategy of a larger student success effort to increase high quality degrees and credentials, increase graduation rates and close achievement gaps.

Beginning this spring to coincide with registration, public service radio and TV ads will run throughout Kentucky. Campuses will also launch their own marketing efforts, and promotions will include Web campaigns, social media, posters and direct messaging to students and staff.

Gov. Steven L. Beshear issued a proclamation and declared Wednesday, Jan. 8, as 15 to Finish Day in Kentucky.

The initiative is part of a nationwide effort promoted by Complete College America, an organization whose mission is to increase the number of Americans with career certificates or college degrees.

To find out more information, visit www.15tofinishky.org.

MSU police offer campus safety tips

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With the spring semester getting started, [Morehead State University's Police Department](#) offers this advice to the campus community: Be aware of your surroundings and take the necessary precautions to avoid loss of your belongings.

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

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

Always on the lookout for suspicious activity, an increase in the number of reports of theft has police officers being ever more vigilant. Students, as well as faculty and staff, are urged to take all necessary measures to secure and protect personal belongings in residence halls, offices and vehicles, in addition to office equipment and other vulnerable items.

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

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

- Make sure your door is locked when leaving your room, even if you are only going next door. It takes less than 10 seconds for a thief to enter an open room and steal property.
- Do not leave messages on phones or computer accounts, indicating how long you will be away or when you expect to return.
- Follow the safety in numbers rule when going out at night and arrange to go with friends/roommates. It is a good practice to scan your surroundings whether walking on campus, traveling by automobile or enjoying a shopping excursion.

- Do not leave valuables or property (purses, backpacks, books, personal identification, etc.) visible in or around the office or living area.
- Keep emergency numbers by the phone. Call 911 to report any suspicious person or activity.
- Take the time to be aware of your surroundings and any unusual activity.

MSUPD also will be conducting traffic checkpoints at various locations during the spring semester.

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

5th Annual 'Challenge for Change' begins Jan. 11

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Morehead State University students will join their [Student Government Association](#) and [Center for Regional Engagement](#) in the fifth volunteer service hour challenge between MSU, Eastern Kentucky University and Murray State University, Jan. 11-Feb. 7, to honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King.

Each year, students at these universities perform volunteer service in groups or as individuals an effort to do the most good and make the most change in their regions. For the past four years, MSU has won the competition.

Students are asked to watch for posted activities and to participate.

If an organization has traditional service events and fundraisers (does not have to be performed in the MSU area) that are to be completed between Jan. 11 and Feb. 7 the hours can counts for the university. If students volunteer in their home county or state the hours also may be counted.

All service hours should be reported to Melisa McBrayer Patrick, 320 University Street, Morehead, or emailed to m.patrick@moreheadstate.edu. Name, MSU ID number, number of hours and type of service are required information.

A submission form may be found [here](#). If it is a group event a list of names and ID numbers may be listed on the same submission sheet.

MSU's goal this year is 10,000 hours of service.

Additional information is available by calling Patrick at 606-783-9327.

Timmermann elected KACRAO president

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Morehead State University's Jen Crisp Timmermann, transfer senior enrollment services counselor in the Office of Enrollment Services, has been elected president of the Kentucky Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (KACRAO) for 2013-14.

Active in KACRAO since 2005, she has served as chair of the transfer initiatives and support committee and the new admissions professionals workshop committee. She also served in various capacities on the KACRAO executive committee, including member at large and vice president for admissions.

"I'm incredibly grateful for the opportunity to serve as President of KACRAO for 2013-2014. I've enjoyed being active in this organization for the past several years," said Timmermann. "We've been able to initiate some wonderful practices and have made very positive changes across the state. My involvement with KACRAO has been very rewarding."

A two-time Morehead State graduate, Timmermann earned her bachelor's degree in marketing in 2003 and completed her master's degree in business administration (MBA) in 2007. In her position as transfer senior enrollment services counselor, she oversees transfer recruitment.

As president, Timmermann will serve as chairperson of the executive committee and will be an ex-officio member of all appointed KACRAO committees. She will be responsible for all activities within the organization.

Additional information is available by contacting Timmermann at 606-783-5488.

SBDC aids a safe place for kids to have fun in Paintsville

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Being a mother of two children, Lisa Kemplin wanted to start a business that she and her children could enjoy together.

She also knew there was a need for a safe place where parents could bring their kids and have fun without worry. A native of Johnson County, Kemplin was aware of the lack of inflatable fun centers in her home town. So Kemplin and her husband, Billy, decided to start “Rompin Ground,” an inflatable fun zone geared toward all ages.

Kemplin met with Michelle Spriggs, Small Business Development Center management consultant, in June 2013 to receive guidance on the proper procedures of opening a business.

The Kentucky SBDC has 15 offices state-wide with more than 30 years of experience.

The Paintsville SBDC office has provided free small business consulting services for more than 10 years to the citizens of Breathitt, Floyd, Johnson, Knott, Lee, Magoffin, Martin, Owsley, Pike and Wolfe counties.

Kemplin and Spriggs met again in August to review her business plan, projections and marketing plan. Kemplin through personal financing opened Rompin Ground, LLC, Dec. 16.

“The SBDC was wonderful to work with and assisted us in every business aspect of our start-up. Michelle answered all our questions and offered her assistance in every aspect of our business from start to finish. I will continue to use the SBDC services as my business grows and changes,” said Kemplin.

Rompin Ground offers inflatable private parties. Also available and included in the party package are arcade games, vending machines, party tables, surround sound music system, and much more. Parties can be booked 7 days a week with hours available to meet customers’ needs and schedules.

Kemplin plans to have her mobile inflatables up and running by the spring to meet the demand for on-site inflatable parties.

Rompin Ground is located at 209 Depot Road, Paintsville. Additional information is available by contacting Kemplin at 606-789-JUMP.

ROTC cadets selected to CULP

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Morehead State University's ROTC program had eight sophomore Cadets compete and selected for summer deployments in support of the U.S. Army Cadet Command Cultural Understand and Language Proficiency Program (CULP). The Cadets selected will be deployed to and support either Humanitarian Operations or Cadet English Language Training Team (CELTT) missions.

MSU Cadets selected were:

Frances Ackerman of Olive Hill, who will be deployed to Burkina Faso (Africa);

Zachary Blevins of Washington Courthouse, Ohio, who will be deployed to Tanzania (Africa);

Johnathan Caudill of Owenton, who will be deployed to Tanzania (Africa);

Travis Erwin of Olive Hill, who will be deployed to Thailand;

Lauren Harker of Waldron, Ind., who will be deployed to Dominica;

Durinda Logan of Barbourville, who will be deployed to the Czech Republic;

Ashley McClaskey of Olive Hill, who will be deployed to Thailand;

Eric Napier of Williamstown, who will be deployed to Paraguay.

"A Cadet's participation in a CULP deployment provides them the opportunity to experience another culture and develop cultural awareness skills, knowledge, and abilities that will enhance their overall leadership capabilities while serving as a commissioned officer upon graduation. This will be a once in a lifetime experience for each one of the Cadets," said Lt. Col. Robert A. Mason, professor and chair of the Department of Military Science.

Last year, 1,200 cadets traveled across the world with Cadet Command's CULP program.

MSU's Eagle Battalion was activated Jan. 1, 1968, during the height of the Vietnam War when other colleges and universities were discussing closing their military programs. The University's program has continually grown during the past nearly five decades with more than 650 officers being commissioned.

The quality of MSU's program is nationally known with a number of cadets highly ranked according to the

“National Order of Merit” list. For example, in 2006-07, MSU Cadet Shannon Niki Martin was ranked third out of 3,806 cadets from 272 universities across the nation. In 2010-11, MSU Cadet Commander Wesley Tudor was ranked number one out of 5,342 cadets from 272 universities across the nation.

Additional information is available by contacting Lt. Col. Mason at 606-783-5259 or 783-2050.

MSU Art and Design Faculty Exhibition closing reception set for Feb. 19

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The [main gallery](#) in the Claypool-Young Art Building at Morehead State University will host the 2014 Annual [MSU Art and Design](#) Faculty Exhibition, Jan. 22 through Feb. 19.

A closing reception will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 19, from 5-7 p.m. with complimentary refreshments along with live music. The closing reception is free and open to the public.

The annual event showcases the artworks of faculty. Reflecting the strength and diversity of the department's programs and instruction, the show features a wide range of media and techniques. Paintings, drawings, computer generated imagery, textiles, as well as mixed media and ceramic works will be on display.

The Claypool-Young art gallery is an educational resource of the department and the university as a whole; the faculty exhibition is an embodiment of the gallery's mission. Both as a venue for instruction and as a means to exhibit their work to the university and community, the exhibition is a much anticipated show.

Participating artists will include: Christopher Field, Toni Hobbs, Robert Franzini, Seth Green, Justin Howell, Dongfeng Li, Elizabeth Mesa-Gaido, Gary Mesa-Gaido, Jean Petsch and Jennifer Reis.

In association with the exhibition, there will be an Art Faculty Forum on Monday, Feb. 17, from 11:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.

Art instructors will be on hand to discuss their work, as well as field questions. Refreshments will be available.

The Claypool-Young art gallery features contemporary art for the Morehead State University 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 calling Reis, gallery director, at 606-783-5446.

MSU cheerleaders, dance team heading to nationals

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Morehead State University's cheerleading program is looking to add to its 34 total national championships at the Universal Cheerleading Association (UCA) College Cheerleading Team Championships.

"The expectation for us is that we have worked really hard to win," said Mark Coleman, head coach. "We have had a pretty rigorous schedule the last few weeks, and have performed a few times in front of big crowds. I feel like they are ready to go."

The competition will take place Jan. 17-19 at the Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, Fla.

Both teams have performed at selected Morehead State basketball contests and showcases in preparation for the upcoming competition.

"I just want them to go out and have the best performance they can, execute their stunts and use high energy," said Coleman.

At the 2013 championship, the partner stunt and coed squads were crowned champions, while the all-girl team placed second in its division.

The all-girl team begins its competition on Saturday with semi-finals at 1:10 p.m., while the coed squad is scheduled to perform Saturday at 9:18 p.m.

MSU's dance team also will compete at the championships.

Varsity.com will be streaming the events for only \$19.99.

King ceremony set for Jan. 21

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Morehead State University will celebrate the life, dream and vision of slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Tuesday, Jan. 21.

This year's celebration is being led by students from MSU's Student Programming Board, National Panhellenic Council and Minority Leadership Caucus.

The event will begin at 7 p.m. in the Crager Room of the Adron Doran University Center.

MSU's Black Gospel Ensemble will perform along with a spoken word monologue by Taybreanna Couch, Riversdale, Ga., junior.

The program will feature Jerel Benton, minority retention coordinator, as the speaker.

Additional information is available by calling LaShayna Sawyer at 606-783-2071.

Cheer Squad claims National Championship

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Morehead State University's cheerleading team claimed the 2014 All-Girl Division I National Championship and placed second in the Division I coed competition at the Universal Cheerleaders Association College Nationals on Saturday.

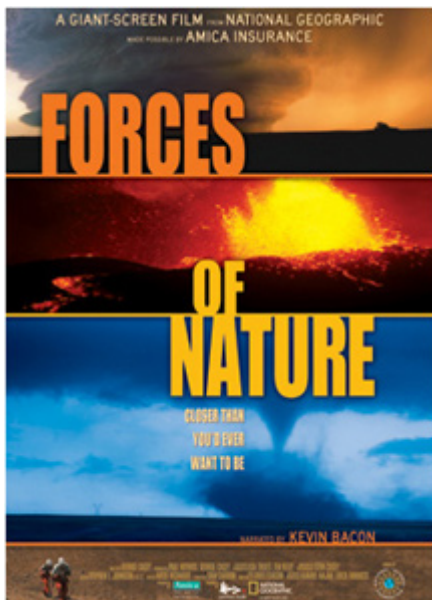
The win by the all-girl squad was the 35th championship in the history of the program. MSU narrowly missed its 24th coed championship in school history after finishing as the runner-up to Delaware.

The Morehead State dance team also competed at the Universal Dance Association College Nationals for the second time in 13 years.

Star Theater announces January shows

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

The programs will start on Friday, Jan. 24, with the "Forces of Nature" at 6 p.m., followed by "Laser Vinyl" at 7 p.m. and "Laser Metallica" at 8 p.m.

Programs will continue on Saturday, Jan. 25, with afternoon showings of "Moons of the Solar System" at 1 p.m., the live program "Night Sky over Morehead" at 2:15 p.m., and "Forces of Nature" at 3:30 p.m.

Programs continue on Saturday evening with our laser shows "Laser Vinyl" at 7 p.m. and "Laser Metallica" 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.

‘An Evening with Dr. Mayim Bialik’ tickets can now be picked up

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Tickets for Morehead State University's President's Performing Arts and Speakers Program with Dr. Mayim Hoya Bialik are now available to be picked up.

"An Evening with Dr. Mayim Bialik" will be held Thursday, Jan. 30, at 7 p.m. in Johnson Arena of the Academic-Athletic Center.

The event is co-hosted by MSU's College of Science and Technology.

Tickets (as of Jan. 17) can be picked up in room 211 of the Adron Doran University Center. To claim tickets an MSU ID or another form of photo ID must be shown.

If you cannot, or do not wish to pick up your tickets on campus, send an email to k.koett@moreheadstate.edu or pls@moreheadstate.edu and state you would like your tickets at the "will call window" of the AAC.

Doors will open at 5 p.m. on Jan. 30. (Note that tickets state 6 p.m.; however, due to the overwhelming response, doors will open at 5 p.m. to allow more time for seating).

Parking will be available in the AAC lot as well as the U.S. 60 lot. MSU is requesting that participants carpool as much as possible to allow as many people as possible to park near the AAC.

All ticket holders are asked to enter the AAC on the U.S. 60 (front) side of the building.

The event will be seated by zones. Ushers (and signs) will be available to assist in seating.

Priority will be given to individuals who have reserved tickets. Only individuals with tickets in hand or at “will call” will be able to enter before 6:30 p.m. At 6:30 p.m., MSU will distribute tickets (if available) on a “walk-in” basis.

Between 5-6:30 p.m., concessions will be available for purchase. No concessions will be sold after 6:30 p.m.

Dr. Bialik will begin at 7 p.m. As a result, it is requested that attendees arrive at the AAC with enough time to get through the ticket lines and be seated before 6:45 p.m.

Bialik is best known for her lead role in the 1990s NBC sitcom “Blossom,” as well as her portrayal of the young Bette Midler in “Beaches.” She appears on CBS's "The Big Bang Theory" as Amy Farrah Fowler.

She received her B.S. degree in Neuroscience and Hebrew and Jewish Studies from UCLA in 2000 and earned a Ph.D. degree in Neuroscience in 2007 from UCLA, specializing in Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder in adolescents with Prader-Willi syndrome. She is the celebrity spokesperson for the Holistic Moms Network, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting holistic and green parenting and living.

The President’s Performing Arts and Speakers Program (PASP) was created to enhance the vitality of MSU and to expand the intellectual engagement of the University’s students, faculty and staff, and community.

The Presidential Lecture Series, a component of PASP, offers an opportunity to attract renowned speakers, performers and scholars to campus while drawing interdisciplinary groups together. The Lecture Series consists of at least one lecture or performance each academic year. Each event is coordinated with and co-sponsored by an academic college and the Division of Student Life, and is intended to have a broad appeal and stimulate discussion across the University and community.

Additional information is available by calling 606-783-2071 or emailing pls@moreheadstate.edu or visiting 211 Adron Doran University Center.

MSPR announces new board members

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Morehead State Public Radio (WMKY at 90.3FM) has announced four new members to its Community Advisory Board (CAB).

Joining the nine member board are Mary Caric, Stephen “Black Bear” LaBoueff, Carol Laferty and Jeff Ray.

The CAB assists Morehead State Public Radio by making recommendations on programming, fundraising and public relations to build the listening audience, expand the operational base of support, offer opportunities for students and provide a better community service through educational and cultural radio programming in the community.

Serving a three year term, members of the board are volunteers. CAB meetings are held quarterly at MSPR’s studios and are open to the public. The next CAB meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 6 at 6 p.m.

Serving more than 20 counties throughout eastern Kentucky, Morehead State Public Radio broadcasts 24 hours-a-day from the MSU campus. In addition, MSPR’s website (www.wmky.org) offers a listing of community events, live web stream and archived audio.

MSU celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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Members of the Morehead State University community celebrated the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Tuesday, Jan. 21.

This year's celebration was planned by students from MSU's Student Programming Board, National Panhellenic Council and Minority Leadership Caucus.

MSU's Black Gospel Ensemble performed along with a spoken word monologue by MSU student Taybreanna Couch.

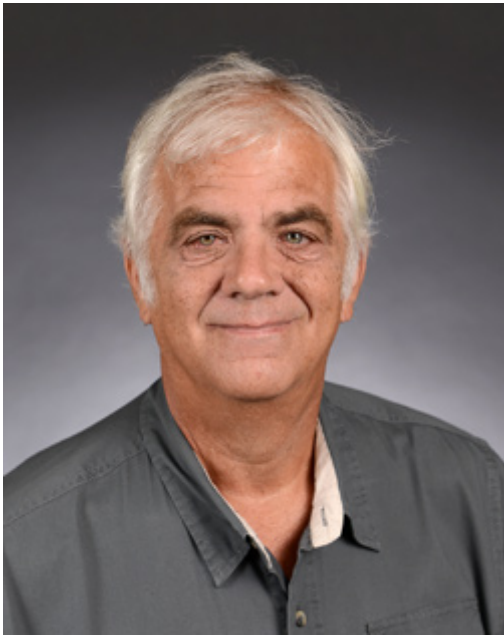
The program featured Jerel Benton, minority retention coordinator, as the speaker.

MSU Chief Photographer Tim Holbrook shares some of the scenes from Monday's event and has put them in a [photo gallery](#).

Dr. O'Dell named state geographer

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Gov. Steve Beshear has appointed Morehead State University's Dr. Gary A. O'Dell, professor of geography, as state geographer for the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

He succeeds Margaret M. Gripshover. Dr. O'Dell will serve until Jan. 1, 2015.

Dr. O'Dell was awarded a Ph.D. degree in geography in 2003 from the University of Kentucky; his dissertation was on "Eco-efficiency and lean production: Environmental performance of Japanese transplants in the United States."

In 1996, Gary earned a M.A. degree in geography from UK, writing his thesis on the subject, "The search for water: Self-supply strategies in a rural Appalachian neighborhood." His B.S. degree (1977) in Horticulture also was from U.K.; and he received the Oswald Award for undergraduate research, first place in biology.

He has been a member of the National Speleological Society for more than 40 years and has a strong research program in the geology and hydrology of karst landscapes and associated cavern development and morphology.

Before coming to MSU in 2001, Dr. O'Dell was employed with the Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection in the Division of Water.

He also is interested in regional history, and a large proportion of his substantial publication record concerns historical geography and industrial archaeology focused on Kentucky. Dr. O'Dell has published three separate articles in the Register of the Kentucky Historical Society, two in the former Filson Club History Quarterly, and has several articles scheduled for publication in scholarly journals in the near future.

Additional information is available by contacting Dr. O'Dell at 606-783-2729.

MSU to host 2014 Kentucky Collegiate Leadership Conference

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Morehead State University will welcome student leaders from across the Commonwealth to the sixth-annual Kentucky Collegiate Leadership Conference on Saturday, Feb. 8. The event, hosted by Kentucky Campus Compact and MSU, will be held on the third floor of the Adron Doran University Center. Registration will begin at 9 a.m.

According to Dr. Cathy Thomas, associate professor of speech communication and KCLC co-chair, the conference will allow participants to share their ideas and network.

“This is an opportunity for our student leaders to think outside the box and gain experience that will serve them well on their own campuses and beyond,” said Dr. Thomas. “After all, today’s college leaders are our future civic leaders and elected officials.”

The keynote speaker for the conference is Griffin VanMeter of Lexington. VanMeter is a partner in a Lexington-based branding agency, Bullhorn, and Kentucky for Kentucky, a rogue marketing company. He currently serves as president of the NoLi Community Development Corporation which recently received a \$425,000 creative place-making grant from ArtPlace America to renovate 40 shotgun styled houses and a 1850s hemp warehouse into creative maker spaces on the north side of Lexington.

Additional information is available by contacting Dr. Thomas at 606-783-2712 or Randy L. Manis, instructor of communication and KCLC co-chair, at 606-783-5399.

'Kentucky Memories: Memory Paintings by Kentucky Folk Artists' on display at KFAC

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Morehead State University's Kentucky Folk Art Center has announced its newest exhibition, "Kentucky Memories: Memory Paintings by Kentucky Folk Artists."

The exhibition will remain on display through March 29.

Kentucky Memories features more than 30 paintings by ten different folk artists, including Joan Dance, Charley Kinney, Helen LaFrance, Hagan McGee, Janice Harding Owens and Hugo Sperger.

All the works in the exhibition were drawn from KFAC's permanent collection.

"As has been said, we don't remember days, we remember moments," said Matt Collinsworth, KFAC director. "That's what a memory painting does. It tries to recapture, preserve or make new some moment that the artist experienced, a moment that the artist feels will connect in some way to the viewer. How that moment has been changed through time or through the artist's rendering, we can only guess, but the paintings in this exhibition are all powerful representations of how memory serves as an artist's strongest resource and how we are changed by sharing those memories."

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

Additional information is available by calling 606-783-2204 or visit www.kyfolkart.org.

Kentucky Visions at the Capitol features MSU professors

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Two Morehead State University professors and one retired professor are among 24 artists represented in the Kentucky Arts Council's Kentucky Visions at the Capitol. The exhibit showcases the artwork in the halls, reception areas and conference rooms of Senate and House offices in the Capitol Annex in Frankfort.

Among those participating are Elizabeth Mesa-Gaido, professor of art, Gary Mesa-Gaido, professor of art, and David Bartlett, retired professor of art.

Elizabeth Mesa-Gaido has been a productive and award-winning artist for 20 years, bringing recognition to MSU and the Department of Art and Design since her arrival in 1992. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Pittsburgh and an M.F.A. degree from Ohio University in Athens. Mesa-Gaido's creative work encompasses two- and three-dimensional media, diverse and innovative use of materials, and inter- or

cross-disciplinary connections.

An actively exhibiting artist, Mesa-Gaido has participated in more than 130 exhibitions, including one person, international to regional juried, and invitational. Her pieces have been presented at reputable venues, such as the Urban Institute of Contemporary Art, Visual Arts Center of New Jersey, Spaces, Indianapolis Art Center, Pittsburgh Center for the Arts, Three Rivers Arts Festival, Cuban Museum of Arts and Culture, Mexic-Arte Museum, Alexandria Museum of Art, Speed Art Museum, Evansville Museum of Art, Avampato Discovery Museum, Cleveland State University, University of Kentucky and Florida State University Museum of Fine Arts.

Images and/or critical reviews of Mesa-Gaido's work have been published in books, journals, periodicals and newspapers, including: In the Land of Mirrors: Cuban Exile Politics (University of Michigan); The Latino Studies Reader: Culture, Politics and Society (Oxford: Blackwell); Janus Head: Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies in Literature, Philosophy, Psychology and the Arts (Pittsburgh: Duquesne University); Fiberart International (Fiber Arts Guild of Pittsburgh); Bound (The Women's Caucus for Art); Dinosaurs of Distinction (Pittsburgh: Carnegie Museum of Natural History, 2003); Art Miami; The Nation, New Art Examiner, ART PAPERS and The Miami Herald.

Mesa-Gaido's artwork has been recognized and supported consistently with numerous grants, fellowships and awards.

She was the 2013 recipient of MSU's Distinguished Creative Productions award. Prestigious granting organizations include: Art Matters in New York City; Alternate Roots in Atlanta; the Kentucky Arts Council, both an Al Smith Fellowship and a Professional Assistance Award; and the Kentucky Foundation for Women, with three Artist Enrichment Grants. During her tenure, she has received two Creative Production Grants and two Summer Fellowships from MSU.

Gary Mesa-Gaido, a faculty member in the Department of Art and Design since 1992, teaches courses in digital art, animation, painting and foundations.

His creative productions focus on assembling large-scale panoramic photographs that are digital montages. Using digital equipment and a stitching construction technique, Mesa-Gaido records human activity within historical architectural spaces, such as plazas, courtyards, train stations, churches and museums. His method of documenting locations in a 180-degree rotation results in a unique panoramic view.

An active artist, Mesa-Gaido has participated in more than 100 exhibitions, including solo, two-person, and small and large group. His artwork has been supported through various grants and awards, including two prestigious Kentucky Arts Council Al Smith Fellowships and three MSU Creative Production Awards.

He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Pittsburgh in Pennsylvania and a Master of Fine Arts degree from Ohio University.

Bartlett was born in Minneapolis, Minn. and raised in Green Bay, Wis. After graduating from Carleton College (Minn.), he joined the Peace Corps, teaching high school in Micronesia.

After the Peace Corps and a master's degree in philosophy from Yale University, he received his first training in photography. This led him to further pursue his interest in art at the University of Michigan, where he earned an M.F.A. degree.

Bartlett taught art at Morehead State from 1980 until he retired in 2013. Besides the Al Smith Fellowships (1996 and 2005), he received a Distinguished Creative Productions Award from MSU in 2002. He has garnered more than 50 national and regional juried show prizes and has exhibited extensively nationally and internationally.

The exhibit coincides with the annual session of the Kentucky General Assembly and features 63 works of art from artists across the Commonwealth. Four of the pieces are included as awards of distinction from the arts

council's "identity" exhibit that showcases work by artists with disabilities.

“We're delighted to curate this exhibit each year during the legislative session to showcase the work of Kentucky's artists for their elected officials,” said Lori Meadows, arts council executive director. “The arts council receives great feedback on the exhibit from members of the Kentucky General Assembly who enjoy the work produced by the Commonwealth's artists, especially by artists in their home districts.”

Artists invited to participate in the exhibit are adjudicated members of the arts council's Kentucky Crafted program or are recipients of an Al Smith Individual Artist Fellowship Award or Governor's Award in the Arts.

The exhibit is open to the public.

Participating artists and home counties are: Marianne Brown Mize, clay, Anderson; Jane Cochran, fibers, Boone; Diane Smallwood, watercolor, Boyd ; Eva King Eva, paper, Calloway; Philis Alvic, fibers, Fayette; Wendy Currier, pen and ink, Fayette; Steve Davis-Rosenbaum, maiolica on terracotta, Fayette; Linda Fugate-Blumer, photography, Fayette; Elsie Harris, acrylic on canvas, Fayette; Steven Hornbach, mixed media, Fayette;

Shirley Jeter, watercolor, Fayette; Rodney Wilson, acrylic, Fayette; Carol Shutt, photography, Fleming; David Toczko, photography, Hardin; Ying Chan, ink on paper, Jefferson; Judy Rosati, photography, Jefferson; Guinever Smith, oil on wood, Jefferson; Jack Cochran, oil on linen, Jessamine; Pat Banks, watercolor, Madison; Bruce Frank, archival photographic print, Scott; and Alexey Stiop, photography, Scott.

Postponements and cancelations

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Morehead State University's Surplus Property Sale scheduled for Monday, March 3, has been canceled. Additional information is available by calling 606-783-2323.

VITA offers free tax assistance

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

Through the University's School of Business, Department of Accounting, in conjunction with the Internal Revenue Service, the tax return assistance will be offered on Tuesdays from 3-6 p.m. (beginning Feb. 4) in room 311 of the Combs Building on campus. The office will not be open March 18. It is free to students, and also to employees and members of the Morehead community with an annual household income of \$52,000 or less.

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

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

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

Also, you will need the following:

- W-2(s);
- 1099(s);
- A copy of last year's return(helpful, but not required);
- Statements of other income;
- Information for deductions and credits;
- Proof of account for direct deposit of refund, if desired, voided check;

Students:

- Proof of tuition paid (regardless of source of funds used) during 2013 for yourself, spouse, and/or dependents;

- Cost of books for 2013;
- Amount of scholarships and/or grants awarded in 2013;
- For proof of tuition and scholarships/grants, you should bring a copy of your account for the calendar year of 2013. This can be printed from MSU account web page;
- 1098-T;

International students also may use the service. Students will receive an email with details of the specific date on which they may have their returns prepared.

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

Study Abroad Fair slated Jan. 28-29

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Students interested in traveling the world and experiencing new cultures are invited to an informational session on overseas study opportunities at Morehead State University.

The Study Abroad Fair will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 28 and 29, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the main lobby of the Adron Doran University Center on the MSU campus.

Interested students, faculty and staff can find information on the educational enrichment opportunities available globally through MSU's Office of International Student Services.

Representatives will be available to discuss international studies options for fall, spring, summer or yearlong terms, as well as exchange programs and internships. Attendees can learn about specific academic programs, courses and financial aid.

Study abroad programs are offered at more than 30 locations, including France, Germany, Ireland, Jamaica, Spain, Australia, Italy and China.

Additional information is available from Dr. Royal Berglee, professor of geography and international and interdisciplinary studies, at 606-783-2454, visit him at 346 Rader Hall, email studyabroad@moreheadstate.edu; contact the International Student Services by calling 606-783-2096, or visit its location in the Brumagen House, 422 University Blvd.; or on the Web at www.moreheadstate.edu/studyabroad/.

Gold Medalist Billy Mills to speak on campus Feb. 5

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Morehead State University's Office of Student Activities, Inclusion, and Leadership will present Olympic Gold Medalist, former U.S. Marine officer, and Native American activist Billy Mills on Wednesday, Feb. 5 at 7 p.m. in 111 Claypool-Young Art Building.

Mills is the first and only American to have won an Olympic Gold medal for the United States in the 10,000 meter race at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics. His win is still considered one of the greatest upsets in Olympic history.

Nowadays, Mills is a humanitarian and co-founder/spokesman for Running Strong of American Indian Youth. His efforts have helped raise more than 500 million dollars in cash and in-kind gifts for different charities helping the Native American community.

He has received five honorary doctorates, and is the recipient of the Distinguished Service Citation, the highest honor that the University of Kansas Alumni Association can bestow upon an individual to acknowledge outstanding achievement for the betterment of mankind.

Mill's life was the inspiration for the movie Running Brave; starring Robby Benson; which shows his struggles as a Native American athlete. A screening of the film will be Tuesday, Feb. 4, at 7 p.m. in the lobby of Adron Doran University Center.

The events are free and open to the public.

Additional information is available by contacting Ricardo Nazario-Colon, director of Student Activities, Inclusion and Leadership Development, at 606-783-2071.

MSU to take part in 'RecycleMania'

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Morehead State University will participate in "RecycleMania," a nationwide competition against other higher education institutions that encourages recycling with rewarding opportunities for the schools and students, Feb. 2 through March 31.

Visit the [Earthwise Eagles Facebook page](#) and [twitter](#) for additional information about the school competitions and a chance to win great prizes.

The University has ordered 50 new recycling bins with the MSU logo that will be placed next to the outside garbage bins around campus and at sporting event areas. In addition, 11 new 4-compartment recycling bins have been ordered and they will be placed in the residence hall lobbies.

The MSU Sustainability Committee will assist the University in recycling "much more" materials.

The Sustainability Committee pledges to increase recycled materials generated at the workplace by 10 percent during the next two years.

MSU will achieve its goal by taking actions which may include:

- Identifying opportunities to recycle more and waste less;
- Making recycling more convenient in our workplace to enable greater participation;
- Increasing employee awareness of waste reduction and recycling opportunities in the workplace;
- Identifying cost-effective opportunities to purchase products with recycled content;
- Implementing purchasing policies that consider a product's end of life use and recyclability;
- Reporting on our actions and progress through the Recycling at Work online reporting system;
- Celebrating our success; and

- Inviting at least one other company or organization to take this Pledge.

MSU is proud to take the Recycling at Work pledge and join other businesses and organizations in increasing recycling at our workplace. Every action adds up to making a difference.

More information can also be found at www.moreheadstate.edu/earthwise/.

U.S. Air Force Band to present free concert

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Morehead State University will present the United States Air Force Band of Mid-America Monday, Feb. 3, at 8 p.m. in the Duncan Recital Hall of Baird Music Hall.

The United States Air Force Band of Mid-America Concert Band represents the professionalism and excellence found every day throughout the Air Force. This diverse, 45-piece ensemble's repertoire ranges from symphonic band masterworks, to traditional marches, to modern compositions, to pops and jazz.

The host for the evening will be Dr. Donald R. Erbschloe.

A senior level executive, Dr. Erbschloe is chief scientist, air mobility command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill. He serves as the AMC commander's scientific adviser, providing authoritative scientific counsel, technical advice and guidance throughout the command on AMC core area technical programs.

Dr. Erbschloe is a frequent participant in studies and reports on scientific and technological issues. He is the author of several articles across a broad range of subjects including operations, scientific history, optics and pedagogy and a member of the Acquisition Corps.

The event is free and open to the public.

Additional information is available by calling MSU's Department of University Bands at 606-783-2486 or email msubands@moreheadstate.edu.

Dr. Mayim Bialik draws huge crowd for PASP

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A crowd of nearly 2,500 attended Dr. Mayim Bialik's lecture Thursday, Jan. 30, as part of the President's Performing Arts and Speakers Program. ([View photo gallery](#))

She currently plays Amy Farrah Fowler on 'The Big Bang Theory.'

Dr. Bialik received her B.S. degree in Neuroscience and Hebrew and Jewish Studies from UCLA in 2000 and earned a Ph.D. degree in Neuroscience in 2007 from UCLA, specializing in Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder in adolescents with Prader-Willi syndrome.

The President's Performing Arts and Speakers Program (PASP) was created to enhance the vitality of MSU and to expand the intellectual engagement of the University's students, faculty and staff, and community.

The Presidential Lecture Series, a component of PASP, offers an opportunity to attract renowned speakers, performers and scholars to campus while drawing interdisciplinary groups together. The Lecture Series consists of at least one lecture or performance each academic year. Each event is coordinated with and co-sponsored by an academic college and the Division of Student Life, and is intended to have a broad appeal and stimulate discussion across the University and community.

Milby to perform at KMEA conference

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Morehead State University's Christopher Milby, Greensburg sophomore, will perform his original composition "If" for 2 euphoniums at the Kentucky Music Educators Association Professional Development Conference on Thursday, Feb. 6, at 8:20 p.m. at the Kentucky Center for the Arts in Louisville.

He will be joined by MSU's Jonathan Calhoun, euphonium, and Dr. Rocky Hardymon, piano.

Milby earned the right to perform at the conference as the 2014 KMEA Collegiate Composition Contest winner.

Morse code was a unique and innovative means of communication during its time, but was slowly replaced by more modern technologies. The piece provides a new use for Morse code within the universal language of music by providing the rhythmic background for the melodies and harmonies that interplay above it. Rather than random "dits" and "dahs" however, the rhythmic background is a direct translation in Morse code of the poem, "If" by Rudyard Kipling for which the piece is named.

Milby is pursuing a Bachelor of Music Education degree with an emphasis in Euphonium under Dr. Stacy Baker. A graduate of Green County High School, he is a recipient of the John Philip Sousa Band Award. He serves as treasurer of the MSU chapter of the International Tuba Euphonium Association, sergeant-at-arms for the MSU chapter of the National Association for Music Education (NAfME), and is a member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. He performs with MSU's Symphony Band, Tuba/Euphonium Ensemble and Basketball Band.

Calhoun, a Pickerington, Ohio, junior, is pursuing a Bachelor of Music Education degree with an emphasis in Euphonium under Dr. Baker. He serves as president of the MSU chapter of the International Tuba Euphonium Association, treasurer of MSU's Chapter of the National Association for Music Educators, and is a member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. He performs as a member of the MSU Symphony Band, Tuba/Euphonium Ensemble,

Marching Band and Basketball Band.

A Kentucky native, Dr. Hardyman is a two-time graduate of MSU. He was awarded the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Piano Performance from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Dr. Hardyman has taught piano since 1982 and also has taught instrumental and vocal music in the Ohio and Florida school systems and has served as minister of music in Northeast Tennessee. He resides in Flemingsburg with his wife Teresa.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Baker at 606-783-2107.
