

# News Items for 2015 - August

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# First Craft Academy arrives at MSU

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The initial class of [Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics](#) arrived Sunday, Aug. 9, on the campus of Morehead State University. (View [photo gallery](#) )

The Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics was designed to meet the unique educational needs of academically gifted and talented high school juniors and seniors in the Commonwealth. A college-level curriculum will allow students to finish high school while also completing up to two years of university coursework.

"The arrival of the inaugural class of the Craft Academy marks an exciting moment in Morehead State University's rich history," said Dr. Wayne D. Andrews, president. "The Craft Academy could have never come to fruition without the inspiration and leadership provided by Sen. (Robert) Stivers, Rep. (Rocky) Adkins, the Kentucky General Assembly and through the generosity of Joe Craft. We are delighted to have the students and their families here on campus."

State lawmakers budgeted \$2.3 million to establish the Academy. Businessman Joe Craft pledged \$4 million during the next several years in support of the Academy. Craft's gift is the single largest cash gift in the history of MSU.

The Craft Academy will offer unique, project-based STEM+X courses that will enrich educational experiences and develop competencies in entrepreneurship and innovation, design and creativity, and civic and regional engagement.

Students will live on campus in Grote-Thompson Hall, which has been remodeled with meeting and social space and 24/7 staffing. Counselors and advisors also will be available.

"This first class of scholars includes some of most academically talented students from across the Commonwealth, and we couldn't be prouder of them," said Dr. Carol Christian, director of the Craft Academy. "Our staff has done a tremendous amount of work preparing for today, and we are looking forward to getting classes underway."

Students were selected based on ACT and SAT scores, academic grades from their first two years of high school, interest in advanced STEM careers, responses to application essay questions, interview by the Academy

selection committee and recommendations from teachers and others who could attest to the student's need and preparedness for the program.

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

**Members of the Craft Academy Class of 2017 are:**

**Anderson County: Trulee Alizabeth Gilkison,** daughter of Todd and Tammy Gilkison, from Anderson County High School.

**Bath County: Madison Marie Hammons,** daughter of Jon and Karen Hammons, from Bath County High School.

**Boone County: Joshua Ryan Frommeyer,** son of Chad and Michelle Frommeyer, from Conner High School.

**Boone County: Carter James Codell,** son of Steve and Tracy Codell, from Covington Latin School.

**Boone County: Samantha Lee Koehler,** daughter of Ron and Roseanna Koehler from Ryle High School.

**Bourbon County: Isabel M. Torres,** daughter of Jaime and Elizabeth Torres, from Bourbon County High School.

**Boyd County: Cassidy Selena Bailey,** daughter of John and Lynn Bailey, from Boyd County High School.

**Bullitt County: Sebastian L.D. Kaufman,** son of Jason and Kimberly Kaufman, from Bullitt East High School.

**Carter County: Katelynn Renee Fountain,** daughter of Thomas Fountain and Dusty Richmond-Osborne, from West Carter High School.

**Crittenden County: Audrey Lee Smith,** daughter of Chris and Stephanie Smith from Crittenden County High School.

**Crittenden County: Kaitlyn Gayle Wheeler,** daughter of Bill and Kory Wheeler, from Crittenden County High School.

**Daviess County: Allison Victoria Wright,** granddaughter of Robert and Sharon Wright, from Daviess County High School.

**Elliott County: Joel Layton Brickey,** son of David and Kim Brickey, from Elliott County High School.

**Elliott County: Tanner William Coleman,** son of Jeff and K.C. Coleman, from Elliott County High School.

**Estill County: Elizabeth Gayle Hereford,** daughter of Marvin S. and Rebecca Hereford, from Hereford Home School.

**Fayette County: Griffin Thomas Smith,** son of George and Jennifer Smith, from Lafayette High School.

**Fayette County: Thea G. Perry-Farr,** daughter of Mia Perry and Arnold Farr, from Tate Creek High School.

**Fayette County: Daniel M. Rush,** son of Gregory and Elizabeth Rush, from Tate Creek High School.

**Fleming County: Sloan B. Hummel,** son of Lawrence R. Hummel and Yong S. Hummel, from Fleming County High School.

**Gallatin County: Taylor Nicole Roland**, daughter of Tucker Roland and Stephanie Courtney-Roland , from Gallatin County High School.

**Greenup County: Mark Will Casto**, son of Mark and Greta Casto, from Russell Independent High School.

**Greenup County: Naail Tariq**, son of Mubashar and Amina Tariq, from Russell Independent High School.

**Greenup County: Madeline Frances McCloud**, daughter of Brian and Tonja McCloud, from Russell Independent High School.

**Hardin County: Kiley Breanne Thomas**, daughter of James and Cheryl Thomas, from Elizabethtown High School.

**Harlan County: Jackson Boone Allison**, son of Mike and Cindy Allison, from Harlan Independent High School.

**Jackson County: Dexter Chappell Davidson**, son of Kale and Cathay Kale Davidson, from Jackson County High School.

**Jefferson County: Isis Alexis Shackelford** , daughter of Walter and Juanita Shackelford, from DuPont Manual High School.

**Jefferson County: Madeline Kennedy Graham**, daughter of Jeremy and Chelsea Graham, from James Graham Brown School.

**Johnson County: Lauren K. Endicott** , daughter of Michael and Emily Endicott, from Johnson Central High School.

**Johnson County: Tyler Duane Ratliff**, son of Charles and Michell Ratliff, from Johnson Central High School.

**Johnson County: Rylea Jayde Salyer**, daughter of Tracy Wireman and Scott Salyer, from Johnson Central High School.

**Johnson County: Wesley Dalton Slone**, son of Virgil Slone, Jr. and Robin Slone, from Johnson Central High School.

**Kenton County: Madeline A. Jansen**, daughter of Robin and Kurt Jansen, from Dixie Heights High School.

**Kenton County: Mitchell Thomas Grothaus**, son of Edward and Karen Grothaus, from Simon Kenton High School.

**Knox County: Emilee Denise Stamper**, daughter of Rex and Wendy Stamper, from Corbin High School.

**Lawrence County: Nicholas M. Kessinger**, son of Michael and Leah Kessinger, from Lawrence County High School.

**Lawrence County: Alan Lin**, son of Saiyun Wu and Tong Lin, from Lawrence County High School.

**Lawrence County: Jeremy Shane Webb**, son of Jesse and Molly Meek and E.R. and Brenda Webb, from Lawrence County High School.

**Letcher County: Caleb Paul Fleming**, son of Dennis and Donna Fleming, from Letcher County Central High School.

**Martin County: Colby Braxton Muncy**, son of Ronnie Little and Rhonda Muncy, from Sheldon Clark High School.

**Martin County: Carissa Carolann Sweeney,** daughter of Claudine Sweeney, from Sheldon Clark High School.

**Mason County: Danielle Nicole Gibson,** daughter of Dewey and Ruby Gibson, from Mason County High School.

**Mason County: Bryce Allen Hendrickson,** son of Bob and Missy Hendrickson, from Mason County High School.

**Mason County: Braiden Alexandre Hickman-Lamarche,** son of Mindy Hickman, from Mason County High School.

**Montgomery County: April M. Eling,** daughter of Tim Eling and Julia Waller, from Montgomery County High School.

**Montgomery County: Zebulon James Hart,** son of Steven and Tamara Hart, from Montgomery County High School.

**Morgan County: Matthew Alexander Hylton,** son of Freddie and Gretta Hylton, from Morgan County High School.

**Oldham County: William Davis Kueshner,** son of Branden and Karen Kueshner, from North Oldham High School.

**Oldham County: Marcus A. Roup,** son of Mark and Betsy Roup, from Oldham County High School.

**Oldham County: Sienna Lyn Shacklette,** the daughter of Hope and Greg Shacklette, from Oldham County High School.

**Pendleton County: Mikinley Grace Lustenberg,** daughter of Jeffery and Michelle Lustenberg, from Pendleton County Memorial High School.

**Perry County: Rebekah Brynn Vermillion,** daughter of Kevin and Melissa Vermillion, from Hazard High School.

**Perry County: Lindsey Cheyenne Eddington,** daughter of Nena Eddington, from Perry County Central High School.

**Perry County: Tucker Cross Jett,** son of Jonathan and Katrina Jett, from Perry County Central High School.

**Pike County: Gregory Ethan Coleman,** son of Gregory and Teresa Coleman, from Phelps High School.

**Scott County: Julianne Elizabeth Gillette,** daughter of Angie and Mark Gillette, from Scott County High School.

**Shelby County: Hunter Cade Matthews,** son of Clint and Dawn Matthews, from Shelby County High School.

**Wayne County: Benjamin Abbott Rose,** son of Benjamin and Cindy Rose, from Wayne County High School.

**Woodford County: Madison Rose Cissel,** daughter of Kevin and Lisa Cissell, from Woodford County High School.

**Woodford County: Jorden Alexandria Crowe,** daughter of Curtis Crowe and Dixie Lowe, from Woodford County High School.

Additional information on the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics is available by calling Dr. Christian at 606-783-9025 or at [www.moreheadstate.edu/craft-academy](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/craft-academy) .

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## Farm Market extended two weeks

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Morehead State University's Farm Market has been extended for two additional weeks. It will now be held Thursday, Aug. 6 and 13, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Adron Doran University Center's patio in front of the bookstore. Items for sale are all raised at the MSU farm and include yellow summer squash, zucchini, okra, seedless cucumbers, slicing cucumbers, pickling cucumbers, green tomatoes for frying, and herbs including basil, chives and oregano while supplies last.

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## MSU honors faculty, staff with awards

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Morehead State University honored five individuals during the University's Fall Convocation on Wednesday, Aug. 12.

The 2015 award recipients were: Dr. Thomas Pannuti, associate professor of astrophysics and space science, Distinguished Researcher; Dr. Itza Zavala-Garrett, associate professor of Spanish, Distinguished Teacher; Dongfeng Li, associate professor of art, Distinguished Creative Productions; Dr. Shannon Harr, director of research integrity, Distinguished Staff Service; and Dr. Brian S. Mason, associate professor of music and coordinator of the percussion studies program, Distinguished Faculty Service.

Dr. Zavala-Garrett holds a Ph.D. degree in Latin American Literature from the University of Colorado at Boulder. She joined MSU in the fall of 2009. Prior to that, Dr. Zavala-Garrett worked for five year as a visiting professor at Wake Forest University.

In addition, she has worked in numerous universities in Mexico as a Spanish and Literature professor including Instituto Tecnológico de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey (ITESM), Universidad del Valle de México (UVM) and Universidad Autónoma de Querétaro (UAQ).

Her area of concentration is Contemporary Latin American literature and culture with an emphasis on 20th Century Mexican Literature. She has published various articles about Mexican writers such as Fernando del Paso, Carlos Monsiváis, María Luisa Puga and Elena Poniatowska. Her book concerning the intellectual subject in Mexican literature after 1968 (Tlatelolco's massacre) is in process to be published.

Dr. Zavala-Garrett participates in languages, film, and service learning conferences around the work and she has received lecture invitations about Mexican literature and politics, and Hispanic cinema from recognized academic institutions such as University of Richmond and Salem College. She is in charge of a study abroad program at Mérida, México, sponsored by the Kentucky Institute for International Studies, a well-known study abroad state consortium.

Dr. Pannuti joined the Department of Earth and Space Sciences in 2006.

Born in Irvington, New York, Dr. Pannuti graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York, earning his bachelor's degree in Physics cum laude. He earned his master and Ph. D degrees in physics from the



University of New Mexico. After graduation, Dr. Pannuti worked as a postdoctoral researcher at the Kavli Institute for Astrophysics and Space Research at MIT for three years and at the Spitzer Science Center at Caltech also for three years before joining MSU.

Dr. Pannuti has served as first author or co-author of more than 40 publications in refereed journals such as the *Astrophysical Journal*, the *Astronomical Journal*, *Astronomy and Astrophysics* and the *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society* as well as the *Journal of Astrophysics and Space Science*. He has served as first author or co-author on nearly 200 conference presentations given at the regional, state, national and international levels. In 2012, he received the Distinguished University Scientist Superlative Award from the Kentucky Academy of Science. Dr. Pannuti's research activities closely involve MSU undergraduate students: he is currently writing an undergraduate-level textbook on the physical processes associated with radio astronomy.

Dr. Pannuti's main research work centers on multi-wavelength (mainly X-ray, optical, infrared and radio) observations of Galactic and extragalactic supernova remnants. The primary fields of research activity for these sources are synchrotron X-ray emission from supernova remnants and its relationship with cosmic-ray acceleration by these sources, mixed-morphology supernova remnants (supernova remnants that feature shell-like radio morphologies with contrasting center-filled thermal X-ray morphologies) and multi-wavelength searches for supernova remnants in nearby galaxies. He has also become active in radio monitoring observations of blazars, which are radio galaxies with luminous cores.

To pursue his research, Dr. Pannuti has conducted observations as primary investigator with radio telescopes in the United States, Germany and Australia (including the 21-Meter Space Tracking Antenna at MSU), optical telescopes in Arizona and California and orbiting X-ray observatories such as Chandra and Suzaku. Through external grant funding, he established the Institute for Stellar Necrology Laboratory at the Space Science Center, a laboratory of Linux-based computer systems dedicated to research projects conducted by undergraduate students. He has served as science team member on the CXBN and CXBN-2 small satellite missions.

A nationally acclaimed artist in Oriental brush, watercolors, pastel portraits and figure painting, Li joined MSU in 2007. He began his art career in his native China. He graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the Tianjin College of Fine Arts College in Tianjin, China. He earned a master degree in of fine arts from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville and a master of art education degree from the University of South Alabama.

He previously taught at Webster University in St. Louis.

Li's watercolor painting titled "Out of the Darkness and Into the Light" was accepted by the exhibition jurors for inclusion in the 147th American Watercolor Society Annual International Exhibition in New York. With his inclusion in the exhibition, Li became a signature member of the American Watercolor Society.

He has won many national awards including the "IDE Memorial Award" American Watercolor Society Annual International Exhibition, New York, 2008; first place Kentucky Artist Award in the Kentucky Watercolor Society Aqueous USA 2012, 2013; Best of Show in Alaska National Annual competition 2011; Patron Fine Art Award Alabama Watercolor Society 70th International Exhibition 2012; Harold Phoenix Award in Houston Watercolor Society 34th International Exhibition 2011; and Beverly Hill Hoover Cash Award in Kansas Watercolor Society National Exhibition 2009.

A native of Olive Hill, Dr. Harr is a two-time graduate of MSU, holding both a bachelor's degree in animal science and a master's degree in organizational communication. He earned his doctorate in educational leadership from the University of Kentucky in 2009. Dr. Harr has been an MSU employee since 2001.

In his role as director of research integrity and compliance, Dr. Harr oversees human and animal research, assuring that MSU remains compliant with federal regulations. In addition, he is responsible for externally funded contract development and review. He is a regularly invited speaker at international conferences hosted by Public Responsibility and Research in the areas of human research subject protection and animal research

subject protection. He has served two years on the planning committee for the Advancing Ethical Research International Conference in Boston.

Dr. Harr is a Certified Institutional Review Board (IRB) manager through the National Association of IRB Managers and a Certified Research Administrator (CRA) with the Research Administration Certification Council.

This past spring, he was elected as staff regent to the MSU Board of Regents. Prior to that he served 12 years on Staff Congress, including one term as chair. In addition, he is a graduate of the 2014 President's Leadership Academy. He also serves on the St. Claire Regional Medical Center Foundation Board of Directors.

Dr. Mason is highly respected worldwide as a leader in the marching percussion activity through his work with Drum Corps International ensembles, including the Cavaliers, Phantom Regiment, and the Santa Clara Vanguard.

Dr. Mason is a member of the Percussive Arts Society National Board of Directors. He serves on its Vic Firth Education Committee and Health and Wellness Committee, and served previously on the P.A.S. Marching Percussion Committee. Brian is extremely active as a guest artist with high school and university percussion ensembles and has appeared as clinician and adjudicator throughout the United States, Asia, Europe, Canada and Mexico. Dr. Mason also performs as a contract section player with the Lexington Philharmonic Orchestra.

Because of his noteworthy professional status, Dr. Mason is a sponsored performing artist for Mapex Drums, Majestic Percussion, Vic Firth sticks and mallets, Zildjian cymbals, Evans drumheads and Grover Pro Percussion. His original works have been performed worldwide and are published through Row-Loff Productions, Bachovich Music Publications and Tap Space Publications.

He received his D.M.A. degree and B.M. degree at the University of Kentucky and his M.M. degree at the University of Nevada.

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## **Audible alert system test Monday**

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## Graduate School to host 'Online Open House'

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Morehead State University's Graduate School will host an "Online Open House" Thursday, Aug. 6, from 3-6 p.m. Students will be able to chat with Graduate School staff and will receive a free promo code that will waive the graduate application fee. Click [here](#) to visit Open House.

Additional information is available by calling 606-783-2039.

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## Paintsville SBDC to host 'Starting a Business' workshop

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Morehead State University's East Kentucky [Small Business Development Center](#) (SBDC) will host "Starting a Successful Small Business – What You Need to Know," Tuesday Aug. 25, from 5-7 p.m. at the SBDC office, 224 Main Street, Paintsville

Have you thought about starting your own business? If so, this workshop will walk you through the essentials to starting a business in Kentucky. It also will provide you with different scenarios on business startups and structures.

The workshop is free for all participants; however, seating is limited and advance registration is required. Pre-register for the event by [clicking here](#).

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 visit the MSU SBDC website at [www.moreheadstate.edu/sbdc](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/sbdc) or KSBDC.org.

Additional information and pre-registration are available by contacting Michelle Spriggs, management consultant, at 606-788-7272 or email [m.spriggs@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:m.spriggs@moreheadstate.edu).

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## MSU named to 50 Most Affordable Healthcare MBA rankings

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Morehead State University's Master of Business Administration with Health Systems Management concentration has been named one of the "50 Most Affordable Healthcare MBA Degree Programs 2015," by [MBA Healthcare Management](#).

According to the website, "the United States is in the middle of a 10 year boom in health care job creation and the time has never been better to earn an affordable MBA in healthcare management. As the U.S. population continues to age, it's no surprise that six out of 10 of the fastest growing jobs right now are in the healthcare industry.

Healthcare administration is a popular field because it sets healthcare professionals up for success in a medical industry that's worth more than \$2.26 trillion. Specializing your Master of Business Administration degree in healthcare management will allow a student to build leadership skills and work experience specifically for managerial roles in health-related facilities.

As employment in healthcare management grows much faster than average, MBA graduates are in high demand to apply their advanced business knowledge in coordinating clinical services. We know that tuition can be overwhelming, so we've created the following article to highlight affordable MBA in healthcare administration degrees that cost less than \$11,000 each year."

MBA Healthcare Management turned to the National Center for Education Statistics' College Navigator to generate its list. First, it filtered all post-secondary schools in America that offer advanced degrees in healthcare management and/or hospital administration. Then narrowed it down to universities providing an MBA and sorted the 144 healthcare MBA programs based on their in-state graduate tuition rates and only kept the cheapest. Finally, they ranked the 50 remaining MBA in healthcare management programs from highest to lowest average tuition price.

The goal of MSU is to expand its role in health sciences and health systems management. The healthcare industry serves as a major employer, both in Morehead and in communities served by MSU's regional campuses. In response to the rapidly changing healthcare needs of the region, the College of Business and Technology offers the MBA with the concentration in Health Systems Management.

Additional information is available by contacting the College of Business and Technology at 606-783-2174 or [www.moreheadstate.edu/mba](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/mba).

## Retirees to attend “Little Women” in August

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Morehead State University's Retiree Association will attend the Morehead Theatre Guild's production of “Little Women” on Saturday, Aug. 22, with dinner at La Finca Mexican Restaurant at 6 p.m.

Curtain time for the play is 7:30 p.m. Tickets must be purchased separately by calling the Rowan County Arts Center at 606-783-9857 or by email to [rcartscenter@gmail.com](mailto:rcartscenter@gmail.com).

The dinner reservation deadline is Wednesday, Aug. 19.

Additional informative or reservations for the Dutch treat dinner may be obtained by calling 606-783-2033 or email [events@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:events@moreheadstate.edu).

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## Lunar IceCube mission featured on Space.com

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Morehead State University's Lunar IceCube mission is a featured story on Space.com.

Senior writer Mike Wall takes a look at the mission.

[Click here](#) to view the article.

It was announced in April that NASA has selected MSU 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.

Dr. Ben Malphrus, MSU's Department of Earth and Space Sciences chair and Space Science Center director, is the principal investigator.

The Lunar IceCube mission 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.

Additional information about Lunar IceCube is available by contacting Dr. Malphrus at 606-783-2381 or email [b.malphrus@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:b.malphrus@moreheadstate.edu).



## Convocation to mark beginning of semester

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The 2015 Fall Semester at Morehead State University gets under way next week.

Before the students begin classes, President Wayne D. Andrews will address the faculty and staff during the Fall Convocation. The event will take place at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12, in Button Auditorium.

After the welcome by Dr. Steven Ralston, provost, several awards will be presented.

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

Classes for the spring semester begin on Monday, Aug. 17.

## Student Support Services receives U.S. Department of Education grant

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Morehead State University has been selected to receive funding under the [Student Support Services](#) (SSS) Program from the [United States Department of Education](#). The Student Support Services (SSS) Program is part of the TRIO Programs, which are Federal outreach and student services programs designed to identify and provide services to low income and first generation individuals who want to complete a postsecondary degree.

The grant will be in the amount of \$330,313 for the first budget period (Sept. 1, 2015 through Aug. 31, 2016). It is anticipated that the grant will be for a total of five years.

“The Student Support Services (SSS) Program provides valuable support services to help Morehead State University students graduate and realize their dreams of a university degree.” said Dr. Dan Connell, assistant vice president for [adult education and college access](#).

MSU’s Student Support Services is located in 205 Allie Young Hall.

Through a grant competition, funds are awarded to institutions of higher education to provide opportunities for academic development, assist students with basic college requirements, and to motivate students toward the successful completion of their postsecondary education.

Student Support Services (SSS) projects also may provide grant aid to current SSS participants who are receiving Federal Pell Grants.

The goal of SSS is to increase the college retention and graduation rates of its participants at MSU and to help students make the transition from one level of education to the next. This student-oriented program offers tutorial services, peer mentoring, academic, financial, and personal counseling. The program provides opportunities for cultural enrichment, academic development, assists students with basic college requirements, and serves to motivate students toward the successful completion of their postsecondary education.

“We are excited to continue serving students in SSS and assist them in achieving their academic and career goals,” said Shellie Hallock, program director.

Additional information is available by contacting Hallock at 606-783-2614 or [s.hallock@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:s.hallock@moreheadstate.edu).



## Homecoming banquet slated for Oct. 9

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Morehead State University will induct three new members into its Alumni Hall of Fame and honor Carol Johnson and the late W. H. "Honie" Rice with the 2015 Founders Award for University Service during its Homecoming Banquet at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9

The event will be held in the Cragger Room of the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC).

Johnson is a 1967 and 1973 graduate of MSU. Johnson spent more than 40 years in service to the University and served as an assistant to seven presidents. Her professionalism and dedication was unwavering and much of her "behind the scenes" work went unrecognized during her long and impactful tenure.

"Carol is a professional in every way. As my assistant she was hardworking, knowledgeable and absolutely dedicated to the success of the institution. Sue and I owe a large part of our success at MSU to Carol's support, attention to detail and commitment to excellence," said Wayne D. Andrews, MSU president.

Rice served for more than 30 years as superintendent of buildings and grounds during MSU's most dramatic growth. Beginning with a staff of seven, he saw that number grow to more than 200 before his retirement. He was described as "knowing more about the entire campus than anyone else except maybe the president," a role he didn't take lightly. The Office of Facilities Management is located in Rice Services Building, which is named in his honor.

The Founders Award for University Service was established by the Board of Regents in 1978 and has been presented each year to individuals with records of outstanding service to the University over a sustained period.

Inducted in the Alumni Hall of Fame will be:

Chuck Charles is a 1974 graduate residing in Ashland. He is the mayor of Ashland, as well as vice president and chief development officer for Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital Foundation. A former member and ex-president of the MSU Alumni Association Board, Charles served from 1998-2006. He was recently the recipient of the 2015 Leadership Tri-State Community Service award.

Kelly Kulick is a 2000 graduate residing in Union, New Jersey. She is a successful professional bowler who made history in 2010 when she became the first woman to win a national title on the Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) Tour. She was the 1997 and 1998 Collegiate Bowler of the Year while at MSU and a six-time member of Team USA.

Randy Lillard is a 1998 graduate residing in League City, Texas. He is the assistant director, advanced development projects at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). While a student at MSU, he served as interfraternity council president, president of the Student Alumni Ambassadors and member of the Student Government Association.

Kandi Brown Parker and Jim Wells also will be inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame.

Tickets to the Homecoming banquet are \$25 per person.

Prior to the banquet, the Alumni Association will host a complimentary Alumni Welcome Reception from 5-7 p.m. on the third floor of ADUC. A complete Homecoming schedule is available online at [www.moreheadstate.edu/homecoming](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/homecoming).

To purchase tickets or for additional information, contact the Office of Alumni Relations and Development at 606-783-2080 or 800-783-ALUM.

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## MSU reminds students to sign up for Eagle Alerts

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With the beginning of the fall semester, Morehead State University reminds students of its emergency notification protocol.

An outdoor, audible alert system which utilizes electronic tones and public address speakers is set to begin another year of operation. The system, which includes high powered amplifiers atop Cartmell and Ginger halls and Jayne Stadium, is designed primarily to alert pedestrians on campus sidewalks and streets.

“Like other campuses, we have constant foot traffic and those individuals outdoors deserve to be notified in the same timely fashion as others who are indoors,” said MSU President Wayne D. Andrews. “This is yet another means of warning our academic community of impending danger in weather or safety emergencies.”

He also reported that MSU has an emergency procedure handbook for all employees and the same information is available on the Web and on posters displayed in classrooms, labs and offices.

“We are constantly reviewing our emergency communications procedures to protect the safety of our students, faculty, staff and visitors,” Dr. Andrews added. “Our text messaging system has been in place for nearly seven years and we continue to encourage members of our community to sign up.”

MSU also utilizes a number of other media strategies to communicate with its campus community. Depending upon the nature of the emergency, any or all of the following methods may be used:

- Cell phone text messaging with email ([Eagle Alerts](#)); Sign up is voluntary but strongly recommended;
- Mass email to students and employees;
- MSU [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#);
- Postings on [University website](#) and [MyMoreheadState.edu](#);
- Radio, TV, and other media outlets, including [Morehead State Public Radio](#);

- Campus cable television override announcements;
- Digital information system displays;
- Printed notices in residence halls and administrative and academic buildings.

Additional information on MSU's emergency procedures can be found at [www.moreheadstate.edu/emergency/](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/emergency/).

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## MSU police offer campus safety tips

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With the start of the fall semester, 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 Merrell J. Harrison. "On the campus, everyone is busy with the start 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 Harrison 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 year.

Additional information is available by calling the MSU Police Department at 606-783-2035 or visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/police](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/police).

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## 'Move-In Days' information

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Morehead State University will host "New Student Move-In Days" Wednesday, Aug. 12, and Thursday, Aug. 13.

To accommodate the 1,240 new students moving into residence halls on Wednesday and Thursday, MSU will have the following parking restrictions from 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11.

No parking in the following residence hall areas: Mignon Complex, Cartmell Hall, Nunn Hall, Cooper Hall, Butler Hall and Alumni Tower until Friday 5 a.m.

[View map for Parking for Move-In Days](#)

Cars in these areas will be ticketed and towed. Remove your vehicle from these areas to avoid being towed and incurring fees and fines. Cars may be parked in the following designated areas: AZ lot Henry Ward Place-going up the hill, S lot up the hill behind Ginger Hall, S lot corner of Main St and University Blvd, S lot in front of Rice Bldg., S lot gravel lot on 5th St, AZ lot behind BCM, AZ lot beside KCTM off 1st St, S lot by softball field and upper tennis courts, S lot up the hill by Eagle Lake.

Cars may be moved to your assigned zones after 8 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 13, with the exception of the Alumni Tower lot.

MSUPD asks to limit unnecessary driving on campus on the two major move-in days, Wednesday and Thursday. [View campus map.](#)

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Representatives from the Offices of Financial Aid and Accounting and Financial Services will be available in 301 of the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC) to help students with billing and financial aid questions from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

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- [View New Student Days schedule](#)
- [View Opening Activities schedule](#)



## New Eagles welcomed on campus

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Most of the freshman class of Morehead State University moved into its residence halls Wednesday, Aug. 12, during “New Student Move-In Day.”

Students were allowed to move into residence halls from 1-8 p.m. Wednesday while West Mignon, Butler, and Nunn halls will start Thursday at 8 a.m.

Volunteers from across campus were on hand to assist with the move-in.

According enrollment services, a class of approximately 1,450 first-time freshman students will attend MSU in the fall 2015 term.

Highlighting Thursday will be the New Student Induction Ceremony at Laughlin Health Building. The goal of this event is to mark the official beginning of the new student’s academic career and welcome them to the MSU family. Students received a Class of 2019 keepsake pin and recited the Eagle Promise.

### [Opening Weekend Activities](#)

### [New Student Days Schedule of Events](#)

Chief photographer Tim Holbrook captured some of the sights of the day and has placed them into a photo gallery.

(View Move-In Day #1 [photo gallery](#))

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Classes begin Monday, Aug. 17.

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## New Eagles welcomed on campus (Day 2)

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Morehead State University's Class of 2019 moved into residence halls Wednesday and Thursday during "New Student Move-In Days."

Volunteers from across campus were on hand to assist with the move-in.

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### [Opening Weekend Activities](#)

### [New Student Days Schedule of Events](#)

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(View Move-In Day #2 [photo gallery](#))

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Classes begin Monday, Aug. 17.

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## MSU projects featured in American Builders Quarterly

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Morehead State University has been featured in American Builders Quarterly for its construction projects.

According to its website, American Builders Quarterly serves as the voice of the U.S. building industry.

Writer Zach Baliva led into the article with "Kentucky's Morehead State University is working to maintain greater enrollment than ever before, and it's reinvesting the influx of tuition dollars into five new projects designed to attract and retain even more students."

To get an update of the projects, visit the [Office of Facilities Management](#) website.

View the entire article [here](#).

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## Alumni Association to host tailgate event in Prestonsburg

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Morehead State University's Alumni Association will host a tailgate event Friday, Aug. 21, at Prestonsburg High School when the Blackcats host Pikeville.

The fun begins at the MSU Tent at 6 p.m. Game time is at 7:30 p.m.

Stop by the Morehead State University Tent to get Alumni Association giveaways and have your picture taken with Beaker and meet the MSU Alumni Association staff.

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## Retirees Association plan September event

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Morehead State University's Retirees Association will take a guided walking tour of historic downtown Maysville with a visit to the Kentucky Gateway Museum, followed by a Dutch treat lunch at Moyer's Winery on Thursday, Sept. 10.

The group will leave from Burke's Parking Lot in Kroger Center at 9 a.m.

Cost of the walking and museum tours will be \$15. Arrangements are being made for travel by van, but at least 10 people will need to go. Cost per person for the van will be \$15.

The reservation deadline will be Tuesday, Sept. 8.

Additional information or reservations may be obtained by calling 606-783-2033 or through email to [events@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:events@moreheadstate.edu).

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# MSU to compete in the 2015 Outdoor Nation Campus Challenge

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Outdoor Nation, the national initiative that connects college students and their communities to the outdoors, has announced that Morehead State University will join 57 schools representing 31 states to participate in the 2015 Outdoor Nation Campus Challenge kicking off in September.

“This is a great opportunity to highlight all of the outdoor activities available in our area, as well as develop a life-long appreciation for the outdoors. The activities include paddle boarding, fishing, trail running, kayaking, rock climbing, hiking, mountain and road biking, geocaching, camping, outdoor yoga, horseshoes, and much more,” said April Haight, MSU’s [Center for Environmental Education](#) director.

Combined, these colleges enroll a total of 850,000 students, in addition to faculty, alumni and local community members – demonstrating the extraordinary reach and potential impact of the Challenge. It’s a six-week Mother-Nature-meets-March-Madness-style competition to determine the National Outdoor Champion. The 2015 Challenge is presented by The North Face and The REI Foundation. Other sponsors include Adidas, Chaco, Osprey, Coleman, CamelBak and Backpacker among others.

“We all know that after high school even the most active young people can start to slow down. There’s a cliff effect when kids move away from organized, hometown sports,” said Marc Berejka, president of The REI Foundation. “Spending time outdoors is just fun and it’s good for you. We’re hoping that the Outdoor Nation Campus Challenge can inspire young people to incorporate outdoor adventure into their college and post-grad lives.”

“More than ever, people need opportunities to connect with and explore the natural world,” said Ann Krcik, senior director of Outdoor Exploration at The North Face. “We are excited to be a founding partner of this groundbreaking initiative, and even more so to see the positive results of so many young people getting outdoors.”

The 2015 Campus Challenge aims to engage young people in outdoor recreation — rewarding schools with the most outdoor activities logged by the most people in their campus network (students, faculty, alumni and local community). The school with the most participants and outdoor activities will be named the National Outdoor Champion, and the top individual will be crowned Outsider of the Year.

“Outdoor Nation believes in empowering young people to motivate and mobilize their peers to get into the great outdoors,” said Chris Fanning, executive director of the Outdoor Foundation, the organization that founded the Outdoor Nation initiative. “We are thrilled to welcome 59 schools — a 500 percent increase over last year — into the 2015 Campus Challenge for a little friendly competition with an ultimate goal of activating a new generation of outdoor enthusiasts.”

Launched in 2014, the Challenge aims to combat the inactivity crisis prevalent among youth and young adults in America. The statistics are staggering. According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, the average young person spends eight hours in front of a screen and only eight minutes outside and active.

Last year, in its pilot program, the Campus Challenge engaged ten colleges and universities. In just eight weeks, 8,390 participants logged almost 44,000 outdoor activities, with many schools reporting a major surge in

campus-wide interest in outdoor recreation. Many outdoor programs and outing club members served as organizers for the Challenge — planning school-wide activities, promoting individual participation and introducing new outdoor activities to spark interest.

The winner of the 2014 competition was the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University (CSB/SJU) in Collegeville, Minnesota. The university received a gear bank, sponsored by The North Face, that includes technical packs, tents, sleeping bags and more. The school also held a campus-wide celebration to honor their accomplishment.

The Outdoor Foundation is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to inspiring and growing future generations of outdoor enthusiasts. Through groundbreaking research, action-oriented outreach and education programs, the Foundation works with partners to mobilize a major cultural shift that leads all Americans to the great outdoors. In 2010, the Foundation launched Outdoor Nation, a pioneering initiative that aims to empower young leaders to champion the outdoors on campuses and in communities across the United States.

Additional information is available by contacting Haight at 606-783-2455 or visit [OutdoorFoundation.org](http://OutdoorFoundation.org) and [OutdoorNation.org](http://OutdoorNation.org).

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## Organization registration is open for MSU's Fall Career Fair

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Morehead State University's Fall Career Fair will be held Tuesday, Sept. 29, in the Crager Room on the third floor of the Adron Doran University Center from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

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

Details and registration are online at [www.moreheadstate.edu/career/postatmsu](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/career/postatmsu). Employer registration is open through Sept. 18.

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

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

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## Board of Regents to hold special meeting Aug. 27

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**EVENT:** Board of Regents Special Meeting

**DATE:** Thursday, Aug. 27, 2015

**TIME:** 10 a.m.

**SITE:** Riggle Room, Adron Doran University Center

Morehead State University's Board of Regents will hold a special meeting on Thursday, Aug. 27, at 10 a.m.

### Agenda

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

#### 2. ROLL CALL

#### 3. OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO NEW MEMBERS

- Mr. Austin Casebolt
- Dr. Shannon Harr
- Mr. Eric Howard
- Mr. Wayne Martin

#### 4. ELECT VICE CHAIR AND SECRETARY; APPOINT TREASURER (Pursuant to KRS 164.330)

#### 5. APPROVE AWARDING OF FOUNDERS AWARDS FOR UNIVERSITY SERVICE TO CAROL JOHNSON AND W. H. "HONIE" RICE

#### 6. DISCUSSION

- Sexual Misconduct and Harassment Policies
- Student Code of Conduct

- University Police Standard Operating Procedures

## **7. UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

- Quarterly Meeting, Thursday, September 24, 9 a.m.
- Audit Committee Meeting, Thursday, November 5, 8 a.m.
- Work Session, Thursday, November 5, 9 a.m.
- Quarterly Meeting, Thursday, December 3, 9 a.m.
- Fall Commencement, Saturday, December 12, 10:30 a.m.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

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## Dunn to be visiting artist at MSU

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Trevor Dunn, assistant professor of ceramics at the University of North Florida, will visit Morehead State University, Sept. 2-4, to present student and public pottery-making/assembling demonstrations and an artist lecture.

Dunn studied sculpture and ceramics at the University of South Florida. After graduating he moved to Durango, Colorado, to set up a studio where he built a small anagama kiln and pursued his interest in wood-fired ceramics.

In 1999, Dunn joined the faculty at San Juan College to teach ceramics and sculpture until 2006. In 2009, he earned his M.F.A. degree in ceramics from Utah State University. He has lectured internationally and led workshops around the country in wood firing, salt/soda firing, and kiln building. His work has been shown in numerous exhibitions and is held in public and private collections. In 2009, he received the NCECA Graduate Student Fellowship Award for a proposed study and film project in Jiangxi, China.

On Wednesday, Sept. 2, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m., Dunn will demonstrate his techniques in 104C Claypool-Young Art Building (ceramics studio). At 7 p.m., Dunn will lecture in 111 Claypool-Young.

A pottery assembling demonstration will be held on Thursday, Sept. 3, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. in 104C Claypool-Young Art Building (ceramics studio).

Dunn will have a gallery talk and opening reception Friday, Sept. 4, at 6 p.m. at the Gateway Regional Arts Center in Mt. Sterling (101 East Main Street).

Dunn's visit is sponsored by MSU's [Department of Art and Design](#) and the Ceramics Guild.

All events are open to the public. Parking is available on the MSU campus after 5 p.m. on weekdays.

More information is available by contacting Seth Green, assistant professor of art, at 606-783-2787 or [s.green@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:s.green@moreheadstate.edu) .

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## MSU ranked among The Best Online Healthcare MBA programs

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Morehead State University's MBA with a Health Systems Management concentration degree program ranked among the best in the article titled "The 25 Best Online MBA in Healthcare Management Degree Programs" by TheBestSchools.org. ([View list](#))

Health Systems Management prepares students for leadership positions in various healthcare settings. According to the Bureau of Labor and Statistics, employment opportunities are growing "faster than average" in the healthcare industry.

The MBA with Health Systems Management Track can be completed with a minimum 36 semester credit hours. The MBA core remains the same, but HSM students will focus their 12 elective hours in the HSM area.

TheBestSchools.org selected MSU's program based on several weighted factors, including academic excellence, course offerings, faculty strengths, and reputation, including reputation for online degree programs.

TheBestSchools.org is a leading resource for prospective students seeking a college or university degree. Many schools in the United States reference their rankings including Auburn University, Boston University, Texas A&M University, Fordham University among others.

Earlier this year, MSU's Master of Business Administration with Health Systems Management concentration was named one of the "50 Most Affordable Healthcare MBA Degree Programs 2015," by MBA Healthcare Management.

MSU's goal is to expand its role in health sciences and health systems management. The healthcare industry serves as a major employer, both in Morehead and the MSU service region. In response to the rapidly changing healthcare needs of the region, the College of Business and Technology offers the MBA with the concentration in Health Systems Management.

Additional information is available by contacting the College of Business and Technology at 606-783-2174 or [www.moreheadstate.edu/mba](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/mba).



## Grant County students visit Early College Program

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Students from Grant County High School visited the Morehead State University campus, as part of the [Early College Program](#), Thursday, Aug. 20.

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

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

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

School systems taking part are: Bath, Boyd, Breathitt, Bullitt, Estill, Fayette, Fleming, Floyd, Grant, Jefferson, Jessamine, Johnson, Lawrence, Lewis, Martin, Mason, Mercer, Montgomery, Morgan, Oldham, Pike, Powell, Rowan, Shelby and Wolfe counties; as well as Ashland Blazer, Jackson, Russell, independents; and Lakeside Christian.

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

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

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



## MSU receives Kentucky Pride grant and Pepsi funding for resident halls recycling bins

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Morehead State University's [Sustainability Committee](#) has received a Kentucky Pride Recycling grant for \$10,701 and a \$2,300 donation from G & J Pepsi-Cola Bottlers Inc. to purchase 1,250 six-gallon recycling totes for residence hall rooms.

The bins are expected to increase the recycling collection in residence halls and bring more awareness about the benefits of recycling to students living on campus. The idea for the bins came from student suggestions during the spring semester 2015 Recyclemania tournament. Students surveyed said that the bins would encourage them to recycle more by providing an easier way to collect recyclable material and carry it to the designated sorting areas for their buildings.

In addition, the grant and donation provided money for 30 bins designated to collect plastic shopping bags for recycling. The bins are located in all residence hall lobbies and 15 other campus buildings. Plastic shopping bags pollute waterways, endanger wildlife and litter the landscape. Plastic bags are 100 percent recyclable and are frequently made either back into plastic bags or building products such as backyard decks, playground equipment, park benches and fences.

Students also will notice new collection bins in the residence hall lobby areas for recycling household batteries, cell phones, print ink cartridges, pens, pencils and markers.

New recycling information posters have been added to all the residence hall lobby areas and each floors waste rooms. Informational postcards detailing what can be recycled and where to place recycling also were added to each six-gallon recycling bin.

“The recycling rate at MSU has averaged around 10 percent of the total waste stream for the past few years. We know we can do more recycling because about half of what is going to the landfill could have been recycled,” said Holly Niehoff, MSU’s sustainability and safety specialist and recycling committee chairperson. “We hope that with the addition of the bins and information it will increase student awareness and participation in recycling so MSU can help protect and preserve our environment for future generations.”

Additional information is available by contacting Niehoff at 606-783-2584 or email [h.niehoff@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:h.niehoff@moreheadstate.edu).

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## Estill County students visit Early College Program

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Students from Estill County High School visited the Morehead State University campus, as part of the Early College Program, Wednesday, Aug. 26.

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

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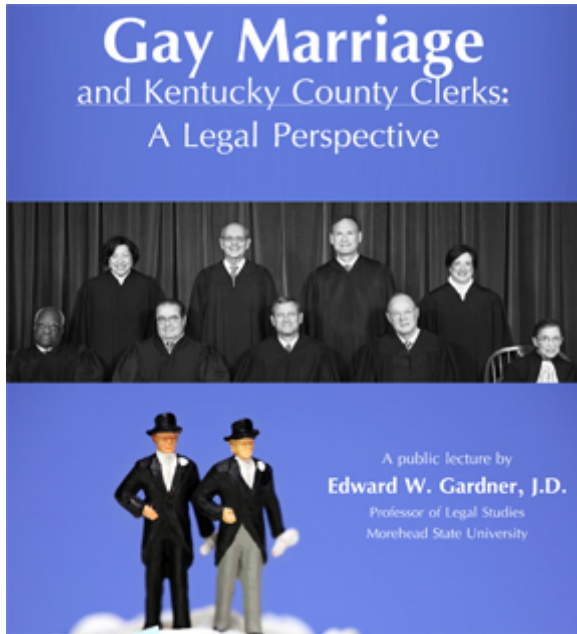
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## Lecture 'Gay Marriage and Kentucky County Clerks' slated for Aug. 27

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Morehead State University's Dr. Edward W. Gardner, professor of legal studies, will present a public lecture titled, "Gay Marriage and Kentucky County Clerks," Thursday, Aug. 27, at 5 p.m. in 002 Breckinridge Hall.

The event is free and open to the public.

A former director of litigation for the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, Dr. Gardner also is the former assistant attorney general for the state of West Virginia.

The event is sponsored by [MSU's Department of History, Philosophy, International Studies and Legal Studies](#).

Additional information is available by contacting 606-783-2655.

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## Regents take oath

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Morehead State University officially welcomed four new [Board of Regents](#) members: Eric Howard of Lexington, Wayne Martin of Winchester, Dr. Shannon Harr of Olive Hill, and Austin Casebolt of Pikeville, on Thursday (Aug. 27) at its special meeting held at the Adron Doran University Center.

Howard, Martin, Harr and Casebolt were administered the oath of office by District Judge William Roberts, an MSU alumnus.

During the session, the board elected Patrick E. Price as vice-chair; Sharon S. Reynolds, secretary; and appointed Beth Patrick, treasurer.

The University Service Award Committee recommended Carol Johnson and late W. H. "Honie" Rice to receive the 2015 Founders Award.

Johnson spent more than 40 years in service to the University and served as an assistant to seven presidents. Her professionalism and dedication was unwavering and much of her "behind the scenes" work went unrecognized during her long and impactful tenure. She is a two-time graduate of MSU.

Rice served for more than 30 years as superintendent of buildings and grounds during MSU's most dramatic growth. Beginning with a staff of seven, he saw that number grow to more than 200 before his retirement.

The Regents also had discussion on sexual misconduct and harassment policies, student code of conduct and university police standard operating procedures.

The regents' next quarterly meeting will be Thursday, Sept. 24, at 9 a.m.

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## Evans named new athletic media relations director

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Morehead State University has announced the hiring of Nick Evans as its new athletic media relations director. Evans will oversee and lead all athletic publicity efforts, while managing the media relations office, and video production of "Eagle Vision."

"We're excited to add Nick to our external team and we welcome him to the Morehead State family," said Brad Smith, assistant director of athletics for external affairs. "We had a great pool of candidates from all over the country, but once we met Nick, we knew he was a great fit for the position."

A Louisville native, Evans worked for the Louisville Bats, the triple-A affiliate of the Cincinnati Reds, for nine seasons, and served as the director of media and public relations. During his time with the Bats he served as the director of the 2008 Triple-A All-Star Game, which took place at Louisville Slugger Field, and also helped launch all of the Bats' social media channels. Following his time with the Bats, he took a position at Republic Bank as its social media marketing manager, where he handled its social media content, email marketing, website updates, and more.

He also worked part-time for Bellarmine University's men's and women's basketball teams the past two seasons, handling their social media content, and for the past four years, has co-hosted a Sunday morning sports radio show on the local ESPN Radio affiliate in Louisville.

"As a native Kentuckian and someone that has spent the majority of my professional life in the sporting industry, obviously I have a strong passion for college athletics," said Evans. "I am grateful for this opportunity to get back into the sporting industry, which is something that I have always loved, and I'm extremely excited to be a part of the Morehead State family."

With his background in social media and website management, Evans plans to bring that expertise to [Morehead State Athletics](#).

"I feel blessed that the foundation for a very successful media relations department is already in place," he said. "We're going to do some new, exciting things with our social media channels, video content, and more. The



landscape for media relations and college athletics is constantly changing and my goal is to be on the cutting edge of all of those changes."

Evans will be the primary contact for men's basketball, volleyball, softball, and men's and women's golf, while also assisting with the university's other Division I intercollegiate athletic programs.

A graduate of Bellarmine University (Louisville), he received his bachelor's degree in business administration with a minor in communications. He earned his master's degree in sports management at the University of Kentucky.

Additional information is available by contacting Evans 606-783-2557 or email him at [n.evans@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:n.evans@moreheadstate.edu).

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## AT&T provides \$20K to 'Digital Leadership Project'

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As part of the company's continuing commitment to enhancing high-speed Internet connections and supporting education across Kentucky, AT&T has contributed \$20,000 to the Digital Leadership Project, a program managed by the Kentucky Innovation Network Morehead office and Morehead State University's Center for Regional Engagement.

"This is a great example of the partnerships that we have built at MSU," said Wayne D. Andrews, president. "The money AT & T will provide will help local businesses. Students will be hired to help the local businesses and this ties into the incubation center at the Innovation Launchpad for growing businesses in our region."

The Digital Leadership Project allows small business owners in eastern Kentucky to better leverage high-speed internet by pairing them with MSU college students with IT (information technology) expertise. Students will work for the companies to develop web pages, mobile "apps", e-commerce solutions, support in commercializing IT products and other IT systems solutions. Multiple studies have shown that a lack of familiarity with how to use the internet and other IT systems is one of the primary obstacles to developing an IT economy.

"More often, the gap that we see between people who are and are not using the Internet is not a result of the availability of high-speed service, but in the adoption of the service that is readily available, and the Digital Leadership Project is helping to close that gap," said Hood Harris, president of AT&T Kentucky. "We are proud to support the great work being done through the Digital Literacy Project, as we firmly believe that the community that finds a way to educate citizens and help them build digital literacy skills that allow them to harness the power of the Internet – will be well on its way to being a true technology hub."

With its focus on educating business owners on the benefits of utilizing the Internet and other IT infrastructure and systems, the Digital Literacy Project is positioned to have a significant impact on the business community in Northeast Kentucky which is primarily populated by small businesses.

"The Internet adoption rate by businesses in Northeast Kentucky is lower than the state average. Couple that with the lack of adoption of platforms such as e-commerce and the region's relatively small IT economy and you see the challenge we have in creating a tech based economy. Through the Digital Leadership Project, we are focused on increasing adoption by emphasizing the benefit to businesses that adopt e-solutions. Another exciting aspect of this project is that it's MSU students who do the work. That means they get experience performing the work and developing the market and the businesses win by getting cost-effective solutions," said Johnathan Gay, director of the Kentucky Innovation Network office at Morehead and manager of the Digital

Leadership Project. “We are thankful for the support from AT&T, and we look forward to a long relationship with AT&T as we both strive to connect people and businesses to the opportunities available through adoption of high-speed Internet and other IT services.”

“The tools that are available to businesses and residents through high-speed Internet connectivity are invaluable and can lead to greater efficiencies in the workplace, to the identification of new customers, and potentially to the creation of new jobs,” said State Representative Rocky Adkins. “It is so encouraging to see corporate support – like this from AT&T – that provides funding to extend the reach of the Digital Literacy Project to more businesses in the area.”

To learn more about the Kentucky Innovation Network visit [www.kyinnovation.com](http://www.kyinnovation.com).

For information about the Digital Leadership Project, contact Gay at 606-783-9536.

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## 14th Annual Regional Entrepreneur Conference slated for Sept. 3

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Morehead State University's Kentucky [Small Business Development Center](#) will host the 2015 Regional Entrepreneur Conference, Thursday, Sept. 3, in conjunction with the September Morehead-Rowan County Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

The event will be held at the Morehead Conference Center, 111 East First Street, in Morehead.

The one-day conference will promote the small business owner, entrepreneur, and provide professional development while encouraging economic growth. Network with service business service providers.

Workshops will include government contracting, business issues with the IRS, information from the Kentucky Economic Development Cabinet, social media and marketing. Participants also can learn about the new Innovation Launchpad business incubator in Morehead.

Registration is \$25 for the full day of training including lunch or \$14 for the chamber luncheon only.

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.

The Kentucky Small Business Development Center is a network of 15 offices located throughout the commonwealth that help existing and start-up businesses succeed by offering high quality, in-depth and hands-on services. These services include: no-cost confidential business consultations, affordable business workshops, seminars and research to help business owners make informed business decisions.

Centers are located in Morehead, Pikeville, Paintsville and Ashland.

The KSBDC is a partner program with the U.S. Small Business Development Administration SBA.

To register, visit [www.ksbdc.org](http://www.ksbdc.org) or contact Mark Murphy, SBDC district director, at 606-783-2895 or email [m.murphy@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:m.murphy@moreheadstate.edu).

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## Craft Academy dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony held

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Officials of Morehead State University along with members of its Board of Regents, local and state legislators held a ribbon cutting ceremony today (Thursday, Aug. 27) for the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics. ( [View gallery](#) )

The Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics was designed to meet the unique educational needs of academically exceptional high school juniors and seniors in the Commonwealth. A college-level curriculum will allow students to finish high school while also completing up to two years of university coursework.

"In my 11 years here at MSU, I think the Craft Academy may be the most transformational activity that has occurred," said Wayne D. Andrews, MSU president. "Our goal is to attract students who may want to stay in Kentucky or come back to the state to contribute to the economic health and vitality in the future."

A total of 60 students moved in earlier this month and next August another 60 will begin classes.

"The Craft Academy is a great opportunity for the students, but also a great opportunity for Morehead State University," said Rep. Rocky Adkins, House Majority Floor Leader. "I think it raises the bar for MSU as far as how others look at this institution.

"I am so happy that I got a chance to work with Sen. Robert Stivers, President Andrews and Joe Craft on accomplishing the Academy. This is an historic day."

State lawmakers budgeted \$2.3 million to establish the Academy. Businessman Joe Craft pledged \$4 million during the next several years in support of the Academy. Craft's gift is the single largest cash gift in the history of MSU.

The Craft Academy will offer unique, project-based STEM+X courses that will enrich educational experiences and develop competencies in entrepreneurship and innovation, design and creativity, and civic and regional engagement.

Students live on campus in Grote-Thompson Hall, which was remodeled with meeting and social space and 24/7 staffing. Counselors and advisors also are available.

"A lot of people had a lot to do with the Craft Academy, on both sides. I am happy to have a little part of it," said Sen. Stivers. "This can be big for not only students in East Kentucky, but students in all of the state. There are children not born yet that will benefit from the Craft Academy here at Morehead State."

Students were selected based on ACT and SAT scores, academic grades from their first two years of high school, interest in advanced STEM careers, responses to application essay questions, interviews by the Academy selection committee and recommendations from teachers and others who could attest to the student's need and preparedness for the program.

"This is a special day," said Craft. "There are certain days in your life that you will remember forever and this is one of them for me."

Craft met the students and told the crowd that he had challenged the first class to make the Academy the best high school in the nation.

"I believe the students came here because they wanted that challenge (of being number one). You have to have high expectations and high standards. They have that and now they just have to work towards that goal."

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

"We are honored to be a part of this historical moment at MSU in opening the Craft Academy. These talented young people are excited and ready to accept the challenges this opportunity provides. We at MSU look forward to unlocking the talent within each of the Craft Academy students as they go forth and use their gifts," said Dr. Carol Christian, director.

The application process for the second class began Aug. 1 with the deadline of Feb. 1, 2016.

Additional information on the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics **is available by calling Dr. Christian at 606-783-9025 or at [www.moreheadstate.edu/craft-academy](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/craft-academy).**

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## New Dean of Students at MSU: Who is Max Ammons?

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By Andrew Adkins, [The Trail Blazer](#), Aug. 27, 2015

Saddam Hussein's bathroom keys lie on a table in the office of new Dean Max Ammons.

"They make for a nice conversational piece," the new dean of students said with a laugh.

Armed with a booming voice and an even temperament, Ammons is easing into a new leadership role after devoting 26 years of his life to the U.S. Army. Lessons learned in the military, he believes, will help provide the fuel for a smooth transition.

"I have 21 years experience as a commissioned officer. That's 21 years of being in a position where I led people and managed resources," he said.

Ammons first learned how to lead as an army brat on a world tour. He watched and listened to his father, retired aviation officer Dave Ammons. "My dad definitely gave me my foundation," said Ammons. After his birth in Fort Rucker, Alabama, Ammons lived the life of most military children - bouncing from city to city.

He lived in Germany for a little more than three years as a kid. "That was when I really started remembering my childhood," he said. The clearest memories conjure life as a student at a Department of Defense Dependents School. About every three years, the family moved again. Ammons' father was later assigned to chair the military science department at the University of Mississippi.

The family relocated to Fort Benning, Georgia. Ammons went to high school in nearby Columbus and earned a bachelor's degree at the University of North Georgia. Four years later, he emerged a talented pilot ready for deployment.

"I flew Hueys, Chinooks. I flew scout helicopters. I was a dual track officer, meaning I had two specialties," said Ammons. "One was the aviation side, the other was operations."

**Ammons shined as a night pilot strapped with night-vision goggles, navigating the airways 25,000 feet above ground.**

**Ammons continued to follow in his dad's footsteps when he was assigned to the same unit his father fought for, the 145th Combat Aviation Battalion. A Vietnam War plaque commemorating the battalion rests on a wall near Ammons' new desk. He looked at it with admiration. "That's my dad's."**

**For more than two decades, Ammons defended his country. He was the commander of the 1-58th Aviation Regiment from 1997 to 1998. He was an operations officer, an executive officer and then in 2007, chair of the Military Science department at Morehead State.**

**MSU snagged Ammons thanks to its 480-million-year-old tourist attraction.**

**"When I was an undergraduate, I fell in love with the Appalachian Mountains," he said. "I also had a buddy who was an alumnus of Morehead State. It clicked in my head. Sight unseen, I put down MSU as of my choices and I was selected."**

**By the time Ammons had landed in eastern Kentucky, he'd married his college sweetheart Joyce and become a father of two, Kristen and Joe. But Ammons wasn't cemented in eastern Kentucky quite yet.**

**Three years later, his family stayed in Rowan County while he journeyed back to the Middle East. He returned to assist the Army in commanding 40,000 people on a \$26-billion operating budget. In 2011, he served as deputy chief of future operations, helping manage projects for 260,000 soldiers and civilians.**

**Leading thousands of people requires a strategy.**

**"You don't manage people, you lead people. You manage things. People are not things. You have to lead," he said.**

**Morehead State missed that mentality and it missed Ammons' presence. A few years later, "MSU knew I was retirement eligible, called me up and said 'hey, have you ever thought about coming back to the community?'" After that conversation, he called his wife and asked for her opinion. "She said 'why are you even calling me about this?'"**

**It was settled. Ammons retired from the Army after 26 years and was named director of military initiatives at MSU in 2012. When the university needed an interim director of campus recreation and wellness last fall, Ammons answered the call again. But recreation and wellness director wasn't the position he ultimately craved.**

**"Six years prior when I was department chair for military science, I vividly recall a meeting I had with the provost at that time," he said. "She said 'if you were offered any job here at this university, what would you want it to be?' I said I want to be dean of students."**

**The dean at the time was Kevin Koett, who once shaved his 30-year-old beard to raise funds for the Children's Miracle Network. Koett left for Western Carolina University last August, giving Ammons his shot.**

**He pounced on it.**

**Director of Athletics Brian Hutchinson accepted the interim dean-of-students tag last school year. Ammons was hired and replaced him in July.**

**"He comes to the position from what you might call a 'non-traditional' background," Madonna Weathers, vice president for student life, wrote in an email. "However, it is clear that he has a passion for helping students succeed."**



**From serving the country to assisting the lives of military-affiliated people, Ammons has helped thousands. One example of Ammons providing a basic human need for others happened in 2003, during the Invasion of Iraq.**

**Ammons was the operations officer for General William G. Webster. The unit overtook what was then Saddam International Airport and moved eastward. They soon approached one of Hussein's palaces, which was partially obliterated by missile fire. "The missile took out his bedroom. There was rubble all around. We decided we'd set up and hold still and control things from there," he said. Firepower also destroyed utility lines.**

**One month later, the unit created a water system using the moat surrounding the palace.**

**"We finally had water. The bathrooms became popular to say the least," said Ammons. "We had some folks that wanted to lock up all the bathrooms. I didn't like that idea, there was enough problems out there. I got my hands on those keys, unlocked all the bathrooms and kept all the keys."**

**Now those keys are the centerpiece on a table full of challenge coins and medallions in Ammons' new office. A framed aerial photo of civilians spelling out an organized message for one of Ammons' units stands above the keys.**

**The message? "Thank you!"**

***Read the complete story and view photos on [The Trail Blazer website](#)***

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## Morgan County students visit Early College Program

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Students from Morgan County High School visited the Morehead State University campus, as part of the Early College Program, Thursday, Aug. 27.

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

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

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

School systems taking part are: Bath, Boyd, Breathitt, Bullitt, Estill, Fayette, Fleming, Floyd, Grant, Jefferson, Jessamine, Johnson, Lawrence, Lewis, Martin, Mason, Mercer, Montgomery, Morgan, Oldham, Pike, Powell, Rowan, Shelby and Wolfe counties; as well as Ashland Blazer, Jackson, Russell, independents; and Lakeside Christian.

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

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

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

## **MSU set to gain 200 new security cameras**

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