

Good Morning, Faculty and Staff,

I was deeply impressed as I met with program faculty and staff late last semester that you consistently shared how proud you are that your departments are strongly student-centered. As Omicron sweeps the nation and our state, I ask that we keep our student-centered focus. Even as our COVID rapid response team works diligently to help students with or exposed to COVID get in our system and get excused absences to their instructors, please work with students who ask for assistance even as paperwork gets processed. Thanks in advance for all you do to help our students succeed.

Below are a few announcements regarding important upcoming events and deadlines in Academic Affairs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAREER EVENTS FOR LEVEL UP

The attached flyer shows the LevelUP career events scheduled for spring 2022. All of these events are geared toward helping students who have been or will be part of an HIP to learn how to capitalize on it for career development.

SUPPORT FOR TORNADO RELIEF EFFORTS

Dr. Silas Session, Director of Military Initiatives and Visiting Assistant Professor, seeks support for Kentucky tornado relief efforts:

- **Donations** – Immediate needs include tarps, power strips, extension cords (15-100ft), and infant products (diapers, wipes, etc.). Dr. Session will be collecting these items, as well as monetary donations towards purchase of these items, until **January 27**.
- **Rebuild Trip** – If you are interested in participating in a trip to rebuild homes over the Spring Break (March 14–18), please let Dr. Session know by **February 3**.

Contact Dr. Silas Session for more information at ssession@moreheadstate.edu.

GREEN DOT BYSTANDER PREVENTION OVERVIEW

Faculty and staff are invited to join the MSU Green Dot Program for a virtual Bystander Prevention Overview on **Friday, January 28 from 9:00-10:30 am**. Green Dot is an evidence-based violence prevention program that focuses on bystander intervention. To register, visit: <https://www.moreheadstate.edu/greendot>

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS NEW STAFF SPOTLIGHT: SHANNON HARR

Please welcome Dr. Shannon Harr as MSU's new Director of Research and Sponsored Programs. Shannon is a two-time graduate of Morehead State University, earning a Baccalaureate of Science degree in Animal Science and a Master of Arts degree in Communication. He also earned a doctorate in Education at the University of Kentucky. Prior to assuming the position of Director of Research & Sponsored Programs, he worked in various roles on campus, including Research Integrity and

Compliance Director and Director of University Assessment. Shannon has more than 21 years of experience in higher education at MSU. He lives in Olive Hill with his wife, Dalia.

REMINDERS (See previous Provost e-mails)

- Due date for faculty annual review materials to be submitted to chair or associate dean – **January 31**