

# Staff Congress Newsletter



## Chair Chat

Welcome back to a new semester at MSU!

This is a busy time for everyone on campus, especially MSU staff. It's a great mission to serve our students and each other. It's also a very stressful time, and COVID-19 is a large part of that. Nearly everyone knows someone who has been affected by this pandemic, so do what you can to keep yourself, your family and friends safe. Talk to your doctor about vaccinations, wear a mask around others, and avoid crowds when you can. Be on the lookout for official guidance from the university. We've gotten through this before, and we will again.

Part of taking care of yourself is utilizing your time off. Too many people don't prioritize their vacation time. That is part of your earned pay for working at MSU, and it should be taken seriously. Coordinate with your unit to make sure that the work is covered, but schedule your vacation time. Stress can be just as dangerous as a disease and your mind and body need rest to fight it, now more than ever.

Take care of yourself. Take care of each other. Let's keep moving forward.

-Dave Flora, Staff Congress Chair

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## Staff Spotlight | Toni Hobbs



*This section highlights a Staff Congress representative.*

Toni Hobbs (Class of 2002, 2009), an Eastern Kentucky native, is the director of creative and branding services at Morehead State University. In April 2020, she was accepted into the Ph.D. in Arts Administration program at the University of Kentucky (UK). She holds a Master of Arts in Arts Administration from UK and a Master of Arts in Studio Art and a Bachelor of Arts in Art (Graphic Design), both from MSU. She is an illustrator and graphic designer who has exhibited nationally and internationally and has served as an MSU instructor since 2008. She was instrumental in developing the initial concept for a mentoring program for underrepresented students, DREAMS. She also established the Hobbs Endowment for Equality, a \$50,000 endowment fund committed to supporting academic scholarship and diverse programming at MSU, one of the first of its kind in Kentucky. Hobbs is a member of the MSU Visionary Society

and Circle of Excellence, providing leadership and financial support to further the University's mission. In addition to serving on Staff Congress and the Eagle Diversity & Inclusion Team, she is a member of the American Institute of Graphic Arts, Appalachian Studies Association, Association for Arts Administrators in Education, Association for Cultural Economics International, Consortium of Higher Education LGBT Resource Professionals, Council for the Advancement & Support of Education, Harvard Business Review Advisory Council, Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels, Morehead-Rowan Co. Chamber of Commerce, National Coalition Building Institute, Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Fraternity, Project Management Institute and the University College Designers Association.

## Resources | Microsoft Office 365

*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](mailto:x.scott@moreheadstate.edu).*

Did you know employees at Morehead State University have FREE access to [Microsoft Office 365](#) on up to 5 devices? With Office 365, you can use many popular apps, such as Word, PowerPoint, Excel, and more! Included in this access is unlimited cloud storage with Microsoft OneDrive.



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# Campus Announcements

The following events are scheduled for September 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](mailto:x.scott@moreheadstate.edu).

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## Labor Day (University Closed)

Morehead State University will be closed on Labor Day, Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup>.

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## Vaccination Opportunities

Counseling and Health Services will offer the Moderna Covid-19 vaccine on Wednesdays, beginning August 25, 2021. Call the clinic at 606-783-2055 to schedule an appointment.

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## MSU Eagles Volleyball

There are several volleyball games to choose from this month. Come cheer on our Eagles at the Academic-Athletic Center. [Tickets](#) are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children.

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## MSU Eagles Soccer

There are several soccer games to choose from this month. Come cheer on our Eagles at the Recreation & Wellness Intramural Field. [Tickets](#) are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children.

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## MSU Eagles Football

There are several football games to choose from this month. Come cheer on our Eagles at Jayne Stadium. [Tickets](#) are \$22 for adults and \$8 for children.

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## Cornhole Tournament / National Cheeseburger Day

The Campus Activities Board is hosting a Cornhole Tournament / National Cheeseburger Day event on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 3pm in ADUC Plaza Patio.

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## 9/11 Twentieth Anniversary Event

The Campus Activities Board is hosting a 9/11 Twentieth Anniversary event on Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 1pm in ADUC 325.



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## 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.

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### Tina McWain

“For striving to ensure all students and employees are paid correctly and on time.” - Submitted July 28, 2021

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### Dean April Miller

“Dr. Miller has served as department chair and also chaired another division within the College of Education. She has agreed to serve as Interim Dean of the College of Education. Dean Miller has been a great example of servant leadership and has always worked for the betterment of the University and to enhance education in our state/region. She should be recognized for her great work” - Submitted August 5, 2021



## Thanks for Reading | Suggestions

Thanks for reading the Staff Congress Newsletter. We're proud to be a part of your community. Please send any suggestions about the newsletter to Xavier Scott at [x.scott@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:x.scott@moreheadstate.edu).

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