

News Items for 2016 - March

Sen. Paul visits MSU

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Kentucky U.S. Senator Rand Paul held a town meeting on the Morehead State University campus Monday, March 28. More than 100 students, faculty, staff and community members packed into the Kibbey Room of the Combs Building. The visit was a part of a series of official town hall meetings by Sen. Paul. He also had meetings in Ashland, Grayson, West Liberty, Salyersville and Prestonsburg Monday.

Students to participate in 2016 Judy Rogers contest

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13th Annual Judy Rogers Women's Studies

ART MEDIA & WRITING CONTEST

Morehead State University's Women's Studies Program and the Department of International and Interdisciplinary Studies are taking entries for the 2016 Judy Rogers Art/Media/Writing contest.

Successful submissions will provide insights into gender issues within the context of American culture.

The contest is open to currently enrolled MSU students.

Dr. Rogers began working at MSU in 1967 and was associate vice president for academic affairs and dean of undergraduate programs and professor of English when she left in 1997. She was an American Council on Education Fellow for 1995-96 and helped develop the women's studies program at MSU. She was vice president for leadership and ethics at Georgetown College until 2004. She was president of Cottey College, an independent women's college in Nevada, Missouri, but retired in 2015.

Writing submissions must be no longer than 10 pages; art submissions - 2D, 3D, media- must be exhibit ready. Both must include a cover sheet with name, contact information and email address.

Cash prizes (\$50 for prose and poetry, \$100 for visual arts and performance/video art) will be awarded.

Deadline for submission is Friday, April 1.

Additional information is available by contacting Dr. Ann Andaloro at 606-783-2714 or email a.andaloro@moreheadstate.edu.

Audible alert system test Monday

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Morehead State University will conduct the monthly test of its audible alert system on Monday, March 7, 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 named Nation's Fifth 'Bee Campus USA'

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Bee Campus USA announced March 4 that Morehead State University is the fifth institution of higher education in the nation to be certified as an affiliate of the Bee Campus USA program, designed to marshal the strengths of educational campuses for the benefit of pollinators.

College students, faculty, administrators, and staff have long been among the nation's most stalwart champions for sustainable environmental practices.

"We are proud to be named the fifth certified Bee Campus USA in the nation. There already are many students, faculty and staff working on pollinator health and sustainability issues and the members of our newly formed Bee Campus USA Committee will provide good leadership to these pollinator conservation efforts," said Wayne Andrews, MSU president.

"Imperiled pollinators are responsible for the reproduction of more than two-thirds of the world's plant and tree species. Morehead State University is a stellar example of the influence educational institutions can have on their students and larger communities. Their talented faculty, staff, and students offer an invaluable resource for Kentuckians in seeking ways to manage ornamental landscapes in more wildlife-friendly ways," said Phyllis Stiles, Bee Campus USA director.

According to Holly Neihoff, sustainability and safety specialist, MSU developed its campus Pollinator Protection Plan for its 1200-acre landscape to include a locally native and pollinator friendly plant list with regional sources for plants. The Plan is posted on the MSU Earthwise Eagles webpage, which will be updated regularly. In keeping with Bee Campus USA commitments, MSU already utilizes Integrated Pest Management (IPM) practices, using pesticide very selectively and only as a last resort and some of MSU's designated pollinator gardens already have educational signage about the contribution of bees.

Donnie Willoughby, landscaping and grounds manager, is excited about the events MSU has planned to celebrate and fulfill the responsibilities of its Bee Campus USA certification on March 22 and 30 and April 1 and 16. Activities include planting native trees and other plants in the new Carbon Pocket Park outdoor classroom adjacent to the Space Science Center, installing new educational signage about protecting pollinators, and showing the movie "Vanishing of the Bees."

All events will be published in MSU's school news, website, and social media.

Neihoff will provide a training workshop and information on pollinator protection and habitats at the annual community Town and County event held at the Rowan County High School. MSU's Office of Environmental

Health and Safety will provide training on proper pesticide use and application for MSU's ground maintenance employees and farm/orchard employees in April (and annually thereafter).

"Through ongoing dialogue among members of the Bee Campus USA committee, Morehead State University strives to be a student and a teacher of sustainable practices. Its membership includes faculty, students and operations and maintenance staff. Our goal is to model pollinator-friendliness in our landscaping practices by incorporating as many locally native plants as possible, eliminating the use of invasive species, and expanding naturalized habitat to reduce the amount of managed turf grass," said Amy Lentz, horticultural supervisor.

April Haight, MSU's Center for Environmental Education director, looks forward to sponsoring and tracking annual student service-learning projects to enhance pollinator habitats on and off campus. Service learning projects for 2016 include an all-day field trip for K-12 local schools. In partnership with MSU's Department of Biology and the Forest Service, they will teach local students about pollinator habitats and protection.

Dr. Jen O'Keefe, associate professor of geology and science education, recently presented workshops at the local Beekeeping School about her work typing honey by studying pollen spores from the MSU Farm's honey harvest over the past three years, information that can be used to identify the types of pollen the honeybees prefer.

According to Stiles, each certified campus must reapply each year and report on accomplishments from the previous year. Other institutions of higher education are invited to explore completing the application process outlined at beecampususa.org.

SKED to work with SBDC to bring small business training to region

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[Southeast Kentucky Economic Development](#) (SKED) will partner with Morehead State University's [Small Business Development Center](#) (SBDC) to bring its Entrepreneurial SMARTS course to the Johnson County area in April.

SKED's Entrepreneurial SMARTS training program will be held in Paintsville April 7, April 13, April 21 and April 28 at the Johnson County Cooperative Extension Office, located at 826 FM Stafford Ave., Paintsville.

MSU's SBDC will provide dinner for each of the four classes.

Entrepreneurial SMARTS is a four-session, 12-hour course designed to provide entrepreneurs with the knowledge and resource materials they need to get a new small business off the ground. This training also provides owners of existing small businesses the skills they need to become more successful and grow their businesses.

To date, 472 aspiring entrepreneurs and small business owners have completed entrepreneurial SMARTS training in 39 sessions held across the 45 counties in SKED's service area.

This unique and useful training is made possible thanks to a partnership between SKED and the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC).

The next training session scheduled will be held in Morehead: August 1, 8, 15 and 22 at the Innovation Launchpad, located at 149 East Main St., and in Middlesboro at the Southeast Kentucky Community and Technical College, 1300 Chichester Ave., Middlesboro, on Sept. 6, 13, 20 and Sept. 24.

SKED staff conducts the entrepreneurial and small business training program - Entrepreneurial SMARTS: Simple Methods And Reality-based Training for Success – which is based on a nationally recognized training program called Core Four® Business Planning Course.

“Entrepreneurial SMARTS has been a great success throughout Southeast Kentucky, as our instructor and the training provided by the program has touched more than 400 lives and helped shore up their future endeavors,” said Brett Traver, SKED executive director. “As we look to grow the economy of Southeast Kentucky, entrepreneurs will be the ones to lead the way. Nowhere else can entrepreneurs receive such valuable training at so little cost. We are proud to partner with ARC on this training once again.”

Graduates include owners of existing small businesses, folks working to open their own small business in the near future, entrepreneurs seeking some direction on the basics of starting and managing a small business, retirees, college students, employees of nonprofit organizations seeking education and training to more

effectively assist their constituents and people who are unemployed and seeking an alternative to the traditional job market. Anyone interested in learning about starting and successfully operating a small business is encouraged to participate.

During the classroom-style training sessions, entrepreneurs and small business owners are instructed in how to create a business plan including basic knowledge about starting, financing and operating a business and planning for success. Class participants are also given the tools needed to determine if business ownership is for them.

Existing small business owners receive the support they need to advance the growth of their business and operate a solid, reliable investment. Upon successful completion of this training, participants receive a certificate recognizing their achievements and are eligible to apply for business startup or expansion funding from SKED's loan funds.

This nationally recognized course is valued at \$250 per student. However, due to financial support through a grant from the ARC, combined with financial support from SKED, participants pay \$25 per person.

In addition, each participant receives a valuable Core Four® Business Planning Course manual and numerous resource materials.

For information about entrepreneurship training, contact Amanda Kelly at 606-416-2008 or email at akelly@centertech.com. For more information or to register for SMARTS training, visit www.southeastkentucky.com and click on the "Training" link.

Governor's Scholars Program at MSU provides a rewarding, life-changing transition to campus life

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Many high school students rightfully take their summer vacation and use it to relax and recharge before they return to classes in the fall. The academically-gifted students chosen to be a part of the Governor's Scholar Program at Morehead State University have a very different summer experience - one that ultimately proves to be invaluable in building their character and better preparing them to excel in higher education.

The Governor's Scholars Program (GSP) was first implemented in 1983 as a way to create a place where high-achieving students can thrive in an environment that promotes learning. The program allows for students to take classes in one of several "focus areas" like astronomy, film studies, engineering, forensic science, healthcare and business, just to name a few. In the summer of 2015, 1,113 students from across the commonwealth ventured to three Kentucky campuses to be a part of this unique experience.

Morehead State University first became one of the three campuses to host a GSP program in 2008 and has served as a host campus almost every year since. While the students that come to MSU with GSP have proven themselves in the classroom, what they participate in as part of GSP is far from a typical classroom environment and proves for many scholars to not only be a once-in-a-lifetime experience but also key a reason why they eventually decided to become an MSU Eagle.

Uncommon Lessons

Much of what GSP does is more of a holistic learning approach, including a variety of guest speakers, extracurricular activities, field trips and an emphasis on community service, according to Dr. J. Marshall, executive director of the Center for Regional Engagement at MSU.

"It challenges you as a person," he said. "This isn't about competition. There are no grades. It's an opportunity for these kids to see what other interests they may have and challenge their interest in those areas."

At MSU, GSP students have the opportunity to take advantage of both the campus's facilities and surroundings.

Some scholars got the opportunity to do trail work at nearby Eagle Lake and take a field trip to Cave Run Lake to study and observe the natural beauty of the region. Others took astronomy and physical science classes that allowed access to MSU's state-of-the-art Space Science Center, where they studied constellations through telescopes or designed and flew their own rockets.

Scholars studying music theory and performance were able to visit MSU's Kentucky Center for Traditional Music and witness a performance that reflected on the region's musical and cultural heritage. Those interested in journalism and mass media gained field experience writing public service announcements and producing newscasts that aired on Morehead State Public Radio, WMKY 90.3 FM.

One special GSP general studies project last year entitled "Thinkering" allowed students to spend weeks designing, launching and tracking a weather balloon loaded with cameras and capsules containing student experiments.

Samantha Woerner, a freshman agricultural business major at Morehead State, came to the GSP program at MSU intent on studying agricultural business and chemistry and said that she benefitted from this atypical learning environment.

"You're not taking 'classes' but you really learn a lot and you meet a bunch of different people from across the state that are interested in what you're interested in," she said.

A Sense of Community

Many of the lessons GSP scholars learn take place outside of the classroom, but one of the most fulfilling parts of this five-week program happened when students stepped off campus to interact with the local community and give back.

GSP scholars at MSU collaborated extensively with the Morehead community this past summer. They worked with Morehead and Rowan County for numerous events during the "4th on the 3rd" celebration in July, including The Al Baldwin 5K Run-Walk, as well as the city's parade and fireworks display. They also partnered with the University of Kentucky College of Medicine for "To Your Good Health," an event focusing on the health issues facing Kentucky and what scholars can do to make a difference.

Ashley Stevens-Lowry, a junior double-majoring in elementary education (P-5) and special education (LBD) at MSU, came to the campus originally as a GSP scholar in 2013. She had a passion for community service in her hometown of Hazard, Kentucky. She recalls the emphasis on academics mixed with activities like planting a community garden to feed the homeless as something that gave her a well-rounded and rewarding experience.

"It was such a great feeling being in the program," she said. "It was an opportunity over the summer to enrich myself."

From GSP to MSU

The high school juniors involved in the Governor's Scholars Program leave the program with greater knowledge, a sense of accomplishment, life-long friendships and the confidence to pursue higher education. But many scholars who participated in GSP at Morehead State said spending five weeks on campus over the summer led to them wanting to spend years pursuing their college education as an MSU Eagle.

In 2013 and 2014, a total of 35 GSP scholars enrolled at MSU as freshmen the following year after attending GSP-Morehead. Woerner said her GSP experience at MSU exposed her to a campus size and welcoming, supportive atmosphere that was a perfect fit.

"I'm from a small town and a small high school. I love how MSU has small classes," she said. "Your teachers and the staff really want to get to know you. They don't just act like you're another student. They really want to help you succeed and I really, really like that."

For Stevens-Lowry, she was initially looking into applying to MSU before living on campus during the GSP program. Once she got to experience the benefits of MSU first-hand, she said it made her college decision an easy one.

"The beauty of the campus was one thing I loved because I was more of an outdoors person," she said. "I thought Morehead State had something special about it. It almost felt like home."

Morehead State University will continue its fruitful relationship with the Governor's Scholars Program as a host university from 2016-18. If you speak to scholars, many will tell you that it's the perfect marriage of a tremendous program and nurturing environment that helps to foster success.

"I feel like with the combination of Morehead State and the Governor's Scholars Program, there were so many things we got to do here that we might not have been able to do at other campuses," Stevens-Lowry said.

For more information on the Governor's Scholars Program at Morehead State, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/gsp.

2016 Spring Career Fair held at MSU

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Morehead State University Office of Career Services held its annual Spring Career Fair on Tuesday, March 1, in the Crager Room on the third floor of the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC).

Graduate programs and employers from a variety of fields were in attendance, including both the private and public sectors.

Chief Photographer Tim Holbrook attended the Career Fair and has put together a [photo gallery](#) of the event.

Organizations which were on campus include:

Aerotek Inc.; Amazon; Appalachian Regional Healthcare (ARH); Appalachian School of Law; Asbury University Master of Social Work Program; Auditor of Public Accounts; Baptist Health Lexington; Becker Professional Education; Buckle; Campbellsville University Graduate Admissions; Cintas Corporation; ClearDefense Pest Control; Consulting Services Incorporated (CSI); Correct Care Solutions; Defense Intelligence Agency; Department of Disability;

Department of Juvenile Justice; DeVos Graduate School of Management; Eastern Kentucky University (EKU); Eastern Kentucky University Online; Eastern State Hospital; ECU MBA Program; Enterprise Holdings; Family Dollar Services Inc.; Fastenal Company; Fayette County Detention Center; Federal Bureau of Prisons; Foresters Financial Services Inc.; Frankfort Regional Medical Center; Fujitsu Network Communications; Gateway Community Action Agency; Go-Hire Employment and Development, Inc.; Highlands Regional Medical Center; Hitachi Automotive Systems Americas Inc.; Indiana Tech Law School;

K&K Technical Group Inc.; Kentucky Bank; Kentucky Equine Management Internship (KEMI); Kentucky One Health; Kentucky State Police; Kentucky Transportation Cabinet; Kroger Company; KY Staffing Solutions; Kyosan Denso Manufacturing Kentucky LLC. (KDMK); Lexington Division of Police; Lexington Fire Department; LION; Louisville Metro Police Department; Middle Tennessee State University; Mitsubishi Electric Automotive America Inc.; MSU Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences; MSU Department of Communication, Media and Languages; MSU Graduate School; MSU School of Public Affairs; MSU Small Business Development Center; MSU/U.K. Physician Assistant Program; MSUCorps; Nifco America Corporation; Northern Kentucky University Graduate Programs;

Pathways Inc.; Pikeville Medical Center; Rajant Corporation; Ramey-Estep Homes; Regal; Sherwin-Williams; Social Security Administration; Southern Ohio Medical Center; Speedway LLC; SQS USA Inc; SRG Global (Guardian Automotive Trim); St. Claire Regional Medical Center; Stober Drives Inc.; Teach For America; Total Quality Logistics (TQL); U.S. Bank; UK College of Dentistry; University of Charleston School of Pharmacy; University of Louisville MBA Programs; USDA Natural Resources

Conservation Service (NRCS); USDA, APHIS, Veterinary Services; Vaco; Waffle House Inc.; Walgreens; WKYT-TV; Woodmen of the World; WYMT-TV; and Xerox.

More information can be found online at www.moreheadstate.edu/career or call Career Services at 606-783-2233.

MSU adds 'Open House' for March 12

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Morehead State University's [Office of Enrollment Services](#) has added an Open House program Saturday, March 12, starting at 9 a.m. in the Adron Doran University Center on the Morehead campus.

According to enrollment services, the Open House events will be an excellent opportunity for students and families to discover why MSU has been named one of "America's Best Colleges" by U.S. News and World Report for the 12th year running.

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

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

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

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

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

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

‘Playing Chicken: The Rooster in Kentucky Folk Art’ on display through May 21

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Morehead State University's [Kentucky Folk Art Center](#) has announced its upcoming exhibition, "Playing Chicken: The Rooster in Kentucky Folk Art."

Drawn from the museum's permanent collection, the exhibition presents more than 60 rooster-themed works by a dozen Kentucky folk artists. The exhibition will remain on display from March 4 through May 21. There will be no formal reception to open the exhibition.

The rooster has long been a dominant image in Kentucky folk art. Perhaps no animal, other than the snake, has been depicted by so many folk artists in so many different ways. In the days before television, computers, and cell phones, folks who lived on farms would have found entertainment in watching the strutting roosters and hens. The rooster shows up repeatedly in folk tales, literature, and the Bible. It is also the symbol of the Kentucky Democratic Party, which controlled politics in the state for more most of the latter half of the twentieth century. Additionally, a forked twig provides the perfect medium for a skilled carved to use in making a rooster.

"This exhibition clearly celebrates the whimsical side of folk art," said Taral Thompson, KFAC curator. "We present many exhibitions that deal with major artistic or cultural themes. This isn't one of those

shows. We wanted to do something that was purely fun before tackling weightier subject matter this summer.”

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

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

TLC accepting nominations for McBride tutoring award

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Morehead State University's [Tutoring and Learning Center](#) (TLC) is accepting nominations for the Molly McBride Tutoring Excellence Award.

“This award is named after Molly McBride, an exemplary tutor who was killed in a car accident three years ago,” said Alvin Madden-Grider, learning strategies coordinator. “Molly helped many of our students succeed and continue their educations. This award honors her skillful work and her commitment to excellence, and it is a great way to carry forward the work Molly did.”

Nominations will be accepted through April 1. The winner will be named and recognized at the Wednesday, April 27, Celebration of Student Scholarship.

MSU students, staff and faculty are welcome to nominate TLC tutors who have demonstrated the highest level of excellence in tutoring skill and caring for MSU students.

Nomination forms are available at the TLC in the Camden-Carroll Library and TLC in 220 Allie Young. Completed nomination forms can be submitted at either TLC location or 215 Allie Young.

Additional information is available by contacting Madden-Grider at 606-783-5181 or email a.madden@moreheadstate.edu.

Earthwise Eagles to assist with Kentucky Tree Recovery Campaign

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Morehead State University's [Earthwise Eagles](#) will assist with the Kentucky Tree Recovery Campaign by distributing thousands of free tree seedling to local citizens at events throughout March and April.

It is a first-come, first-served giveaway, so citizens who want tree seedlings should be sure to get to the events early. Five species will be available— swamp white oak, northern red oak, smooth sumac, pecan and persimmon.

The dates and times for each giveaway event are as follows:

- March 22, 6 p.m.: Town & Country event at Rowan County Senior High School;
- March 30, 10 a.m.: Tree Campus USA celebration at MSU Little Bell Tower;
- April 1, 10 a.m.: Tree Planting Event behind Normal Hall;
- April 16, 11 a.m.: Earth Day Film Festival at the Morehead Conference Center.

The Kentucky Tree Recovery Campaign is a joint effort between the Division of Forestry and the Arbor Day Foundation to restore trees in the counties destroyed in the March 2012 tornados. By way of this campaign, people across the state can have a hand in rebuilding Kentucky's forests. In 2014-15, citizens and local governments residing in Campbell, Johnson, Laurel, Menifee, Wolfe, Kenton, Magoffin, Martin, Morgan and Pendleton counties were the recipients of the tree seedlings. The 2016 counties that are participating are Bath, Rowan, Lawrence, Grant and Montgomery.

More information can be found on www.moreheadstate.edu/earthwise or contact Holly Niehoff at h.niehoff@moreheadstate.edu.

16th Region games postponed

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