

News Items for 2015 - April

MSPR adds third airing of 'Reader's Notebook'

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The Reader's Notebook can now be heard three times every weekday on Morehead State Public Radio (WMKY 90.3FM).

The feature is a daily radio segment featuring general interest pieces, often of literary or historical significance, including science, technology, philosophy and the arts. Each segment includes significant facts or stories surrounding events coinciding with the date of the program.

The series is written and hosted by J. D. Reeder, a retired educator and regular writer, director, and performer with the Morehead Theatre Guild.

The Reader's Notebook airs weekdays at 9:06 a.m. (9:30 a.m. Mondays and Fridays), 12:20 p.m. and 5:44 p.m.

Debating in September 2014, the show also is archived online at www.wmky.org.

Celebrating 50 years of broadcasting, WMKY broadcasts from the campus of Morehead State University to more than 20 counties throughout Eastern Kentucky.

Additional information is available by calling 606-783-2001.

Regional MAT sessions planned

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

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

Orientation sessions for the MAT program at MSU will be held at various locations from April 20-24. At the sessions, program design, including admission and application processes for middle, secondary and interdisciplinary early childhood education will be discussed.

Interested persons are encouraged to bring transcripts and GRE or Praxis I (PPST) scores for evaluation purposes. Registration for the GRE, PPST or the Core Academic Skills for Educators (CORE/CASE) exam can be completed through the Educational Testing Service (ETS) website at www.ets.org.

Sessions will be held on these dates and locations:

- Monday, April 20, 4 p.m., Main campus (601 Ginger Hall);
- Monday, April 20, 4 p.m., MSU at Ashland;
- Tuesday, April 21, 4 p.m., MSU at West Liberty;
- Tuesday, April 21, 4 p.m., Mason County High School;
- Wednesday, April 22, 1 p.m., Kentucky State University, Frankfort;
- Wednesday, April 22, 3 p.m., UK's James W. Stuckert Career Center, Lexington;
- Thursday, April 23, 4 p.m., MSU at Mt. Sterling;
- Friday, April 24, 3:30 p.m., Morton Middle School in Lexington.

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

For additional information or to make an appointment, contact Michelle Roberts, coordinator of MAT Admissions and undergraduate certification, at 606-783-2503 or by email at m.roberts@moreheadstate.edu.

Money Smart Week seminar slated for April 21

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Morehead State University's Camden Carroll Library, School of Business, College of Business and Public Affairs and Enrollment Services will present "Demystifying Student Loans: Before and After Graduation."

The workshop will be held Tuesday, April 21, from 4-5 p.m. in the library commons area.

Guest speakers will include: Dr. Janet Ratliff, assistant professor management/entrepreneurship, and John Nehemiah Dunn, financial aid counselor.

Topics to be discussed will include: FAFSA; demystifying the award letter; student loans: preferred loans, subsidized, and unsubsidized; scholarships and work study programs; repayment strategies: consolidation, understanding defaults, understanding the differences between deferment and forbearance; and loan forgiveness.

The event will take place as part of Money Smart Week (April 18-25), which is a public awareness campaign to promote financial education across all age groups. Launched in 2002 by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, the program is now active in more than 45 states through national partnerships with the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards, consumer Financial Protection Bureau and USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) Cooperative Extension and the American Library Association.

The program is one of more than 3,500 free financial programs during the week.

Additional information is available by Jennifer Little, CCL's head of user services, at 606-783-5352, Ophelia Chapman, systems librarian, at 606-783-2200, or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/library/moneysmartweek/.

SBA lender training set for MSU at Prestonsburg

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Morehead State University's East Kentucky Small Business Development Center and the *Small Business Administration* will host a lender training meeting Wednesday, April 22, from 10 a.m. -2 p.m. at MSU at Prestonsburg.

Dana Winston, SBA Lender Relations specialist, will provide lenders with answers to SBA loan applications and eligibility issues. Local lenders are encouraged to attend. The session targets loan officers and those wanting to increase their knowledge of the SBA lending and the documentation process. The session and lunch are free, but registration is required for seating and meals.

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.\

Additional information and pre-registration are available by contacting Michelle Spriggs at the Paintsville Small Business Development Center at 606-788-7272, by email at m.spriggs@moreheadstate.edu or register on line at www.ksbdc.org.

Record number attends Spring Career Fair

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Morehead State University held its annual Spring Career Fair with 92 organizations, which included employers and graduate schools Tuesday, March 3.

A record 503 students, alumni and community members networked with employers and graduate programs with the hope of landing an interview for an internship, part-time or full-time position.

“Employers and graduate programs like to attend the career fair to meet potential candidates in person. Candidates are evaluated based upon professional dress, knowledge of organization, and ability to communicate,” said Julia Hawkins, career services director.

Candidates need to make a great first impression and dressing professionally is one way this can be accomplished.

A competition for those dressed for success was part of the career fair preparation. The Office of Career Services provided an iPad mini for the winner.

If candidates were dressed in business professional attire (suit or jacket), they were offered a ticket to enter the drawing.

The winner was Jacob Kelsch, a senior criminology major from Augusta. At the career fair, he was wearing a gray suit, white shirt and tie. He spoke with most of the law enforcement organizations and “enjoyed it.” It even opened up possibilities that he didn’t know much about before attending the career fair and he recommends every senior should attend it.

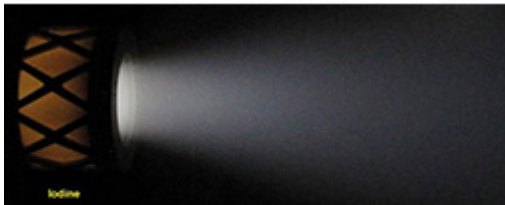
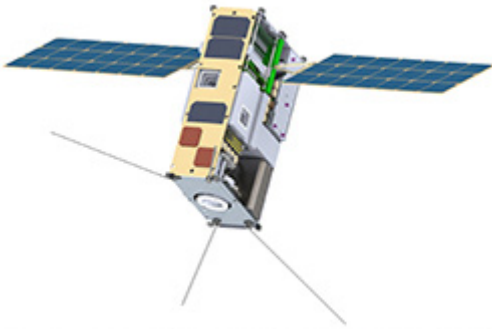
“Organizations who take the time to attend a career fair are particularly targeting our students, alumni and community job seekers. In hard economic times, this is the best way to get job leads and an interview,” said Megan Boone, career services employer liaison. “Current students need to begin applying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

The next career fair will be Tuesday, Sept. 29.

MSU's 'Deep Space Probe' selected by NASA for Lunar Mission

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Busek BIT-3 cm RF Ion Engine



GSFC BIRCHES IR Spectrometer



Building on the success of NASA's partnerships with commercial industry, NASA has selected Morehead State University as one of the 12 Next Space Technologies for Exploration Partnerships (NextSTEP) to advance concept studies and technology development projects in the areas of advanced propulsion, habitation and small satellites.

The NASA contract is one of the biggest in MSU history at \$7.9 million.

"We are extremely excited about this opportunity. This competitive selection is a credit to the staff and students of the Space Science program who have worked tirelessly on previous smallsat missions -5 to date- to ensure the success of these missions in Low Earth Orbit. Taking the next steps toward lunar and interplanetary smallsat missions with Morehead State University as a partner could not have happened without the success of these precursor missions," said Dr. Ben Malphrus, MSU's [Department of Earth and Space Sciences](#) chair and [Space Science Center director](#).

Through these public-private partnerships, selected companies will partner with NASA to develop the exploration capabilities necessary to enable commercial endeavors in space and human exploration to deep-

space destinations such as the proving ground of space around the moon, known as cis-lunar space, and Mars.

“Commercial partners were selected for their technical ability to mature key technologies and their commitment to the potential applications both for government and private sector uses,” said William Gerstenmaier, associate administrator for Human Exploration and Operations at NASA headquarters. “This work ultimately will inform the strategy to move human presence further into the solar system.”

Two small satellite missions (CubeSats) were selected and will potentially fly as secondary payload missions on the first flight of the Space Launch System, Exploration Mission-1 (EM-1), scheduled to launch in 2017 or 2018. The smallsat missions will address NASA’s strategic knowledge gaps in order to reduce risk, increase effectiveness, and improve the design of robotic and human space exploration. EM-1 will provide a rare opportunity to boost these CubeSats to deep space and enable science, technology demonstration, exploration or commercial applications in that environment. The selected companies are Morehead State University and Lockheed Martin Space Systems Company of Denver, Colorado.

Under this NASA NextSTEP program, Morehead State University and its partners, the Busek Company (Natick MA), NASA Goddard Spaceflight Center (GSFC in Greenbelt MD), and the Catholic University of America (CUA), will develop and build a 6U CubeSat designed to prospect for water ice and other lunar volatiles from a low-perigee lunar orbit flying only 100 km (62 miles) above the lunar surface. The Lunar IceCube will be deployed during lunar trajectory by the SLS (which will be the most powerful rocket ever built) and use an innovative RF Ion engine to achieve lunar capture and the science orbit to allow the team to make systematic measurements of lunar water features. The science goals are to investigate the distribution of water and other volatiles, as a function of time of day, latitude, and regolith composition/mineralogy.

IceCube will include a version of the Broadband InfraRed Compact High Resolution Exploration Spectrometer (BIRCHES) instrument, developed by NASA GSFC. BIRCHES is a compact version of the successful volatile-seeking spectrometer instrument on the New Horizons mission that is currently approaching Pluto.

Dr. Malphrus is serving as the project principal investigator (PI) with Dr. Pamela Clark (NASA GSFC and CUA) serving as the science principal investigator.

The team includes space systems engineers from Morehead State University, including Jeff Kruth, Kevin Z. Brown, Bob Twiggs, Michael Combs and Eric Thomas, and propulsion engineers from Busek including Kurt Hohman and Mike Tsay. The Science Team includes Dr. Roger McNeil and Dr. Eric Jerde of MSU and Robert MacDowall, Noah Petro, Dennis Reuter, Cliff Brambora, Deepak Patel, Stuart Banks and Avi Mandell from the NASA Goddard Spaceflight Center. The navigation team is led by Dr. Dave Folta (NASA GSFC), who has calculated a trajectory to the moon that utilizes an innovative low energy manifold trajectory.

One of the enabling technologies that make missions like this possible is the use of a cutting edge ion electric propulsion system. The Lunar IceCube mission will use an ion propulsion system based on Busek’s 3cm RF ion thruster known as BIT-3. It utilizes a solid iodine propellant and an inductively-coupled plasma system that produces significant thrust even with the low power available to CubeSats.

“Propulsion systems like this capable of producing adequate delta v and requiring only small volumes (for the propulsion system and propellant) and low power available to smallsat platforms will no doubt open a new door to solar system exploration,” said Dr. Malphrus. “The EM-1 CubeSat missions will usher in a new era of space exploration that is supported by innovative small satellite technologies.”

“This type of public-private partnership helps NASA stimulate the U.S. space industry while expanding the frontiers of knowledge, capabilities and opportunities in space,” said Jason Crusan, director of the Advanced Exploration Systems Division (AESD) of NASA’s Human Exploration and Operations Mission Directorate.

AESD manages NextSTEP and is committed to pioneering new approaches for rapidly developing prototype systems, demonstrating key capabilities and validating operational concepts for future human missions beyond Earth orbit.

For additional information about NASA's Next Space Technologies for Exploration Partnerships, visit:

www.nasa.gov/nextstep.

Additional information about Lunar IceCube is available by contacting Dr. Malphrus at 606-783-2381 or email

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Hudson presented Molly McBride Memorial Scholarship

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Samuel Hudson of Morehead has been presented with the first Molly C. McBride Memorial Scholarship for Student Success.

Hudson, a senior bio-medical science major, is the son of Greg and Jan Hudson of South Shore. Hudson, his wife, Rachel, and son Connor resides in Morehead.

After graduation, Hudson will be part of the 2019 class of the University of Kentucky's College of Medicine, as part of the Rural Physician Leadership program.

In 2013, the Molly C. McBride Memorial Scholarship Endowment was established to annually award a scholarship to a senior-level Morehead State University student who is dependent on additional financial assistance in order to successfully complete his/her undergraduate degree requirements.

McBride, of Morehead, died at the age of 21 on May 18, 2013, after being involved in an automobile accident. She was born on December 17, 1991, in Jacksonville, Alabama, and was the daughter of Dr. M. Scott and Jill E. McBride of Morehead, both employees at Morehead State University.

As a Morehead State University student, McBride was a biomedical sciences major who dreamed of having a career as a physician's assistant. She was well known throughout the campus community as a dedicated student who strived to help others to succeed and to continue their education. Nowhere did she demonstrate her commitment to student success more than she did with her excellent work as a tutor in MSU's Tutoring and Learning Center.

In November of 2014, McBride's service as a tutor was recognized with the establishment and dedication of the Molly C. McBride Tutoring Excellence Award. The Molly C. McBride Scholarship for Student Success honors her memory and her compassionate and persistent devotion to helping others.

Recipients of the scholarship shall be full-time student(s) with a minimum cumulative college grade-point-average of 3.0, who are classified as seniors and within one year of degree completion. Preference will be given to biomedical sciences majors, if not available, agricultural sciences can be considered.

Recipients should be identified as financially eligible by MSU's Office of Enrollment Services. The recipient will be selected by a committee and is a one-time award (not renewable).

Donations to the scholarship may be sent to the [MSU Foundation](#), 150 University Blvd., Box 1887, Morehead, KY 40351.

Students interested in applying should contact Enrollment Services at 606-783-2000.

Concert Choir and Chamber Singers will present free concerts

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Morehead State University's Concert Choir and Chamber Singers will present concerts Wednesday, April 8, at 7:30 p.m. at Boyd County High School; Thursday, April 9, at 7:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 126 4th Street, Pikeville; and Tuesday, April 14, at 7:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 123 East Main Street, Morehead.

The events are free and open to the public.

The 38-voice Concert Choir and 22-voice Chamber Singers are conducted by Dr. Greg Detweiler. The choirs will use these performances as part of its annual spring concert tour and as part of MSU's Contemporary Music Festival.

The Contemporary Music Festival is held April 13-15 and is presented by Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia music fraternity.

The program titled "There Is Sweet Music Here" will feature music by Canadian composer Stephen Chatman. Dr. Chatman will be the composer-in-residence at MSU's Contemporary Music Festival, April 13-15, presented by Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia music fraternity. Collaborative artists in the concert include MSU professors John Viton, oboe, and Lori Baruth, clarinet; and MSU students, Tim Hamilton, trumpet, and Michael Jarman, piano.

Concert Choir will open the program with the American folk hymn, "Hark I Hear the Harps Eternal" arranged by Alice Parker, Jubilate Deo by Orlando di Lasso, and two sets of music by Stephen Chatman.

The first set of three pieces titled "Voices of Earth" contrasts the song of the hermit thrush singing in the quiet Ontario countryside, the hush of newly fallen snow, and the imagined sounds of the vast universe. The second set "Songs of Remembrance" is set for clarinet, piano and choir. In these pieces, the poetry and music explores two very different expressions of love lost.

The Chamber Singers' portion of the program features very pictorial music. They will open with Clocks, a piece inspired by the composer's antique grandfather clock. It is a textual and musical glossary of clock sounds, consisting of mostly soft, delicate, tick-tock motives and the occasional cuckoo or the low, loud Westminster chime sounds. From the set "Due West" the choir will capture the sounds of a train, the quietness of a Western sunset, and the play of a child calling a chickadee. Chamber Singers also will perform "There is Sweet Music Here," an exquisite set of four pieces written for solo oboe and choir.

Concert Choir will conclude the concert with three pieces. The first, Reconciliation is a setting of Walt Whitman's Civil War poem, "Drum Taps." The trumpet plays a very expressive bugle call while the choir sings

the lament of a soldier. The second, "I Would Live in Your Love," is a beautifully expressive love song. The concert concludes in a sprightly Newfoundland fishing trip titled "Fishing."

Concert Choir and Chamber Singers represent the university on regional, national and international tours. Recent trips have included tours to Hungary/Austria, Costa Rica, and Ireland. During the 2014 Ireland tour the choirs competed in the Mayo International Choral Festival where Concert Choir won first place in the sacred division and Chamber Singers won the festival's grand prize. In 2012, the MSU Chamber Singers won their division with the gold diploma at the World Choir Games in Cincinnati.

Dr. Chatman, a professor of composition at The University of British Columbia, Vancouver since 1976, is the first Canadian ever short-listed in the BBC Masterprize international competition.

He is the recipient of numerous awards in composition including a Fulbright Grant, three BMI Awards, three Western Canadian Music Awards "Classical Composition of the Year," an M. B. Rockefeller Fund grant, and the Charles Ives Scholarship from the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

Dr. Chatman is a graduate of the Oberlin Conservatory of Music and the University of Michigan.

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

Dr. Birriel awarded KAS grant

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Morehead State University's Dr. Ignacio Birriel, professor of [physics](#), was awarded an undergraduate research grant totaling \$2,876 from the [Kentucky Academy of Science](#).

Dr. Birriel is working with Undergraduate Research Fellow Joshua Allen, a junior with a double major in mathematics and physics from Rush. Birriel and Allen will conduct research to determine how much radiation local outcrops of black organic shale in Rowan County emit.

"The radiation amount that is emitted affects all of the people who live in the area since they are constantly being exposed to it. The radiation can affect the crops growing in the area, such as tobacco," said Birriel. "Tobacco plants can absorb alpha particles from the environment that can then cause harm to humans."

The grant funds will be used to pay for a summer stipend for Allen, as well as the purchase of three GAMMA-SCOUT radioactive detectors. They first began working on the project in fall 2014.

Birriel and Allen's research was one of eight research projects this year to receive grants from the KAS.

Spring Celebration Golf Outing set for April 24

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As part of Morehead State University's Spring Celebration, the College of Business and Public Affairs will host its annual golf outing on Friday, April 24, at Eagle Trace Golf Course.

Registration begins at 11:30 a.m., lunch will be served at Noon, and the outing will begin with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. The registration fee includes 18 holes of golf with cart, prepaid mulligans, lunch, dinner, range balls, refreshments on the course and golfer gifts. Participants will have an opportunity to win door prizes during the awards dinner.

Prizes will be awarded for the first and second place teams along with skill prizes for closest to the pin, longest drive and longest putt. Participants will have a chance to win an automobile from Larry Fannin Chevrolet for a hole-in-one on No. 17.

Proceeds from the event will be used to benefit the College of Business and Public Affairs.

Participation options include a corporate foursome for \$500, with a hole sponsorship, or an individual for \$100. Additional hole sponsorships are available for \$125. Advanced registration is required by Friday, April 17.

Golfers can register in advance by contacting the Office of Alumni Relations and Development at 606-783-2033 or 1-877-783-ALUM.

Audible alert system test Monday

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Morehead State University will conduct the monthly test of its audible alert system on Monday, April 6, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

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

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

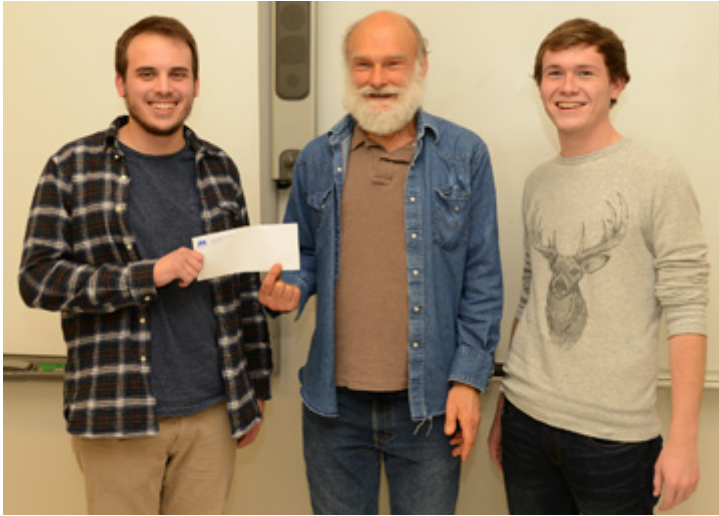
Faculty, staff and students also can be notified by signing up for Eagle Alerts (e2Campus).

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

Adams wins 'Calloway Prize in Ethics'

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Robert "Toy" Adams, Paintsville senior, was the recipient of the first Calloway Prize in Ethics. Adams is sociology major.

Adams received \$100 for his winning essay. [MSU's Philosophy Faculty](#) judged the entrants.

Bob Calloway, for whom the prize is named, is well known in Eastern Kentucky for helping students and protecting animals. He created a college scholarship for local high school students, provided equipment for the football team, and started the Calloway Memorial Bowl in 1999 in memory of his two sons (who passed away tragically in a plane crash).

Calloway also built and managed a no-kill animal shelter on his property at his own expense and saved the local ambulance service from elimination. Most of all, he cared deeply for his family and left a deep impression on them. His legacy can still be felt in the region in many ways, including this award.

Additional information is available by contacting Dr. Christina Conroy, assistant professor of philosophy, at 606-783-2219.

Dr. Aabersold to present seminar at SSC

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Dr. Julia Aabersold of the University of Louisville will give a technical seminar on “Capabilities, Directions and Collaborations of the Micro/Nano Technology Center” Friday, April 10, at Morehead State University’s [Space Science Center](#) (Star Theater) at 2 p.m.

The event is free and open to the public.

Dr. Aabersold received her Bachelor of Engineering degree, Master of Engineering degree, and PhD. degree from the University of Louisville.

From 1995 until 2012, Dr. Aabersold was a research scientist developing microelectromechanical systems (MEMS) devices for a variety of applications in regards to explosive detection during airport screenings, porous silicon and wireless pressure sensing of intraocular pressure.

In Feb. 2012, she became manager of the Micro/Nano Technology Center and changed operations to pursue external business and develop research initiatives within the center.

The U of L’s Micro/Nano Technology Center is a \$30M 10,000 ft² class 100/1000 cleanroom utilized for both research and instructional teaching of fundamental fabrication techniques. Research includes the fabrication of MEMS, integrated circuits (ICs), discrete microelectronic and various electro-optic devices. The facility houses an extensive variety of processing, packaging and test equipment available for research by use of students, professors, academic institutions and external businesses.

Available processes include: photomask generation, photolithography, thin film deposition, plasma enhanced chemical vapor deposition, electroplating, RCA cleaning, wet etching, traditional and deep reactive ion etching, oxidation, annealing, diffusion, bulk and surface micromachining, substrate bonding, dicing, wire bonding, packaging, metrology, IR inspection, hi-speed microscopy, measurement and testing.

Overall reduced government research funding has maneuvered the facility to proactively pursue external business and develop research initiatives from the engineering staff of the facility.

Additional information is available from Dr. Ben Malphrus, MSU's Department of Earth and Space Sciences chair and Space Science Center director, at 606-783-2381 or email b.malphrus@moreheadstate.edu.

Trent, Blevins participate in County Day of Recognition for National Service

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Morehead Mayor Jim Tom Trent and Rowan County Judge-Executive Walter Blevins joined more than 1,760 elected officials from all 50 states and the District of Columbia, Guam, and Puerto Rico in support of AmeriCorps and Senior Corps and VISTA Programs.

Trent and Blevins participated in a national day of recognition Tuesday, April 7, to highlight the impact of national service in their cities and thank individuals who serve. Together, the elected officials represent more than 110 million citizens or one-third of all Americans.

County Day of Recognition for National Service is designed to spotlight the impact of national service and thank those who serve. Trent and Blevins signed proclamations declaring April 7 as County Day of Recognition for National Service in Morehead and Rowan County.

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

These services include tutoring and mentoring in the schools, tax preparation assistance and financial counseling for low income families, assistance with transitioning families of violence or homelessness to safe and affordable housing, case management to homeless families, volunteer assistance at local nonprofit agencies such as St. Claire Regional Medical Center and Christian Social Services, as well as organizing the Build-A-Bed program which provides beds to school age children that do not have a proper place to sleep in their homes.

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

"These national service programs provide many valuable resources to the Morehead area. The AmeriCorps and VISTA members provide hundreds of hours of service to our community that would not be possible through existing staff due to funding and budget cuts in schools and the non-profit sector," said Mary Claire Williams, [MSUCorps](#) project director.

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

Additional information is available by contacting Williams at 606-783-2719.

Graduate Dean's scholars honored

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Dr. Steven Ralston, provost and vice president for academic affairs, and Dr. Michael Henson, associate vice president for research and dean of the graduate school, hosted a reception recognizing the exemplary academic performance of the [Graduate Dean's Scholars](#).

The reception was held Tuesday, April 7, in the Commonwealth Room of the Adron Doran University Center.

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

To qualify as a scholar, the student must be an undergraduate graduating in the spring semester with a minimum 3.8 cumulative GPA. The program began in 2012 and is designed to encourage high performing undergraduate students to continue their academic career with MSU into Graduate School.

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

Final SOAR date slated for July 14

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Morehead State University has only one Student Orientation, Advising and Registration (SOAR) program available in preparation for the 2015 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 2015 SOAR date is July 14.

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

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

Physics professors study artificial skyglow

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A pair of MSU physics professors recently participated in the most comprehensive study of artificial skyglow ever conducted, and their work was published in the Nature Publishing Group's open access journal, "Scientific Reports."

Drs. Jennifer and Ignacio Birriel were part of an international team of scientists involved in the study, which gathered data from 50 sites around the world to examine the effects of cloud cover on artificial skyglow, which is the amount of brightness in the night sky produced by artificial light.

The Birriels used a Sky Quality Light Meter with Lens and Ethernet (SQM-LE) located on the roof of Lappin Hall to measure the brightness of the night sky directly above the building.

Dr. Jennifer Birriel, professor of physics at MSU, said artificial skyglow can have a negative effect on the feeding, mating and migration patterns of nocturnal animals. It can also disrupt the circadian rhythm of humans, which determines a person's sleep cycle and has been linked to a number of health risks.

Dr. Birriel said the research is an example of the importance of using physics to tackle environmental problems.

"We like to think that someday there will be a field of study called 'environmental physics,'" she said. Dr. Birriel added the project is interdisciplinary, incorporating elements of biology, medicine and physics.

To learn more about the artificial skyglow study, visit <https://idw-online.de/en/news624760>.

For more information about physics at MSU, visit <http://www.moreheadstate.edu/mcsp/>.

MSU celebrates Arbor Day

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Morehead State University held its Arbor Day celebration on Friday, April 10. The celebration was originally scheduled for April 3, but was postponed due to bad weather.

The sustainability and recycling committee activities included a tree walk and a chalk it up event where students will write in chalk on the sidewalk close to the globe sculpture with words that express what benefits trees provide to the world. Information pamphlets also were available for students, faculty and staff.

Earlier this year, MSU was honored with 2014 Tree Campus USA® recognition by the Arbor Day Foundation for its commitment to effective urban forest management.

Chief photographer Tim Holbrook captured some of the events and has provided a [photo gallery](#) .

MSU, Morehead and Rowan County will celebrate Earth Day on Wednesday, April 22, with a festival.

Morehead Community Earth Day Festival will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (rain or shine) at Don Greenhill City Park. The event is free and open to the public.

The first 500 children will receive a free Earth Day T-shirt sponsored by LGE/KU Energy. The festival will feature information booths, live music and local arts and crafts.

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

The events are meant to educate the college and community about conservation and the sustainability. Faculty and staff members will offer information and demonstrations, and students will present projects and artwork.

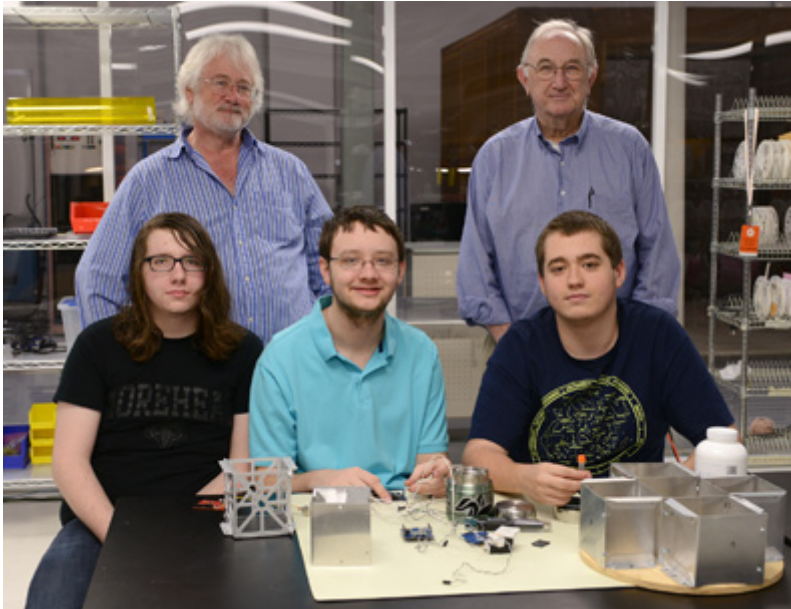
Visit the Earthwise Eagles [Facebook](#) page and [Twitter](#) for additional information.

Additional information is available by contacting Holly Niehoff, MSU's sustainability and recycling committee chair, at 606-783-2584, email h.niehoff@moreheadstate.edu , or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/earthwise .

MSU, Mayo Clinic join forces for “CDTX” experiment

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Bob Twiggs, professor of space science, is leading an innovative microgravity experiment for Morehead State University. MSU along with the Mayo Clinic will team up for the “CDTX” experiment which will launch an edge-of space balloon test of a reentry capsule built by Terminal Velocity Aerospace, of Atlanta, Georgia, and will contain an exomedicine experiment designed by researchers at the May Clinic using instrumentation built by MSU faculty and staff.

During the week of April 27, MSU’s Bob Kroll, space systems engineer, and Victor Clark, a freshman in the Space Science Engineering program from Ashland, will be at the Near Space Corporation facilities Tillamook, Oregon, for the balloon test of a reentry capsule built by TVA.

Funded by NASA, the small test capsule is being designed to bring back manufactured samples from the International Space Station on a regular basis.

“Kroll along with students Victor Clark, Austin Clarke (Fairview freshman) and Jacob Boeschel (Louisville freshman) have been working for several months to design and test two 10cm cube labs that fit inside the capsule. This is an opportunity for students (all space science majors) to work on real world projects training them for the Kentucky space industry workforce,” said Twiggs.

“One of the cube labs will contain a small sample of frozen stem cells provided by Dr. Abba Zubair from Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Florida. The purpose of this test is to simulate the reentry experienced by samples when in the capsule is released from the International Space Station by taking capsules to 100,000 feet altitude by balloon and dropping it. The second cube lab will have a small computer designed by students that will monitor the temperatures of the stem cells and record the data to be available for analysis with the return of the capsule. This is one step in developing exomedicine research supported in Kentucky,” said Twiggs.

Aerodynamic descent of the capsule from this “edge of space” altitude will simulate a large portion of the trajectory of an orbital entry.

The flight test is scheduled for May 2015 (weather permitting).

Terminal Velocity Aerospace, LLC, was selected by the NASA Flight Opportunities Program (FOP) for demonstration of a small payload return capsule and associated technologies via a high-altitude drop test.

In addition to the space technology demonstration objectives, the payload will assess the transportation of cryogenically-frozen adult stem cells as part of ongoing research by Dr. Zubair in growth and harvesting stem cells in space.

Applications for stem cells include use in the treatment of human diseases through regenerative medicine and tissue engineering; however, the capacity to generate enough stem cells to achieve effective therapy is limited on Earth. Stem cells grown in the microgravity environment of space hold potential for faster, more productive growth.

Additional information on MSU's part of the experiment is available by calling Twiggs at 606-783-9594 or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/ssc.

Reading Series to host Dan Chaon and Dr. Kristen Iversen

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Writers Dan Chaon and Dr. Kristen Iversen will read from their work at Morehead State University's Creative Writing Symposium at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 16, at the Kentucky Folk Art Center.

Chaon and Dr. Iversen also will participate in a question and answer session at 1p.m. at CoffeeTree Books.

Both events are free and open to the public.

Chaon is the author of *Among the Missing*, which was a finalist for the National Book Award; *You Remind Me of Me*, which was named one of the best books of the year by *The Washington Post*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, and *Entertainment Weekly*, among other publications; the national bestseller *Await Your Reply*, which was a *New York Times* Notable Book and appeared on more than a dozen "Best of the Year" lists; and *Stay Awake*, a finalist for the Story Prize. Chaon's fiction has appeared in many journals and anthologies, including *The Best American Short Stories*, *Pushcart Prize*, and *The O. Henry Prize Stories*. He has been a finalist for the National Magazine Award in Fiction, and he was the recipient of the 2006 Academy Award in Literature from the American Academy of Arts and Letters. He teaches at Oberlin College and lives in Cleveland, Ohio.

Dr. Iversen's most recent book, *Full Body Burden*, was one of the most acclaimed works of nonfiction published in 2012. Winner of the 2013 Colorado Book Award and chosen as one of the best books of the year by *Kirkus Reviews*, it has been translated into several languages and used on college campuses as a common reader for first year experience classes. Author of two other books, she teaches at the University of Cincinnati.

Each year, the Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.) in Creative Writing Program invites nationally acclaimed writers to give readings and craft talks as part of the MSU Reading Series. Past writers include Gerald Stern, Nikky Finney, Gurney Norman, Frank X. Walker, and many others. Recent guests include George Ella Lyon, Amelia Gray, and Scott McClanahan.

The MSU Reading Series is supported by the Buckner and Sally S. Hinkle Endowment for Humanities, Morehead State Public Radio, MSU's Department of English and Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

For additional information, contact [MSU's Department of English](#) at 606-783-9448.

McKay recipient of George C. Marshall Award

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Jacob McKay, an Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps cadet at Morehead State University, received the George C. Marshall Award during an awards ceremony at the U.S. Army Combined Arms Center in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

The award is named in the honor and legacy of General of the Army George C. Marshall, who served in World War II as the Army Chief of Staff and in the post-war era served as secretary of state and secretary of defense. The award is presented annually to the most outstanding senior cadets in military science studies and leadership values in each battalion at host universities or colleges. Top cadets from each cadet battalion represent the very best of a highly selective organization. This is a national award and the highest award an ROTC cadet can receive.

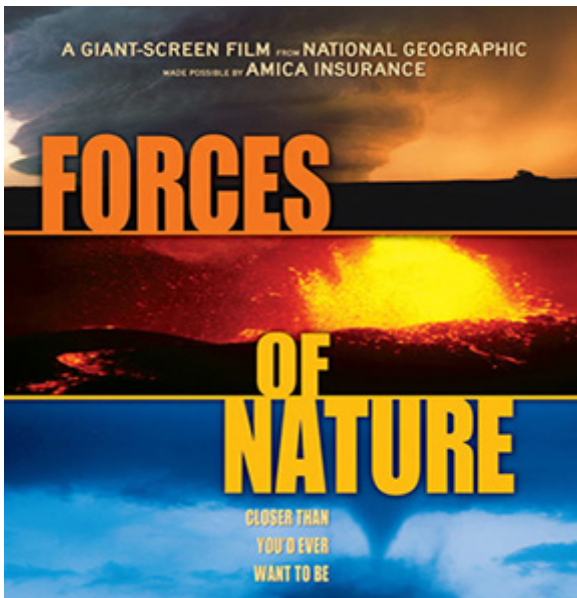
The cadets participate in focus groups and round table discussions and lectures on the theme of the national security of the U.S. and the Army's security role in the international arena. Cadets receive formal speeches from the highest echelons of the U.S. Army's leadership ranks, scholars and experts in the area of national defense.

He is a 2011 graduate of St. Patrick's High School in Maysville.

Star Theater announces April shows

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Morehead State University's [Star Theater](#) will feature several of its most popular live programs in April.

The programs will start Friday, April 17, with the "Forces of Nature" at 6 p.m., followed by "Laser Zeppelin" at 7 p.m. and "Laser Metallica" at 8 p.m.

Programs will continue on Saturday, April 18, with "Color from Space" at 1 p.m., "Solar System Tour" at 2:15 p.m., and "Forces of Nature" at 3:30 p.m.

Programs continue on Saturday evening with laser shows "Laser Zeppelin" at 6 p.m. and "Laser Metallica" at 7 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.

Celebration of Student Scholarship observed

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Morehead State University held its 10th Annual Celebration of Student Scholarship on Wednesday, April 22, at the Adron Doran University Center. Once again, the event spotlighted MSU as a premier destination for all who desire the world-class education that is catalyzed by the dedicated mentorship of a world-class faculty.

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

The 2015 Celebration featured 204 presentations (75 oral and 129 poster) spotlighting the outstanding efforts of 313 undergraduate and graduate student authors and their 115 faculty mentors. Awards were made for presentations of Merit and Exceptional Merit, as recommended by a panel of 126 faculty and staff judges.

Chief photographer Tim Holbrook has put together a [photo gallery](#) of the 2015 Celebration of Student Scholarship.

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

Awards for the 10th Annual Celebration of Student Scholarship were as follows:

College of Business and Public Affairs

Oral Presentations

Merit

Nicole Meade, Nelson Phillips

Mentors - April Haight, Tim Hare

School of Public Affairs

Streambank stability and riparian habitat relationships and mapping tools in the Triplett Creek

Jeffrey T. Syck

Mentor - Jonathan Pidluzny

School of Public Affairs

FDR, the U.S. Constitution, and the rise of the populist presidency

College of Business and Public Affairs

Oral Presentations

Exceptional Merit

Wade Curtsinger

Mentor - Ali Ahmadi

School of Business Administration

Factors affecting student satisfaction at Morehead State University**College of Business and Public Affairs****Poster Presentations****Merit****Allison L. Becknell****Mentors - Johnathan Nelson, Samuel Stapleton****School of Business and Public Affairs Administration****Leveraging social media to support management education and develop social media self-efficacy****Olivia Hazel****Mentor - Kenneth Henderson****School of Business and Public Affairs Administration****Cost/benefit analysis of college: The impact on student attitudes and behaviors****Randall Roof****Mentor - April Haight****School of Public Affairs****Safety knowledge and attitude towards bicycling in Morehead****College of Business and Public Affairs****Poster Presentations****Exceptional Merit****Ryan Yoder****Mentor - Jonathan Pidluzny****School of Public Affairs****Countercyclical spending, fiscal responsibility and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009****College of Education****Oral Presentations****Merit****Sarah Eades****Mentor - Mattie Decker****Department of Early Childhood, Elementary, and Special Education****Animals in the classroom? A review of the literature on the human-animal bond and the effects of the presence of animals in the classroom****Exceptional Merit****Laura Geiman****Mentor - Mattie Decker****Department of Early Childhood, Elementary, and Special Education****Universal Design for Learning (UDL) in a Teacher Performance Assessment (TPA)****College of Education****Poster Presentations****Merit****Amanda Andrews****Mentor - Kim Nettleton****Early Childhood, Elementary, and Special Education****The importance of daily vocabulary instruction in today's classroom**

Bethany DeMoss
Mentor - April Miller
Early Childhood, Elementary, and Special Education
Getting attention: There is a right way and a wrong way

College of Education
Poster Presentations
Exceptional Merit

Andrew T. Perrin
Mentor - Lesia Lennex
Middle Grades and Secondary Education
Technology in Kentucky social studies classrooms

Caudill College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences
Oral Presentations
Merit

Glenn Anthony Ritchie
Mentor - Nathan Dishman
Music, Theatre, and Dance
The development of Stravinsky's compositional techniques and common interpretations of his style

Julieann Helton
Mentor - Joy Gritton
Art and Design
Designing on a dime: Creating a virtual presence for non-profit organizations

Gabriel Lewis
Mentor - Julia Finch
Art and Design
Fidelis Sermo: Medieval manuscript production

Demi N. Jacques
Mentors - Bernadette Barton, Elizabeth Perkins
Sociology, Social Work, and Criminology
Student satisfaction with sex education

Caudill College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences
Oral Presentations
Exceptional Merit

Kathryn G. Jackson
Mentor - L. Curtis Hammond
Music, Theatre, and Dance
Methods and materials for French horn technique and instruction

Caudill College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences
Poster Presentations
Merit

Chelise Conn
Mentors - Alana Scott, Kristina DuRocher

History, Philosophy, Religion, and Legal Studies
Issues on women's reproductive rights, 1980-1989

Jennifer M. White

Mentor - Seth Green

Art and Design

Ceramics facility management focusing on kiln maintenance and gas reduction firing

Blake Clark

Mentors - Katy Carlson, Joseph Tyler

English

Prosodic boundary tones and conjunction effects

Jessey C. Reed, Angelica Howard, Todd Dewoody, Wade Skaggs, Chelise Conn

Mentor - John Ernst

History, Philosophy, Religion, and Legal Studies

The Rape of Nanking: The undeniable truth

Caudill College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Poster Presentations

Exceptional Merit

Kristin M. Busby

Mentor - Joy Gritton

Art and Design

Creating cohesive communities: Promoting the utilization of public artworks for regional development

College of Science and Technology

Oral Presentations

Merit

Jessica N. Farrel

Mentor - Jennifer Birriel

Mathematics, Computer Science, and Physics

Analysis of nighttime sky brightness data from September 2014 to February 2015 in Morehead, KY

Joshua Fugate

Mentor - Wilson Gonzalez-Espada

Mathematics, Computer Science, and Physics

How much scientific knowledge pre-service teachers retained after completing a science methods course?

Breanna G. Knicely, John May

Mentor - Allen Risk

Biology and Chemistry

Vascular flora inventory and species richness prediction for Eagle Lake watershed, Morehead, KY

Michael McGinnis

Mentors- Doug Chatham, Sherif Rashad

Mathematics, Computer Science, and Physics

Game Spark, a game engine

College of Science and Technology

Oral Presentations

Exceptional Merit

Arlo Barnette

Mentor - Allen Risk

Biology and Chemistry

Structure and composition of epiphyte communities on eastern hemlock in Spaws Creek gorge, KY

College of Science and Technology

Poster Presentations

Merit

Allison Simpson, Jessica Thacker, Chelsea Thornberry, Ashley Walters

Mentor - Michelle McClave

Nursing

Caution! CLABSI on the bloodstream highway: Clinical prevention of central line associated bloodstream infections (CLABSI)

Megan Peterson, Travis Witkowski, W. Kathyrne Wells, Deanna Stinnett, Alison N. Grice

Mentor - Janelle Hare

Biology and Chemistry

Mutations in the N-terminal region of Acinetobacter baylyi UmuDAb that affect gene regulation after DNA damage

Bethany Alloway, Iris Johnson, Michael McGinnis

Mentors - Doug Chatham, Duane Skaggs, Robin Blankenship

Mathematics, Computer Science, and Physics

Mathematics and chess: A queen approach

Craig J. Ferryman

Mentor - Chris Cottingham

Biology and Chemistry

Biochemical characterization of in vitro adipocyte differentiation from precursor cells

Allexa L. Koeninger

Mentor - Laurie Couch

Psychology

Feelings about infidelity: Comparing the victim and perpetrator perspectives

Meagn M. Darby

Mentors - Duane Chappell, Sara Malone

Agricultural Sciences

Tumor necrosis factor alpha gene expression before and after exercise in middle-aged and older horses

Sharon J. Brooke

Mentor - Jen O'Keefe

Earth and Space Science

What are local bees eating?

College of Science and Technology

Poster Presentations

Exceptional Merit

Ashley N. Hamm, Jessica L. Shepherd, Kayla Nichelson, Ashley N. Morris

Mentor - Shari Kidwell

Psychology

Parent's approach to emotions and their children's coping strategies

**Graduate School
Oral Presentations
Merit**

**Michael Cooper, Steve Easterling
Mentor - Sanjeev Adhikari
Science and Technology
Department of Applied Engineering and Technology
Proposed LEED certification for MSU building**

**Jessica Stewart-Kuntz
Mentor - Christine Lange
Business and Public Affairs
School of Public Affairs
Investigating economic diversity in eastern Kentucky's Area Development Districts**

**Graduate School
Oral Presentations
Exceptional Merit**

**Leah P. Simpson
Mentor - Jeannie Justice
Education
Department of Foundational and Graduate Studies in Education
Autonomy, assessment, and student success: Feedback that makes a difference**

**Graduate School
Poster Presentations
Merit**

**Jeanna L. Huff
Mentor - Ilsun White
Science and Technology
Department of Psychology
Do we discriminate emotion better under stress?**

**Donna Slone-Crumbie
Mentor - Alana Scott
Caudill College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences
Department of History, Philosophy, Religion, and Legal Studies
Out of the balcony: Black disciples in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ**

**Graduate School
Poster Presentations
Exceptional Merit**

**Darrin R. Green, Gabriela L. Alshafie, Evan S. Rollins
Mentor - Shari Kidwell
Science and Technology
Department of Psychology
Is depression anger turned inwards? Children's angry responses are associated with unhappiness**

**People's Choice
Oral Presentation**

**Wade Curtsinger
Mentor - Ali Ahmadi
School of Business Administration
Factors affecting student satisfaction at Morehead State University**

**People's Choice
Poster Presentation**

**Maria Leanne Kallas
Mentor - John Curry
Foundational and Graduate Studies in Education
Trends in stakeholder's perceptions of Mason County's 1:1 iPad Implementation**

Camden-Carroll Library Prize for Undergraduate Research
This annual award is presented for outstanding undergraduate research that incorporates library resources. This year's winner is Jessica Farrell.

Molly McBride Tutoring Excellence Award
The annual award is named in honor of Molly McBride, daughter of Dean Scott McBride and Jill McBride, and recognizes a student tutor who achieves the highest level of distinction. This year's winner was Yen Tran.

MSU to host CPE meetings

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MSU to host CPE meetings

Kentucky's Council on Postsecondary Education will hold several meetings April 16-17 at Morehead State University. All meetings will take place at the Center for Health, Education and Research (CHER) Building.

Thursday, April 16:

- 11:30 a.m. - The Council's Strategic Agenda Steering Committee will meet in 102 C/D. An agenda is available at <http://cpe.ky.gov/committees/sa16-20/>.
- 2:30 p.m. - The Council will hold a work session, "Focus on College Readiness and Kentucky Adult Education" in Room 102 C/D. No formal action will be taken.
- 5 p.m. - Morehead State University staff will hold a briefing session in Room 102C/D, followed by a campus tour and dinner in the Heritage Room of the Adron Doran University Center. No formal action will be taken.

Friday, April 17:

- 8 a.m. - The Council's Executive Committee will meet in Room 214. The meeting agenda is available at <http://cpe.ky.gov/committees/executive/>.
- 9 a.m. - The Council will hold a business meeting in Room 102 C/D. The meeting agenda is available at <http://cpe.ky.gov/about/cpe/meetings/2015.htm>.

A luncheon will be provided for Council members and institutional presidents in the Executive Conference Room. No action will be taken.

MSU receives \$18K grant for bicycle safety

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Morehead State University has received an \$18,921 grant from the Kentucky Bicycle and Bikeway Commission (KBBC). Presenting the check was Joe Bowen, left, KBBC Commissioner; to April Haight, center, MSU's Center for Environmental education director; and Joy Brown, *Morehead* Tourism commission executive director. The grant will use to inform and educate citizens of Morehead and the campus community about bicycle safety and pedestrian safety through the development of educational programs related to bicycle and pedestrian safety. The grant activities include the establishment of bike lanes on West Main Street, data collection using a bicycle use and safety survey, and bicycle safety educational campaign. Additional information is available by contacting Haight at 606-783-2455.

Senior art exhibition opens April 22

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The main gallery of Morehead State University's [Claypool-Young Art Building](#) will present "Destructuring Dreams: 2015 Annual MSU Senior Juried Art and Design Exhibition," April 22 through May 7.

The annual show is an opportunity for [MSU Department of Art and Design](#) students to exhibit as emerging artists in a professional setting. The exhibition opens with a reception featuring live music by MSU students and complimentary refreshments on Wednesday, April 22, from 5-7 p.m., where awards including Best in Show, first, second, and third will be announced at 6 p.m.

The 29 participating artists include: Abigail Baggett, Morehead; Nicole D. Bailey, Topmost; Sarah Barrett, Morehead; Erika Bias, Crown City, Ohio; Grant Bridges, Paris; Sarah Brown, Pritchard, West Virginia; Lloyd Bryant, Campton; Billy Burt, Campton; Lindsay Burton, Olive Hill; Emilee Craig, Hanover, Pennsylvania; Rennie Davis, Lancaster; Joshua Dennis, Morehead; Kristen Estep, Scottown, Ohio; Desiree Evanoff, Beattyville;

Samantha Garland, Gray; Shay Hammond, Olive Hill; Elijah Hartgrove, Salt Lick; Jacob Hays, Morehead; Chris Keeton, Crockett; Bret Kinney, Hillsboro; Shelby Lowe, Mt. Sterling; Travis Moreland, Flemingsburg; Mary Elizabeth Morris, Irvine; Ryan Morris, Smyrna, Tennessee; Jessica Paige Alexandra Robertson, Olive Hill; Michael Wallace, Morehead; Julie Willian, Winchester; and Jennifer Workman, Maysville.

The gallery, within Claypool-Young, features contemporary art for the MSU community as well as the University's service region.

The gallery is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or by appointment, and is free and open to the public. Parking is available on Main Street and across campus after 5 p.m.

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

School of Business Administration ranked in top 50

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Morehead State University's [School of Business Administration](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/school-of-business-administration) has been ranked in the 2015 rankings of the Top 50 Best Value Online Business Schools by in Value Colleges. MSU's School of Business Administration was ranked 41st in the country. View the entire list at www.valuecolleges.com/rankings/best-value-online-business-schools/.

All AACSB-accredited business schools in the U.S. were considered and evaluated according to their complete cost, average debt for graduates, and average starting salary for graduates, to find the right balance for value-conscious students.

“As one of the pioneers in online program delivery, our business faculty is committed to providing access to its high quality business programs. Many of today's students are not able to commit the time to a residential experience and find our online programs provide them the opportunity to earn a degree while they continue working,” said Bob Albert, dean of the College of Business and Public Affairs.

Value Colleges' site guides students to the most trustworthy programs with the lowest student debt and highest returns. To create its list, Value Colleges considered three criteria: complete cost of a degree; average debt for graduates; and average starting salary for graduates.

MSU's business school has 40 full-time faculty members and enrolls more than 1,000 majors at the associate, bachelor's and master's degree levels. It established Kentucky's first fully online degree program with the MBA in 1999.

Academic programs in the School of Business Administration include the Bachelor of Business Administration degree with options in accounting, economics, finance, management, marketing, computer information systems, general business, small business management/entrepreneurship, and business and information technology education.

In addition to the MBA, the business school also offers the Master of Science degree in Management Information Systems and MA degree in Sport Management.

To learn more about MSU's School of Business visit www.moreheadstate.edu/business/.

Additional information is available by contacting Keith Moore, assistant to the dean/MBA program director, at 606-783-2969.

English Master's degree program selected ninth best

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Morehead State University's [English Master's degree program](http://OnlineMastersPrograms.org) has been selected ninth best in the United States and only school in Kentucky whose program made the list of top universities and colleges released by OnlineMastersPrograms.org.

According to OnlineMastersPrograms.org, MSU was selected because it excelled in: dedication to online or hybrid education; graduate course selection; and providing academic and career services.

"This honor is evidence of our faculty's insistence on quality of instruction and aspirations to propel the study of English into and beyond the twenty-first century," said Dr. Tom Williams, English department chair.

MSU's Master of Arts in English program offers students a comprehensive overview of advanced literary study as well as courses in creative and technical writing and linguistics. The 33-hour program offers both thesis and non-thesis options as well as a full array of Internet courses in all the major areas of English Studies.

Morehead State is one of the few accredited schools in the nation to offer a Master's degree in English completely online, and it is the first in the region to fully support a virtual learning environment.

Students who pursue their degree at MSU are offered both the flexibility of a self-paced distance learning program that is based on an adult model of education and the dynamic interaction between people in a traditional classroom setting.

While a master's degree in English once primarily prepared students for a doctoral level program, today the degree has transformed into a versatile credential. Students learn skills applicable across disciplines, including critical thinking, research, analysis, observation, writing and editing. The degree can lead to higher-level positions in post-secondary education or more specialized writing opportunities in government and industry settings.

Additional information is available by calling the English department at 606-783-9448 or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/ma-english/.

‘Free Transfer Application Day’ slated for May 5

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Morehead State University’s Transition Center in the Office of Enrollment Services will host a “Free Application Day” Tuesday, May 5, for students planning to transfer to MSU for the Summer or Fall 2015 terms.

The event, dubbed “Transfer Tuesday” will allow any transfer student to apply for free at any Morehead State campus or online.

Students may visit admission.moreheadstate.edu to complete the application and use the promotion code “TransferTuesday” on the payment screen to waive the \$30 application fee.

MSU staff will be on hand to assist with any questions that may arise. In addition, students will need to submit official college transcripts to the Office of Enrollment Services from each school they’ve previously attended.

“May is a great time to host this ‘event’ because many students are graduating from their community and technical college and are planning their next steps toward a bachelor’s degree. This is a wonderful opportunity to help them get the transfer process started in a free and convenient way,” said Jen Timmermann, transfer senior enrollment services counselor.

Students are encouraged to visit www.moreheadstate.edu/transfer to learn more about online completer degrees, regional campuses, transfer scholarships, and more.

For more information, contact Timmermann at 606-783-5488 or at j.timmermann@moreheadstate.edu.

Gancio named bookstore general manager

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Morehead State University's Office of [Auxiliary Services](#) has announced Charles E. Gancio has been named general manager of the [University Bookstore](#).

"We are delighted to have Charles join our team," said Bill Redwine, assistant vice president for auxiliary services. "He brings a great deal of experience from working with other universities bookstores."

Prior to MSU, Gancio was the owner of the National Achievement Source, which provided graduation products and services to both scholastic and collegiate markets. He also worked for Balfour, as regional vice president, and for bookstores at the University of Kentucky and Michigan State University.

Gancio earned his Bachelor of Science degree in education from Slippery Rock University.

The University Bookstore is owned and operated by Morehead State University with all profits returned to MSU's general fund to support academic endeavors.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Gancio at 606-783-2081.

“Disaster Preparedness” workshop slated for May 5

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Morehead State University's Kentucky Small Business Development Center will host “Disaster Preparedness for your Business” workshop to be held Tuesday May 5, from 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. at the Innovation Launchpad located at 149 East Main Street.

The free workshop is designed to help business owners prepare and re-open after a disaster. Disaster resource booklets will be provided.

Topics that will be covered include:

- Protecting your critical resources
- Developing your business continuity plan
- Business continuity forms
- Post-disaster steps
- Checklists for re-opening

The East Kentucky [Small Business Development Centers](#) are located in Morehead, Pikeville, Paintsville and Ashland. The centers provide free one on one consulting services and training to new ventures and existing businesses.

For additional information or to register, contact Mark Murphy, SBDC general management consultant, at 606-783-2895, or email m.murphy@moreheadstate.edu.

Open house and workshop set for Innovation Launchpad

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Morehead State University's Kentucky [Small Business Development Center](#) will host an open house and a free business workshop Wednesday, May 6, at the Innovation Launchpad located at 149 East Main Street.

From 11 a.m.-1 p.m., come by and celebrate National Small Business Week and learn about the services of the SBDC and tour the new business incubator.

Refreshments will be served.

"How to do Business with the Federal Government" will be held from 1:30 p.m.-3 p.m. The workshop is designed to help business owners learn about the process of selling to the Federal Government.

Topics that will be covered include:

- PTAC services;
- Who Buys What I Sell?
- How to Market to the Federal Gov't?
- Developing Your Capability Statement

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For additional information or to register, contact Mark Murphy, SBDC general management consultant, at 606-783-2895, or email m.murphy@moreheadstate.edu.

Inscape reception set for April 30

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Inscape, Morehead State University's literary and visual art publication, will host a reception in celebration of the release of its 2015 issue on Thursday, April 30, at 6:30 p.m. in the Claypool-Young Art Gallery.

Contributing writers, artists and designers will be recognized, with authors reading their literary works and artists and/or designers exhibiting some of their pieces.

Inscape is an annual MSU publication with a long history of cutting edge visual and literary art. Media and genres of work range from prose, poetry, short story, long narrative, nonfiction and creative essays to photography, printmaking, painting, design, drawing, digital art, mixed-media, pottery and sculpture.

The collaborative publication is coordinated by the departments of [English](#) and [Art and Design](#).

Additional information about Inscape, and guidelines for submitting work for inclusion in the 2016 issue, are available at www.moreheadstate.edu/inscape.

KCTM to perform semester finale April 28

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Morehead State University's Kentucky Center for Traditional Music will present The Semester Finale Concert, an evening of traditional music, at the Morehead Conference Center, Tuesday, April 28, at 7 p.m. The center is located at 205 East Main Street in Morehead.

The concert is free and open to the public.

The event is the final concert by all sections of band classes offered this semester. Ensemble classes are offered in several styles, Bluegrass, Old Time String Band, Old Time Country, and groups that address those styles plus Western Swing, Celtic, Blues and Gospel and a Traditional Vocal Ensemble.

KCTM students have represented MSU and the music and culture of the Appalachian Mountains regionally and internationally at such venues as the Paramount Performing Arts Center in Bristol, Tennessee, Marion Theater in Marion, Virginia, City Winery in New York and concert tours in Ireland and China.

MSU was first to offer a minor in traditional music (in 2000) and now offers a four-year degree in traditional music, approved by the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM). The degree, officially titled Bachelor of Arts in Music (Traditional Music), is the first baccalaureate degree with robust traditional music curriculum focusing on musical styles including Bluegrass, old time and country music offered in the Commonwealth and the first with NASM approval.

For additional information, call KCTM at 606-783-9001.

MSU celebrates Earth Day

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Morehead State University, Morehead and Rowan County celebrated Earth Day on Wednesday, April 22. (View [photo gallery](#))

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

The Morehead Community Earth Day Festival was held at the Don Greenhill City Park.

Free Earth Day T-shirts, sponsored by LGE/KU Energy, were given away. The festival featured information booths, live music from Kentucky Center for Traditional Music staff and students, and local food, arts and crafts booths. MSU Farm Horticulture sold herb seedlings to benefit the student agricultural club. The festival was a way to educate the college and community about conservation, the importance of buying from local producers, and other sustainable living behaviors. More than 125 people from the community completed the bicycle survey for the MSU Environmental Education Center. The information will be used to improve bicycling awareness and accessibility in the Morehead area.

Visit the [Earthwise Eagles Facebook](#) page and [Twitter](#) for additional information.

Additional information is available by contacting Holly Niehoff, MSU's sustainability and recycling committee chair, at 606-783-2584, email h.niehoff@moreheadstate.edu, or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/earthwise.

Nursing programs receives reaccreditation review

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Morehead State University's Bachelor of Science in [Nursing \(BSN\) programs](#) went through a national reaccreditation review by the [Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education \(CCNE\)](#), April 20-22.

A three-member CCNE team with nurses from Ohio, Georgia and Louisiana and a representative from the Kentucky Board of Nursing conducted the review.

"Our community leaders met with the review team while on site. The CCNE review team identified support from these leaders as a major strength for MSU nursing programs. Many representatives from St. Claire Regional Medical Center were in attendance and the hospital is a primary partner in providing clinical practice sites for many courses within MSU's nursing programs," said Dr. Lynn C. Parsons, Department of Nursing chair.

According to Dr. Parsons, nursing faculty were commended for their service work involving our nursing students. Members of the nursing faculty also were commended for their accomplishments in juried presentations and publications. The assessment was that the BSN programs met all four Accreditation Standards and 30 Criteria with no compliance concerns or recommendations.

A final decision will be made after the CCNE's meeting in October.

Founded in 1995, CCNE is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education for accrediting baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral programs around the United States. The agency strives to serve the public interest by assessing and identifying programs that engage in effective educational practices.

Based in the [Center for Health, Education and Research \(CHER\)](#) building, MSU's Department of Nursing offers two-year and four-year RN pre-licensure programs and an online RN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree post-licensure completion program.

Additional information is available from Dr. Parsons at 606-783-2642 or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/nursing.

Paintsville SBDC to have open house

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National Small Business Week will be celebrated around the world May 4-8.

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

Morehead State University's [Small Business Development Center](#) in Paintsville will celebrate with an open house and signing of the proclamation for small business week off at its office located at 224 Main Street in Paintsville.

The small business open house will be held on Friday, May, 8 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Representatives will be on hand for any questions small business owner's or people interested in small business ownership may have. A lite lunch, snacks and beverages will be served so stop by and help celebrate small businesses in our area.

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

Concert on the Lawn, CBPAA golf outing held

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As part of Morehead State University's Spring Celebration, MSU presented the annual President's Spring Concert on the Lawn Thursday, April 23, at the Adron Doran University Center Commons.

This year's entertainment featured MSU's Percussion Ensemble and Steel Band.

The College of Business and Public Affairs hosted its annual golf outing on Friday, April 24, at Eagle Trace Golf Course.

A total of 62 players and 16 teams participated in the outing and raised more than \$8,000.

Proceeds from the event will be used to benefit the College of Business and Public Affairs.

Chief photographer Tim Holbrook has provided a [photo gallery](#) from the two events.

Additional information is available by calling Office of Alumni Relations and Development at 606-783-2033 or 1-877-783-ALUM.

“Moulin Rouge” Spring Gala 2015 recap

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Morehead State University held its [annual Spring Gala](#) on Saturday, April 25, with this year’s theme “Moulin Rouge.”

Dr. and Mrs. Wayne D. Andrews invited guests to experience the spectacle and excitement of the world famous Moulin Rouge.

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

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

Additional information is available by calling [Office of Alumni Relations and Development](#) at 606-783-2033 or 1-877-783-ALUM.

KFAC hosts professional development workshop

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Morehead State University's [Kentucky Folk Art Center](#) recently held a regional professional development workshop titled, "Champion Creatively Alive Children."

The free four-hour workshop was sponsored by Crayola and used donated materials that allowed for hands-on learning activities. Educators from eight different K-12 area schools were engaged in a curriculum that taught the importance of an arts-infused education in all subject matter.

"We are excited to reach across our region to provide quality professional development to promote an arts-based classroom in each school. It is important that our students know that their principals and teachers value the arts and our willing to incorporate them into their everyday subjects. Having the opportunity to show our teachers just how simple it is to create lessons that tie the arts into their core subjects, plants a seed for extended growth and connections cross the curriculum," said Susan Hawkins, KFAC outreach educator.

The Kentucky Folk Art Center will offer another Crayola professional development in the fall.

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. Admission is free.

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

‘Chuck it for Charity’ slated for May 1-11

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Morehead State University's [Sustainability Committee](#) and Goodwill Industries of Kentucky will present "Chuck it for Charity," May 1-11.

"Chuck it for Charity" is a campus move out donation campaign in which Goodwill of Kentucky is providing donations bins in several locations on campus so that students can donate gently used clothing, shoes, small appliances, decor, books and school supplies and miscellaneous household goods.

The purpose of the campaign is to alleviate the amount of usable items that go to the landfill after move out and to provide an easy way for students to donate to the community. Donated items will be sold at the 64 Goodwill stores across Kentucky to provide jobs, job training and employment counseling for people who have disabilities or other barriers to employment.

Donation bin areas will include Alumni Tower, Butler Hall, Cartmell Hall, Cooper Hall, Eagle Lake Apartments, East Mignon Hall, Mays Hall, Mignon Hall, Mignon Tower and Normal Hall. Students living in West Mignon, Grote-Thompson Hall and Fields Hall will need to bring their donations to one of the participating residence halls.

Information posters will be posted in each residence hall.

Visit the [Earthwise Eagles Facebook](#) page and [Twitter \(@EarthwiseEagles\)](#) for additional information.

Additional information is available by contacting Holly Niehoff, MSU's sustainability and recycling committee chair, at 606-783-2584, email h.niehoff@moreheadstate.edu, or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/earthwise.

Athletics golf outing scheduled for May 30

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Morehead State University's [Office of Athletics](#) will host its annual Golf Outing Saturday, May 30, at [Eagle Trace Golf Course](#) in Morehead. Golfers are encouraged to sign up now. Advanced registration ends May 22.

MSU Athletics invites fans and interested donors to support the needs of the department in the premier athletics-focused fundraising event of the year. The event helps support all teams as they continue to compete for excellence in and outside of their playing venues.

Sponsorship opportunities are available in three categories. Those interested in participating in the outing can choose between an individual sponsorship, which includes one player registration for \$150, a corporate sponsorship, which includes one four-player team registration and hole sponsorship for \$650 or a single-hole sponsorship available at only \$125 per hole.

Each registered participant will receive 18 holes of golf and a cart, use of driving range, player appreciation package and the chance to win valuable prizes. Continental breakfast and a full lunch, plus food and refreshments during play, also will be provided.

Interested participants may contact MSU's Office of [Alumni and Development](#) to register at 606-783-2088 or 800-783-2586.

Additional information is available by contacting Brad Smith, assistant director of athletics for external affairs, at 606-783-9052 or email b.smith@moreheadstate.edu.

New officers for MSU retirees

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At the annual business meeting of the Morehead State Retirees Association new officers and executive board officers were elected. They are, seated from left, Peggy Overly, activities committee; Linda Riley, volunteers committee; Judy Carpenter, volunteers committee; Rhonda Mackin, activities committee, and Jackie Bailey, volunteers committee. Standing, from left, are Jacquelyn Scott, president; Peg Jones, immediate past president; Mike Hogge, volunteers committee, and Sue Harris, vice president. Absent from the photo are Judith Yancy, local publicity; Sue Luckey, national publicity; Susette Redwine, secretary; Loretta Lykins, activities, and Mary Jerde, activities committee. The annual luncheon meeting was hosted by MSU President Wayne and Mrs. Andrews.

Rites of Passage slated for May 8

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Morehead State University's [Office of Student Activities, Inclusion and Leadership Development](#) will sponsor its 30th Semi-Annual Rites of Passage recognition ceremony on Friday, May 8, at 7 p.m.

The ceremony will take place in the Reed Hall auditorium.

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

Student performers under the direction of Jorian Johnson will provide musical selections.

Keynote speaker for the spring celebration will be Natasha L. Davis.

Davis, an associate professor of dance at MSU, is the director of the dance minor program and director/principle choreographer of the dance ensemble. Davis has taught, performed, and choreographed throughout the United States and internationally for dance studios, theme parks, outdoor theaters, competitions, conventions, workshops, college championship games, and the NBA arena.

A guest artist at various dance festivals throughout the United States and a former dance educator in the North Carolina public schools, she teaches modern, jazz, African, hip-hop, ballet, tap, dance improvisation, dance composition, dance history and she is a certified Pilates Mat instructor.

Additional information is available by calling Shannon Colvin, student leadership and advocacy coordinator, at 606-783-2071.

Simms to receive honorary degree during Spring Commencement

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Phillip M. Simms of Franklin Lakes, N.J., will receive a Bachelor of University Studies degree and be presented with an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree at Morehead State University's Spring Commencement, May 9.

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

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

Simms will speak at both ceremonies and receive his bachelor's degree and be presented with an honorary degree during the 2 p.m. event.

Simms may be the best known Eagle athletic alumnus.

A four-year letterman, Simms was the Ohio Valley Conference's (OVC) Offensive Player of the Year in 1977, and finished his MSU career with 5,545 passing yards and 32 touchdowns.

After his playing days at Morehead State, he was the Giants' first selection (seventh overall) in the 1979 NFL Draft.

Simms enjoyed a 15-year NFL career and when retired held 19 team records.

As an All-Pro quarterback, he led the New York Giants to two Super Bowl titles. He completed 22 of 25 passes in Super Bowl XXI, defeating the Denver Broncos, 39-20, to give the Giants their first Super Bowl title and earning him MVP honors.

The Louisville Southern High School graduate established team marks for most passes completed and attempted for one game (40 completed, 62 attempted), season (286, 533) and career (2,576, 4,647), most career touchdown passes (199) and most 300-yard games in a career (21).

He was a Pro Bowl selection in 1985 and 1993 Pro Bowls and was the 1985 Pro Bowl MVP. He was named All-Pro in 1986.

Simms was inducted into the Morehead State Athletic Hall of Fame in October 1995 and Kentucky Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2011.

His numbers are retired by both the Giants (#11) and MSU (#12).

Simms joined CBS Sports in January 1998 as lead analyst for the CBS Television Network's coverage of the NFL. He also was a studio analyst and co-host for ESPN and lead NFL analyst for NBC Sports.

He and his wife, Diana, live in Franklin Lakes, N.J. They have three children, Christopher, Matthew and Deirdre.

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

2016 President's Leadership Academy announced

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Members of the 2016 class of the [President's Leadership Academy](#) at Morehead State University were introduced at a reception on April 30.

“Our people are our most important assets, and it is always important to build our leadership capacity,” said MSU President Wayne D. Andrews, who welcomed incoming members at the event.

Leadership Academy class members are:

Karla Aleman, distance instruction librarian; Jerel Benton, minority retention coordinator; Benji Bryant, Upward Bound counseling coordinator; Louise Cooper, service-learning coordinator; Natasha L. Davis, associate professor of dance; Andrea K. Fryman, facilities management business manager; Jaime Gordon, head volleyball coach; Karla R. Hughes, College of Business and Public affairs academic advisor; Randy Manis, instructor of communication; Dr. Susan W. Maxey, graduate school director;

Dr. Christopher T. Miller, Department of Foundational and Graduate Studies in Education chair and professor of education; Dr. Jonathan W. Pidluzny, assistant professor of government; Holly Pollock, undergraduate admissions director; Dr. Kent J. Price, associate professor of physics; Dr. Daryl R. Privott, assistant professor of foundational and graduate studies in education; and Dr. Chris Summerlin, housing and residence education director.

Academy members were named after a competitive nomination and selection process that included interviews conducted by groups of community leaders.

The President's Leadership Academy provides quality professional development, including a case study, readings, field trips and a team-based project to selected faculty and staff showing leadership potential.

Additional information is available by contacting Dr. Janet McCoy, interim director of the Center for Leadership and Professional Development, at 606-783-9363 or by email to j.mccoy@moreheadstate.edu.

Gardner named CCU softball coach

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Cincinnati Christian University's Athletic Department has announced that Cory Gardner has been hired as its new softball coach for the 2015-16 season.

"We are extremely excited about Gardner joining our team here at CCU. He is exactly the type of coach and individual we are looking for to help us out in getting the newly added sport of softball started. Gardner will step up as a coach and really excel in this position to teach and guide these new athletes to success," said Beth Rogers, CCU athletic director.

Gardner was the Assistant Men's Basketball Coach for a year at Virginia Intermont College and then the following year at Union College.

"I am extremely grateful to Ms. Rogers and President Tracy on the opportunity to become the first head coach of the softball program at CCU," said Gardner. "I am beyond appreciative for both the opportunity to lead this program, as well as the outpouring of support I have received from so many. CCU is a very special place and I will work tirelessly to ensure that CCU softball becomes a transformative experience for our players and a program that our students, alumni, and friends will be proud of."

A native of Morehead, Gardner attended Morehead State University and served as the basketball manager for four years and graduated with his bachelor's degree in University Studies.
