

News Items for 2014 - May

MSU police offer campus safety tips

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Audible alert system test Monday

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Morehead State University will conduct the monthly test of its audible alert system on Monday, May 5, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

The system consists of three speakers that use an alert tone as well as voice messages to warn the campus during an emergency.

The high powered amplifiers, located on Ginger and Cartmell halls along with Jayne Stadium, are designed primarily to alert pedestrians on campus sidewalks and streets.

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

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

Brown, Pettersson to be student speakers at Spring Commencement

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Morehead State University will hold its 2014 Spring Commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 10, at the Academic-Athletic Center.

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

The first commencement program will start at 10 a.m. Candidates from the Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences and College of Education will participate.

Faith Elizabeth Brown of Liberty Township, Ohio, will be the morning student speaker. She is the oldest of four children and the daughter of James and Barbara Brown.

She is a candidate for a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish education with a minor in international studies.

Brown was homeschooled through high school while she attended Lakota East High School part-time. At Lakota East, she was a member of the National Honor Society, played junior varsity soccer, and was on the High Honor Roll.

Upon her arrival to Morehead State University, she was awarded a full academic scholarship through the George M. Luckey Jr. Academic Honors Program. During her time at MSU, Brown has retained a cumulative grade-point-average of 4.0, been named Outstanding Student of Spanish, Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Secondary Education, Outstanding Undergraduate Student in the Department of International and Interdisciplinary Studies, and has made the dean's list every semester.

Brown is an active member of MSU's Newman Center, has performed more than 200 volunteer service-hours, was president of MSU's Spanish Club, has completed three semesters of undergraduate research with the Department of International and Interdisciplinary Studies, and has presented research at the Kentucky Honors

Roundtable and MSU's Celebration of Student Scholarship. In addition, she has studied and traveled in Spain and France.

After graduation, she plans to teach English in Spain for a year. Upon returning to the United States, Brown will pursue graduate studies while teaching Spanish at the high school level and eventually at the college level.

Buckner (Buck) Hinkle Jr. of Lexington will be presented an Honorary Doctor of Public Service degree. He is a member of Stites and Harbison PLLC, where he has practiced law since 1974, primarily in the fields of construction law and business litigation.

Hinkle served two terms as a member of MSU's Board of Regents (1991-2004), including chair from 2001-04.

He earned his J.D. degree from the University of Kentucky in 1974 and his B.A. degree from Sewanee: The University of the South in 1970. He currently serves on Sewanee's Board of Trustees.

The second program will begin at 2 p.m. with students in the College of Business and Public Affairs and College of Science and Technology participating.

Sofia Pettersson of Täby, Sweden, will be the afternoon student speaker.

She is the daughter of Elisabet Pettersson and Lars Erik Pettersson. Pettersson is a candidate for a bachelor's degree in sport management.

Pettersson came to Morehead in 2010 to be a part of the women's golf team under coach Stephanie Barker. She was a part of the Ohio Valley Conference championship team in 2011 and participated in the NCAA tournament. She is a three-time All-American scholar.

While attending MSU, Pettersson has maintained a 4.0 grade-point-average and she has been awarded Outstanding Undergraduate Sport Management Student. She also has been selected to represent the sport management program for the School of Business Administration Student Advisory Council.

Pettersson has spent a great deal of time volunteering with MSU's athletic media relations department helping out with game-day operations and writing for MSUEagles.com for a number of sports teams.

After graduation, she is looking forward to working with event planning, media relations or marketing in the sports industry. This summer, she has landed an internship with the American Junior Golf Association where she will be a traveling communications intern.

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

ROTC students will be commissioned as part of each program.

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

SGA officers for 2014-15 announced

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Brad Fyffe, Greenup senior, has been elected president of Morehead State University's [Student Government Association](#). He will serve as the student representative on MSU's Board of Regents for the 2014-15 academic year.

A senior government and philosophy major, Fyffe served as vice president for administration in 2013-14. He also is vice president for Delta Tau Delta fraternity and is secretary for Societas Pro Legibus. An Undergraduate Research Fellow for the School of Public Affairs, Fyffe is a member of the Kentucky Young Democrats.

Also elected as executive officers of SGA were:

Jake McKay, executive vice president, is a pre-elementary education major from Mays Lick. Previously he served as vice president for campus involvement. He serves as president of Delta Tau Delta fraternity and is president of MSU's Army ROTC Raider Company (ROTC fraternity).

Nolan Willoughby, vice president for administration, is a junior business marketing major from Winchester. A member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity, Willoughby currently serves on the chapter's Honor Board and is Interfraternity Council executive vice president.

Paige Mathis, vice president for campus involvement, is a sophomore communications major with a double minor in government and public relations from Independence. Previously she served as the vice chair for the campus involvement committee and as the events coordination for Students Programming Board. She also serves as the secretary for Kappa Delta sorority.

Kennedy Womack, vice president for finance, is a sophomore government major from Ashland. She has served as the vice chair for the public relations committee and currently serves as standards chairwoman and alumnae relations chairwoman for Gamma Phi Beta sorority. She also is president of MSU College Democrats.

Madyson Hutchinson, vice president for public relations, is a junior government and philosophy major from Somerset. She is an Undergraduate Research Fellow for the School of Public Affairs and is a member of MSU College Republicans and BCM. Previously, she rode on the MSU Equestrian Team.

Friend wins 27th annual Gallaher Memorial Music Performance Competition

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Korry Friend of Troy, Ohio, won the 27th annual A. Frank and Bethel C. Gallaher Memorial Music Performance Competition at Morehead State University. The award, presented each spring to a junior music major, includes a \$1,000 cash prize and the honor of performing at the Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences' Academic Honors and Awards Convocation.

Friend is a percussionist and composer. He is a student of Dr. Brian S. Mason, associate professor of music.

He performed "Etude in e minor for marimba by Casey Cangelosi" as his competition piece.

During the Summer 2013, Friend attended Tianjin Normal University in Tianjin, China, where he studied Mandarin Chinese and the history and culture of China. His percussion career began during his years in high school performing with numerous community bands and university sponsored wind ensembles in and around Dayton, Ohio.

His collegiate career has afforded him multiple distinguished performing opportunities such as: Kentucky Music Educators Association Conference with the MSU Symphony Band; MSU Percussion Ensemble tour to Tianjin and Beijing, China; and KMEA Intercollegiate Orchestra. In his time as a percussion educator, he has taught numerous high school bands in Kentucky, West Virginia and Ohio.

The Gallaher competition, endowed in 1987, was named for the late Ashland businessman A. Frank Gallaher and his wife, who were the parents of Dr. Christopher Gallaher, former chair of MSU's Department of Music.

All full-time junior level music majors, with at least a 2.75 grade point average, may compete for the Gallaher Scholarship. To participate, a student must perform from memory a work that is eight to 10 minutes in length. Preliminary auditions are held in December with the final competition in April.

Contributions to the A. Frank and Bethel C. Gallaher Memorial Music Performance Competition may be made through the MSU Foundation Inc., by calling 606-783-2033.

Additional information on the competition is available by calling the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance at 606-783-2473.

Retiree Association to have busy May

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Members of the Morehead State University Retiree Association will visit Hickory Hill Nursery in Mays Lick, followed by lunch on their own at Caproni's in Maysville Thursday, May 15.

Deadline for reservations is May 12 and car pools will leave from the old Food Lion parking lot at 9:30 a.m.

Also, the retirees are invited to attend a seminar on "Wealth Preservation" slated for Thursday, May 22, at CoffeeTree Books from 8:30-9:30 a.m. The presenter will be MSU alumnus Brandon W. Fraley of Huntington, WV. Fraley is vice president/branch manager/financial advisor with Morgan Stanley. Light refreshments will be available.

Retirees, alumni and friends are reminded of the upcoming June 6 deadline for a \$50 deposit for the Sept. 8-12, trip to Niagara Falls and Toronto, Canada

The group will enjoy a two-day guided tour of the falls which will include the IMAX film "Niagara: Miracles, Myths and Magic" and the opportunity for an evening viewing of the falls illuminated in the colors of the rainbow.

The tour of Toronto will include Parliament Buildings, the financial district, Chinatown, Harbourfront, theatre district, Eaton Center and more.

The trip will offer wine tasting at local winery and an opportunity to explore Clifton Hill, known as the street of fun in Niagara which features museums, gift shops and the new Great Canadian Midway Entertainment Center.

Cost of the trip, which includes four nights hotel accommodations, four breakfasts and three dinners, including dinner in front of the falls, as well as baggage handling and deluxe motor coach transportation, will be \$739 per person, double occupancy. Final payment for the trip is due Aug. 1.

The MSU Retirees Association is open to all retirees, both faculty and staff.

Reservations and additional information are available by calling 606-783-2080, toll-free 1-800-783-2586, or email t.jones@moreheadstate.edu.

Collis receives unexpected honor of his own endowment scholarship

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People have the ability to change the lives of others. Some do this actively and intently. That being said, others change people's lives simply by simply living and setting an example that has a positive and lasting effect on others.

In a way, John E. Collis (49) falls into both categories. As a student, former employee, proud alumnus and constant supporter Morehead State University and the community, he's been a fundamental figure on campus. But when the John E. Collis Endowment Scholarship was established, it was an unexpected honor for him, since he didn't initially know the people who established it or their reasons for doing so.

"I must have done something that was of some help," Collis said. "It's kind of embarrassing to say to them, 'Thank you for doing this...but what did I do?'"

Actually, Collis has done quite a bit in his long life. He grew up in Southern Ohio and split his days growing up between going to school in the mornings and going to work as the office manager of his dad's firebrick plant in the evenings. He was a student-athlete and attended Ohio University in 1940 to play football before enlisting in the Navy during World War II, serving as a communications specialist aboard Naval planes on missions in Australia and the South Pacific. After serving for nearly five years, he came back to the states to attend flight school and met his late wife, Dorothy "Dot" Canyus.

The two of them came to MSU in 1946 when Collis received a football scholarship. He went on to earn a degree in business in 1949 and, upon graduation, he was called to the president's office and offered the job of managing the University's bookstore.

Collis accepted the position and held it for four decades before retiring in 1988. As the years went on, his responsibilities expanded to include managing concessions for football and basketball games for Breckinridge Training School, MSU and Rowan County High School. He also ran the campus's post office and supplied caps and gowns to graduates. All in all, as long as he was helping students, Collis was happy.

“I have enjoyed my job and the responsibility I’ve had for all this period of time,” Collis said. “If you keep dealing with the same age group, you never get old yourself and there’s no better group of people to deal with than young people.”

But Collis did a lot more than just “deal with” students if you ask Dr. George Kerr (58) and his wife, Sally, who established the John E. Collis Endowment Scholarship. Sally first encountered Collis as a third grader at Breckinridge Training School when she went into the bookstore to buy materials for her music classes.

“We were always treated as if we were college students. He seemed to make no difference,” Sally said. “I admired him even as a child. I recognized this special quality about him because he was always so pleasant. For a long time with me, Mr. Collis was the bookstore.”

George had a similar experience when he was deciding on which college to attend. Collis’ kindness and helpful nature when he visited the bookstore was one of the reasons he chose Morehead State, but George’s encounters with Collis throughout college and witnessing his dedication to serving the campus community stayed with him.

“John really spends his life in service of Morehead State,” George said. “Sally and I really wanted to give back in a meaningful way.”

The John E. Collis Endowment Scholarship was established in 2013. The \$25,000 scholarship was created through donations from the Kerrs, along with family, friends and other alumni.

Collis still tries to show his public support for Morehead State whenever he can – especially at athletic events. Since first attending MSU, he’s only missed five football games and, at age 90, he still finds a place in the stands to cheer on his fellow Eagles.

“I came here on a football scholarship, and it became my desire to support the football team...and not just support it, but enjoy it,” Collis said.

Collis is no stranger to being honored for his time at Morehead State. In 1989, the MSU Board of Regents gave Collis the Founders Day Award for University Service. But Collis admits there’s something particularly rewarding and touching about the gesture of starting a scholarship in his honor because long after he’s gone, he’ll still be helping young people succeed.

“I don’t think anything is comparable to my responsibility to students,” Collis said. “I don’t know of anything I would have appreciated more than knowing there will be somebody out there that benefits from a scholarship that’s started in my name.”

For information on how to make a contribution to the John E. Collis Endowment Scholarship fund, contact the Office of Development at 606-783-2033, 877-690-GIVE or giving@moreheadstate.edu.

Rogers announces \$959,000 in AmeriCorps funding

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U.S. Rep. Harold "Hal" Rogers (KY-05) announced Monday, May 5, that three non-profit organizations in Kentucky's Fifth Congressional District will receive \$959,000 in AmeriCorps funding from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS).

These grants will put 120 AmeriCorps members on the ground to serve students in southern and eastern Kentucky schools. AmeriCorps members will tackle some of the toughest problems in the region, including low test scores in reading and math, as well as obesity and drug abuse.

"AmeriCorps members are an indispensable resource for nonprofits, communities, and the individuals they serve," said Congressman Rogers. "AmeriCorps members have helped our eastern Kentucky students improve test scores, make healthier choices about food and exercise, and they have mentored thousands of students from broken homes. I congratulate UNITE, Morehead State University and Kentucky's Teach for America Program for receiving this competitive grant, and thank all those who have answered the call to service by joining AmeriCorps."

[MSU Corps \(Morehead State University\)](#) will receive \$379,050 for 30 AmeriCorps members throughout the MSU service region, including Boyd, Lawrence, Morgan and Rowan Counties in Kentucky's Fifth Congressional District.

UNITE Service Corps (Operation UNITE) will receive \$543,400 for 44 AmeriCorps members in Bell, Breathitt, Harlan, Johnson, Knott, Laurel, Leslie, Perry, Pike, Rockcastle and Wolfe Counties.

Kentucky's Teach for America will receive \$36,800 for 46 AmeriCorps members in Bell, Breathitt, Floyd, Knox, Leslie, Letcher, Martin, McCreary, Perry, Pike, Rockcastle and Whitley Counties.

"AmeriCorps members make a powerful impact on the toughest challenges facing our nation," said CNCS CEO Wendy Spencer. "Building on Kentucky's strong tradition of neighbor helping neighbor, AmeriCorps members will improve lives and strengthen communities across the Commonwealth. While they serve others, AmeriCorps members will also expand opportunity for themselves - gaining skills and experience to jumpstart their careers."

As we mark the 20th anniversary of AmeriCorps, we salute AmeriCorps members for their dedication, and thank our outstanding partners who make their service possible.”

The current year’s AmeriCorps grant cycle was highly competitive, due to the strong demand by organizations seeking AmeriCorps resources. The 2014 competition prioritized investments in economic opportunity, education, veterans and military families, disaster services, and continued a new initiative for governors and mayors.

CNCS will provide an additional \$667,000 in Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards for the AmeriCorps members funded by these grants. After completing a full term of service, AmeriCorps members receive an award of \$5,645 that they can use to pay for college or to pay off student loans.

AmeriCorps engages more than 75,000 members in intensive service annually to serve through nonprofit, faith-based, and community organizations at 25,000 locations across the country. These members help communities tackle pressing problems while mobilizing millions of volunteers for the organizations they serve.

2014 marks the 20th anniversary of the AmeriCorps program. Since 1994, more than 830,000 Americans have provided more than one billion hours of service addressing critical challenges from poverty and hunger to disasters and the dropout crisis.

AmeriCorps is administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service, a federal agency that engages more than five million Americans in service through AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, the Social Innovation Fund, and the Volunteer Generation Fund, and leads the President's national call to service initiative, United We Serve. For more information, visit www.NationalService.gov .

MSU grad to retire as president of Maysville CTC

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Dr. Edward Story, a Morehead State University graduate, has announced he will retire as president of Maysville Community and Technical College (MCTC) December 31. Dr. Story was named president in May 2008. He is a 32-year employee of the College, having also served as professor of biology, division chair and chief academic officer.

“It has been my privilege and honor to be a part of this great college,” said Dr. Story. “I have loved every minute of my time at MCTC, but the last six years as president have truly been the most rewarding of my career. I believe now it is the right time to complete my tenure. My wife Barbara and I look forward to spending more time with our family and grandchildren. It’s time for MCTC to begin the transition to new leadership.”

“Dr. Story has shown great leadership during his tenure as president at Maysville Community and Technical College,” said KCTCS President Michael B. McCall. “We are currently working with Dr. Story to ensure a seamless transition plan is in place as we move forward in our mission to provide Kentuckians with a quality postsecondary education that is both accessible and affordable.”

Charlie Calvert, chairman of the MCTC Board of Directors said, “Dr. Story’s vision, commitment to the community college mission, and deep caring for the students has been the driving force behind MCTC’s success. His loyalty and dedication to our College is unparalleled. The College clearly would not be where we are today without his leadership and while he will be missed, he has prepared us for continued success in the future.”

Despite tough economic times, Dr. Story has guided the College through a period of transformation and growth and spearheaded significant changes in the communities it serves. Under his leadership, MCTC added additional programs including: applied engineering technology, criminal justice, medical laboratory technician, culinary arts and cosmetology – all in cooperation with and the support of local businesses and industries. Dr. Story oversaw the construction of a new science building on the Maysville Campus, including a biology lab named in his honor. The College also constructed a new allied health wing on the Licking Valley Campus in Cynthiana and raised \$350,000 in private funds for furniture and equipment. In partnership with the City of Maysville, MCTC established the Maysville Institute of Culinary Arts, including a student-operated café and bakery, in the historic Cox Building. Just this year, MCTC opened a new location in Mt. Sterling, transforming a 30,000

square-foot facility into a state-of-the-art training center for technical programming and welcoming over 220 students during the first semester. MCTC received national recognition as one of the top 10% community colleges in the country by the Aspen Institute in 2011.

Today MCTC has more than 3,500 students enrolled in credit classes per semester and serves more than 15,000 individuals annually through workforce and community development. This year MCTC will graduate its largest class in its 45-year history.

“The greatest blessing of serving as president is the outstanding group of people with whom I have had the privilege to work with over the years: our talented and caring team of faculty, staff and administrators; our students who come to us with the hope for a better future; and the many generous and supportive partners, legislators, businesses and industries, educational institutions, community leaders, donors, and alumni who believe in our mission of giving students access to their future,” said Dr. Story.

A graduate of MSU with a bachelor's degree in biology and geography, Dr. Story earned a master's degree from Murray State University, and his doctorate from the University of Southern Mississippi. Prior to coming to Maysville, Dr. Story was on the faculty at the University of Southern Mississippi (1974-1981) and in 1981 was named Science Program Coordinator at the West Virginia Department of Education. Dr. Story came to what was then Maysville Community College in 1982 where he served as professor of biology until 2000 before moving into administration as the chief academic officer.

He and his wife Barbara reside in Flemingsburg. They have two children and four grandchildren.

Dr. Story will remain as president until a successor is named. During the next month, board chairman Charlie Calvert will work with KCTCS to develop a presidential search process and timeline for a nationwide search.

Adam Turner bumped to principal conductor

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NORFOLK---Virginia Opera has promoted two of its artistic staff members to lead positions, effective immediately.

Adam Turner, formerly resident conductor, has been bumped up to principal conductor and artistic adviser. He signed a two-year agreement to help select the operas and performers for each season and to conduct at least two productions each year.

Also, David Smith, previously the technical director, is now both production and technical director. He is in charge of stage operations, including sets, costumes, props and lighting.

"I'm very excited about the team going forward," said Russell Allen, president and CEO of the statewide opera company.

Turner first conducted for Virginia Opera in 2012 in Gilbert & Sullivan's comic operetta "The Mikado." He has prepared choruses or assisted in over 20 productions for the company.

To read more, visit <http://hamptonroads.com/2014/04/virginia-opera-names-two-artistic-heads>

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Board of Regents work session set for May 8

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EVENT: Board of Regents Work Session

DATE: Thursday, May 8, 2014

TIME: 9 a.m.

SITE: Riggle Room, Adron Doran University Center

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

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

Agenda

1. Strategic Plan – Dr. Ernst/Ms. Ratliff
2. 2014-15 Operating Budget – Dr. Andrews/Ms. Patrick
3. Provost Search – Dr. Andrews/Ms. Patrick
4. 2013-14 Presidential Evaluation
5. Future Meetings/Events
 - Spring Commencement – 10 a.m. & 2 p.m., May 10
 - Quarterly Meeting – 9 a.m., June 5
 - Work Session – 9 a.m., August 21
 - Quarterly Meeting – 9 a.m., September 26
 - Work Session – 9 a.m., November 6
 - Quarterly Meeting -- 9 a.m., December 4
 - Fall Commencement – 10:30 a.m., December 13

MSU graduates first students from new traditional music program

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There have been many musicians from Kentucky who have gone on to leave an indelible mark in the world of music by spreading the state's musical roots in bluegrass and other forms of traditional music across the globe.

Cody Pearman, Tyler Mullins and Thomas Albert are three talented musicians who have similar aspirations. However, when they go on to pursue their musical careers, they will do so with something only the three of them currently possess: a Bachelor of Arts in Traditional Music from Morehead State University.

This unique degree marks yet another milestone in the growth and evolution of the traditional music program in MSU's [Department of Music, Theatre and Dance](#). The department originally offered a minor in traditional music before establishing the Bachelor of Arts in Traditional Music program in 2012, which coincided with the construction and opening of the new [Kentucky Center for Traditional Music](#) facility.

Kentucky natives Pearman (from Vine Grove) Mullins (from Richwood) and Albert (from Morehead) were all minoring in traditional music but originally had different majors. When the University announced the establishment of a four-year degree in traditional music, they all jumped at the opportunity.

"Right when I heard about it, it was kind of a sudden decision," said Albert, who originally majored in communications. "I thought, wow, that really sounds like something I'd like to do."

Throughout their time in the program, all three students became proficient in guitar, mandolin, banjo and upright bass, learned about many aspects of the recording process and received expert guidance in performing on stage, which they have been able to utilize in numerous shows both on campus and on the road.

"A lot of it has definitely been how to think as a musician, keeping the right frame of mind and how to connect with your audience," Mullins said. "To go to school for a program like this, you don't have to stumble upon that knowledge. They prepare you for that."

Pearman, Mullins and Albert all plan to play professionally and/or go into private instruction after graduation. Raymond McLain, director of the KCTM, has seen all three graduates progress both in the classroom and on stage and is confident their talents and what they've learned at MSU will help them succeed.

“I think they embody the life, the spirit and the excitement of this new program,” McLain said. “I think they are remarkable young people. We’ve toured together and performed together. My feeling is they are more than just good entertainers. They really have something more to offer.”

MSU receives approval from CPE for two new programs

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Kentucky's Council on Postsecondary Education approved two new academic programs for Morehead State University. During its (April 29) quarterly meeting held at Murray State University, the CPE approved the Master of Science in Space Systems Engineering and the Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience.

The Master of Science in Space Systems Engineering will build upon the success of MSU's undergraduate program and the available space science infrastructure. The program will emphasize a holistic approach, where students are required to understand the overall system and how individual elements contribute and interact. Having access to the Space Science Center at the university will provide unique opportunities for students to conduct extensive research and development.

The Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience is anchored by a core of courses already offered at MSU, with strong enrollment and existing facilities. Unlike traditional neuroscience programs that are viewed as a branch of biology, the program will take an interdisciplinary approach that incorporates the complete science of the nervous system and reflects the need to understand the relationship between the brain and behavior.

"These two programs will greatly enhance the academic offerings in space science and psychology and demonstrates Morehead State's commitment to developing new and innovative programs to prepare students for 21st century jobs," said Dr. Roger McNeil, College of Science and Technology dean.

Additional information is available by contacting Dr. Ben Malphrus, chair Department of Earth and Space Science, at 606-783-2212 or Dr. Greg Corso, chair Department of Psychology, at 606-783-2981.

Paintsville SBDC to host open house for National Small Business Week

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Since the first proclamation was signed by President John F. Kennedy in 1963 to officially honor the contributions of small business owners, the face of small businesses have significantly changed.

Morehead State University's Paintsville Small Business Development Center will celebrate with the signing of the proclamation to kick off the week and an open house Wednesday, May 14, located at 224 Main Street in downtown Paintsville.

The open house will be held from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. with representatives from the Paintsville SBDC present to answer questions small business owner's or person's interested in small business ownership may have.

A lite lunch, snacks and beverages will be served. Tastefully Made will provide its specialty line of "Sweet Treats" while The Untangled Thread will host a beginners knitting class from 6-8 p.m. at its location in the Mayo Plaza. For information contact, Tonia Bartley at 606-789-9276.

National Small Business week will wrap May 16 up as small businesses will host different events.

Club Fit will host its "Spring Summer Smash Up" from 6-8 p.m. Club Fit Studios are located at 527 Broadway, Paintsville. For information contact, Desiree Harmon at 606-369-4118.

Rompin Ground, an indoor inflatable fun house, will host an event focusing on families May 16. The event will offer kids a safe place to have fun. Rompin Ground is located at 209 Depot Road, Paintsville. For information contact, Lisa Kemplin at 606-789-5867.

Additional information is available by calling the Paintsville Small Business Development Center at 606-788-7272; or email Michelle Spriggs at m.spriggs@moreheadstate.edu.

Morehead SBDC to host open house

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In recognition of the small business community's contribution to the American economy and society, the president of the United States designates one week each year as National Small Business Week.

Small Business Week 2014 will be celebrated the week of May 12-16.

More than half of Americans either own or work for a small business, and they create about two out of every three new jobs in the U.S. each year. As part of National Small Business Week, the U.S. Small Business Administration takes the opportunity to highlight the impact of outstanding entrepreneurs, small business owners, and others from all 50 states and U.S. territories. Every day, they're working to grow small businesses, create 21st century jobs, drive innovation, and increase America's global competitiveness.

The Kentucky Small Business Development Center of Morehead State University will celebrate SBW '14 by hosting an open house on Friday, May 16, from 11 a.m.- 1 p.m..

All area businesses are invited to attend. The Morehead SBDC is located at 150 East First Street with the Morehead/Rowan County Chamber of Commerce.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Mark Murphy, SBDC consultant, at 606-783-2895 or by email to m.murphy@moreheadstate.edu.

SBDC and BSADD to host free workshops on Adventure Tourism

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Morehead State University's East Kentucky Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and Big Sandy Area Development District will host "Adventure Tourism Focused Business Development - Dawkins Trail," Thursday, May 22 in Paintsville at Big Sandy Community and Technical College, Building C., from 2 -4 p.m., and at Morehead State University at Prestonsburg, Postsecondary Education Center, Room 117, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Learn how Adventure Tourism and the "Dawkins Rails to Trails" project can help grow and start new business in your area. The workshop will showcase starting a business in Kentucky, finding and securing funding, adventure tourism focused business development, permits, licensing and regulations along with rails to trails information and updates.

The free workshop is for all participants; however, seating is limited and advance registration is recommended.

Training programs, sponsored or co-sponsored by SBDC, are available to all individuals without regard to race, color, sex, creed or national origin. Special arrangements will be made for those with disabilities if requested in advance.

For a list of upcoming events, you may visit the KSBDC website at ksbdc.org.

Additional information and pre-registration are available by contacting Michelle Spriggs, SBDC consultant, at 606-788-7272, or email m.spriggs@moreheadstate.edu.

SOAR programs set for June and July

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Morehead State University will host several Student Orientation, Advising and Registration (SOAR) programs in preparation for the 2014 fall semester.

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

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

Campus tours will be available.

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

The remaining 2014 SOAR dates open are June 17, June 19 and July 15.

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

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

PLA holds graduation

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The graduation for Morehead State University's President's Leadership Academy Class of 2014 was May 7. (View [photo gallery](#))

The President's Leadership Academy was established in 2006 at MSU to provide quality professional development experiences to nominated and selected faculty, staff and administrators exhibiting the potential for effective leadership.

Leadership Academy graduates are:

Dr. Dora Ahmadi, chair of the Department of Mathematics, Computer Science and Physics; Lee Skallerup Bessette, instructor of English; Carol Christian, assistant professor and director of the P-16 program; Dr. Scott Davison, chair of the Department History, Philosophy, Religion and Legal Studies; Dr. Kristina Durocher, associate professor of history;

Dr. Shannon Harr, research integrity and compliance director; Yvette Kell, recreation and wellness center director; Dr. Jim Masterson, assistant professor and director of international education; Amy Moore, operations manager, information technology; Melisa Patrick, community service and marketing coordinator for the Center for Regional Engagement; Dr. Nancy Preston, director of Morehead State University at Ashland; Tashanna Rucker, senior enrollment services counselor/diversity; and Dr. Ilsun White, professor of psychology.

Participants are provided opportunities to increase their awareness of the complexity of issues facing the University and postsecondary education. Class members are challenged to expand their understanding of the environment in which University decisions are made.

The curriculum includes reading assignments, group discussions, a case study, presentations from campus leaders, and an internship experience. There are also visits to Kentucky educational bodies, as well as other postsecondary education institutions.

Participants are selected through a nomination, application and interview process that begins in the spring with the cohort group identified in April. The curriculum is implemented during the subsequent academic year. The call for the next PLA class will go out in January 2015 with the class graduating in May 2016.

For more information, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/pla/.

Hinkle to receive honorary degree during Spring Commencement

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Buckner (Buck) Hinkle Jr. of Lexington will be presented an Honorary Doctor of Public Service degree at Morehead State University's Spring Commencement, May 10.

During the ceremony that begins at 10 a.m. in the Academic-Athletic Center, MSU President Wayne D. Andrews will confer degrees on graduate and undergraduate students from the Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences and College of Education.

A second program will begin at 2 p.m. for students in the College of Business and Public Affairs and College of Science and Technology.

He is a member of Stites and Harbison PLLC, where he has practiced law since 1974, primarily in the fields of construction law and business litigation.

Hinkle served two terms as a member of MSU's Board of Regents (1991-2004), including chair from 2001-04.

He earned his J.D. degree from the University of Kentucky in 1974 and his B.A. degree from Sewanee: The University of the South in 1970. He currently serves on Sewanee's Board of Trustees.

Hinkle serves on the Advisory Board of MSU's Kentucky Center for Traditional Music and the Board of Directors for the MSU Foundation Inc., Hinkle Holding Company LLC, and the Kentucky Chapter of the Associated General Contractors of America. He chairs Kentucky AGC's Legislative Committee. The Kentucky AGC honored him with the 2011 Lifetime Achievement Award, the 2009 Distinguished Service Award and named him the 2007 Legislative Advocate of the Year.

He formerly served as chancellor of the Episcopal Diocese of Lexington and for 23 years as trustee of the Appalshop Endowment Fund.

A frequent writer and speaker, Hinkle is an active member of the American Bar, Kentucky Bar and Fayette County Bar associations.

He is a past chair of the Governing Committee of the American Bar Association Forum on the Construction Industry, the largest professional organization for construction law education nationally. He has been a fellow of

the American College of Construction Lawyers since 1996.

Additional information on Spring Commencement exercises is available by calling 606-783-2008 or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/graduation.

Spring Commencement recognizes more than 1,100 degree candidates

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Morehead State University honored more than 1,100 degree candidates at its two spring commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 10, at the Academic-Athletic Center.

[\(View photo gallery\)](#)

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

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

Faith Elizabeth Brown of Liberty Township, Ohio, was the morning student speaker.

She is a candidate for a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish education with a minor in international studies.

Brown was homeschooled through high school while she attended Lakota East High School part-time. At Lakota East, she was a member of the National Honor Society, played junior varsity soccer, and was on the High Honor Roll.

“Instead of standing up here and thanking all the people in my life who have helped me get to this point, and trust me, there are a lot, I would like to encourage each and every one of you to find your own people after this commencement ceremony eventually ends and thank them for all their hard work in helping you to walk across this stage today,” said Brown. “As a future educator, I can attest to the fact that a little thank you can go a long way.”

Upon her arrival to Morehead State University, she was awarded a full academic scholarship through the George M. Luckey Jr. Academic Honors Program. During her time at MSU, Brown has retained a cumulative grade-point-average of 4.0, been named Outstanding Student of Spanish, Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Secondary Education, Outstanding Undergraduate Student in the Department of International and Interdisciplinary Studies, and has made the dean’s list every semester.

“After seeing the way people around here support and care about each other, I realized what a special place Morehead truly is. You all understand that it isn’t the material things like shopping and entertainment that really matter. Sure, those things are nice, but you do not have to have everything you want in order to have everything you need. At the same time, you also understand that everything you need is not handed to you on a silver platter. Life takes effort if you aren’t afraid to work for it,” said Brown.

After graduation, she plans to teach English in Spain for a year.

Also during the morning ceremony, Buckner (Buck) Hinkle Jr. of Lexington was presented an Honorary Doctor of Public Service degree.

He is a member of Stites and Harbison PLLC, where he has practiced law since 1974, primarily in the fields of construction law and business litigation.

Hinkle served two terms as a member of MSU’s Board of Regents (1991-2004), including chair from 2001-04.

He earned his J.D. degree from the University of Kentucky in 1974 and his B.A. degree from Sewanee: The University of the South in 1970.

Sofia Pettersson of Täby, Sweden, was the afternoon student speaker.

“I have gotten to experience many great things that I will never forget. I have grown so much from this whole experience and I am so grateful to 18-year-old me for choosing to travel across the ocean to attend Morehead State University,” said Pettersson. “Not only have I learned another language and received a great education, but I have gotten to meet amazing people, travel across the United States with the golf team and I have learned so

much about myself. Just like Morehead State's motto is "much more," this journey turned out to be much more than I ever imagined. "

Pettersson is a candidate for a bachelor's degree in sport management.

Pettersson came to MSU in 2010 to be a part of the women's golf team under coach Stephanie Barker. She was a part of the Ohio Valley Conference championship team in 2011 and participated in the NCAA tournament. She is a three-time All-American scholar.

While attending MSU, Pettersson has maintained a 4.0 grade-point-average and she has been awarded Outstanding Undergraduate Sport Management Student. She also has been selected to represent the sport management program for the School of Business Administration Student Advisory Council.

After graduation, she is looking forward to working with event planning, media relations or marketing in the sports industry. This summer, she has landed an internship with the American Junior Golf Association where she will be a traveling communications intern.

"Since we are here today, we have all come a long way, whether metaphorically or literally. I'm sure many of you have wanted to quit from time to time, but since you are here at this moment, this means that you didn't. And for that congratulations, congratulations for not taking the easy way out, congratulations for overcoming your failures, congratulations on being a 2014 Morehead State University Graduate," added Pettersson.

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

ROTC students were commissioned as part of each program.

Following each ceremony, the newest alumni were inducted into the [MSU Alumni Association](#). Vice President of University Advancement James Shaw did the honor in the morning program while Sen. Robin Webb, Alumni Association president, welcomed the newest graduates in the afternoon program.

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

Student marshals were Anthony Sarcione Tange and Desiree Awbrey, Graduate Programs; Zoe Becerra and April Everman, College of Science and Technology; Holly E. Wells and Kyle B. Smith, College of Business and Public Affairs; Jaime Allyn Chapman and Rachel Walker, College of Education; Carly Saunders and Sarah Woodall, Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

‘Rites of Passage’ celebrated

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Morehead State University’s Office of Student Activities, Inclusion and Leadership Development sponsored its 28th Annual Spring Rites of Passage Graduation Recognition Ceremony Friday, May 9, in the Crager Room of the Adron Doran University Center.

The purpose of the ceremony was to recognize and celebrate the scholastic achievement of minority and international students at MSU. Each student received a certificate and a special Kente stole.

The Black Gospel Ensemble, directed by Dr. Roosevelt Escalante, performed.

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

Spring graduates who participated in the ceremony were:

Andrea Araujo, Lima, Peru; Jorge Chang, Guatemala City, Guatemala; Fredrick Chin, Aurora, CO.; Blandon Louis Clemons, Owingsville; Tyler Noelle Coleman-Ituen, St. Louis, MO; Shontia NeShay Daugherty, Winchester; Javier Alexander Flores Rodriguez, Maysville; Keymia Herve, Morehead; Britteny Hill, Louisville;

Asa Hosoda, Morehead; Elochukwu Ibekwe, Morehead; Zhanna "Alia" McDole, Dayton, OH; Shanice J. Parker, Washington D.C.; Jennifer Raymond, Deerfield Beach, FL; Maria Luisa Slone, Amburgey; Amber M. Thomas, Louisville; Brittany Tokurah, Fayetteville, GA; Marcus John Williams, Clinton, MD; and Kiara Nicole Young, Lexington.

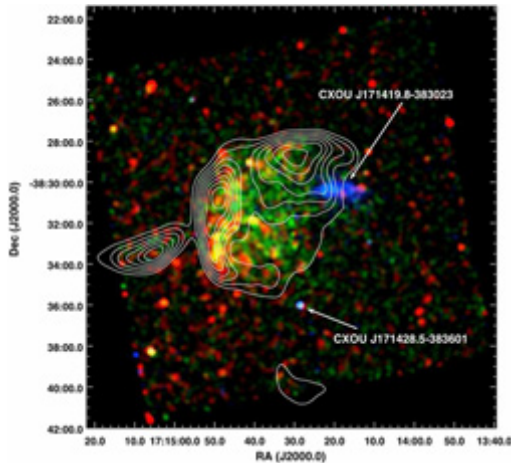
MSU Chief Photographer Tim Holbrook shares some of the scenes from “Rites of Passage” in a [photo gallery](#).

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

Candidate Neutron Star detected by MSU faculty member and student

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Morehead State University's Dr. Tom Pannuti, associate professor of space science and astrophysics, recently had a paper accepted for publication in the *Astronomical Journal*. The paper describes X-ray observations made of five remnants of supernova explosions in our galaxy using three different orbiting telescopes.

William Moffitt, of Walton, a senior physics major pursuing the astrophysics concentration, is a co-author on the paper along with other scientists from the NASA Ames Research center in Mountain View, California and the University of Alberta in Edmonton, Canada.

"Supernova remnants are expanding shells of stellar ejecta and swept-up interstellar material that are produced in the aftermath of a supernova explosion. In recent years -- thanks to observations made with the space-based infrared observatory Spitzer -- there have been extensive studies of supernova remnants at infrared wavelengths with the intent of examining how these sources interact with the surrounding interstellar medium. Our work was to analyze the X-ray properties of five supernova remnants that had been detected by Spitzer," said Dr. Pannuti.

Pannuti and his colleagues analyzed observations made of five supernova remnants by the orbiting X-ray observatories ASCA, XMM-Newton and Chandra: four of the five sources were clearly detected. Prior infrared observations of these remnants had revealed emission from shocked molecular hydrogen, suggesting that the remnants were all interacting with adjacent molecular clouds (colder and denser clouds of interstellar hydrogen where the hydrogen exists primarily in molecular form). The X-ray observations also showed that the supernova remnants all had center-filled rather than shell-like X-ray morphologies. Dr. Pannuti and his co-authors argued that these remnants belong to the class of remnants known as mixed-morphology supernova remnants.

"While theories about the evolution of supernova remnants predict that their morphologies should be shell-like in both the X-ray and radio, the class of mixed-morphology supernova remnants feature a center-filled X-ray morphology with the shell-like radio morphology. Why these contrasting morphologies are seen remains a mystery but interactions with adjacent molecular clouds are thought to play a role. Our work helps strengthen this connection by confirming that the four supernova remnants detected in the X-ray all belong to the mixed-morphology class," said Dr. Pannuti.

Other highlights of the work include the detection for the first time of X-ray emission from the supernova remnant G311.5-0.3 and the detection of a candidate neutron star seen toward the supernova remnant CTB 37A.

"We noted the presence of an X-ray source seen toward CTB 37A that had spectral properties consistent with a neutron star associated with this remnant. We hope that our work will motivate radio observations of this source to determine if it is in fact a neutron star associated with CTB 37A."

Born in Irvington, N.Y., Dr. Pannuti received a bachelor's degree in physics from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y. He earned his master's and Ph.D. degrees from the University of New Mexico.

He worked at the Kavli Institute for Astrophysics and Space Research at MIT and at the Spitzer Science Center at Caltech before joining MSU's Department of Earth and Space Sciences in 2006.

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

Guidelines set for UB Summer Food Services

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Morehead State University's Upward Bound Program will again host the Summer Food Service Program during the 2014 Summer Academy which will run June 1 until July 3.

Meals will be provided to all eligible participants free of charge. To be eligible, children must be in households that receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, or benefits under the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), or Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF).

Acceptance and participation requirements for the program and all activities are the same for all regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service.

Meals will be provided in the Alumni Tower Cafeteria on the MSU campus on a schedule: breakfast, 7:15-8:45 a.m.; lunch, 12:30-1:30 p.m.; and supper, 5:15-6:15 p.m.

To file a complaint of discrimination, call toll free at 866-632-9992 or write USDA, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-9410.

For more information, call Jennifer Cady, MSU program director, at 606-783-2611.

Hohenstein awarded summer internship at CERN

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Morehead State University's Erich Hohenstein has been accepted to a prestigious summer internship position at the European Organization for Nuclear Research, better known as CERN.

Hohenstein, a junior, was selected for a summer program for students from countries that are not affiliated with CERN, which is located in Meyrin, Switzerland.

While at CERN, Hohenstein will be assigned to work with David Lange, a member of the Compact Muon Solenoid (CMS) experiment at the Large Hadron Collider who works on software for detecting particles expelled from atomic collisions.

"So far, I haven't gotten many details on the work I will be doing there," Hohenstein said. "I only know that I will have lectures on particle physics, accelerators and antimatter, among other topics."

Hohenstein, a native of Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, came to MSU three years ago and is a triple major in physics, mathematics and computer science. He plans on pursuing a Ph.D. degree in physics after graduating from MSU.

MSU to be closed Memorial Day

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In observance of the Memorial Day holiday, Morehead State University will be closed Monday, May 26. There will be no classes or office hours and mail will not be delivered.

Offices will reopen at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, May 27.

Concert Choir and Chamber Singers have successful tour of Ireland

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Morehead State University's Concert Choir and Chamber Singers recently finished a tour of Ireland. Both choirs competed in the 2014 Mayo International Choral Festival. ([View photo gallery](#))

The 50-voice Concert Choir won the festival's sacred music competition while the 18-voice Chamber Singers won the grand prize as the best choir at the festival.

"This was truly the most wonderful international trip I have ever been on," said Dr. Gerg Detweiler, director. "The blend of competition, wide ranging acoustical venues, joint concerts and full concerts, natural beauty and hiking opportunities, and the welcoming, friendly Irish people made this trip an unforgettable one."

The choirs presented 12 performances in its seven days. These included six full and joint concerts, one mass and mini concert, one impromptu performance at Ireland's largest medieval parish church and four competition performances. The joint concerts allowed the MSU choir to perform with 12 other choirs across the world.

According to Dr. Detweiler, each concert venue presented the challenge of a new acoustic ranging from the extremely live St Nicholas' Collegiate Church in Galway to the dry concert hall in Morehead's sister city, Ballymena.

The choir had to sing in three very different acoustical sites ranging from very live to very dry. The tour ended in the perfect acoustic of Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin. Along the way, the choir had the pleasure of singing in three medieval churches including Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin (1172), Ballintubber Abbey (1216) and St. Nicholas' Collegiate Church, Galway (1320).

"The choirs sang beautifully and passionately. They took energy from the acoustic of the cathedral in which they were singing, from the enthusiasm of the Irish people, from a spirit of competition, and from the family they had become. Each student shared from their hearts and now understands the power of an international choir tour, the beauty of singing music in the space for which it was written, and the way music can bridge the gap between cultures. It is an experience no choir member will ever forget," said Dr. Detweiler.

Competition day started at 5:30 a.m. as the 18 Chamber Singers gathered for breakfast and a rehearsal before the 9:30 a.m. competition performance. Performing, the group felt, they done well, however, but lost by one point to finish second.

According to Dr. Detweiler, the afternoon competition started late. The groups had to scramble to rehearse the evening competition pieces and do a joint rehearsal with all the winning choirs for the Mass Choir finale.

The evening competition featured the winners of the eight individual categories. Other categories included: choirs from Ireland, female voices, male voices, gospel choirs, Gaelic/Celtic language, and barbershop. MSU's Chamber Singers was the first group to compete and Concert Choir was the second to the last.

"When the announcement was made for the winner all we heard was Morehead State University. We did not know which choir won, but everyone was jumping up and down hollering," said Dr. Detweiler. "An official came upstairs to the balcony to bring me down on stage. I was yelling to find out which MSU choir had won. Our students never knew until I returned from the trophy presentation that the Chamber Singers had won the Premier Competition."

The long day concluded with the MSU Concert Choir joining with the second place Enchiadis to sing the piece we just happened to have in common in our repertoires, Bruckner's "Os Justi."

"Overall, this trip was a life changing experience. Competing and winning was quite an experience and a major accomplishment for our university. It was the icing on the cake for this exceptional tour of Ireland," said Sam Fowler, a junior, music education major.

MSU's Concert Choir and Chamber Singers performed a wide variety of pieces throughout the tour. Audiences immediately warmed to the choir with the opening "Down to the River to Pray" processional. Other pieces fit in perfectly along the way such as singing the beautiful "Jesus Dulcis Memoria" by Ivo Antognini during Sunday communion at the Sligo Cathedral.

According to Dr. Detweiler, "the piece which never failed to bring tears to everyone was the 'Irish Blessing' arranged by Graeme Langager."

"The beauty of Ireland was part of every day. Every bus ride was a visual joy of wondrous scenery—always green and always changing. Sheep were everywhere. The group walked through the Cliffs of Moher, the Giant's Causeway, and the Connemara region, including the Kylemore Abbey and Gardens. They toured Bunratty Castle and Folk Park, Bushmills Whiskey Distillery, and Dublin, including the Trinity College Library with the famous Book of Kells, completed around 800 AD," said Dr. Detweiler.

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.

Reception for Cornett exhibit slated for June 6

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Morehead State University's Kentucky Folk Art Center has announced its newest exhibition, "Chester Cornett: Beyond the Narrow Sky." The exhibition will remain on display through August 22.

A reception will be held Friday, June 6, in conjunction with KFAC's annual A Day in the Country folk art fair on June 7.

"Chester Cornett: Beyond the Narrow Sky" will present more than two dozen rocking chairs and other objects made by him before his death in 1981, as well as numerous photographs of the artist and descriptive text panels. The exhibition presents Cornett's amazing chairs and poses the question of why the artist chose to relentlessly pursue his outdated craft in the face of great economic and personal adversity.

The display will be accompanied by a full color catalog and will feature Appalshop's documentary film "Hand Carved."

This project was made possible through a significant grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Cornett lived from 1913-81. He was born in Letcher County and spent much of his younger years around Pine Mountain in Letcher and Harlan counties. After serving in World War II, he returned to the area and lived at various locations with his longest stay being in Dwarf. In his later years, he moved to Cincinnati.

Cornett is recognized as one of 20th century America's finest craftsmen and folk artists. He made hundreds of chairs which were sold in the region. This project is the culmination of several years of intensive research and investigation by the staff of the Kentucky Folk Art Center.

“Tenacity is an important attribute for both artists and small art museums,” said Matt Collinsworth, KFAC’s director. “Chester Cornett made some of the finest and most interesting chairs in history, all the while enduring both personal and economic hardships.

“For KFAC, bringing this project to fruition decades after the artist’s death also took significant effort. The chairs were not easy to find and funding was even more difficult to come by, but we are overjoyed with the final results, with our ability to provide Chester Cornett with the exhibition his work so greatly deserved. We offer our most sincere gratitude to the exhibition lenders, to those who supported our research, and to the NEA for providing invaluable funding support.”

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.

For more information, call 606-783-2204 or visit kyfolkart.org.

MSU mourns loss of former police officer Steve Porter

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