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"If you just walk in the door and stumble in there, it's going to seem like chaos to you and it's less likely to be a meaningful experience," Boone said. Students should take the time to do a bit of preparation before they attend a Career Fair:

- Dress the part. Make sure you are dressed in business attire and potential employers will immediately take you more seriously. If you don't have a suit or business jacket (or simply can't afford one), feel free to visit the MSU Suit Bank in the MSU Career Center. If you find something that you like and that fits, you can have it free of charge.
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"The underclassmen need to be thinking about internships; they need to be making connections and speaking with people in the industries they're going in to," Boone said. "It's about gaining information and advice to differentiate yourself."

The MSU Spring Career Fair takes place from **10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 3**, at the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC). MSU students and alumni from all majors are encouraged to attend and the event is free and open to the public.

Prior to the Career Fair, MSU Career Services is offering several workshops to give you more information on the Career Fair or improve your resume:

- Resume Lab Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2 to 4 p.m., Bert Combs Building, Room 302
- Resume Blitz with Farm Credit Mid-America and Rite Aid, Tuesday, Feb. 17, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Adron Doran University Center, 2nd floor
- Resume Blitz with Cintas, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Kelly Engineering Resources, Wednesday, Feb. 18, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Adron Doran University Center, 2nd floor
- Career Fair 101 Wednesday, Feb. 25, 3 to 4 p.m., Career Center, 428 University Blvd. (across from Baird Music Hall)

To learn more, visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/career](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/career) .

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# MA in Adult and Higher Education provides opportunity

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photo: Professor and student at computer

At a higher education institution like Morehead State University, everyone enrolled is considered a student. That being said, just because they are all students doesn't mean they should all be educated the same way.

"If you've got someone who is in their 30s or 40s coming back to school, the need to give back to others or establish a legacy is going to be important to them," said Gera Jones, recruitment and retention coordinator and completion coordinator for the Graduate School at MSU. "There are different stages of life. Teaching to an adult, the issues are going to be different."

Many instructors are out in the field working with adult learners and in higher education to help them achieve their goals, and MSU's Master of Arts in Adult and Higher Education program was specifically designed to increase their knowledge and skills so they can better meet the needs of adult students.

## Convenience where it counts

The Master of Arts in Adult and Higher Education is a 30-hour program that can be taken completely online, which Jones said is specifically designed for those currently employed in higher education or adult education.

"Individuals who are working with outside responsibilities are able to complete the program," she said. "The versatility of completing courses online has opened it up to students who have previously not been able to consider the program."

## Vital and versatile

In addition to its online accessibility, students enrolled in the program will also be able to choose a nine-credit-hour area of specialization tailored to their interests and aspirations. In addition to the ability to develop their own areas of specialization (with advisor approval), pre-approved areas of specialization include:

- Business Training and Development
- Community College
- Counseling
- English as a Second Language (ESL)

Jones said those who complete the MA in Adult and Higher Education are qualified for a variety of career paths, whether it's working in the community college system, student affairs, student administration or as an academic advisor, just to name a few.

"These courses would enhance and further a skillset they have already developed through employment," she said. "It prepares people for a very wide array of positions within the higher education and adult education field."

The MA in Adult and Higher Education at MSU is not only beneficial for students as a versatile and flexible educational option, it also allows them the chance to go out into the field to tackle an important job of understanding the adult learner even more effectively.

"One of the things we are all trying to do is to promote lifelong learning," Jones said. "These students will be facilitators of lifelong learning and helping other people reap the benefits of higher education."

For more information on the MA in Adult and Higher Education, contact Foundational and Graduate Studies in Education at 606-783-2261 or visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/fgse](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/fgse).

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## Getting Ahead

Students and alumni who attended the MSU Career Fair in Spring 2015 had the chance to leave with something extra that gives job candidates an edge. Attendees who were already dressed for success had the chance to receive a free, professional quality photo at a special station within the career fair. Boone said this is an opportunity every student should seize.

"A professional image, in-person and online, is an important part of any job or internship search," she said. "Networking sites, such as LinkedIn, are a common part of the recruiting process. Therefore, users need a professional photograph and we want to help them put their best foot forward."

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The MSU Fall Career Fair takes place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29, in the Crager Room on the third floor of the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC). MSU students and alumni from all majors are encouraged to attend and the event is free and open to the public.

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### Road Show

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 26

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, ADUC

### Resume Lab

2 - 4 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 9

Room 302, Bert Combs Building

**Resume Blitz**

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 15 and 16

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, ADUC

**Career Fair 101**

3 - 4 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 23

Career Center

428 University Blvd.

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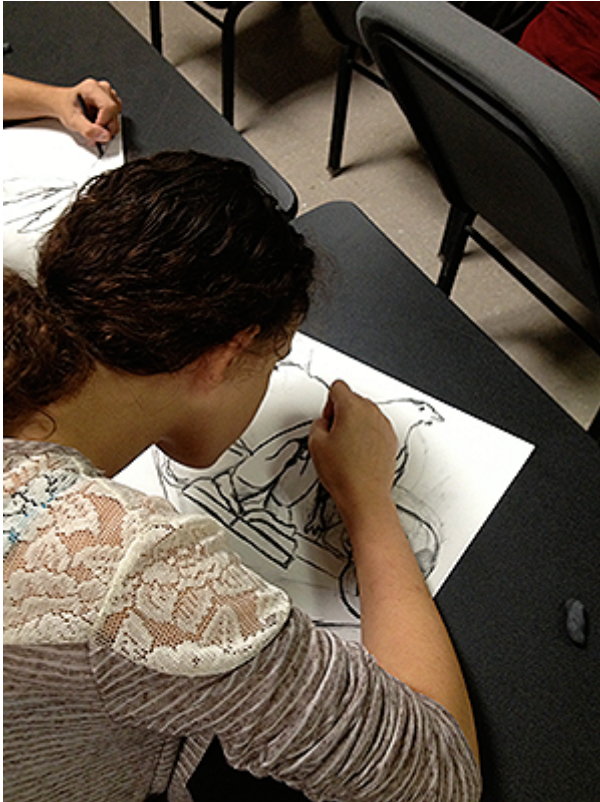
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## MSU partners with Governor's School for the Arts in EKY

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The Kentucky Center Governor's School for the Arts has partnered with Morehead State University and the Kentucky Folk Art Center to provide hands-on visual art and instrumental music workshops to Lee and Owsley county middle and high school students. The Rising Artist Group initiative brings GSA faculty, and MSU faculty and students together to provide one-on-one instruction to students in Lee and Owsley counties over the course of 3 school visits. During the visits, students spend the day working intensely in their art form.

GSA Executive Director Carrie Nath says the collaboration allows students to gain insight into the GSA audition process, "We approached MSU last spring regarding the collaboration. GSA is going into its 29<sup>th</sup> year and we typically send recruiters to schools where we haven't seen applications from in the past three years. When we are looking through applications, not only do we look at the level at which students are working, but we also take a look at their willingness to learn, their passion for their art form and what they believe they can bring to the program."

Dr. Jeanne Petsch is interim chair of the Department of Art and Design at MSU. "This is a meaningful and unique opportunity for MSU art education and music students to work with other middle and high school students from around the region. It's a wonderful opportunity for our students to build connections with other educators, and they are also able to count these hours as level - three field experiences."

The collaboration is also unique, as it provides resources for the students involved to build upon what they are learning in-between visits. Dr. Scott McBride is dean of the Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences at MSU.

"The work we are doing and the way students are responding is invigorating," McBride said. "MSU students are using a web-based interactive system, Collabra, to provide distance learning instruction to Lee and Owsley students. The software allows these students to have the experience of receiving private lessons and they are interacting with MSU student-instructors on a weekly basis."

Gabrielle Keith is a junior music education major at MSU. The Shelbyville, Ky., native has been teaching tuba and euphonium to the students and calls her experience eye-opening.

"This is one of the best experiences I could have asked for as a student studying music education. I attended school in a large city and having the opportunity to teach students in such a rural area, with only about 20 students in the band, has changed my perspective as an educator," Keith said.

She believes the students she is working with are enjoying the experience as well.

"From what I can tell, the students are having a great time. Every student I have encountered has so much potential. Many of them are experiencing what its like to have a private lesson for the very first time."

Lee and Owsley teachers are also provided with resources and lesson plans to utilize with their students as they are preparing for the next school visit.

Petsch adds, "We are all in this together. When everyone is in that classroom we are a team working to provide enriching experiences and build connections with the students. The interest, ability and talent are there. These students are looking for opportunity and we are trying to deliver."

Nath says GSA hopes to continue this collaboration through years to come.

"We desire to keep coming back. MSU is full of gracious faculty members and the administration at Lee and Owsley county schools have been wonderful to work with. We would love to continue to collaborate with these schools to promote the growth of their programs. The possibilities here are endless."

Discover opportunities available through the Kentucky Center Governor's School for the Arts and visit [www.kentuckycenter.org](http://www.kentuckycenter.org). To learn more about MSU's collaboration with GSA contact Dr. Scott McBride at [s.mcbride@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:s.mcbride@moreheadstate.edu).

# **MSU expands scholarship program**

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