

Staff Congress Newsletter



Chair Chat

Hello Staff Congress Representatives!

Welcome to a new year for our organization, one of promise and challenges. Higher education has been struggling with reduced budgets, smaller staff, and the impact of a worldwide pandemic. MSU has survived difficult times before and we will continue to do so through this...in no small measure because of our staff. I believe that the majority of us understand the positive impact of education on our families and communities. Our work improves lives, not just for a single student, but for their children and perhaps generations after. It's an awesome and difficult undertaking, but staff at MSU are up to the task. We have history as our guide. It is up to us in staff congress to take on difficult issues, to advocate and support each other, and to try to make the university a better place. I look forward to seeing how we grow and what we achieve. Let's get started!

-Dave Flora, Staff Congress Chair

July 2021

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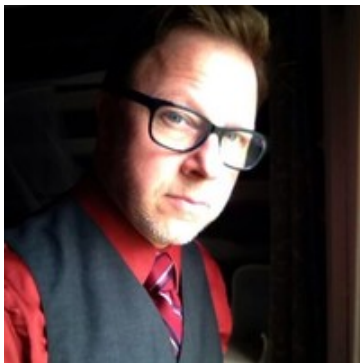
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Staff Spotlight | David Flora



This section highlights a Staff Congress representative, including information about them and what they like about participating in Staff Congress.

Hello, my name is David Flora. I am the Congress Chair, and Director of Distance Education & Instructional Design and have been part of the MSU campus community for more than 16 years. In this role, I ensure that online teaching at MSU has the appropriate technology support, and provide professional development for our faculty, staff, and students. I also make sure that MSU meets federal regulations regarding online instruction.

Participating in Staff Congress gives me a broader view of what is happening on campus and allows me to positively impact areas to which I wouldn't normally have access.

Resources | Request It!

This section provides resources available to all MSU staff. If you have resources that you would like to share with the MSU Staff community, please send them to x.scott@moreheadstate.edu.

Looking for a book that our library doesn't have? Use our [Request It!](#) service to borrow books, media, and articles from other libraries. It's as simple as finding an item on [WorldCat](#), clicking the 'Request It!' button, and submitting the form. Can't find it on [WorldCat](#)? You can fill out a [blank form](#) and we'll find it for you!

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Campus Announcements

The following events are scheduled for this month at the Morehead State University residential campus. If you have announcements that you would like to share with the MSU Staff community, please send them to x.scott@moreheadstate.edu.

Blackboard Upgrade

Blackboard will begin the upgrade process from **August 3rd to 7th**. During this period, the MSU Blackboard system will be unavailable for faculty, staff, and students.

Vaccination Opportunities

COVID-19 vaccines will be available in Laughlin Gymnasium on August 12th and 13th from 9am-4pm.

Sailesh the Hypnotist

Board Certified Hypnotist, Professional Entertainer & Human Empowerment Speaker. Sailesh has dedicated his life to not only making audiences laugh, but changing lives in the process. Join Sailesh in **Button Auditorium on August 16th at 7pm**.



Freshmen Move-In Days

It's that time again! Freshmen move-in days are on **August 12th-13th from 9am-3pm**

MSU Eagles Soccer Events

There are several soccer games to choose from this month. Come cheer on our Eagles at the MSU soccer field on the following dates.

- MSU Eagles vs NKU Norse | August 14th at 6pm
- MSU Eagles vs North Alabama Lions | August 19th at 6pm
- MSU Eagles vs Evansville Aces | August 26th at 6pm
- MSU Eagles vs Marshall Thundering Herd | August 29th at 2pm



Staff Salutes

The following MSU employees have demonstrated their value to the university community. Please join us in saluting some of the best that MSU staff has to offer. If you know of a worthy candidate, you can submit your suggestion on the [Submit a Staff Salute](#) page.

Shalyn Adams

“I would like to congratulate the Upward Bound staff for another successful summer program. They have provided intentional educational opportunity and academic intervention to provide more options to disadvantaged youths in our region.” - Submitted July 8, 2021

Paula Black

“Paula is always helpful any time you have a question. Her understanding of the hiring process and PeopleAdmin is impressive. She is always willing to help with any issue and will stop what she is doing to make sure what you need is taken care of completely. It is a privilege to work with her, we need more people like her on campus.” - Submitted July 7, 2021

Samantha Jo Bryant

“I would like to congratulate the Upward Bound staff for another successful summer program. They have provided intentional educational opportunity and academic intervention to provide more options to disadvantaged youths in our region.”

Stephanie Bush

“Stephanie is very knowledgeable about her position and always helpful. I am thankful to work with her and appreciate her dedication.” - Submitted July 7, 2021

Gaylena Cline

“Gaylena has done an excellent job with payroll for years. She is very dedicated and deserves to be acknowledged for her hard work and loyalty to MSU. Thank you Gaylena for all you have done for so long.” - Submitted July 8, 2021

Dr. Dan Connell

“There is no better example of servant leadership on the MSU campus currently than Dr. Dan Connell. Since one of the employees in his unit is out for medical reasons, Dr. Connell is completing her duties. Since these duties involved the Governor's Scholars Program, Dr. Connell is running around campus troubleshooting and addressing needs of this group. Dr. Connell has quietly served MSU as well as the employees in his unit in a manner that is exemplary and should be recognized.” - Submitted July 8, 2021



Ashley Cooper

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Shayla Ring

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Leah Hamilton

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Matt Hyden

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Brandon Isaac

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Amanda Lewis

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Angela Rowe

“Congratulations on being selected for Leadership KY. This is quite an honor.” - Submitted July 21, 2021

