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Browning Orchard Festival recap

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Morehead State University held its annual Browning Orchard Festival Sunday, Oct. 2.

Participants enjoyed an afternoon of hayrides, horse-back rides, food, family-friendly activities and musical entertainment by the Kentucky Center for Traditional Music.

The orchard is located at (10955 Wallingford Road) Wallingford in Fleming County.

Browning Orchard was an important part of the Fleming County community for nearly 100 years. The orchard property, originally purchased in 1899 by E.P. Browning, was used to grow peaches. In the mid-1920s Francis P. (Mr. Frank) Browning, E.P.'s son, converted the farmland to a commercial orchard that predominately produced apples.

Passing through three generations, Browning Orchard Apples were known across central and northeastern Kentucky. Fall harvest drew visitors both near and far.

In 2008, the Brownings donated the orchard to Morehead State University, continuing the family's commitment to helping create more sustainable communities in the region.

Chief photographer Tim Holbrook recapped the day's event in a [photo gallery](#).

Additional event information is available from the Office of Alumni Relations and Development at 606-783-2033.

MSU graduate wins state teaching award

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(Courtesy of the The Daily Independent)

By MIKE JAMES

OLIVE HILL The measure of a teacher is student achievement, math teacher Jennifer O'Daniel says.

"Are my students successful — that's an easy one," she said.

But another yardstick is the approbation of students, like fifth-grader Kaylee Kennedy, who was struggling with an exercise in use of decimals until O'Daniel coached her through it.

"She explains things to us," the fifth-grader said, admiring the heart O'Daniel had drawn with a purple marker over her correct answer. "She doesn't just go off and tell us to do things. She does examples on the board before we jump in."

It looks like somebody is listening, because O'Daniel has been named one of 24 Valvoline Teacher Achievement Award winners for 2017, which qualifies her as a nominee for the Kentucky Teacher of the Year award.

She was nominated by Carter County Superintendent Ronnie Dotson.

O'Daniel is a fifth-grade math teacher at Olive Hill Elementary School, where she has worked for 20 of the 33 years she has been an educator. "I never wanted to do anything else. This is my environment," said O'Daniel, who walks into her classroom every morning about 7 a.m. and seldom goes home until after 6 p.m.

She teaches four classes each day, and then fills in the remaining hours with planning, paperwork and reflection on the events of the day: "What worked? What didn't work? What do I need to change for the next day," she said.

The willingness to reflect, and to listen to others, even her subordinates, is part of what makes O'Daniel a top-notch teacher, according to Heather Shouse, a Kentucky Christian University student teacher who is in O'Daniel's room this semester. "I'm going to be sad to leave," she said.

An Olive Hill native, O'Daniel attended Soldier and Lawton elementaries and graduated from West Carter High School. She is the only one of her parents' children to attend college.

She spent the first 13 years of her teaching career in a small-town school in Florida where she moved with her husband Paul after they both graduated from Morehead State University.

They returned to Carter County where he is the agriculture teacher at West Carter; she taught gifted education across the district for two years and then came to Olive Hill Elementary where she started as a fourth-grade science teacher. She also has taught third grade.

O'Daniel never thought of herself as a math teacher but when the position opened she reviewed the curriculum and dived in. "I love to teach so I'll teach anything," she said.

"She is such an inspiration to everybody," said principal Cherri Keaton. "She is that colleague everybody looks up to. We value her opinion. She always has such a positive attitude."

O'Daniel exemplifies the school's credo, which calls on teachers to know each child by name and by need, Keaton said. Besides looking at test scores and other data, she learns her students' interests and adjusts her teaching accordingly, she said. "She makes learning personal."

O'Daniel will attend a ceremony Oct. 19 at the state Capitol in Frankfort where Governor Matt Bevin, Education and Workforce Secretary Hal Heiner, Commissioner of Education Stephen Pruitt, and Sam Mitchell, Chief Executive Officer of Valvoline, will honor the teachers and recognize the Kentucky Elementary, Middle and High School Teachers of the Year. From this group of three finalists, the Kentucky Teacher of the Year will be named and will represent the state in the National Teacher of the Year competition.

Recipients receive cash awards.

Judging was conducted in August by a blue-ribbon panel of veteran educators who assessed teaching philosophies, teaching experiences and community involvement, as well as letters of recommendation from peers, students, parents, administrators and others.

The Kentucky Teacher Awards program is a version of what was formerly known as the Ashland Teacher Achievement Awards. Since 1988, approximately \$776,500 has been awarded to 524 teachers in grades K to 12.

Six join MSU Halls of Fame; Doan receives Founder Award

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Morehead State University welcomed six new members into its Alumni and Athletic Halls of Fame and honored an individual with the Founders Award for University Service Friday, Oct. 14, during the Homecoming Banquet.

The 2016 Founders Award for University Service was presented to the late Myron Doan.

A native of Falmouth, Doan held both his bachelor's and master's degrees from MSU. He began his professional career at MSU in 1971 at WMKY, where he held positions as a music and promotions director, as well as program director and assistant manager. Doan 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.

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[\(View Col. Vaughn Caudill video\)](#)

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[\(View Paul Conner video\)](#)

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[\(View Craig Unger video\)](#)

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Pikeville SBDC to host upcoming training

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Morehead State University's East Kentucky Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and the Floyd County Chamber will offer two workshops lead by Rachelle Burchett, CEO of The Communication Trainer.

"Customer Service-It's Not About You" will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 25, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. This workshop will demonstrate participants how to identify the different styles and make every encounter with their customers count.

"Making It Personal – Selling with Style" will be held Tuesday, Nov. 1, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. This workshop will teach participants how to restyle their sales pitch to meet customer demands and increase profits.

Both workshops will be held at Morehead State University's Postsecondary Building, room 115, 6 Bert T. Combs Drive in Prestonsburg.

Burchett has a diverse background including non-profit, public relations and now a top performer in sales. She has utilized these positions to grow personally and professionally. Her passion is people and helping them learn more about themselves and ways to communicate successfully.

Training sessions are being offered at no cost but prior registration is required.

Training programs, sponsored or co-sponsored by SBDC, are available to all individuals without regard to race, color, sex, creed or national origin. Special arrangements will be made for those with disabilities if requested in advance.

For a list of upcoming events, you may visit the MSU SBDC Web site at www.moreheadstate.edu/sbdc or like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/EKSBDC.

Registration for the Oct. 25 workshop can be completed online at <http://kysbdc.ecenterdirect.com/events/8333> and the Nov. 1 workshop at <http://kysbdc.ecenterdirect.com/events/8334>.

For more information, contact Michelle Spriggs at 606-432-5848 or email at m.spriggs@moreheadstate.edu.

Reis to present at SAEF Conference

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Jennifer A. Reis, director of the Claypool-Young Art Gallery and faculty/coordinator for the Arts Entrepreneurship Minor Program, has been selected to present “CoLABorations – Creative Entrepreneurship and Design Thinking through Cross Campus Partnerships” at the Society for Arts Entrepreneurship Education (SAEF) Conference at Millikin University in Decatur, Illinois.

The conference is slated for Oct. 14-15.

A native of Canton, Ohio, Reis is a creative entrepreneur, artist, educator and curator who has more than 20 years of experience in arts business and administration.

After receiving her B.F.A. degree from Columbus College of Art and Design in Ohio, Reis continued her education at Syracuse University by earning an M.A. degree in Museum Studies, and an M.A. degree in Studio Art with an Art Education Emphasis from Morehead State University.

She is a certified instructor through the CoreFour Entrepreneurship program, a Kentucky Arts Council KPAN consultant, and an Etsy Craft Entrepreneurship Program educator. Her artistic practice has been honored through numerous awards and grants, including Kentucky’s Al Smith Fellowship, and she has been an invited instructor to art/craft schools such as Arrowmont School of Art and Craft, John C. Campbell Folk School, Craft Alliance, Society of Contemporary Craft and the Southwest School of Art.

Reis has been employed by MSU for more than 15 years, and is an alumna of the President's Leadership Academy. In addition to receiving MSU's Distinguished Faculty Service Award, the Kentucky Arts Council awarded her its Al Smith Fellowship in recognition of creative excellence. Other meritorious honors and grants have been awarded by the Kentucky Foundation for Women and Americans for the Arts for her creative and arts administration work.

She currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Surface Design Association as vice president, and previous committee and board service includes Americans for the Arts and the Kentucky Guild of Artists and Craftsmen.

Additional information is available by contacting Reis at 606-783-5446.

MSPR Fall Fundraiser and Membership Drive Oct. 17-21

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Morehead State Public Radio's 2016 Fall Fundraiser and Membership Drive are scheduled from Oct. 17 through 21.

During this time, [MSPR](#) staff will ask listeners for a financial gift to support local programming, operations and enhance the learning environment for Morehead State University students.

"For more than 50 years, WMKY has served Rowan County and surrounding communities with regional news and cultural programming," said Paul Hitchcock, MSPR general manager. "Part of our mission is to preserve and promote the region's cultural heritage with programming that is informative and entertaining."

In 2016, MSPR earned 14 awards from the Kentucky Associated Press including first place for Best Long Newscast, News Story and Feature Story. In addition, Chuck Mraz, MSPR's news director, received the 2016 Outstanding Media and Technology Award from the East Kentucky Leadership Foundation.

"We have a long history of serving this community, but we need support from our listeners to maintain our operations," said Hitchcock. "Morehead State University has faced significant budget struggles in recent months and financial gifts to MSPR will help offset some of the cuts to our university budget."

MSPR serves more than 20 counties throughout eastern Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia. MSPR broadcasts 24 hours a day from the campus of Morehead State University. In addition, MSPR's website provides regional news, live web streams, archived audio and community events.

"This is a critical time for public radio," said Hitchcock. "The money we raise helps maintain our grant funding through the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. Financial gifts of any size are most appreciated."

Gifts to MSPR are tax deductible and may be made online at www.wmky.org. Listeners also may make a pledge to MSPR by calling 606-783-2001 or toll free at 1-800-286-9659 during the fundraiser.

'Of the Earth' open through Nov. 22

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The group art exhibition, "Of the Earth: Works by Ann B. Coddington, Gina Herrera, Leslie Pearson, Elizabeth Runyon, Carolyn Swift and Joanne Weis" will be displayed at Morehead State University's main gallery of the [Claypool-Young Art Building](#).

The exhibition features contemporary printmaking, sculpture, installation, and textile artworks, will close Tuesday, Nov. 22.

Through a national call for submissions, the exhibition "Of the Earth" was curated to include six artists from near and far whose works either utilized and/or reflected on organic elements in the natural world.

An acclaimed sculptor who working in basket weaving from Oxford, Ohio, Runyon will be a visiting artist associated with the exhibition. She will present a lecture, Monday, Oct. 24, from noon until 12:50 p.m. in 111 Claypool-Young.

Pearson, an award winning fibers and installation artist from Fayetteville, North Carolina, will be the second visiting artist. While on campus, Pearson will host a sculpture demonstrations on Tuesday, Nov. 1, from 11 a.m. until 1:35 pm and from 2 until 4:35 p.m. in 311 Claypool-Young. She also will meet with MSU's arts entrepreneurship class, an art history class, and a first year seminar focused on visual art and design.

This program is funded in part by the Buckner and Sally S. Hinkle Endowment for Humanities, Morehead State Public Radio, Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and the Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

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., and all day on weekends.

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

MSU named one of the 'Safest Colleges in Kentucky'

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Morehead State University has been acknowledged as one of the "Safest Colleges in Kentucky" by BackgroundChecks.org, a site devoted to public safety and open government.

"There are many things to consider when choosing a college, and campus safety is an extremely important factor," said Dr. Jason Bentley, vice president for student success. "Chief (Merrell) Harrison, his entire staff and the strong partnerships with students and the local community are all part of making MSU a safe and inclusive community."

"This acknowledgement was possible because of the support and commitment to creating a healthy community among students, faculty, staff and local partners in Morehead," said Harrison. "We take great pride that MSU makes safety a priority allowing students to focus on the excitement of learning."

To compile the report, BackgroundChecks.org combined data from recent Department of Education Reports, natural language analysis, social media sentiment analysis and their own research to create a ranking of the "Safest Colleges in Kentucky."

"It's a true testament to a great administration, strong leadership, student and community involvement," said Jessica Pierce, a BackgroundChecks.org public safety analyst.

"In a world full of bad news, it's great to have something positive for students, administration, and faculty, and it's something to be proud of."

BackgroundChecks.org is a public safety focused organization committed to increasing public safety, community involvement, transparent government, and education.

For useful information, check out its [Kentucky resource page](#).

MSUPD is accredited by the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police.

MSUPD has 16 full-time officers and 10 support staff.

Additional information is available by calling the [MSUPD](#) at 606-783-2035.

Six to be inducted; Doan to be honored posthumously during Homecoming

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Vaughn Caudill Christian Galeski Andy Prefontaine



Paul Conner Shawn Johnson Craig Unger



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Tickets to the banquet are \$25 per person. The public is invited to attend. Prior to the banquet, the Alumni Association will host a complimentary Alumni Welcome Reception from 5-7 p.m.

For a full list of Homecoming events, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/homecoming.

Additional information is available by contacting the Office of Alumni Relations and Development at 606-783-2033 or 800-783-ALUM or email alumni@moreheadstate.edu.

Wayne D. and Susan H. Andrews Hall dedicated

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Officials of Morehead State University along with members of its Board of Regents, local and state legislators held a dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony today (Friday, Sept. 30) for the Wayne D. and Susan H. Andrews Hall.

[\(View photo gallery\)](#)

“Sue and I are honored with the naming of Andrews Hall,” said Dr. Wayne Andrews, MSU president. “For the past 12 years, my administration has always put the needs of the students as our first priority. We will cherish our time at MSU as we look forward to moving onto the next phrase of our lives.”

The hall was built on the site of the former Regents and Wilson Halls. At a cost of \$28 million, the new hall will provide space for 550 residents. It will provide suite style rooms, student/study meeting areas, and will have Wi-Fi connectivity throughout. Sherman Carter Barnhart of Lexington designed the building.

Students are scheduled to move into Andrews Hall in October.

Dr. Andrews, who took the helm as the 13th president at MSU on Jan. 1, 2005, announced in April that he will retire from the presidency on June 30, 2017.

“This is another exciting day to be involved with Morehead State University. The Andrews’ Hall project is not only important to the current but also future students of MSU. Dr. Andrews and Sue have meant a lot to MSU and it only seems fitting that the Board chose to name the new residence hall after them,” said Paul C. Goodpaster, Board of Regents chair.

In August, MSU broke ground for phase two of the renovations to the Adron Doran University Center. Phase two is scheduled to take 22-months at an estimated cost of \$49 million. The University received authorization in the 2000-04 budget for phase one of this project.

In November, MSU will have a ceremony for its second residential facility at the Derrickson Agricultural Complex.

The residence halls were funded with institutional bonds paid by rental fees from residents.

The projects are part of a comprehensive Campus Master Plan that focuses on meeting student, employee and community needs and expectations. The vision is to make the campus a greener, more pedestrian-friendly place, with plans to recreate a central campus entrance and establish focused districts of activity.

During Andrews’ tenure, MSU has completed the Center for Health, Education and Research; constructed the Equine Health Education Center and new student housing facilities at the Derrickson Agricultural Complex; launched the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics and MSUTeach; renovated a number of residence halls and opened the Recreation and Wellness Center; and has constructed a new parking garage which will also house a new dining facility once finished.

To follow MSU’s progress on these and other campus improvement projects, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/progress/.

Raceland students visit Early College Program

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Students from Raceland High School visited the Morehead State University campus, as part of the [Early College Program](#), Thursday, Oct. 6.

More than 50 high and technical schools offered MSU classes during the fall semester with nearly 2,500 high school students participating in the program.

“This program is truly a win-win opportunity. Students get to earn college credit for as part of the Kentucky Dual Credit Scholarship program and parents have less financial burden for a college education and schools get challenging new courses which fully optimize the talents of their high schools,” said Joel Pace, director of early college programs.

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.

School systems taking part are: Bath, Boyd, Breathitt, Bullitt, Carter, Clark, Estill, Fayette, Fleming, Floyd, Grant, Henry, Jefferson, Jessamine, Johnson, Lawrence, Lewis, Martin, Mason, Mercer, Montgomery, Morgan, Nicholas, Oldham, Pike, Powell, Rowan, Shelby, and Wolfe and Woodford counties; as well as Ashland Blazer, 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, director of early college programs, at 606-783-2995 or you can find an application at www.moreheadstate.edu/earlycollege/.

Poet wins Chaffin Award for Appalachian Writing

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Selected from more than 70 nominees, poet Rose McLarney has been named the 2016 [Thomas and Lillie D. Chaffin Award](#) for Achievement in Appalachian Writing.

McLarney will be honored in a ceremony Tuesday, Oct. 11, at 7 p.m. in the Kentucky Folk Arts Center. The author also will read from her work.

McLarney will participate in a question and answer session Tuesday, Oct. 11, at 12:30 p.m. in 205 Bert Combs Building.

Both events are free and open to the public.

The author of two books, McLarney is currently an assistant professor of English at Auburn University. Her second book “Its Day Being Gone” was selected as a National Poetry Series Winner in 2015 and published by Penguin Books. A native of North Carolina, she also serves as co-editor-in-chief and poetry editor of Southern Humanities Review.

The selection committee of creative writing faculty at Morehead State University praised McLarney’s poetry for its formal variety and evocation of region and place.

“It’s one thing to read a poet who celebrates where she comes from,” said Tom Williams, English chair. “It’s another thing to read a poet like Rose McLarney, who with words well chosen summons landscape, flora, fauna, and most of all, the people who live there.”

Administered through the Department of English at MSU, the Thomas and Lillie D. Chaffin Award for Appalachian Writing gives students the opportunity to interact with a published author writing from the region. The award, which includes a cash prize of \$1,000, recognizes outstanding Appalachian writers in poetry, fiction and nonfiction.

Past winners include James Still, Ann Pancake, George Ella Lyon and Charles Dodd White.

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

For more information, contact the [Department of English](#) at Morehead State University at 606-783-9448.

Career Service hosts ‘Fall Career Fair’

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Morehead State University held its annual Fall Career Fair with nearly 100 organizations, which included employers and graduate schools, Tuesday, Oct. 4.

Nearly 450 students, alumni and community members networked with employers and graduate programs with the hope of landing an interview for an internship, part-time or full-time position.

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

Chief photographer Tim Holbrook recapped the day’s event in a [photo gallery](#).

The next career fair will be Tuesday, March 7.

MSU hosts initial KAIC event

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Morehead State University's Space Science Center hosted the kickoff for the newly formed Kentucky Aerospace Industry Consortium (KAIC) Wednesday, Oct. 5.

(View [photo gallery](#))

KAIC was established as a non-profit to advance and promote Kentucky's aerospace industry by providing leadership and creating collaborative partnerships to ensure the industry has the resources it needs to succeed.

The "October Sky Launch," included an educational session for interested aerospace/aviation individuals, a networking opportunity, a kick-off rocket launch, an open Q&A session with the board of directors and the screening of a space-themed film in the Star Theater.

Gov. Matt Bevin and Lt. Gov. Jenean Hampton launched a rocket from the Space Science Center as part of the day's events.

Bevin and Hampton were among a group that also took part in a question and answer session.

The board of directors of the KAIC includes: Lt. Gov. Hampton; Dr. Benjamin Malphrus, Morehead State University, chair and president; J. Edwin Webb, World Trade Center Kentucky, secretary; Dannette Wilder, Sealing Life, treasurer; Kris Kimel, Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation; Commission of Aviation Col. Steve Parker; and Brad Thomas, East Kentucky Power Cooperative.

Espina Ruiz will perform at MSU on Oct. 12

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Dr. Oskar Espina Ruiz will visit Morehead State University on Wednesday, Oct. 12, for a Masterclass at 3 p.m. and a recital of Spanish music at 7:30 p.m.

Both events will be held in the Duncan Recital Hall and are free and open to the public.

Dr. Espina Ruiz has performed at major concert halls and festivals to high critical acclaim, including concerto performances at the Philharmonic Hall in St. Petersburg, Russia, and recitals in New York City, Washington, D.C., Moscow, Madrid, Tokyo, Beijing, Shanghai and Hong Kong.

Since 2006, he is artistic director of the Treetops Chamber Music Society, in Stamford, Connecticut.

Born in Bilbao, Spain, his first musical training came at an early age performing on Basque folk instruments. He later pursued the traditional conservatory training as a clarinetist and often performed with the Bilbao Symphony, as its youngest member, at age 16. He came to New York City in 1991 to further his studies in clarinet and won the top clarinet prizes at the Olga Koussevitzky and Artists International competitions.

He holds a Doctoral degree in Musical Arts from Stony Brook University and a Master degree in Fine Arts from Purchase College Conservatory of Music.

Additional information is available by contacting Dr. Lori Baruth, associate professor of music, at 606-783-2490 or email her at l.baruth@moreheadstate.edu.

Homecoming celebration set for Oct. 13-15 (Parade photo gallery added)

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Morehead State University alumni and friends are invited to campus for the annual [Homecoming celebration](#), Oct. 13-15.

The annual homecoming parade was held Thursday, Oct. 13. (View [photo gallery](#))

Friday has been designated Blue and Gold day. Campus and community members are encouraged to show their Eagle pride by wearing the school colors. If you need something to wear, the University Bookstore will extend its hours until 6 p.m. on Friday. The bookstore also will be open on Saturday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

A Memorial Brick Ceremony will be held on Friday at 10:30 a.m. at the Little Bell Tower Memorial Plaza. The ceremony will honor the years of faithful service given by deceased faculty and staff who passed away during the last year.

At noon, a reunion luncheon will be hosted in Button Drill Room. Members of the class of 1966 will celebrate their 50 year reunion, the class of 1976 will celebrate 40 years and the class of 1991 will celebrate 25 years.

All campus visitors are encouraged to attend the MSU Alumni Association Kickoff Celebration at the Morehead Conference Center from 5 until 7 p.m. The Homecoming banquet will begin at 7 p.m. The program will include the induction of the Alumni and Athletic Hall of Fame recipients and presentation of the Founders Award for University Service.

Several events are scheduled for Saturday morning.

At 9:30 a.m., the Legacy Program's "Breakfast with Beaker" will be held in the East Lobby of the AAC. Children of Active Alumni will enjoy a meet and greet with Beaker.

Alumni are invited to reconnect with classmates during the Decades Brunch which will begin at 10 a.m. in the front lobby of the AAC. Guests will enjoy tables designated to their era and have the opportunity to meet the University President and learn more about what is happening at MSU. The brunch is open to alumni and friends from all decades. Tickets \$5 each.

Before the homecoming football game, the traditional tailgate will begin at 11 a.m. in the Eagle Rally Zone in the Academic-Athletic Center parking lot adjacent to Jayne Stadium.

Kickoff for the game will be at 1 p.m. at Jayne Stadium as the Eagles take on Marist. Halftime activities will feature a performance by the MSU Marching Band and the crowning of the homecoming queen and king.

After the game, the Alumni Association will host a free chili supper at the AAC and several organizations will host dinners, reunions and other events during the evening.

For other planned events, a complete schedule is available at www.moreheadstate.edu/homecoming.

For additional information on Homecoming 2016, or to purchase tickets for the events, contact the MSU Alumni Association at 606-783-2033 or 800-783-ALUM.

Queen, King candidates announced

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Haley Clay

Larrin Collins



Samantha Grimes

Jacob Miller



Kendall McDonald

CJ Phillips



Kennedy Womack

Josh Riley



Kaitlyn Yeary

David Rushing

Morehead State University will crown its 2016 Homecoming Queen and King during halftime ceremonies of the MSU-Marist football game, which begins at 1 p.m. in Jayne Stadium on Saturday, Oct. 15.

The winners will be named from the five candidates competing for each title.

Among the nominees for Homecoming Queen are:

Haley Clay of Greenup is the daughter of Robin and Thomas Clay. A senior double majoring in vocal performance and strategic communication, she is sponsored by the Black Gospel Ensemble.

Samantha Grimes of Owingsville is the daughter of Connie Grimes, and the late Darryl Grimes. A junior strategic communications major, she is sponsored by the Student Alumni Ambassadors.

Kendall McDonald of Owenton is the daughter of Wyatt and Teresa McDonald. A senior biology major, she is sponsored by the Recreational and Wellness Center Advisory Board.

Kennedy Womack of Ashland is the daughter of Tammie Hetzer-Womack and Anthony Womack. A senior, double majoring in government and philosophy, she is being sponsored by the Student Government Association (SGA).

Kaitlyn Yeary of Maysville is the daughter of Tim and Lisa Yeary. A senior biomedical sciences major, she is sponsored by Delta Tau Delta.

Nominees for Homecoming King are:

Larrin Collins of West Liberty is the son of Kevin and Kristi Collins. A senior health care administration major, he is sponsored by Chi Omega.

Jacob Miller of Covington is the son of Mike and Lori Miller. A junior convergent media major, he is sponsored by the Student Alumni Association.

C.J. Phillips of Louisville is the son of Dee Haycraft and Jason Robinson. A senior sports management major, he is sponsored by Pi Kappa Phi.

Joshua Riley of Russell is the son of Sabrina Ewing and Matt Riley. A junior marketing major with a minor in military science, he is being sponsored by ROTC.

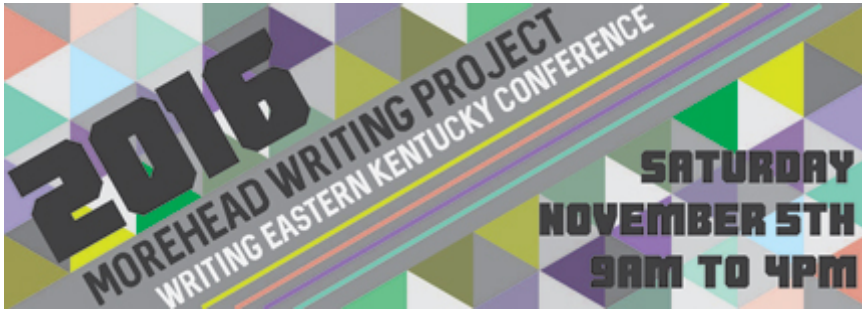
David Rushing of Simi Valley, California, is the son of Ken and Suzanne Rushing. A senior engineering management major, he is sponsored by Cru.

For additional information on Homecoming 2016, or to purchase tickets for the event, contact the Office of Alumni Relations and Development, at 606-783-2080 or 800-783-ALUM or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/homecoming.

Writing Eastern Kentucky Conference slated for Nov. 5

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The 2016 [Writing Eastern Kentucky Conference](#) will be held Saturday, Nov. 5, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. in Breckinridge Hall on the campus of Morehead State University.

The conference, sponsored annually by the Morehead State Writing Project, is targeted to meet the needs of both creative writers as well as teachers of academic writing. Creative writing sessions on poetry, fiction, and nonfiction writing will be available.

For educators, the conference features sessions that address the needs of Primary, Secondary, and Post-secondary students.

Six hours professional development credit will be awarded for completing the conference.

Pre-registration is \$50 or \$60 the day of the event. MSU undergraduate students, staff and faculty along with MWP Fellows will be admitted for half-price. Lunch is not included.

Additional information is available at 606-783-2426 or visit MWP's website at moreheadwritingproject.org.

Open House programs set for Oct. 29 and Nov. 12

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Morehead State University's Office of Enrollment Services will host [Open House programs](#) Saturday, Oct. 29 and Saturday, Nov. 12, from 9 a.m. until noon in Button Auditorium 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 13 straight years.

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.

Application fees for high school seniors will be waived for those in attendance. Transcript and test scores must be turned in at the event to qualify for the fee waiver.

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

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

McLarney recipient of the 2016 Chaffin Award

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Poet Rose McLarney received the [Thomas and Lillie D. Chaffin Award for Achievement in Appalachian Writing](#) Tuesday, Oct. 11, in a ceremony held at the Kentucky Folk Art Center.

Currently an assistant professor of English at Auburn University, her second book “Its Day Being Gone” was selected as a National Poetry Series Winner in 2015 and published by Penguin Books.

A native of North Carolina, she also serves as co-editor-in-chief and poetry editor of Southern Humanities Review.

Administered through the Department of English at Morehead State University, the Thomas and Lillie D. Chaffin Award for Appalachian Writing includes a cash prize of \$1,000, and recognizes outstanding Appalachian writers in poetry, fiction and nonfiction.

Past winners include: 1996, James Still; 1997, Chris Holbrook; 1998, Sharyn McCrumb; 1999, Chris Offutt; 2000, Denise Giardina; 2001, Karen McElmurray; 2002, Crystal Wilkinson; 2003, Silas House; 2004, John Sparks; 2005, Ron Rash; 2006, Sharon Hatfield; 2007, Erik Reece; 2008, Diane Gilliam; 2009, Mark Powell; 2010, Ann Pancake; 2011, Alex Taylor; 2012, Donald Ray Pollock; 2013, Jesse Graves; 2014, George Ella Lyon and Scott McClanahan; and 2015, Charles Dodd White.

The award is supported by the Buckner and Sally S. Hinkle Endowment for Humanities, Morehead State Public Radio, [Department of English](#) and the [Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences](#).

Additional information is available by calling Tom Williams, English chair, at 606-783-9448.

Blakeman golf scramble held, scholarship recipients named

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The fifth annual J.B. Blakeman golf scramble was held recently at Eagle Trace Golf Course in Morehead. The event raised more than \$9,000.

The team of Jim Caudill, Rick Rogers, Greg Haney and Kyler Barton won the event. All monies raised goes to the J.B. Blakeman scholarship fund.

The scholarship is in memory of Jeffery Scott "JB" Blakeman. A graduate of Morehead State University with an industrial technology degree, he was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and a Chi Omega sorority big brother. As an avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed hunting, fishing and photographing wildlife. Blakeman loved golfing and was a member of the Eagle Trace Men's Golf Association and was a proud supporter of Rowan County and Morehead State athletics.

He passed away September 2011 at the age of 52.

Morehead State University has announced Drew Graybeal, Nicholasville sophomore, Alex Holbrook, Banner junior, and Ethan Ratliff, Pikeville senior, are the fall 2016 recipients of the \$500 J.B. Blakeman Memorial Scholarship.

In addition, Garrison McMillian, Vine Grove freshman is the fall 2016 recipient of the \$250 New Flyer Award presented to a new MSU student.

A biomedical sciences major, Graybeal currently serves as community service chair and coordinates the Chapter's efforts with Gateway Helping Hands backpack snack program. He has attended SigEp's Edge and Carlson Leadership Academy programs. Graybeal serves on the Baptist Campus Ministry's outreach team and represents the University as an Eagle Guide in Enrollment Services. He also enjoys intramurals and has played on several championship teams.

Holbrook is a construction management and civil engineering technology major and is involved in the Association of General Contractors student organization. He currently serves as intramural chair for the Chapter. He was recently elected to also serve on the fraternity's Standards Board. Alex was recognized for continuously improving his GPA as well as his summer work where he gained hands on experience in his field.

Ratliff is a biomedical sciences major and plans to graduate in spring 2017 and pursue study in a Physicians Assistant program. He has served in the summer at a youth Christian camp and is active with the Baptist Campus Ministry on campus. He is a familiar face on campus, having worked at the front desk of the University Center. This summer, he attended the Chapter's summer planning retreat in Cincinnati and currently serves as vice president for risk management.

McMillian is a veterinary technology major. He is especially interested in partnering with other Greek organizations to support charities and events in the local area. He is already signed up as a member of the intramural softball team. Before coming to MSU, he played baseball for four years and started the Ultimate Frisbee club at John Hardin High School.

To be considered for the J.B. Blakeman Memorial Scholarship, students must submit an application and a document listing past involvement and contributions to their chapter, campus and community.

A total of \$10,000 in scholarship funds have been awarded through the scholarship fund.

For more information on the scholarship or the golf outing, contact MSU's Office of Alumni Relation and Development at 606-783-2033.

Bryan Station students visit Early College Program

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Students from Bryan Station High School visited the Morehead State University campus, as part of the [Early College Program](#), Thursday, Oct. 13.

More than 50 high and technical schools offered MSU classes during the fall semester with nearly 2,500 high school students participating in the program.

“This program is truly a win-win opportunity. Students get to earn college credit for as part of the Kentucky Dual Credit Scholarship program and parents have less financial burden for a college education and schools get challenging new courses which fully optimize the talents of their high schools,” said Joel Pace, director of early college programs.

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.

School systems taking part are: Bath, Boyd, Breathitt, Bullitt, Carter, Clark, Estill, Fayette, Fleming, Floyd, Grant, Henry, Jefferson, Jessamine, Johnson, Lawrence, Lewis, Martin, Mason, Mercer, Montgomery, Morgan, Nicholas, Oldham, Pike, Powell, Rowan, Shelby, and Wolfe and Woodford counties; as well as Ashland Blazer, 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, director of early college programs, at 606-783-2995 or you can find an application at www.moreheadstate.edu/earlycollege/.

Homecoming celebration recap (Photo galleries included)

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A Memorial Brick Ceremony was held Friday at the Little Bell Tower Memorial Plaza. The ceremony honored the years of faithful service given by deceased faculty and staff who passed away during the last year.

Also Friday, a reunion luncheon was hosted in Button Drill Room. Members of the class of 1966 celebrated their 50 year reunion, the class of 1976 celebrated 40 years and the class of 1991 celebrated 25 years.

In the evening, the MSU Alumni Association Kickoff Celebration was held at the Morehead Conference Center. The Homecoming banquet that included the induction of the Alumni and Athletic Hall of Fame recipients and presentation of the Founders Award for University Service capped off Friday's events.

(View [photo gallery](#) of Friday's events)

Several events were held Saturday.

The Legacy Program's "Breakfast with Beaker," the Decades Brunch, the traditional tailgate, the football Eagles battled Marist, after the game, the Alumni Association hosted a free chili supper along with several organizations that hosted dinners, reunions and other events during the evening.

(View [photo gallery](#) for Saturday's events)

For additional information contact the MSU Alumni Association at 606-783-2033 or 800-783-ALUM.

Marshall elected University of the South trustee

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Morehead State University's Dr. J. Marshall, executive director of the [Center for Regional Engagement](#), has recently been elected a trustee of the [University of the South](#) (Sewanee) and will serve a three year term.

Marshall is a member of St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Morehead, and a former member of the executive council of the Episcopal Diocese of Lexington. He also serves as Junior Warden and Treasurer for St. Alban's Episcopal Church.

The University of the South is owned by 28 Episcopal Diocese and the Diocese of Lexington trustees gather annually with the trustees of the 27 other dioceses in October to work together in guiding the vision of Sewanee.

In 1857, a group of Episcopal clergy and lay people gathered on the Cumberland plateau of Tennessee to found the University of the South. The full opening of the school, affectionately known as Sewanee, was delayed until after the Civil War. Sewanee is the only University that is owned and governed by dioceses of The Episcopal Church--28 dioceses primarily in the Southeastern United States and is one of seven Schools of Theology nationally owned and operated by The Episcopal Church.

The University enrolls nearly 1,750 students in the College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Letters, and the School of Theology. The Diocese of Lexington is one of the 28 owning dioceses, and as such, its bishop is one of the trustees, along with three trustees who are elected by the diocesan convention.

Additional information is available by contacting Dr. Marshall at 606-783-9388.

2016 Homecoming Queen, King crowned

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Samantha Grimes of Owingsville and Larrin Collins of West Liberty were named Morehead State University's 2016 Homecoming Queen and King Saturday, Oct. 15.

Grimes is the daughter of Connie Grimes, and the late Darryl Grimes. A junior strategic communications major, she was sponsored by the Student Alumni Ambassadors.

Collins is the son of Kevin and Kristi Collins. A senior health care administration major, he was sponsored by Chi Omega.

The announcement of the Homecoming Court was made during halftime ceremonies of the football game against Marist.

Among the nominees for the Homecoming queen were: Haley Clay of Greenup; Kendall McDonald of Owenton; Kennedy Womack of Ashland; and Kaitlyn Yeary of Maysville.

Nominees for Homecoming King were: Jacob Miller of Covington; C.J. Phillips of Louisville; Joshua Riley of Russell; and David Rushing of Simi Valley, California.

Additional information is available by contacting the Office of Alumni Relations and Development, at 606-783-2080 or 800-783-ALUM.

Cold War revisited slated for Oct. 19

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Morehead State University's [Space Science Center](#) will host a debate featuring American and Russian perspectives on the Cold War. The event will be held at the SSC's Star Theater Wednesday, Oct. 19, at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Boris Yendler, CEO and principal consultant for Yendler Satellite Propellant Management LLC., will be the leader of Team Russia. He has a long history with Lockheed Martin and was in the Russian military during the cold war serving as a weapons specialist on surface to air missiles. Jeff Kruth, staff electrical engineer at the SSC, will be the leader of Team United States.

There will be brief presentations, a discussion of their histories and stories of the Cold War. A question-and-answer session will follow.

The Space Science Center is located at 235 Martindale Drive on the East end of the campus.

Additional information is available by calling the [Star Theater](#) at 606-783-9593.

STEAM Academy students visit Early College Program

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Students from STEAM Academy of Lexington visited the Morehead State University campus, as part of the [Early College Program](#), Wednesday, Oct. 19.

More than 50 high and technical schools offered MSU classes during the fall semester with nearly 2,500 high school students participating in the program.

“This program is truly a win-win opportunity. Students get to earn college credit for as part of the Kentucky Dual Credit Scholarship program and parents have less financial burden for a college education and schools get challenging new courses which fully optimize the talents of their high schools,” said Joel Pace, director of early college programs.

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‘Campus Sustainability Week’ slated for Oct. 23-29

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Morehead State University's [Office of Environmental Health and Safety](#) will present "Campus Sustainability Week," Oct. 23-29.

Activities are open to campus and the Morehead community.

Monday, Oct. 24, **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Day** – Mondays are the busiest day for the Morehead Community Recycling Center and volunteers are needed to help sort material. Come anytime between 8 a.m. to 4:30 pm. All volunteers who work at least one hour will receive a free Earthwise Eagles T-shirt and entered into a raffle for prizes.

Tuesday, Oct. 25: **Water Conservation and Pollinator Protection Day** – Take a guided student-led tour of the new Outdoor Classroom (Carbon Pocket Park) between the Space Science Center and Normal Hall from 3-5 p.m. Participants will learn about efforts in water conservation and pollinator protection. Attendees will receive free milkweed seeds and be entered into a drawing for a pollinator hotel along with other pollinator and water conservation related prizes.

Wednesday, Oct. 26: **Renewable Energy Day** –A free movie screening of "Switch" will be held in 002 Breckinridge Hall Room from 7-9 p.m. Attendees may enter a raffle for a solar charger backpack with hydration pack, a solar powered lantern and other great renewable energy prizes.

Thursday, Oct. 27: **Bike MSU Day** – Meet at Eagle Lake at 3 p.m. for informational clinics on bicycle safety, tune-up maintenance and repair. Followed by a bike ride with MSU President Wayne D. Andrews at 4:30 pm. Participants must bring their own bike or rent one from MSU Outdoor Adventures or Switchback Cycling. All bike ride participants will receive a free "Bike MSU" T-shirt, water bottle and other giveaways. Participants also will be entered into a raffle to win a \$250 gift certificate to Switchback Cycling. Free refreshments and drawings for prizes will take place after the ride.

Friday, Oct. 28: **Campus Beautification Day** – Lots of trees = lots of leaves at our Tree Campus USA. Come have fun raking leaves and making our campus grounds beautiful for fall. Participants will receive a free Earthwise Eagles T-shirt and a chance to win prizes. Rakes, gloves, water and candy will be provided. Volunteers will start at the Fields Hall lawn at noon and work (all over campus) until 3 p.m.

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

Graduation Fair set for Nov. 2

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Morehead State University will hold the Class of 2016 Graduation Fair Wednesday, Nov. 2.

The Graduation Fair will be held from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. in the University Bookstore. Despite the renovation of the Adron Doran University Center, the bookstore remains open. Visitors should follow the signage around the construction zone to enter.

Anyone planning to complete their degree in December should attend the event.

Those in attendance will receive a special discount on their cap and gown from the University Bookstore. They can also order diploma frames, class rings, and customized announcements. Embroidery Plus will be on site taking orders for customized graduation stoles.

In addition to ordering all of their graduation needs, attendees also will have the opportunity to verify their registration for graduation with the Registrar, check their financial aid status, learn about graduate programs offered at MSU, and visit with career services.

Refreshments will be available and a number of prizes provided by MSU's Alumni Association will be given away.

Additional information is available by calling the University Bookstore at 606-783-2081 or visit www.bookstore.moreheadstate.edu.

Syck named ISI Honors Fellow

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Morehead State University's Tyler Syck, Pikeville junior, was awarded an Intercollegiate Scholars Institute (ISI) Honors Fellowship.

The Intercollegiate Scholars Institute (ISI) Honors Fellowship is awarded to roughly 75 students in a highly competitive national program. Students are brought to a national conference, given a faculty mentor, and then taken to weekend conferences throughout the year. All expenses are paid for by ISI.

The Intercollegiate Studies Institute (ISI) is an organization that seeks to help students gain an appreciation of America's founding principles and the principles of western civilization through rigorous scholarship and intellectually stimulating publications and conferences.

Syck is a government and history major in the George M. Luckey Academic Honors Program.

The conference was held outside Portland, Oregon, at the Skamina Lodge and focused on the topic "Constitutionalism: Today and Yesterday." Various well known professors in the field of politics, history, English, and classical studies gave lectures and moderated group discussions on various books relating to the topic.

Syck is the son of Jeff and Laura Syck.

He was nominated by Dr. Timothy Simpson, [Department of Foundational and Graduate Studies](#) in Education interim chair

Additional information is available by contacting Dr. Simpson at 606-783-2261.

Nearly Naked Mile slated for Oct. 27

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Morehead State University's Student Alumni Ambassadors will host the 10th annual "[Nearly Naked Mile](#)" Thursday, Oct. 27.

The one-mile charity run will take place on Morehead State's campus. Registration will take place outside of the Laughlin Health Building on Laughlin Lawn. Registration will begin at 7:30 p.m. with warm ups beginning at 8 p.m. and the race immediately following.

The "Nearly Naked Mile" is a coat drive benefit event for Rowan County Schools Family Resource and Youth Service Centers. Faculty, staff, students and community members are encouraged to donate new or unwanted coats for distribution.

"The Nearly Naked Mile is on student's bucket list at MSU. It is a fun way to gather coat donations for local school children. It is definitely something every student needs to experience," said SAA Philanthropy Chair Sydnee Bradley.

Participants pay no monetary entry fee for participating in the race, the entry fee is the donation of a coat. Those interested in coat donation to help the cause can drop them off at the Palmer Development House located at 364 University Street any time before Oct. 27.

Participants in the “Nearly Naked Mile” can come dressed in costume or in comfortable running clothes. Running “in your skivvies” is accepted, however, participants in the “Nearly Naked” attire are expected to be appropriately covered.

Prizes for the event will be awarded to first, second and third place finishers in Men’s and Women’s categories. Winners for a 110 percent participation award, as well as the most creative costume and the “Nearly Naked” spirit award will also be selected. Refreshments will be provided.

“The race is a unique way for our organization to raise awareness about the importance of helping others,” said Samantha Grimes, SAA President. “We are proud to continue this tradition and celebrate 10 years of providing coats to children in need.”

This year’s event is endorsed by the MSU Center for Regional Engagement and will be promoted as part of “Make a Difference Day.”

“We are excited to work with MSU students to help our community children. The Nearly Naked Mile is a fun event that supports a great cause,” said Melisa Patrick, CRE community service and marketing coordinator.

In last year’s run, more than 100 runners participated in the charity event with more than 130 coats collected.

More information is available by calling MSU’s Office of Alumni Relations and Development at 606-783-2033 or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/NNM.

Entrepreneurs Swearington, Pearson to visit campus

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Jen Swearington and Leslie Pearson, two creative entrepreneurs, will lecture and host workshops on the Morehead State University campus.

Swearington, owner of Jennythreads, will visit Oct. 26 and 27. Jennythreads is a handmade fashion company from Asheville, North Carolina. Swearington designs her line of art-to-wear clothing out of the Jennythreads retail store, exhibits and sells nationally at retail and wholesale markets, and teaches fashion and surface design at acclaimed art and craft schools.

While at MSU, she will present lectures on her business to First Year Seminar and Arts Entrepreneurship classes. Additionally, she will host a hands-on shibori workshop for theatre students interested in costume design.

More information about her venture can be found at www.jennythreads.com.

An artist, army veteran and restaurateur from Fayetteville, North Carolina, Pearson, will be at MSU, Nov. 1-3.

Pearson is an award-winning sculptor and textile artist featured in the current exhibition "Of the Earth" at the Claypool-Young Art Gallery. She owns and operates "The Fayetteville Pie Company." During her time on campus, she will present lectures on her business to First Year Seminar and Arts Entrepreneurship classes. Pearson also will host a hands-on sculpture workshops in the 3D Foundations classes, Department of Art and Design. More information about her artwork and process can be found at www.lesliekpearson.com.

The visits are funded in part by the Buckner and Sally S. Hinkle Endowment for Humanities, Morehead State Public Radio, Corporation for Public Broadcasting and the Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

For more information, contact Jennifer Reis, gallery director, at 606-783-5446 or email j.reis@moreheadstate.edu.

Fleming County students visit Early College Program

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Students from Bryan Station High School visited the Morehead State University campus, as part of the [Early College Program](#), Monday, Oct. 24.

More than 50 high and technical schools offered MSU classes during the fall semester with nearly 2,500 high school students participating in the program.

“This program is truly a win-win opportunity. Students get to earn college credit for as part of the Kentucky Dual Credit Scholarship program and parents have less financial burden for a college education and schools get challenging new courses which fully optimize the talents of their high schools,” said Joel Pace, director of early college programs.

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.

School systems taking part are: Bath, Boyd, Breathitt, Bullitt, Carter, Clark, Estill, Fayette, Fleming, Floyd, Grant, Henry, Jefferson, Jessamine, Johnson, Lawrence, Lewis, Martin, Mason, Mercer, Montgomery, Morgan, Nicholas, Oldham, Pike, Powell, Rowan, Shelby, and Wolfe and Woodford counties; as well as Ashland Blazer, 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, director of early college programs, at 606-783-2995 or you can find an application at www.moreheadstate.edu/earlycollege/.

MSU to host 23rd annual MPATE day

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Some of the region's best and brightest high school students will participate in the 23rd annual [Mathematics, Physics and Advanced Technology Exploration \(MPATE\) Day](#) at Morehead State University on Wednesday, Nov. 2.

Juniors and seniors who excel in sciences will gather at MSU for a day of competition and fun with their peers from other schools, while expanding their educational horizons in those academic disciplines.

The participants, all recommended by their teachers, will be divided into teams of four students. The team members will represent four different schools, to afford the students an opportunity to get to know their peers from other counties or school districts.

“Once the teams are formed, they will have approximately two and one-half hours of problem-solving exploration activities, involving math, physics, computer science or industrial and engineering technology,” said Dr. Tim O’Brien, associate professor of mathematics and MPATE Day coordinator.

Some of the activities will be hands-on practical exercises, while others will be completed with pen and paper.

Various MSU faculty and staff members from the [College of Science](#) and the [College of Business and Technology](#) will lead the explorations.

Each of the different activities is scored, and the team with the highest score at the end of the day's events will be declared the winner.

Following the competitive portion of the day, a luncheon and awards ceremony will be held in Button Auditorium.

Dr. O’Brien said approximately 450 students from MSU’s service region and beyond are expected to participate in MPATE Day this year.

Additional information about MPATE Day activities is available by calling Dr. O’Brien at 606-783-9439.

MSU accepts AASCU excellence and innovation award

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Morehead State University's [President's Leadership Academy](#) (PLA) was the recipient of an [American Association of State Colleges and Universities](#) (AASCU) Excellence and Innovation Award.

The award was presented to Wayne D. Andrews, MSU president, and Dr. Janet McCoy, director of the Center for Leadership and Development, Oct. 30 at AASCU's Annual Meeting in Miami, Florida.

"I am very excited to celebrate the achievements of the PLA," said Dr. Andrews. "MSU is very proud and honored to be recognized by AASCU."

The PLA is a yearlong program. It was initially offered annually with classes in 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010. It shifted to a two-year cycle in 2010 with subsequent classes graduating in 2012, 2014 and 2016.

The initiative's primary purpose is to provide premier professional development for selected faculty and staff including academic department chairs, directors and other administrators.

There are 102 Academy alumni from the first decade and they represent every division of the University. Class membership is balanced so multiple perspectives and voices are included in the leadership development process. Alumni are 57 percent female, 15 percent minority group members, and 40 percent faculty with 60 percent staff.

The core curriculum components have been consistent since the program's launch. The experience is built around common readings and discussions, typically four to five books and targeted journal and news articles. The texts relate to higher education, leadership or the intersection between the two. There are seminars with key personnel at MSU and high performing leaders across the state including university presidents and provosts, high ranking military officers, public officials, and former governors.

There is an experiential learning component with a case study in the fall and an internship in the spring. The class is divided into two teams to explore a "real world" higher education budget challenge. Teams set their meeting schedule and identify leaders with Academy members filling roles such as president, provost, chief financial officer, board president, and Faculty Senate chair. Each team has 30 minutes to present their potential solutions to President Andrews and his cabinet followed by a 30-minute question and answer period. The spring internship experience has ranged from 40-60 clock hours with 40 hours being the current norm.

The PLA experience has traditionally included two field trips. The first in the fall to explore the landscape of higher education in Kentucky. Stops include the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education, Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities, and Office of the Chancellor for the Kentucky Community and Technical College System. The spring trip is a “best practices” tour of an institution that has addressed challenges MSU is currently facing.

The 2016 class visited East Tennessee State University to examine the impact free community college and performance based funding are having on strategic planning and budgeting. These issues are moving to the forefront in Kentucky but have been part of the landscape of higher education in Tennessee for years. Other campus visits have included Appalachian State University, James Madison University, Miami University (Ohio), University of Louisville and West Carolina University.

“We established the PLA in 2006 to prepare future leaders for MSU,” said Dr. Andrews. “A lot of hard work has gone into the development of the Academy. If you look back at the men and women who have been a part of it and what it meant to their careers, then it really has done what we envisioned.”

The AASCU awards program honors member institutions for excellence and innovation in several major areas of campus life and leadership. Leadership in regional and economic development; student success and college completion; sustainability and sustainable development; teacher education; international education; and leadership development and diversity are honored with these awards.

Additional information is available by contacting Dr. McCoy at 606-783-2603 or visiting the President’s Leadership Academy webpage at www.moreheadstate.edu/pla/.

MSPR to air Halloween special

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Come celebrate Halloween with songs from stage and screen.

Get ready to laugh, dance and scream along with all your favorite scary movie themes, Broadway musical show-stoppers, and more, all guaranteed to make you shiver with fright and delight.

Join your host, Genny Jenkins, for "Halloween of Stage and Screen," Monday, Oct. 31, at 7 p.m. on [Morehead State Public Radio](#).

[Morehead State Public Radio](#) broadcasts 24-hours a day from the campus of MSU and serves more than 20 counties in Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia.

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

MSU places 11th in Outdoor Nation Campus Challenge

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Morehead State University finished 11 out of 89 participating colleges/universities in the 2016 Outdoor Nation Campus Challenge.

MSU had 413 active participants, who logged 2,343 entries.

The challenge uses prize incentives and competition to fight the growing inactivity crisis in America by helping connect adults and youth to the outdoors. MSU received more than \$1,600 worth of merchandise from Outdoor Nation that was given away to students during the contest.

“We are very proud of the hard work done by our Outdoor Adventure Programs students and staff,” said Russ Mast, assistant vice president for student engagement. “Our goal next year is to finish in the top five nationally.”

In 2015, MSU was 13 out of 57 schools in the competition.

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

Additional information is available by contacting Mast at 606-783-2083 or visit www.oncampuschallenge.org/.
