

News Items for 2016 - June

Audible alert system test Monday

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Morehead State University will conduct the monthly test of its audible alert system on Monday, June 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/.

MSU personnel complete Bluegrass Academic Leadership Academy

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The Bluegrass Higher Education Consortium has announced that 41 Fellows – including six from Morehead State University - have completed its third Bluegrass Academic Leadership Academy.

The Academic Leadership Academy is a presidential initiative, led by the 12 presidents represented in the consortium, to build future academic leaders in the Bluegrass Region.

The MSU Fellows were Dr. Doug Chatham, Department of Mathematics and Physics interim chair; Jennifer Crisp-Timmermann, transition services director; David Litteral, military initiatives director; Krys Lynam, 21st Century Education Enterprise communications and business manager; Dr. Johnathan Nelson, assistant professor of management; and Dr. Shannon Smith-Stephens, counseling and health services director.

The Fellows experienced full-day sessions on Feb. 18 at Berea College and April 29 at the University of Kentucky's Spindletop Hall.

During these sessions participants were encouraged to consider various leadership career paths within higher education. They also received guidance to gain the knowledge and develop the skill sets required for effective institutional leadership.

In between sessions, the Fellows worked in teams to complete a project benefiting their specific institution.

Each project team had a mentor from their institution who also served on the planning committee for the Academic Leadership Academy. Dr. Janet Rice McCoy, director of the Center for Leadership and Professional Development, served in these capacities for Morehead State.

At MSU, the project was titled “MCOMPASS: Mobile App to Aid Student Success and Retention.”

“Our Fellows explored the feasibility of a mobile application to help MSU students map course schedules and locate points of contact while easing their transition to MSU. They reviewed existing resources used by Disability Services, First Year Programs, and Career Services, in addition to external models.”

“This project is important because today’s millennial college students have grown up with smartphones and tablets—they speak the language of mobile apps,” said Dr. McCoy.

The Bluegrass Higher Education Consortium was chartered in 2012, under the Bluegrass Tomorrow 501c3 umbrella, with the mission of advancing the region both economically and educationally. Rob Rumpke is the president and CEO of Bluegrass Tomorrow.

The 12 regionally accredited four-year institutions participating in the consortium are Asbury University, Berea College, Bluegrass Community and Technical College, Centre College, Eastern Kentucky University, Georgetown College, Midway College, Morehead State University, Kentucky State University, Sullivan University, Transylvania University and the University of Kentucky.

Additional information is available by contacting Dr. McCoy at 606-783-2603 or email her at j.mccoy@moreheadstate.edu.

MSPR to host special CAB meeting

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The Community Advisory Board for [Morehead State Public Radio](#) will conduct a special meeting on Wednesday, June 15, at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting will be held in the MSPR studios, located in Breckinridge Hall on the Morehead State University campus. Meetings of the board are open to the public.

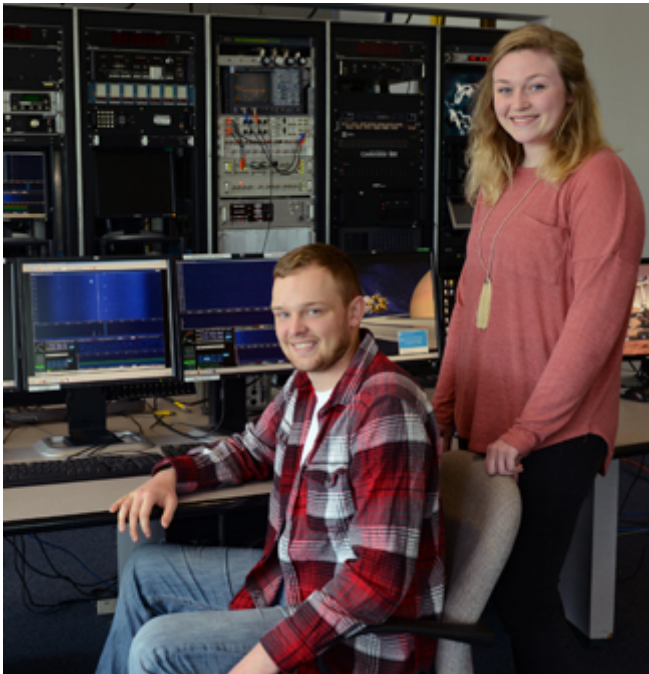
Morehead State Public Radio broadcasts 24-hours a day from the MSU campus. WMKY (90.3 FM) serves as the flagship station for the network. MSPR serves more than 20 counties in Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia.

Additional information is available on MSPR's website at www.wmky.org or from Paul Hitchcock, general manager, at wmky@moreheadstate.edu or by phone at 606-783-2001.

MSU students locate missing satellite

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Morehead State University [Space Science Center](#) students Cody Robinson and Maria LeMaster teamed up to discover a lost satellite.

Robinson is the son of Doug and Michelle Robinson of Georgetown while LeMaster is the daughter of David and Renee LeMaster of Paintsville.

STMSat-1 is a satellite that was built by grade school children from St. Thomas More elementary school in Virginia. This satellite is a 1U Cubesat with a camera as its payload. The camera transmits a Slow Scan TV signal or SSTV with a frequency of 437.8MHz. STMSat-1 started out as just one school's project, but later went "viral" by attracting a massive following that ended up all over social media, CBS This Morning and was eventually blessed by the Pope himself. As many as 10,000 grade school children tuned in to hear the satellite after its release from the International Space Station on May 16, however nobody was able to hear the satellite as it orbited.

The project developers had partnered with NASA Goddard Spaceflight Center and they began to consider options to look for the lost satellite. In troubleshooting the problem it was suggested the frequency had shifted due to the temperature difference in space. This became a problem for the grade school students because their antennas would be unable to locate the signal as they look at a very narrow band. The NASA team then suggested that Morehead State University might be able to help and contacted MSU through the NASA Near Earth Network.

MSU's Space Science Center assembled a team of one staff member, Bob Kroll, space systems engineer, and two students to look for the lost spacecraft. Robinson and LeMaster teamed to use the 21 meter radio antenna to search for the missing spacecraft.

On May 2 around 11:03 p.m., Robinson and LeMaster used Keplerian Element, data from NASA's database to determine pointing angles for the 21-meter antenna. A Keplerian Element- or Two Line Element, is a data

format for orbiting elements at a given point of time. During the May 24 pass, a faint signal was received and analyzed by the team. It was then sent to the project manager at NASA Goddard Spaceflight Center. The lost satellite was found. NASA was correct, its signal had in fact shifted down to about 437.1MHz. Now that the signal has been found, thousands of school children will potentially be able to hear and receive pictures from the satellite.

According to Space Science Center Director Dr. Ben Malphrus, "this is the second lost satellite our students have found this summer."

The first was an Italian satellite called E-ST@R-II that was launched by the University of Parma. A mutual colleague at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory requested that we search for the spacecraft. On May 4, Sarah Wilczeski, a junior in Space Science detected a signal from E-ST@R-II that the Italian team was able to decode, providing valuable telemetry to assess the issues with the spacecraft.

"The significant infrastructure including the 21 m Space Tracking Antenna combined with sharp and persistent students and dedicated staff has led to Morehead State University becoming an important ground support system this summer for small satellite space operations," said Kroll. "And these activities provide invaluable hands-on experience for our students."

More on STMSat-1 can be found at www.STMSat-1.org.

Additional information is available by contacting Dr. Malphrus at 606-783-2381, email b.malphrus@moreheadstate.edu or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/ssc/ .

Success Academy helps students get a jump-start on college

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Making the transition to college life can be a major adjustment. This is why Morehead State University offers the [Success Academy](#).

The academy, which takes place June 20 through July 29, is open to all incoming freshmen. It allows new Eagle students to get a head start on college by taking two classes and their first-year seminar during the summer at a discounted cost.

"The academy helps students learn about resources on campus, college classroom expectations, the importance of study time outside class and how to navigate campus, and they also make connections with faculty and staff," said Lora Pace, director of first year programs. "We have fewer students on campus during the summer, so by the time campus fills up in August, Success Academy students already know their way around."

The Success Academy is ideal for college readiness students because it allows them to complete their needed college readiness courses before the start of the fall semester so they can take their required classes sooner. For those who do not need college readiness courses, the academy gives them a head start on classes. Pace said there is evidence that students who attend the Success Academy are more likely to complete their degrees. Students who have been provisionally or conditionally admitted to MSU are also strongly encouraged to participate in the Success Academy. This will prepare them for the Eagle Success Program, a year-long program designed to provide academic guidance and support.

"Our 2014 cohort was more likely to return the following year than the remainder of the first year class," Pace said.

Past students of the Success Academy said it was a rewarding experience. Erika Hibbits, a sophomore majoring in veterinary technology from Mt. Orab, Ohio, said she not only got a jump start on classes, she learned the ins and outs of campus life while attending the academy in 2014.

"Thanks to the FYS (First Year Seminar) class, I knew where almost everything was on campus so it was a lot less stressful getting to my classes," said Hibbits. "I feel it's a great program and encourage everyone to give it a shot." Hibbits added that her time at the Success Academy gave her a taste of what living in a residence hall would be like.

Ethan Jeffers, a freshman from LaFollette, Tennessee, majoring in design and manufacturing engineering technology, said the experience offered numerous benefits.

"I decided to attend Success Academy to get a head start on classes and get a feel for college life. Also, since I am on the football team, it gave me a chance to get to know my teammates more before the fall semester began,"

said Jeffers, who attended in 2015. "It helped me get to know what college was like and how things went on campus before the rest of the students got here."

For more information, contact 606-783-5208, email success@moreheadstate.edu , or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/successacademy .

MSU to offer assistance to St. Catharine College students

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Morehead State University [Office of Enrollment Services](#) is reaching out to assist students affected by closure of St. Catharine College.

“We know how devastating this can be to the students and want to offer our assistance to them in any way we can. We’re here to assist the students affected to ensure their completion of the degree they’ve been working so hard toward.” said Tim Rhodes, interim assistant vice president for enrollment services.

St. Catharine College students are encouraged to visit www.moreheadstate.edu/apply to complete an undergraduate admission and scholarship application. MSU will waive the \$30 application fee and asks these students to use the promo code STCATH on the payment screen.

The Transition Services team within the Office of Enrollment Services will provide information regarding course transferability, online completion programs, and transfer scholarships.

Students are invited to request assistance by contacting Jen Timmermann, director of transition services, at 606-783-5488 or at transfer@moreheadstate.edu.

A look back: 'A Day in the Country'

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Morehead State University's [Kentucky Folk Art Center](#) "A Day in the Country 2016" was held Saturday, June 4 at the Morehead Conference Center.

The event brought more than 50 self-taught artists from more than 10 states together to display and offer their work for sale. Visitors to the show experienced wood carvings, stone carvings, painting, and more.

This year featured exhibition is "Mark Francis: Time and Chance," examines the entirety of Francis' career, beginning with more rudimentary sculptures from the 1990s through recent masterworks. It will remain on display through Aug. 27.

MSU chief photographer Tim Holbrook shares some of the scenes from the events and has put them in a [photo gallery](#).

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.moreheadstate.edu/kfac/.

Strategic agenda seeks to improve quality of life, workforce and economy through educational attainment

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Kentucky's [Council on Postsecondary Education](#) approved "Stronger by Degrees, A Strategic Agenda for Postsecondary and Adult Education" at its meeting Friday, June 3.

The six-year plan intensifies Kentucky's strong focus on improving opportunity for citizens and building a stronger economy through increased educational attainment at all levels-certificates, associate and bachelor's degrees, and above.

Required by statute, the strategic agenda will guide postsecondary policy and practice through 2021.

At the heart of the strategic agenda is advancing the ambitious goal to raise the percentage of Kentuckians with a postsecondary degree or certificate from the current level of 45 percent to 58 percent by the year 2025.

"Increasing the education and skill levels of our citizens is the most effective way to grow individual prosperity and address many of Kentucky's challenges-poverty, poor health and an undereducated, underemployed workforce. Stronger by Degrees will move us closer to our attainment goal while strengthening the employability and educational skills of our current and future workforce," said Bob King, CPE president.

A 2015 study by the University of Kentucky's Center for Business and Economic Research (CBER) found that if Kentucky reached the national average in educational attainment it would generate a net positive impact of roughly \$900 million annually to the state's economy.

"The campus presidents appreciate the thorough process that the Council used in the development of the strategic agenda. We know that higher education means a better quality of life for our citizens and economic growth for the Commonwealth. At its heart, this is what this agenda is about," said Morehead State University President Wayne Andrews, the convener of the Conference of Presidents.

The agenda is the result of more than a year of work involving hundreds of contributors, including representatives of education, business and numerous organizations. Through town hall meetings, committee meetings and forums, contributors identified major obstacles to overcome and the most promising strategies to move Kentucky forward.

The three "urgent" priorities outlined in the strategic agenda include:

- Opportunity-Ensuring accessibility, student support and resources, and that students enter postsecondary education prepared for credit-bearing work.
- Success-Increasing persistence and certificate and degree completions, and improving teaching and learning.
- Impact-Raising educational attainment levels, improving career readiness of graduates, increasing basic, applied and translational research to promote economic growth, and expanding partnerships and public service to improve the health and quality of life of Kentucky communities.

A final recommendation regarding strategic agenda metrics will be presented at the conclusion of the outcomes-based funding model discussions later this year.

In other action, the Council approved tuition and mandatory fee proposals for three universities. All rates complied with the resident, undergraduate ceilings set in April by the Council: 5 percent increase for the research universities; \$432 annual increase for the comprehensive universities; and a \$9 per-credit-hour increase for students attending college within the Kentucky Community and Technical College System.

The approvals included:

- Eastern Kentucky University--\$418 annual increase;
- Northern Kentucky University-\$264 annual increase; and
- Murray State University- weighted average increase equal to 5.2 percent, which is less than the \$432 ceiling.

In other tuition action, the Council directed authority to the Council president to approve remaining tuition and fee proposals for all institutions not able to submit proposals for consideration at the June 3 meeting, provided the proposals comply with the tuition ceilings set by the Council.

In other business, the Council:

- Approved two academic programs-a Master of Public Financial Management at the University of Kentucky and a Master of Science in Child and Family Studies at Western Kentucky University.
- Heard the results of Council President Bob King's annual evaluation, which was described by numerous Council members as extraordinary during a difficult budget year.

Chair Glenn Denton said, "We could not be more pleased, and we are very blessed to have his strong leadership. If rough seas make good sailors, he is a very fine captain."

The Council also approved the Council President's Plan of Work, which provides a clear set of policy priorities and tasks to guide the work of the Council staff through June 2017.

Resolutions were issued to outgoing Council student member Elizabeth Ruwe and staff member Mike Bailey, who retired with nearly 37 years of service.

The Council heard the following reports: CPE President, Kentucky Commissioner of Education and Committee on Equal Opportunities. Reports from the campuses were also available.

The next meeting of the Council will be Sept. 22-23 at Eastern Kentucky University.

Meeting materials, including the new strategic agenda and tuition proposals, are available at <http://cpe.ky.gov/about/cpe/meetings/2016.htm>.

Black Achievers program visits MSU

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Morehead State University [Office of Enrollment Services](#) hosted Lexington's YMCA Black Achievers on Thursday, June 2.

According to its website, YMCA Black Achievers is an educational and cultural enrichment program that prepares middle and high school students for college. It is the catalyst that provides exposure to present and future educational/career opportunities, instills positive social values, ignites students' thirst for knowledge, and enables students to fulfill their potential by creating opportunities for adults and the community to participate in their lives, and empowers families to assist students in reaching higher goals. Roxanne Brown, YMCA Black Achievers Director, annually brings students to Morehead State to be expose to college.

Each year, Morehead State offers two full tuition scholarships to incoming freshman that complete the Black Achievers program.

A group of nearly 40 high school students came to MSU for the day. Enrollment Services staff led by Marquez Young, enrollment services counselor for diversity, greeted the students upon their arrival at the Space Science Center. The staff joined the group on their tour of the SSC. Following the tour, the group had lunch, took a tour of our nationally ranked Recreation and Wellness center, met with the Craft Academy, and attended an admissions presentation.

For more information about the Black Achievers program, contact Roxanne Brown at 859-367-7377 or email rbrown@ymcacky.org .

A look back: '2016 Summer Arts Academy'

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MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY
SUMMER ARTS ACADEMY

Morehead State University hosted nearly 60 students from California, Kentucky, Ohio, West Virginia and Indiana for its Summer Arts Academy, June 5-11.

The Academy consisted of six full days of activities, including individual and group instruction in a chosen area - - music, theatre, art and design, and creative writing.

The Academy exists to nurture students' development in the arts in a setting which allows interaction with expert faculty and the opportunity to work with other students who share specific interests in music, theatre, art and design and creative writing. Recreational activities included an "Art Hop" night, movie night, bowling night and Academy picnic. Other evening activities were scheduled in the SAA participant's medium including performances /presentations by MSU Summer Arts Academy faculty.

"What made this a unique experience was the focus on the individual having specific study in their medium (music, theatre, art and design and creative writing) several hours a day with faculty," said Greg Wing, Summer Arts Academy director. "Participants had an opportunity to improve their skills in each area and interact with other students."

The Summer Arts Academy is partially funded through the [Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences](#) and the [School of Music, Theatre and Dance](#).

Chief photographer Tim Holbrook along with SAA staff members have compiled a [photo gallery](#) of the 2016 Summer Arts Academy.

BOR to meet June 10

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EVENT: Board of Regents Meeting

DATE: Friday, June 10, 2016

TIME: 9 a.m.

SITE: Center for Health, Education and Research (CHER), 316 W. 2nd St. Morehead (DeMoss Suite, 102 D)

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. ADOPT RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR AUSTIN CASEBOLT

IV. REPORT ON STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION – AUSTIN CASEBOLT

V. APPROVE AWARDING OF FOUNDERS AWARD FOR UNIVERSITY SERVICE TO MYRON DOAN

VI. APPROVE PERSONNEL POLICIES PAC-22 FACULTY DISCIPLINE AND REMOVAL FOR CAUSE, PAC-26 TERMINATION OF FACULTY FOR FINANCIAL EXIGENCY AND DISCONTINUANCE OF PROGRAM, AND PG-63 EMPLOYEE FURLOUGHS

VII. PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS

A. Consent Agenda (Action)

1. Approve Minutes of March 18, 2016, Meeting
2. Ratify 2016 Spring Graduates
3. Ratify Personnel Actions
4. Approve Minimum Scope of the Annual Audit

B. Recommendations (Action)

1. Approve Promotions, 2016

2. Approve Emeritus Status, 2016
3. Approve Academic Administrator Rank and Tenure
4. Accept Third Quarter Financial Report and Amend Operating Budget
5. Approve 2016-17 Operating Budget, Fee Schedule And Personnel Roster
6. Authorize Financing for Phase II Construction of Parking Garage/Dining Commons Facility
7. Approve Request to Locally Manage Capital Construction Projects

C. Reports

1. Final 2016 Spring Enrollment Report
2. Report on Personal Service Contracts

D. President's Report

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Executive Session

B. President's Contract

C. President's Goals for 2016-17

D. Future Meetings

1. **Work Session – Friday, August 26**
2. **Quarterly Meeting – Friday, September 30**
3. **Work Session – Friday, November 11**
4. **Quarterly Meeting – Friday, December 9**

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Career Services hosts Etiquette Dinner

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Morehead State University's [Career Services](#) hosted its sixth formal, etiquette networking dinner for university students at the Adron Doran University Center.

Appalachian School of Law, 21st Mortgage, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Foresters Financial, Peace Corps and Verizon Cellular Sales sponsored the dinner. A total of 55 students took advantage of this opportunity.

The evening began with employers mingling with students as tips were shared to prepare students to be successful networkers. The recruiters volunteering their time to network represented the sponsors as well as Total Quality Logistics and Verizon Cellular Sales.

During the etiquette networking dinner, Terri Thompson, Etiquette Institute graduate, served as the guest speaker guiding participants in the proper way to navigate courses of food, handle napkins and tableware, as well as how to excuse oneself from the table.

"Etiquette is about helping students develop professional poise, confident communication skills, and personal polish," said Thompson. "Practicing the three bedrock principles of etiquette...kindness, consideration and honesty is always the right thing to do and will help any student's success."

"I really enjoyed the tips that the speaker shared and I thought it was a great opportunity to network," said Tiffany Parker, a psychology major.

According to national surveys of employers (NACE Job Outlook 2015), employers prize skills including: leadership, teamwork and communication skills. Employers who recruit at MSU also want those skills, but are more specific saying that students should be able to introduce themselves, learn to wear professional business attire, and practice basic etiquette.

"We listen to what employers say and try to build career events to help our students prepare for the world of work," said Julia Hawkins, Career Services director, "I am pleased with the increased attendance at the dinner."

For more information about Career Services, call 606-783-2233 or email at careerservices@moreheadstate.edu.

Gustin, Morrill, Simonson win MSPR awards

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[Morehead State Public Radio](#) has named Michael Gustin of Springboro, Ohio, the recipient of the Community Advisory Board Student Leadership Award while Samantha Morrill of Morehead and Jordan Simonson of Carlisle were the winners of the Outstanding Student awards.

To highlight their achievements, these individuals are recognized each year for their work and dedication to MSPR, Morehead State University and the community.

"Since 1965, WMKY has offered a variety of hands-on opportunities in a professional, educational environment. We value the hard work by our student staff and their commitment to our listeners. Michael (Gustin), Samantha (Morrill) and Jordan (Simonson) represent the dedication and integrity our students provide at WMKY," said Paul Hitchcock, MSPR general manager.

Gustin graduated from MSU in December 2015 with a B.S. degree in Animal Science. He is a member of the Delta Tau Alpha Honor Society, MSU Dean's List (2012-2015) and served on the Pi Kappa Phi Executive Council. The Student Leadership Award is selected by MSPR's Community Advisory Board and presented to a student with excellent leadership skills at MSU and in the community.

MSPR's Outstanding Student Award is presented to a student who has demonstrated excellent leadership skills, initiative and creativity.

Morrill has worked at MSPR since 2014, serving as a newscaster, feature reporter, audio engineer, local host of The World, All Things Considered and a variety of weekend programming, including host and producer of Sunday Night Jazz.

Simonson has worked at MSPR since 2013, serving as a newscaster, feature reporter, audio engineer and local host of NPR's Morning Edition. In 2015, she received 3rd Place for Best Feature Story ("Commonwealth Curiosities") from the Kentucky Associated Press.

The winners will receive a gift certificate from the University Bookstore, their name placed on a plaque at the MSPR studios, and an individual gift from the station. Financial awards are supported by the MSU Foundation and the Fund for Excellence.

MSPR relies on the help of many MSU students. An average of 20 students work at the station each year, performing a variety of tasks including as reporter, copy editor, board operator, music host, and production and marketing assistants.

Additional information is available by calling MSPR at 800-286-9659 or 606-783-2001; or log on to MSPR's website at www.wmky.org.

Space Science Center's Star Theater nearing 100,000 visitors

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Friday Afternoon Summer Program Schedule:

Date	1 p.m. Planetarium Show + Night Sky Tour	2:15 p.m. Laser Show
June 10	From Earth to the Universe	Pink Floyd - Dark Side of the Moon
June 17	Cosmic Journey	Laser Zepplin
June 24*	One World, One Sky + They Might Be Giants*	Laser Pop
July 1	Awesome Light II & III	Laser Magic
July 8	Black Hole Journey	Laser Beatles
July 15*	Earth, Moon & Sun*	iPop
July 22	Dawn of the Space Age	Laseropolis
July 29	Sun Struck	Hypnotica

*Note: shows with an asterisk beside them are aimed towards younger audiences and children

The Morehead State University Space Science Center's [Star Theater](#) has educated and entertained audiences young and old since its opening in June of 2009. During its years of operation, the Star Theater has hosted more than 89,000 visitors and averages an annual attendance of approximately 12,700 visitors per year. Visitors to the Star Theater include MSU classes, public and private K-12 school groups, civic organizations and members of the general public.

The 116-seat digital theater serves as a classroom and planetarium for the region's educators, students and the general public. The Star Theater projects full 180° x 360° real-time blended video and graphics onto a 40-foot dome screen using six digital projectors and state-of-the-art surround sound.

In digital theater mode, the use of the all-dome video allows a broad range of programming including simulated travel through deep space and through the deepest depths of the ocean allowing free movement through a 3-D universe viewing endless astronomical phenomena, such as comets, planets, and supernova with full motion and 3-D texturing.

This summer, the Star Theater will present public shows each Friday, June 10 through July 29. A planetarium show and night sky tour will be given at 1 p.m. each Friday, followed by a laser show at 2:15 p.m.

A schedule of these programs is included at the end of this article, and you can find descriptions of each show on our Star Theater website, under "K-12 School Shows". The cost of each show will be \$2 per person per show, with children under the age of four able to attend for free. Alternatively, the theater offers programs for the general public on the third weekend of each month, September through May, at a low cost for visitors of all ages. These monthly shows will resume the evening of Friday, Sept. 16. In addition, the theater offers special group shows for school groups, youth groups, summer camps, and civic organizations at a low cost

This coming school year, Star Theater director Eric Thomas hopes "that the Star Theater will surpass the 100,000 visitor mark in its eighth year of operation." According to Thomas, "This would be a major accomplishment, as the initial expectations for the theater would only have seen around 6,000 visitors per year. The Star Theater allows visitors to travel from the darkest depths of the ocean to the farthest reaches of the known universe, and presents programs that are culturally diverse and informative across a wide variety of topics. This attendance count would be a major milestone for our local planetarium and could help spark interest in earth and space science in our community and throughout Kentucky."

For more information about the Star Theater and its public programs, visit its website www.moreheadstate.edu/startheater.

To help the Star Theater reach its attendance goal, visit one of the public show programs or book a private show. If interested in booking a private show, contact Eric Thomas at 606-783-9593 or email e.thomas@moreheadstate.edu.

'Bluegrass Biennial' on display through Aug. 24

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Claypool-Young Art Gallery
Morehead State University Department of Art & Design and
MSU Arts & Humanities Council
present

the
**BLUEGRASS
BIENNIAL**
A juried exhibition of Kentucky artists

Showcasing the wealth of visual art in Kentucky, "The Bluegrass Biennial: A Kentucky Juried Exhibition" will be on exhibit through Aug. 24 at Morehead State University's main gallery of the [Claypool-Young Art Building](#).

A closing reception and juror's talk will be held Wednesday, Aug. 24, from 5-7 p.m.

Lindsey Maestri, an artist, curator and arts administrator based in Paducah, was the exhibition juror. She is the executive director at the Yeiser Art Center.

Inspired by both the quality and quantity of visual art created in the state, the exhibition seeks to display the range of artistic production from across the Commonwealth. The strength of the exhibition truly rests in its diversity, from the types of artists included which run from self-taught to graduates of Master of Fine Art programs, to the range of artwork media and style on display.

The exhibition has four artwork awards selected by the juror for aesthetic excellence, and include the following:

Best in Show Award: Deborah Levine, Louisville; *Destruct/Reconstruct*, 2013; handmade embossed paper, 16.5 x 55;"

Merit Award: David Bartlett, Morehead; *Cell II*, 2015; Digital photo/inkjet print, 40 x 30;"

Merit Award: Steve Heine, Louisville; *Lucent Cloud*, 2016; Steel sheet (laser cut and folded), hand blown sheet glass, poplar, 18 x 18 x 2."

The 36 accepted artists include: Dobree Adams, Frankfort; David Bartlett, Morehead; Rachael Burriss, Alexandria; Susan Crum-Cox, Lebanon; Brad Devlin, Louisville; Gweneth Dunleavy, Louisville; Sean Fitzgerald, Louisville; Elizabeth Foley, Lexington; Linda Fugate-Blumer, Lexington; Beverly Gabbard, Morehead; Jamie Green, Lexington; Jennifer Hart, Lexington; Steve Heine, Louisville; Virgil Henle, Louisville; Charlsa Hensley, Berea; Cynthia Ryan Kelly, Lexington; Deborah Levine, Louisville;

Larry May, Clay City; Mike McCarthy, Louisville; Barry Motes, Prospect; Elizabeth Neal, Crescent Springs; Rachael Patterson, Louisville; Marti Plager, Louisville; Claire Pope, Springfield; Martha Puckett, Louisville; Fran Redmon, Frankfort; Patricia B. Seggebruch, Lexington; De Selby, Nicholasville; Brandon C. Smith, Lexington; Hunter Stamps, Lexington; Tonya Vance, Lexington; Cathy Vigor, Lexington; Amy Welborn, Crestwood; Lindsey Windland, Berea; and Jenny Zeller, Louisville.

The event is sponsored by the art gallery, MSU's [Claypool-Young art gallery](#), Department of [Art and Design](#) and Arts and Humanities Council.

Scheduled for the summer of 2018, the next Bluegrass Biennial will again invite a juror from Kentucky to curate an exhibition representing the contemporary spirit of art in the Commonwealth.

The Claypool-Young art gallery, an educational resource of the art and design department and the University, features contemporary art for the Morehead State University community and its service region. The gallery, open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. or by appointment, is free and open to the public. Parking is available on Main Street and across campus after 5 p.m.

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

Members of presidential search and screening advisory committee named

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Paul C. Goodpaster, chair of the Morehead State University's Board of Regents, has named a nine-member presidential search and screening advisory committee to help conduct a national search for the next MSU president.

MSU President Wayne D. Andrews announced in May that he would retire from the presidency on June 30, 2017.

The committee will be chaired by Wayne Martin, vice chair of the Board of Regents.

"I am honored to have been selected to serve again in this capacity. Having chaired a presidential search in 1992, I understand the work we have ahead of us. However, I know given the committee membership and the commitment these people have to MSU, the year ahead will be exciting. We want to be as transparent as possible and welcome broad input. We will share more information about the process as it becomes available," said Martin.

Also appointed to the committee were Kathy Walker, regent, vice chair; Dr. Royal Berglee, faculty regent; Dr. Shannon Harr, staff regent; Adam Abbott, student regent; Eric Howard, Alumni Association member and regent; Buckner Hinkle, MSU Foundation Board of Directors; Dr. Michelle Kunz, faculty; and Karen Chaney, community representative. Goodpaster will serve in an ex-officio capacity.

"The members of the presidential search and screening advisory committee represent a diverse group of individuals, inclusive of the many campus stakeholders, with a deep understanding of Morehead State University's history and a vision for our future. While President Andrews will leave big shoes to fill, I am confident the individuals selected will help bring a strong group of innovative, inspiring and thoughtful leaders forward to the Board," said Goodpaster.

Additional information and bios on the committee representatives are available at www.moreheadstate.edu/presidentialsearch .

'Clinic Days' draws record attendance

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Morehead State University hosted the 38th annual Buffalo Trace Veterinary Medical Association Morehead Clinic Days June 4 and 5 at the Derrickson Agricultural Complex. This year's event was attended by more than 200 veterinary technicians, veterinarians and exhibitors.

The two-day event has been held annually at MSU since 1978.

"The meeting went extremely well, with great speakers, food and fellowship," said Dr. Phil Prater, MSU associate professor of veterinary technology. "The live auction was a hit with all of the attendees and raised an additional \$1,550 which will be added to the BTVMA / MSU Foundation Veterinary Technology Scholarship Fund."

Topics included equine internal medicine, small animal internal medicine and dermatology, beef cattle reproduction, regulatory medical topics on foreign animal diseases, equine vaccinations, small animal behavior issues, USDA-APHIS Accreditation, small animal diagnostic imaging, small animal wound care / bandaging and clinical pathology.

Speakers included Dr. Duane Chappell, Dr. Cynthia Gaskill, Dr. Louis Pittman, Barb Lewis (MA, CVT), Dr. Antu Radharkrishnan, Dr. Dallas Meeks, Dr. Phil Prater, Dr. Chris Reeder, Dr. Amy Pike, Dr. Chas McBrien, Dr. Amy Staton, Dr. Lisa Neuwirth and Davin Smith (auctioneer).

Buffalo Trace Veterinary Medical Association holds the continuing education meeting each June in conjunction with MSU. Proceeds are used to support scholarships for [MSU veterinary technology](#) students. In 2015, more than \$6,100 in scholarships were awarded to eight different students.

Additional information about the CE meeting and programs in veterinary science and technology is available by calling Dr. Prater, Department of Agricultural Sciences interim chair, or Dr. Staton, veterinary technologist, at 606-783-2328.

Miller named College of Science dean

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Dr. Wayne Miller has been named dean of the [College of Science](#) at Morehead State University. He will assume his new duties, July 1.

“We are extremely pleased to have Dr. Miller join us here at MSU,” said Dr. Steven Ralston, provost and vice president for academic affairs. “I look forward to working with him and I am confident that he will benefit the students, faculty and staff as we move both the college and MSU forward.”

He will succeed Dr. Roger McNeil, who will retire at the end of June.

Dr. Miller comes to MSU from being the director of the Center for Rural and Community Health and Professor at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine. In addition to being a center director, department chair, clinical director, administrative chair and graduate programs coordinator, he has served in several other administrative and management roles within and outside of academia, including several education and health care settings

He was hired to build the Center for Rural and Community Health from the ground up. In only a few years, they were awarded several grants to support the center and to support a small workforce. The center is now recognized across the state of West Virginia and is a key player in health initiatives of the West Virginia Bureau for Public Health. Previously he served as chair of the Exercise Science Department at George Washington University.

Dr. Miller received his B.A. degree in physical education/math from Southern Utah State College, M.S. degree in exercise physiology from Utah State University and Ph.D. degree in exercise physiology from Brigham Young University.

Dr. Miller’s research has centered on fat metabolism, physical activity, public health, and lifestyle modification. His research spans the breadth from basic biochemistry, investigating the enzymatic regulators of fat metabolism in animals, to the development of weight loss interventions and diabetes management tools for special populations, to physical activity in school children, to training of community

health workers, to health literacy. He has published more than 70 research articles in peer reviewed journals, presented more than 130 abstracts and invited talks, and supported much of his research with external funding.

Additional information is available by contacting the [Office of the Provost](#) at 606-783-2002.

Niles completes doctorate degree

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Morehead State University's Dr. Scott Niles, grants and contracts administrator in the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, has completed a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree in education sciences at the University of Kentucky.

His dissertation, titled "[Environmental change and adaptation in Kentucky Emerging Research Institution Sponsored Program Offices: A multiple case study](#)," sought to understand how three purposefully selected state-supported predominately undergraduate institutions in Kentucky adapted to a decline in state appropriations and reconfigured organizational structures and roles to facilitate adaptation. Key findings in the study support the importance of upper-administrative knowledge building and leadership in expanding the ERI research enterprise. Additionally, strategic resource allocation, organizational restructuring, a strong policy base and a focus on research development activities are critical elements in bolstering competitive external funding procurement.

The Huntington, West Virginia, native has been employed at MSU since 2007. Dr. Niles directs all aspects of proposal, budget and project development, including state and federal regulations governing grants and contracts.

He has obtained the Certified Research Administrator (CRA) credential, a national accreditation in research management issued by the Research Administrators Certification Council, and is a member of and a frequent presenter at both the National Council of University Research Administrators (NCURA) and the Society of Research Administrators International (SRA).

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Niles at 606-783-2278.

Doan to be recipient of 2016 Founders Award

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Myron Doan will be presented the 2016 Founders Award for University Service during Morehead State University's Homecoming Banquet Friday, Oct. 14, at the Morehead Conference Center.

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.

After 34 years with the University, Doan retired in 2004. A native of Falmouth, he was a two-time MSU graduate.

In 1971, Doan began working for WMKY where he served as music and promotions director, program director and assistant manager. He would join Student Life staff in 1985 as assistant to the vice president and was named dean of students in 1993, serving in that capacity until his retirement in Nov. 2004.

Doan was introduced to college cheerleading when he agreed to accompany the cheer squad on road trips and immersed himself in trainings, workshops and learning rules and procedures. The MSU cheer program exploded onto the competitive scene in 1988, winning its first national title. That championship was just the beginning as during his coaching career, the coed squad captured 13 national championships, while the all-girl squad (added in 1994) held six national championships during his tenure.

He was named Cheerleader Magazine's Coach of the Year in 2002, was inducted into the MSU Hall of Fame in 2004 and the University's cheerleading practice room was named in his honor in 2006.

In addition to his work with the cheerleading program, Doan also served as chapter advisor for Tau Kappa Epsilon, mentoring young men during their university experience.

After Mr. Doan's retirement from MSU in 2004, he remained dedicated to the institution, staying involved with the cheerleading program and even serving as an interim coach in 2010.

He passed away in June 2014.

Previous recipients have included W. E. Crutcher, 1978; Linus A. Fair, 1979; Carl D. Perkins, 1980; Dr. Warren C. Lappin, 1981; Dr. Ted L. Crosthwait, 1982; Monroe Wicker, 1983; Lloyd Cassity, 1984; Grace Crosthwaite, 1985; Boone Logan, 1986; Dr. Rondal D. Hart, 1987; George T. Young, 1988; John E. Collis, 1989; Dr. Wilhelm Exelbirt, 1990; Dr. R. H. Playforth, 1991; Dr. Mary Northcutt Powell, 1992; Senator Woody May, 1993; Dr. J. E. Duncan, 1994; Sherman R. Arnett and Harlen L. Hamm, 1995;

Dr. Adron Doran, 1996; Robert S. Bishop and Martin Huffman, 1997; Dr. Charles J. Pelfrey, 1998; Carolyn S. Flatt, 1999; Dr. Earl J. Bentley, 2000; Mrs. Mignon Doran, 2001; Dr. C. Nelson Grote, 2002; Merl F. Allen, 2003; Dr. John C. Philley, 2004; Dr. Charles M. Derrickson, 2005; Dr. John R. Duncan, 2006; Steve A. Hamilton, 2007; Dr. Marshall Banks, 2008; Dr. Randy Wells, 2009; Dr. Jack D. Ellis, 2010; Ms. Lucille Caudill Little, 2011; Rocky J. Adkins, 2012; Clyde I. James, 2013; Keith R. Kappes, 2014; Carol Johnson and W. H. "Honie" Rice, 2015.

MSU homecoming celebration will be held Oct. 13-15 Additional information is available by calling the Office of Alumni Relations and Development at 606-783-2033; 800-783-ALUM or visiting www.moreheadstate.edu/homecoming/ .

Regents approve 2016-17 operating budget; name Doan as Founders Award recipient

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Morehead State University's Board of Regents approved a \$150.9 million operating budget and the selection of Myron Doan for the Founders Award during its quarterly meeting held Friday, June 10.

The Board approved a \$150.9 million operating budget - a decrease of \$6.8 million or 4.3 percent - for the 2016-17 academic year. The budget also includes a 5.33 percent tuition increase for undergraduate and graduate students along with a 4.0 percent increase in student housing.

Doan retired from MSU in 2004 after 34 years of service. A native of Falmouth, he was a two-time MSU graduate. Doan began his MSU career in 1971 at WMKY and joined the Student Life staff in 1985 as assistant to the vice president and was named dean of students in 1993, serving in that capacity until his retirement in November 2004.

He also was cheerleading coach. Under Doan, the coed squad captured 13 national championships, while the all-girl squad added six national championships. He was named Cheerleader Magazine's Coach of the Year in 2002, was inducted into the MSU Hall of Fame in 2004 and the University's cheerleading practice room was named in his honor in 2006.

The Regents recognized outgoing Board member Austin Casebolt of Pikeville, student regent, for his service to the University.

Paul C. Goodpaster, regent chair, tabled a vote on personnel policies PAc-22 and PAc-26 until the September meeting; however, the Board of Regents approved PG-63 concerning employee furloughs.

The Board approved the fee schedule and personnel roster as well as ratified personnel actions, awarded degrees to the 2016 spring graduates, approved minimum scope of the annual audit, and accepted the third quarter financial report and amended operating budget.

The Regents heard reports on 2016 final spring enrollment; personal service contracts; and a recap of Student Government Association activities for the academic year.

The Board approved tenure with promotion to professors to Steve Chen, sports management (SBA); Sam Nataraj, computer information systems (SEIS); Christopher Schroeder, mathematics; and Lucy Mays, nursing (ADN). They approved granting tenure and the rank of professor to Dr. Charles Lydeard, Department of Biology and Chemistry chair.

The Regents approved the granting of emeritus status to L. K. Williams, professor of accounting; C. Steven Hunt, professor of information systems; James Knoll, department chair of early childhood, elementary and special education and professor; Suanne Blair, assistant professor of music; Susan Creasap, associate director of bands and professor of music; John Hennen, professor of history; Sarah Morrison, professor of English; Barb Lewis, associate professor of veterinary technology; and Charles Mason, professor of geoscience.

The Board also approved a request to locally manage capital construction projects and authorized phase II of the parking garage/dining commons facility.

Wayne Martin, vice chair, reported on the president's annual evaluation and noted Dr. Andrew's contract calls for an annual retention bonus, which the president requested to be withheld given current budget circumstances. Martin also announced the new campus residence hall will be named the Wayne D. and Susan H. Andrews Hall to honor their service to MSU.

Dr. Andrews presented his goals for the 2016-17 academic year, which were approved by the Board.

The next quarterly meeting will be Friday, Sept. 30.

Oakley is recipient of Fryman Memorial Scholarship

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The Morehead State University Foundation has announced Summar Dawn Oakley of Olive Hill is the recipient of the Katie Fryman Memorial Scholarship.

Oakley graduated from Rowan County Senior High School.

She plans to major in early and special education at MSU with the goal of becoming an MSD special education teacher.

According to Oakley, she hopes to changes the lives of children with mild to moderate disabilities by becoming a teacher.

She was the recipient of the athletic award, placed second at the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America's STAR event and was second team all-region. Oakley was a member of the basketball, soccer and archery teams along with the Career and Technical Student Organization and FCCLA.

"Katie loved to help people. Katie also loved her school, because of that my family and I are honored to be able to help someone and to keep Katie's spirit alive within the school," said Ethan Fryman, Katie's brother.

Fryman passed away in 2013.

The scholarship's namesake was a student at Rowan County Senior High School, an avid supporter of the RCSHS basketball team, loved going to school and being with her special friends.

The recipient must be a full-time MSU incoming freshman, who is a RCSHS graduate and had a 3.5 grade-point-average or above.

Applicants should submit applications along with two letters of recommendation and a personal story of influence. The recommendations should include one from RCSHS faculty or staff and a member of the

Morehead community. The personal influence should reflect on experiences of the applicant in relation to how someone has made a difference in their life. Scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$500 and may increase if additional funding is available. The recipient will be selected by a committee and is a one-time award (not renewable).

Additional information is available by contacting the RCSHS guidance counselor or MSU's Enrollment Services at 606-783-2000.

Mesa-Gaido to present gallery talk

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Morehead State University's Elizabeth Mesa-Gaido, [professor of art](#), will present a gallery talk about her work in *Viva Appalachia!*, an exhibition of Latino artists living in the Appalachian region, Friday, June 17 at 5:30 p.m. as part of The Crooked Road's Mountains of Music Homecoming.

The presentation will take place the William King Art Museum gallery, located at 415 Academy Drive in Abingdon, Virginia. The exhibit will run through Aug. 7.

Mesa-Gaido is exhibiting two installations, and a series of 12 pieces, "Then & Now," most of which were created with support from an MSU Creative Productions Summer Fellowship.

Mesa-Gaido has been a productive and award-winning artist for 20 years, bringing recognition to MSU and the Department of Art and Design since her arrival in 1992. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Pittsburgh and an M.F.A. degree from Ohio University in Athens.

Mesa-Gaido's creative work encompasses two- and three-dimensional media, diverse and innovative use of materials, and inter- or cross-disciplinary connections.

She was the 2013 recipient of MSU's Distinguished Creative Productions award.

Additional information is available by contacting Mesa-Gaido at 606-783-2763.

MSU welcomes Governor's Scholars Program

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Morehead State University is hosting the [Kentucky Governor's Scholars Program](#) again.

The scholars arrived on campus June 19 and this year's class is made up of 356 students from across the Commonwealth.

"We are elated to have the Governor's Scholars Program back at Morehead State," said President Wayne D. Andrews. "We are excited about having several hundred of Kentucky's top high school students on our campus this summer for this prestigious activity. The GSP leadership knows that we are committed to providing outstanding staff and facility support and to sharing our famous Morehead hospitality."

The Governor's Scholars Program is a five-week, residential summer program for outstanding Kentucky students who have completed their junior year in high school. Established in 1983, the program provides academic and personal growth in a challenging, nontraditional environment that balances a strong liberal arts program with a full co-curricular and residential life experience.

Students must complete an application and compete with others from across the state. Those selected attend the program free of charge.

GSP will conclude with a closing ceremony on July 23.

Other host campuses are Murray State University and Northern Kentucky University.

Additional information is available by calling 606-783-2075, email gsp@moreheadstate.edu or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/gsp.

Concert Chamber Singers will present 'Bon Voyage' concert

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Morehead State University's [Concert Chamber Singers](#) will present its "Bon Voyage" concert Tuesday, June 28, at 7 pm at First Baptist Church, 123 East Main Street, Morehead.

The event is free and open to the public.

The 20-voice Chamber Singers, conducted by Dr. Greg Detweiler, will depart the following morning for Rome and Pompeii, Italy. In Rome they will compete in the Musica Eterna Roma International Choral Festival and Competition, sing several shared concerts with other international choirs, and sing as part of the 5 p.m. Mass at St. Peter's on July 4. The tour will conclude with a concert in the ruins of Pompeii.

The choirs' program is based upon the specific requirements of the competition and St. Peter's and other requests, such as an All-American program for the Fourth of July.

Chamber Singers will open with three early music pieces and then move to more contemporary sacred pieces. The early music pieces are "Leggiadre Ninfe" by Luca Marenzio, "Super flumina Babylonis" by Palestrina, and "Sicut Moses serpentum" by Heinrich Schütz. Contemporary pieces include C.V. Stanford's "Justorum animae," John Tebay's "Psalm 57," David Dickau's "O Nata Lux," and arrangements of "He's Got the Whole World and Precious Lord."

The second half of the program will feature two pieces of Americana, two love songs, and a final Cuban dance piece. The choir will open with arrangements of "America the Beautiful" and "Wade in the Water." They will continue with "I Would Live in your Love" by Stephen Chatman and "In love with the beautiful eyes" by David Ashley White, and conclude with the fiery rumba, "El Guayboso" by Guido López-Gavilán.

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

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

Miller named dean of the College of Education

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Dr. Chris Miller has been named interim dean of the [College of Education](#) at Morehead State University. He will assume his new duties, July 1.

Dr. Miller graduated with his B.S. degree from MSU, and received an M.A. degree and an Ed.D. degree from the University of Kentucky.

He began at MSU as an instructor in 2001 and an assistant professor in 2003, he was promoted to associate professor in 2008. He was promoted to professor of education in 2013 and became the chair of the Department of Foundational and Graduate Studies in the College of Education.

During his time at MSU, Dr. Miller has led the development of the Educational Technology graduate program and was a co-developer of MSU's first doctoral program in Educational Leadership. He has developed one undergraduate and 10 graduate educational technology courses and co-developed 10 doctoral level courses. He has chaired seven doctoral students in the program.

He has served as the faculty advisor for the Epsilon Theta Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi and was awarded its 2005 Outstanding Service Award in the Field of Education.

Dr. Miller's research has focused on distance learning, instructional design, games in education and comics as new media for instruction. He has seven published articles, four book chapters, the edited book "Games: Purpose and potential in education" and 40 refereed presentations. He also serves on the editorial board for the international journal "Educational Technology Research and Development" published by the Association for Educational Communications and Technology and Springer. Along with his research, he has been the primary investigator or co-primary investigator on nine different grant projects totaling \$264,000.

Dr. Miller has served as president of the Kentucky Association for Teacher Educators (KATE) and president of the Multimedia Production Division and Division of Distance Learning for the Association of Educational Communications and Technology (AECT), an international professional organization. He

received the AECT Presidential Service Award in 2009 and is currently the president-elect of the Educational Communications Foundation, a non-profit organization associated with the AECT. He also has served on the Gateway Regional Arts Center Board in Mt. Sterling.

Additional information is available by contacting the [Office of the Provost](#) at 606-783-2002.

INSIGHT program visits MSU

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INSIGHT, a postsecondary preparation program for high school students who are blind or visually impaired, was held on the Morehead State University campus June 3-11.

In its 10th year, the program is a collaboration between MSU, Kentucky Office for the Blind, Kentucky School for the Blind, Kentucky Education Development Corporation (KEDC), and KSB Charitable Foundation.

An opening ceremony for attendees and their families along with alumni and staff of the program was held at Button Auditorium.

Participating in this year's camp were Callie Boone, Campbellsville; Christopher Popp, Walton; Jacob Hack, Morgantown; Jacob Smith, Bardstown; Jared Simpson, La Grange; Jessica Sander, Walton, Boone; Trevor Grivil, Louisville; Mason Buckingham, Paducah; Miguel Magallanes, Louisville; Willie Barksdale, Owensboro; Jarriel Garcia, Radcliff; Evan Toler, Louisville; Alicia Jones, Louisville; Eric Scott-Rafferty, Radcliff; Hailey Naftel, Bowling Green; Dalton Buckner, Vanceburg; Dylan Glunt, Paducah; and Jordan Morris, Georgetown.

The program is offered to students who have completed the 10th, 11th, or 12th grade and is designed to give them a real world college experience, including living in a residence hall, attending academic classes, and practicing orientation and mobility skills in a campus environment. Although a number of INSIGHT alums have gone on to enroll at MSU, what is learned through the program are highly transferrable college skills that will support success at any postsecondary institution.

Additional information is available by contacting Evangeline Day, [Disability Services](#) coordinator, at 606-783-5188.

Presidential Search and Screening Advisory Committee to hold meeting

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The Presidential Search and Screening Advisory Committee will hold its first meeting on Wednesday, June 29, starting at 2 p.m. in the Kibbey Seminar Room (Room 109) of the Bert T. Combs Building on Morehead State University's campus.

Committee meetings are open to the public.

Agenda and additional information will be available at www.moreheadstate.edu/presidentialsearch.

MSU hosts NTOA 'Active Shooter' training

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Morehead State University's [Police Department](#) hosted a [National Tactical Officers Association](#) (NTOA) a week-long "Active Shooter" training, June 13-17.

A total of 19 officers joined in the drills.

Participating were: James Botts, MSUPD; Derek Howard, Morehead City Police; Zach Downing, UKPD; Alan Saylor, UKPD; Shannon Blevins, Kentucky Attorney General Department of Criminal Investigations; Ryan McDavid, Ashland PD; Kevin Shepherd, Floyd County Sheriff Office; Alex Kliem, Douglas County (Kansas) Sheriff Office; David N. Vinson, Westinghouse Nuclear; Mark McVey, Kitsap County (Washington) Sheriff Office; Ken Smith, Chesapeake (Virginia) Police Department; Chris Rangel, and Martin Perez, Bexar County (Texas) Sheriff Office; and Paul McNutt and Rick Kullman, Regina Police Service, Saskatchewan, Canada.

"As a department, we are delighted to host a training like this," said MSU Police Chief Merrell J. Harrison. "These officers have worked hard all week and will be able to take what they learned here back to their departments."

Harrison gives credit to Lt. Jared Hunt for organizing this event and a special thanks to Housing Director Alan Rucker for the use of Nunn Hall for the training. The training would not have been realistic without the use of a dormitory and help from volunteer resident assistants, who were role players during the Active Shooter scenarios.

"We know how professional and in-depth their training is. This 'Active Shooter Response Instructor Phase 1 and Enhanced' will help hone an officer's skills and help teach them how to train others," said Hunt, who helped coordinate the training.

During the week, participants trained in both the classroom and the field. Real weapons are used, but simulated ammo is used instead of actual rounds.

"Every situation is different. There are many different methods and proper techniques needed to be able to properly remove a threat and save lives," said Hunt. "The officer has to recognize and identify the threat."

NTOA is the largest, non-profit law enforcement organization in the world and it dedicated to serving the law enforcement community. It currently have more than 40,000 members from specialties that include patrol, canine, sniper, explosive, tactical dispatcher.

Don Alwes is a trainer and consultant with more than 35 years of law enforcement experience. He is the lead instructor for NTOA's Police Response to Active Shooter and School and Workplace Violence courses.

"Using the Morehead State campus is very realistic. Almost 1/3 of all active shooter events happen on school grounds," said Alwes. "In the summer, if we are on a college campus, it means we have a lot of open facilities.

"We aren't training them to respond, rather we are training the instructors on how to go back and train their officers how to respond to an active shooter. This group worked extremely during this week's training."

Solter completes doctorate degree

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Morehead State University's Dr. Kathleen Solter, family nurse practitioner in the [Office of Counseling and Health Services](#), has completed a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree at the University of Kentucky.

A native of Flemingsburg, she has been employed at MSU since 2006. Dr. Solter provides primary care services to the MSU campus while encouraging healthy decision-making and educational services to the community.

Her doctoral capstone project, titled "Management of Hypertension in Student Patients in a University Student Clinic" sought to assess the prevalence of elevated blood pressure in college students seeking care in the MSU student clinic.

She also developed a protocol for management of hypertension in a university health clinic. Implications for practice included processes to improve follow up compliance with treatment plans as well as methods to address risky health behaviors, stress and changing roles in the college student's lifestyle.

Students, faculty and staff may schedule an appointment with Dr. Solter by calling 606-783-2055, via the online [student health](#) or online [employee health](#) links.

Special programs to air on MSPR

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[Morehead State Public Radio](#) (MSPR) will celebrate the July 4 holiday with two special programs.

MSPR will air the 2016 United States Air Force Band Jazz Heritage Radio Series featuring the USAF Airmen of Note Sunday, July 3, from 6 until 9 p.m.

Throughout its long history, the Airmen of Note has regularly performed and recorded with the leading artists in the jazz world. In fact, the list of guest artists featured with the Note reads like a "who's who" of the jazz industry.

Stationed at Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling in Washington, D.C., it is one of six musical ensembles that comprise The U.S. Air Force Band. Created in 1950 to continue the tradition of Major Glenn Miller's Army Air Corps dance band, the current band consists of 18 active duty Airmen musicians including one vocalist.

The special will include Guest artist Stefon Harris, during hour one; Marvin Stamm and Billy Mays, during hour two; and Walt Weiskopf, during hour three.

"Best of Independence Day" will air at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Monday, July 4. The show will feature patriotic music with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. Songs to be featured include: "America, the Dream Goes On," "Yankee Doodle Dandy," "Battle Hymn of the Republic," "Rally 'Round the Flag" and other patriotic songs.

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

Additional information is available by contacting MSPR at 606-783-2001 or visit wmky.org.

Couch named interim associate vice president for academic affairs

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Morehead State University has announced that Dr. Laurie L. Couch, associate professor of psychology, has been named interim associate vice president for academic affairs. She will assume her new duties, July 1.

“I am excited by this opportunity to serve MSU as interim associate vice president for academic affairs,” said Dr. Couch. “MSU’s commitment to student success has resulted in remarkable academic accomplishments. I look forward to helping MSU build on past successes and achieve its promise for the future.”

Dr. Couch earned Ph.D. and M.A. degrees in experimental psychology from the University of Tennessee and a B.A. degree in psychology from Mississippi State University.

She worked as a teaching associate with the University of Tennessee, prior being hired as an assistant professor at Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kansas.

Dr. Couch started her MSU career in 1997 as an assistant professor and has been an associate professor since 2002. During 2007-11, she was interim chair for the Department of Psychology.

During her MSU career, she was the recipient of the 2008 Outstanding Mentor Award, (Kentucky Psychological Association), the 2009 Student Government Association Outstanding Faculty Award and was named to “Who's Who Among American University and College Professors.”

Dr. Couch has been active in university service that includes: President’s Performing Arts and Speakers Program Steering Committee, chair; Institutional Review Board, chair; consultant to the Office of the Provost for Institutional Research and Assessment; Faculty Senator; and Celebration of Student Scholarship Planning Committee.

She serves as a board member of the Southeastern Psychological Association and as a counselor with the Council on Undergraduate Research and a board member of the Master’s in Psychology and Counseling

Accreditation Council (MPCAC). Dr. Couch served as consulting editor for the Psi Chi Journal of Psychological Research and program chair for several psychology-related organizations.

Additional information is available by contacting the [Office of the Provost](#) at 606-783-2002.

MSU's Early College hosts training

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Morehead State University's [Early College Program](#) held its summer faculty meeting with nearly 60 high school faculty personnel that will participate in the 2016-17 school year. More than 55 high and technical schools will offer MSU classes with more than 2,500 high school students participating in the program.

Each course offered at the high school has the approximate cost savings of \$1,000 per student while also allowing students to graduate from college up to a year semester or more sooner.

Among those attending were:

Amy Halbert, Allen Central High School; Rachelle Thompson and John Ramey, Bath County High School; Cindy Worthington and Joe Childers, Boyd County High School; Tonya Raines, and Augusta Barnett, Breathitt High School; Sarah Winchester, Bryan Station High School; Anita Montgomery, Donna Schmidt, Melissa Williams and Jessica Vowels, Bullitt Central High School;

Zack Hardin and Ben McMaine, Carter G. Woodson Academy; Melissa Shearer, Henry County High School; Stacy Linn, Jackson Independent; Debbie Lemaster, Johnson Central High School; Luann Finley, Pam Puryear, Lawrence County High School; Maggie Prater and Margie Appleman, Mason County High School; Miranda Goodlett, Mercer County High School; Krystal Howard, Montgomery County High School; Kevin Jones, Morgan County High School; Christine Bickett, North Bullitt High School; Laura Hackney, Paul Blazer High School; Billy Lowe and Ronn Varney, Pike County Central High School;

Gina Kinser, Powell County High School; Kimberly Sexton, Angie Hensley and Zenaida Smith, Raceland High School; Todd Campbell, Steve Cyrus, Carolyn O'Brien and Cindy Rhodes, Rowan County Senior High School; Robyn Campbell, Vanessa Stevens, Holly Ross and Robert Templeton, Russell High School; Courtney Butcher and Carol Rosensteel, Sheldon Clark High School; Shawn Overbey and Tracey Ruble, Somerset High School; Kathryn Ortiz, South Oldham High School;

Margaret Klee, St. Patrick High School; Kelli Reno and Gary Fisher, STEAM Academy; Jeff Erwin, West Carter High School; Brett Burton, West Jessamine High School; Dan Combs, Wolfe County High School; Mary Beth Rouse, Jennifer Smith and Kim Joyner, Woodford County High School.

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

Qualifying students are given the opportunity to prepare for the future while attending high school. In the program, students may enroll in a course taught in their high school and receive college credit for successful completion. The program allows qualified high school faculty, who meet accreditation standards, to teach the University courses.

MSU and the partner schools are collaborating to offer 24 college credits to all high school students before they graduate.

Additional information is available by calling Joel Pace at 606-783-2995 or you can find an application at www.moreheadstate.edu/earlycollege/.

Spurlock assumes responsibility for Men's Bowling Club

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Morehead State University's Eric Spurlock, manager of the Wilson Bowling Center and overall head coach of the [bowling program](#) since September 2008, will assume direct responsibility as coach of the men's bowling club, effective immediately.

Spurlock had previously served as head coach of the women's program.

This past season, Spurlock was nominated for the Club Team Bowling Coaches Association 2016 Larry Wilson Women's Club Coach of the Year award.

Spurlock succeeds former volunteer coach Robert Brown, who is leaving MSU.

MSU has a rich tradition of excellence in intercollegiate bowling and is respected as one of the premier bowling programs in the country. The women's team won national championships in 1989, 1998, 2000 and 2002. The Eagles were runner-ups in 1993 and finished in third place in 2006 and 2008. Since 2002, the Morehead State women's bowling team has finished six times nationally in the top 10.

The men's bowling squad finished in the top 10 in the 2002-03 and 2004-05 seasons. The Eagles were runners-up in the 2003 tournament and took third place in 2005. They also made a trip to nationals in 2016.

Efforts are underway to identify an individual to assist with the women's program.

SGA officers for 2016-17 announced

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Adam Abbott has been elected president of Morehead State University's [Student Government Association](#). He will serve as the student representative on MSU's Board of Regents for the 2016-17 academic year.

He is a senior business marketing major from Buckhorn. He has previously served as recruitment chairman, president, and as the vice president of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity. He has also served as the marketing and advertisement chairman for MSU's Relay for Life committee.

Also elected as executive officers of SGA were:

Executive Vice President, Kennedy Womack – A government and philosophy double major, she is a member of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority, Pre-Law Society and College Democrats. The Ashland native is an Undergraduate Research Fellow and a University Tutor.

Vice President for Administration, J.D. Cook - A junior biomedical science major and philosophy minor from Ashland, he is the founding president of the Eta Chi chapter of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity. He serves as a chair on MSU's Relay for Life committee, and is an alumnus of the Kentucky Governor's Scholars Program where he is currently employed as a resident advisor.

Vice President for Public Relations, Joel Wardle - A senior industrial engineering technology major and general business minor from Ashland, he is a member of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, in which he has previously served as academic chairman. He also holds a position on the Interfraternity Council as vice president of recruitment.

Vice President for Campus Involvement, Natalie Mineer - A senior business marketing major from Tollesboro, she is involved in Student Alumni Ambassadors and she also is a Student Business Ambassador.

Vice President for Finance, South Whitt - A senior pre-med/biomedical sciences major with a minor in mathematics from Owingsville, he is a member of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, in which he has previously served as recruitment chairman. He also is a member of Tri-Beta Honor Society and works as an analyst at the MSU Water Testing Laboratory.

MSU ranked among 'Most Affordable Online Bachelor's Degrees in Accounting'

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AffordableSchools.net, a college rankings site centering on unique and affordable academic programs, has announced the release of its newest college rankings list, featuring 20 Affordable Online Bachelor's Degrees in Accounting.

Morehead State University ranked among the top 20.

Morehead State offers an affordable online accounting degree program with a rigorous curriculum and the option to complete the upper division business core and accounting track courses 100 percent online. The accounting program is offered as a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with a concentration in accounting. The program covers the implementation of accounting systems, how to prepare standard financial statements, tax planning, and auditing. Students learn how to synthesize data as related to business and accounting.

The top three schools on this AffordableSchools.net's rankings list are: (1) Western International University (Tempe, Arizona); (2) National American University-Ellsworth AFB Extension (Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota); and (3) Cleary University (Howell, Michigan).

"For students with a combined interest in numbers and business, a career in accounting may be of interest," said Raj Dash, the article's lead researcher. "While Bureau of Labor Statistics figures show expected job growth figures for accounting-related occupations to be around or a little higher than the national average at 11percent (for the period 2014-24), it is a very important profession.

"Every business will need an accountant at some point, for keeping a general ledger, tax filing, managing payroll, tax law compliance, budgeting and more. Those not at that stage at least need to follow accounting processes. Private citizens also require accounting services during income tax filing season. Even the Renaissance-era Italian artist/ scientist/ architect and all-around polymath Leonardo da Vinci is said to have kept meticulous notebooks full of his life details, including an account of every cent owed to him.

"For students interested in an accounting-related career, a bachelor's degree in accounting is a good place to start. In this college rankings article, we list 20 colleges offering the most affordable baccalaureate options for accounting that are offered as online degrees. The article includes a partial list of accounting-related occupations/ sectors/ organizations, as well as our standard set of basic statistical analysis and summaries of the 20 ranked colleges - including a per-college stats dashboard."

Rankings for this list were compiled with data from NCES (National Center for Education Statistics), a bureau of the Dept. of Education. AffordableSchools.net first queried for institutions that grant bachelor's degrees in Accounting on a distance education basis, then applied our standard data filters, sorted by increasing average annual net price, and manually selected the 20 most affordable colleges with active online degree programs (B.A., B.S., B.B.A., etc.) in accounting.

Additional information is available by contacting Keith D. Moore, assistant to the dean/MBA program director, at 606-783-2969 or visiting www.moreheadstate.edu/study/business/.

Four with MSU ties vying for Miss Kentucky crown

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Karlee Crose



Annie Franklin



Dakoda Trenary



Kelsey Ulery

Three Morehead State University students and one recent graduate are among the 30 contestants that will compete in the 2016 Miss Kentucky Pageant. Those contestants are Annie Franklin of Winchester who graduated in May, Karlee Crose of Mt. Sterling, Dakoda Trenary of Corinth and Kelsey Ulery of Owingsville.

According to its website, each student gained entry into the 2016 Miss Kentucky Pageant by winning an official preliminary pageant in their respective regions. Franklin captured Miss Bowling Green, Crose won Miss Ohio Valley, Trenary was the winner of Miss Monticello pageant and Ulery won the Miss Bath County title.

The event's preliminary competitions will take place at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 30, and Friday, July 1, with the finals and crowning set for 6 p.m., Saturday, July 2. Each day of the pageant will be held at the Singletary Center for the Arts on the campus of the University of Kentucky in Lexington. Tickets are available by calling the Singletary Center box office at 859-257-4929.

Supporters of the two can possibly play an important role in the pageant's outcome. One of the semifinalists for Miss Kentucky will be voted in by the public rather than the judges' panel. Each vote costs \$1 and can be made by credit card or PayPal at www.Misskentuckypageant.com with no voting limit.

The winner will go on to represent Kentucky in the Miss America Pageant in 2016. In addition, more than \$39,000 in cash scholarships will be awarded during the pageant's duration.

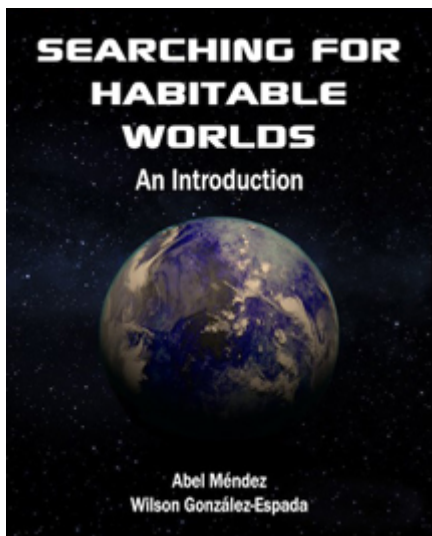
Each day of the pageant will be held at the Singletary Center for the Arts on the campus of the University of Kentucky in Lexington. Tickets are \$35 for each preliminary night, \$65 for the finals and available by calling the Singletary Center box office at 859-257-4929.

For additional information on the Miss Kentucky Scholarship Organization, visit www.Misskentuckypageant.com.

New book describes the search for habitable extrasolar planets

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What does it take to consider a planet potentially habitable? If a planet is suitable for life, could life be present? Is life on other planets inevitable? Even though there is no scientific evidence of extraterrestrial life, scientists continue to gather and analyze astronomical data, leading to a better understanding of what it takes to find such life and where are the best planets to find it.

Dr. Wilson González-Espada, Morehead State University's associate professor of [physics and science education](#), and Abel Méndez, associate professor of physics and director of the Planetary Habitability Laboratory at the University of Puerto Rico at Arecibo, have published a book describing the search for potentially habitable extrasolar planets and what the best candidates are.

"Searching for Habitable Worlds: An Introduction," is a fun and accessible book for everyone, from school students and the general public to amateur astronomers of all ages. The use of non-technical language and abundant illustrations make this a quick read to inform everyone about the latest news in the search for other planets that we might be able to inhabit.

The book is part of the Institute of Physics/Morgan and Claypool Publishers book series called "IOP Concise Physics," whose main goal is to make available shorter texts in rapidly advancing areas or topics where an introductory text is more appropriate.

After a brief discussion on why humans are hard-wired to be curious and to explore the unknown, "Searching for Habitable Worlds: An Introduction" describes what extrasolar planets are, how to detect them, and how to pin down potentially habitable ones. In addition, a data-driven list of the best candidates for habitability is profiled, and the next generation of scientific instruments and probes to detect extrasolar planets are identified.

According to Méndez, "detecting extrasolar planets is a complex process, but it is becoming easier as instrumentation and technologies evolve. Current methods allow scientists to determine their size, mass, temperature, orbital parameters and possible chemical composition. Only extrasolar planets with a unique combination of physical and chemical properties are classified as potentially habitable. It is also important to consider that, even if an extrasolar planet is not habitable today, it could have been

habitable in the past or might potentially be habitable in the future. Earth, for instance, was not habitable nearly five billion years ago but it is now."

Dr. González-Espada noted that although the book's contents might sound complex or intimidating, it was carefully written to use accessible language and a lively narrative style that will motivate young people to study astronomy and other physical sciences. "Searching for Habitable Worlds: An Introduction" presents topics in a very interesting way, with a minimum of technical jargon and plenty of visuals. At the same time, it highlights the fact that the search and characterization of extrasolar planets is an emerging discipline, and that plenty of breathtaking discoveries are yet to be made."

The book is available at www.morganclaypoolpublishers.com or www.amazon.com/Searching-Habitable-Worlds-Abel-Mendez/dp/1681744007), and other online book retailers.

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