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ASHLAND, Ky.---The 13th Annual Northeast Kentucky Small Business Awards were presented during a ceremony on Thursday, May 20, at Advance Memorial United Methodist Church in Flatwoods.

The event recognizes small business owners and advocates in Boyd, Carter, and Greenup counties.

Rob Johnson, of WSAZ News Channel 3, served as master of ceremonies.

The yearly event is coordinated by the Morehead State University/Ashland Small Business Development Center and 15 of the area's top leaders in banking, economic development, business and industry, and education including Ashland Alliance, Ashland Community and Technical College, Bentley Associates Inc., City National Bank, Community Trust Bank, FIVCO-ADD and United Way of Northeast Kentucky

“Small businesses account for more than 95 percent of our local economy,” said Kim Jenkins, event coordinator. “We are fortunate to have so many innovative, hard working entrepreneurs who contribute time, energy, and financial resources to numerous community and civic organizations.”

This year’s winners are:

New and Emerging Business-(Boyd County) Tal Callihan, RJ Kahuna’s Sports Bar & Grill.

Retail/Wholesale-(Boyd and Carter counties) Dianne Ferguson, Wilma’s Dress Shop.

Service-(Boyd County) B.J. Burcham, Identity Salon and Spa.

Professional-(Carter County) Robert Summerfeldt and Jackie Clevenger, Architectural Planning and Design.

Construction/Contracting-(Greenup County) Mayo Forbes, Quick Response Inc.

Main-Street Business-(Boyd County) Denise Spaulding, Denise Spaulding Fine Art.

Family-Owned Business-(Greenup County) Ron and Diane Cartee and Ron Cartee Jr., Cartee Land Development, Inc. – Arby’s.

Nonprofit Organization-(Boyd County) Chuck Charles, Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital Foundation.

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2010 Small business winners announced

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Accounting/Financial Services Advocate-(Carter County) Belinda Burchett, City National Bank.

Legal Services Advocate-(Boyd County) James Cleveland III, Huddleston Bolen, LLP.

Women/Minority Advocate-(Boyd County) Tim Preston, The Independent.

The 2010 Northeast Kentucky “Small Business of the Year” was captured by Ron and Diane Cartee and Ron Cartee Jr. of Cartee Land Development Inc. – Arby’s, while the “Small Business Advocate of the Year” was won by Belinda Burchett of City National Bank.

Additional information on nominations for the 2011 Northeast Kentucky Small Business Awards is available at www.nekysba.com; or call (606) 329-8011.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University will conduct the monthly test of its audible alert system on Monday, May 3, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

The system consists of three speakers that use an alert tone as well as voice messages to warn the campus during an emergency.

The high powered amplifiers are located on Ginger and Cartmell halls along with Jayne Stadium.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.--- Morehead State University Department of English Bachelor of Fine Arts in Creative Writing program will graduate its first two students in May. Stacey Greene and Jonathan Lounsberry will be reading from their creative theses at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 4, at the Kentucky Folk Art Center.

A native of Greenup, Greene's work revolves around Appalachia. While studying at MSU, she has accrued many creative writing experiences, including serving as co-editor-in-chief of MSU's art and literary magazine, "Inscape," reading as an opening act for Gurney Norman, working as copy-editor for "Mythium," a literary magazine and assistant editor of "Down Home" anthology. She also is the 2010 recipient of the Outstanding Student in Creative Writing Award, as well as the 2009 co-recipient. Her work has been published in "Inscape," and her poem won an honorable mention in the 2006 Sarabande Books Student Poetry Contest. She intends to pursue an M.F.A. degree in fiction writing.

Lounsberry was born and raised near Elkhorn City. While attending MSU, he has participated in many creative writing experiences including serving on the committee for MSU's art and literary magazine, "Inscape," in which several of his poems have been published. He considers himself an Appalachian writer, and is currently working on an Appalachian themed novel, as well as a short story cycle revolving around the lives of construction workers

The B.F.A. in Creative Writing degree, which was established in the spring of 2009, combines the rigorous instruction of creative writing with an active creative writing community so that aspiring writers may develop their individual talents in an atmosphere that is both demanding and supportive.

Additional information is available by calling Chris Holbrook, associate professor of English, at (606) 783-9448, or by e-mail to c.holbrook@moreheadstate.edu.

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May 28, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Showcasing the wealth of visual art in Kentucky, the Bluegrass Biennial: A Kentucky Juried Exhibition will be held June 5-July 30 at Morehead State University's Claypool-Young art gallery.

An opening reception and award presentation will take place on Saturday, June 5, from 3-5 p.m. with live music by Karly Dawn Higgins, in conjunction with the Clack Mountain Festival.

Juror Gwen Heffner of the Berea Artisan Center selected for exhibit 39 artworks out of the more than 170 submitted for consideration. Inspired by both the quality and quantity of visual art created in the state, the exhibition seeks to display the range of artistic production from across the Commonwealth. The strength of the exhibition truly rests in its diversity, from the types of artists participating that include self-taught to graduates of Master of Fine Art programs, to the range of artwork media and style on display.

The 31 accepted Kentucky artists include: Dobree Adams, Frankfort; Dean Brown, Louisville; Marianne Brown, Lawrenceburg; Justine Dennis, New Haven; Gweneth A. Dunleavy, Louisville; Gary Eldridge, Morehead; Laura A. Frye-Levine, Lexington; Linda Fugate-Blumer, Lexington; Betty Hall, Lexington; Dean Hill, West Liberty; Cynthia Ryan Kelly, Lexington; Hui Chi Lee, Lexington; Deborah Levine, Louisville; Christine Levitt, Lexington; Scott Massey, Louisville; Barry Motes, Prospect; Kathleen O'Brien, Harrodsburg;

Marie-Elena Ottman, Crestwood; Lisa Leigh Payne, Louisville; Marti M. Plager, Louisville; Stephanie Potter, Louisville; Laura Poulette, Irvine; Esther Randall, Berea; Randy Simmons, Paducah; Karen Spears, Lexington; Hunter Stamps, Lexington; Felicia Szorad, Lexington; Cathy Vigor, Ashland; Michael Wagner, Wallingford; Laverne Zabielski, Monticello; and Suzi Zimmerer, Louisville.

The event is sponsored by the Department of Art and Design and Arts and Humanities Council. It is part of a variety of arts programming offered during the Clack Mountain Festival, held the weekend of June 5 in downtown Morehead.

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Bluegrass Biennial opens June 5
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Scheduled for the summer of 2012, the next Bluegrass Biennial will again invite a juror from Kentucky to curate an exhibition representing the contemporary spirit of art in the Commonwealth.

The Claypool-Young art gallery, an educational resource of 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 4 p.m. or by appointment, is free and open to the public. Parking is available on Main Street and Elizabeth Avenue, directly behind the building, and across campus after 5 p.m.

Additional information is available by calling Jennifer Reis, gallery director, at (606) 783-5446, or by visiting www.moreheadstate.edu/art.

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MEDIA ADVISORY

EVENT: Board of Regents Work Session

DATE: Thursday, May 20, 2010

TIME: 9 a.m.

SITE: Heritage Room, Adron Doran University Center

During the work session, the Regents will discuss item(s) on the agenda and any other business that may come before them.

Prior to the work session, the Audit Committee will meet at 8 a.m.

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Media representatives planning to attend the session should call the Media Relations office at (606) 783-9361 before 4 p.m. on Wednesday, May 19.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---A two-year, \$17.1 billion spending plan is heading to the governor's desk following final legislative passage Friday night, staving off a potential shutdown of much of state government on July 1, including public universities and colleges.

The main difference between the two chambers was funding for the state's K-12 school buildings most in need of replacement. Under the final plan, the state will match funding for local school districts that levy a "second nickel," or five cents per \$100 in property value. The money would only be available for Category 5 schools, the facilities in the worst shape.

"We are very pleased that it will not be necessary to disrupt summer school and lay off most of our employees," said Morehead State University President Wayne D. Andrews. "The governor and the General Assembly did not cut higher education as much as other state agencies and for that we are most grateful. We will do our best to continue to move the University forward with reduced state support."

MSU and the rest of public postsecondary education will lose 1.4 percent of state general fund support in the 2010-11 fiscal year starting July 1 and another one percent in 2011-12. For MSU, the two-year loss will be about \$1.6 million.

The new state budget includes no new taxes and limits the amount of general fund bonding to around \$437 million.

Also headed to the governor is the revenue package needed to pay for the two-year budget. Among the provisions added to the Senate were tax incentives aimed at benefiting rural and low-income communities through business investment and philanthropy.

The budget bill also directs coal severance tax revenue into a scholarship program aimed at drawing pharmacy students into coal counties. The program is similar to those aimed at bringing physicians into rural Kentucky, with each year of service offsetting a year of school loans. Scholarship recipients who fail to earn a pharmacy degree would be required to pay back the loans. Students from coal counties would be given preference for the scholarships.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's Kevin Callihan, Raceland senior, won the 23rd annual A. Frank and Bethel C. Gallaher Performance Competition.

The 2007 Russell High School graduate is the son of Sherry Callihan. For his winning performance, he played two movements of Joseph Horovitz's Concerto for Euphonium.

The competition was established as a memorial to A. Frank and Bethel C. Gallaher, parents of former department chair of the MSU's Department of Music, Dr. Christopher Gallaher, to challenge music students to excel in performance artistry. The Gallahers resided in Ashland.

The competition is open to full-time students who are music majors, have completed 60 or more credit hours, initially matriculated at MSU and have a GPA of 2.75 or higher. The students are nominated by their applied teachers and have their music repertoire approved by the competition committee.

For the final round, the repertoire must be between 8-10 minutes in length. All performances must be from memory. As the winner of the competition, he performed at this year's Celebration of Student Scholarship and received a prize of \$1,000.

Callihan is pursuing a Bachelor of Music Education degree with an emphasis in euphonium. His private instructor is Dr. Stacy Baker, professor of tuba and euphonium.

He also has been awarded the Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Music, Raymond P. Ross Sr. Memorial Award and the Theodore Presser Undergraduate Scholar through the Music Department. Earlier this year, he won the National Robert Hawkins Memorial Scholarship through the John Philip Sousa Foundation awarded to one of the nation's leading scholars, musicians and prospective candidates for success in the field of band directing.

During the past two years, Callihan has pursued two Undergraduate Research Fellowships in arranging, transcribing, and composing music. He is the principle euphonium in the MSU Symphony Band and Tuba/Euphonium ensemble.

His post-graduation plans are either to continue his education through graduate degrees in the field of music or teach music in the public school.

Additional information is available from Dr. David Oyen, associate professor of music, at (606) 783-2404.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's Camden-Carroll Library will host the Ohio Valley Group of Technical Services Librarians (OVGTSL) conference, May 19-21.

Technical services librarians, support staff, and library school students from Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky will be in attendance.

Speakers will include Judy Luther of Informed Strategies and Renee Register of Online Computer Library Center (OCLC). Terry Reese will present a preconference "MarcEdit" workshop.

Three scholarships have been awarded for this conference. The winners are Chris Worland from Kentucky, Amy McCoy from Ohio and David Opperman from Indiana.

Additional information on the conference is available by visiting its Web site at <http://people2.moreheadstate.edu/fs/my.howard/OVGTSL/Home>; or by contacting Mykie Howard, librarian, at (606) 783-5116 or my.howard@moreheadstate.edu.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State Public Radio has named Amelia Conway, **Sandy Hook** senior, the recipient of the 2010 Community Advisory Board Student Leadership Award, and Tanner Hesterberg, **Morehead** sophomore, the winner of the 2010 Outstanding Student award.

“MSPR is pleased to offer a variety of hands-on opportunities in a professional, educational environment. We value the hard work by our student staff and their commitment to our listeners. Amelia and Tanner represent the dedication and integrity our students bring to Morehead State Public Radio,” said Paul Hitchcock, general manager.

Conway is the daughter of Steve and Sharon Conway. Hesterberg is the son of Rick and Latonya Hesterberg.

The Student Achievement Award is presented to an individual who has worked at MSPR at least one semester, maintained an overall grade point average of at least 3.0 and demonstrated achievements and leadership at MSU and in the community.

The Outstanding Student Award is presented to an individual who has worked at MSPR for at least one semester, maintained an overall GPA of at least 3.0, and demonstrated leadership abilities, dependability, initiative and personal development, showing quality work and an overall commitment to MSPR.

The winners will receive a gift certificate from the University Bookstore, their name placed on a plaque at the MSPR studios, and an individual gift from the station. Financial awards are supported by the MSU Foundation and the Fund for Excellence.

MSPR relies on the help of many MSU students. An average of 20 students work at the station each year, performing a variety of tasks including as reporter, copy editor, board operator, music host, and production and marketing assistants.

Additional information is available by calling MSPR at (800) 286-9659 or (606) 783-2001; or log on to MSPR’s Web site at www.msuradio.com.

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May 26, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education received results of recent student transfer surveys, both of which will serve as baseline data, at its work session last week.

The Council is working with the campuses to identify and then eliminate the transfer barriers for students attending the Kentucky Community and Technical College System who seek to transfer to a four-year campus.

Council President Bob King said the survey results provide a better understanding of the factors that contribute to the successful transfer of students.

“Now we have the data. It will allow us to focus our activities in ways that will have the most impact in implementing the new transfer legislation (H.B. 160), our Transfer Action Plan, and to measure annual progress,” said King.

One of the key findings to emerge from the Council survey was that the majority of students who transferred rated a range of transfer services offered by both KCTCS and public universities as good or excellent on average: 62 percent at KCTCS and 70 percent at the universities.

King said he was pleased to see that the majority of transfer students rated the campuses as highly as they did.

“These results validate the transfer improvements that the campuses have made in recent times and show that the issues are not as severe as previously thought,” he said.

Academic advising was the greatest challenge for 25 percent of all students surveyed. Almost all of these students indicated that getting information on which KCTCS courses would transfer and apply to their program at the four-year institution was their major challenge.

The Council members heard that the advising barrier will soon be eased with a new software system coming online later this year. CollegeSource’s Transfer Equivalency System will provide every KCTCS student early in their associate degree program with a clear understanding of all courses and transfer policies that will affect transfer to any public bachelor’s degree program in the state.

Morehead State University had 258 new transfer students in the Spring semester.

MSU offers online bachelor's degree “completer” programs designed primarily for graduates of KCTCS. These programs are designed to allow KCTCS graduates to earn bachelor's degrees while continuing to meet work and family obligations and without traveling long distances. Courses are offered via the Internet and at the regional campuses, providing busy adults the opportunity to complete class work at a time and place convenient to them.

Additional information is available by calling Jen Crisp, MSU transfer senior enrollment services counselor, (606) 783-5421 or (606) 783-2000.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---A Morehead State University student was among those from across the Commonwealth to receive scholarships given by the Educational Foundation of the Kentucky Society of Certified Public Accountants (KyCPA).

The group awarded nearly \$53,000 in scholarships to college students studying accounting on behalf of the Foundation and other benefactors, plus another \$15,000 in CPA exam review grants.

Calley Bess Miller of Corbin received the Kentucky Society of CPAs Educational Foundation Scholarship.

The scholarships were awarded during a banquet at the Galt House East Hotel in Louisville to students who met academic as well as financial need criteria set forth by KyCPA's Educational Foundation, which awards the nonprofit organization's scholarships annually.

The Kentucky Society of Certified Public Accountants is a statewide, nonprofit professional organization serving CPAs in public accounting firms, business, industry, government, and education.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Kentucky's public and independent colleges and universities conferred an estimated 57,247 degrees and credentials during the 2009-10 academic year, according to a preliminary annual degree report issued at the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education meeting.

This historic number of degrees represents an estimated 9.3 percent increase over last year and includes gains at the associate, bachelor's, master's and professional doctorate levels.

"This is exceptionally good news for the Commonwealth as more Kentuckians are seeking higher education, and as a consequence, more are earning their degrees," said Dr. Bob King, president of CPE.

"We applaud these graduates and their families as well as the campus leadership, faculty and staff for supporting their educational dreams."

The Council will release the final report later this year.

Morehead State University awarded an estimated 1,393 degree in 2009-10 (147 associate, 904 baccalaureate and 342 master's degrees).

The next challenge Dr. King said is to improve graduation rates, which measure the percentage of first time, full-time students who start and graduate with a bachelor's degree within six years or an associate degree within three years.

The overall statewide rate is 49 percent for the public universities, based on the entering class of 2002, and 20 percent for the public community and technical colleges, based on data from the class of 2005.

In other business, the Council approved tuition and mandatory fee proposals for the two research universities and four of the comprehensives, including non-resident and graduate rates.

For resident undergraduates, the Council approved a 5.1 percent increase in tuition and fee proposals for Morehead State University students for the 2010-11 academic year.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Former Morehead State University Board of Regents vice chair Jean Dorton was approved by the U.S. Senate Tuesday (May 11) to serve on the Board of Trustees of the American Folklife Center of the Library of Congress.

“Jean Dorton is a proud eastern Kentuckian and I was honored to nominate her to serve as a member of the American Folklife Center,” said U.S. Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell.

“Hailing from the same county as Loretta Lynn, the Coal Miner’s Daughter, Mrs. Dorton understands the contribution that Kentucky has made to American folklife.”

A Paintsville native, Dorton is a graduate of Morehead State University and Prestonsburg Community College. She is the community and legislative liaison and manager of advancement at the Big Sandy Community and Technical College in Prestonsburg. She serves on the Kentucky Arts Council, the Pikeville College Board of Trustees and the executive committee of Personal Responsibility in a Desirable Environment.

The American Folklife Center was created by Congress in 1976. In addition to private citizens selected by Congress, the center is made up of representatives of the federal government, the heads of the major arts and culture federal institutions and the director of the center.

Dorton served as an MSU regent for a seven-year period (2002-09).

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Edfred L. "Ed" Shannon Jr. of Whittier, Calif., will receive an honorary degree posthumously from Morehead State University at the 2010 Spring Commencement morning ceremonies on Saturday, May 8.

It will mark the first time that MSU has had two commencement programs.

Candidates from the Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences and College of Education will participate at 10 a.m. The second program will begin at 2:30 p.m. with the College of Science and Technology and College of Business and Public Affairs participating.

MSU Board of Regents Chair John Merchant will present the honorary Doctor of Public Service degree to Shannon's wife, Ruth B. Shannon.

Nearly 950 students are candidates for degrees which will be conferred by MSU President Wayne D. Andrews during two ceremonies at the Academic-Athletic Center.

Shannon and his wife, have been recognized on numerous organizations for their philanthropic endeavors and humanitarian efforts, individually and as a couple.

The pair met on the MSU campus where he was a math major and she was pursuing a teaching degree. They have maintained strong ties with the University and established the Ruth Boggs Shannon and E.L. Shannon Jr. Scholarship Endowment, as well as the Shannon Scholarship Endowment for students who have chosen teaching as a career.

Shannon left the campus to serve in World War II. Upon his return, the couple married and moved to California. He enrolled in the University of California at Berkeley, completed a degree in petroleum engineering, and took a job with Union Oil Company.

He became an oil executive and gained worldwide stature for his work with the Santa Fe Drilling Company, the forerunner of Santa Fe International. At 35, Shannon became president of the company and then served as CEO and chairman for more than 30 years. He took the small drilling company to an historic \$2.5 billion sale to the Kuwaiti government.

Shannon was known by world leaders, former presidents, Congressmen, doctors and noted individuals from all walks of life. His earned the reputation of a well-respected businessman because of his generosity and desire to improve the community, especially in the area where he lived.

Additional information on Spring Commencement exercises is available by calling (606) 783-2008.

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May 8, 2010

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University junior Kenneth Faried announced Friday that he has removed his name from NBA draft consideration and will return for his senior year with Eagle men's basketball.

"After carefully looking at all my options and talking it over with my family – especially my mom, I have decided to return to Morehead State University for my senior season," said Faried. "This process has been a tremendous experience and a great learning experience for me. I want to thank coach [Donnie] Tyndall and all of my coaches as well as my teammates and all of the MSU fans for their support. However, I want to thank my mom even more – she is my heart and soul and her support means the world to me."

The Newark, N.J., native returns to help the Eagles make another run at the Ohio Valley Conference Championship and NCAA berth.

"This was a very difficult decision for Kenneth, but after visiting with many NBA teams and listening to their opinions and evaluations he felt like it was in his best interest to return to school," Tyndall said. "As I have said all along this would be a decision Kenneth and his mom would make on their own and they did. Kenneth Faried is a fantastic basketball player, but is an even better person. His unselfish attitude and team first mentality have helped make him the most popular player in Morehead State University history. The good news for MSU fans is that they will get to see him in an Eagle uniform for his senior season."

Faried's decision also means that he will fulfill a dream he and his mother share of seeing him graduate from college.

"I am very happy to be coming back to MSU. We have a lot of work to do to reach our goals," Faried said. "I will work as hard as I possibly can to achieve our team goals and my individual goals and most importantly to fulfill my promise to Mom to graduate so she can see me walk across that stage and receive my degree next May."

"I fully expect Kenneth to work harder this summer than he has ever worked in his life," Tyndall said. "Kenneth has set his goals for next season very high and at the top of his list is to graduate in May 2011 and have his mom watch him walk across the stage. He is on course to do that."

An Associated Press All-American honorable mention, Faried was named NABC All-District and he swept the Ohio Valley Conference top awards, earning Player of the Year (pre and postseason), Defensive Player of the Year, First Team All-Conference. He averaged 16.9 points and 13 rebounds per contest to lead the OVC and rank second in the nation. He also ranked second nationally in double-doubles, recording 25 in 35 total games.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---The Upward Bound programs at Morehead State University are participating in the federally funded Summer Food Service Program for children under the age of 19. The program operates under guidelines similar to those of public school food service programs. Participation in the program enables sponsors to provide lower program costs.

Children who are part of households that receive food stamps, or benefits under the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), or Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) are automatically eligible to receive free meals.

Acceptance and participation requirements for the program and activities are the same for all regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service.

All meals will be served at the Adron Doran University Center's second floor cafeteria. Meal times are: breakfast, 7:30-8:45 a.m.; lunch, noon-1:15 p.m.; and dinner, 5:15-6:15 p.m.

The federal income scale is the current criteria for determining eligibility of free meal service to children at camp sites:

Total Family Size	SFSP Maximum Yearly Income Eligibility Standards
1	\$ 20,036
2	26,955
3	33,874
4	40,793
5	47,712
6	54,631
7	61,590
8	68,469
For Each Additional Family Member, Add	6,919

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Additional information is available by calling Jennifer Cady, program director, at (606) 783-5197.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's Brittany Hackworth, Mt. Sterling senior, has had two research papers accepted for publication in forthcoming issues in two research journals.

Her paper titled "Are Consumers Following Retailers to Social Networks?" will be published in the "Academy of Marketing Studies Journal," and her paper "Health Care and Social Media: Building Relationships via Social Networks" will be published in the "Academy of Health Care Management Journal."

Both papers were presented April 15, at the Allied Academies International Conference in New Orleans, by her co-author, and faculty adviser, Dr. Michelle B. Kunz, associate professor of marketing in the Department of Management and Marketing.

These papers were blind reviewed, and each received a Distinguished Research Award, presented in New Orleans.

She is the daughter of Roy and Teresa Hackworth, Mt. Sterling, and will be graduating from MSU in May.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's April Haight, director of the Center for Environmental Education, has been elected chair of the Licking River Watershed Watch.

She has served on Licking River Watershed Watch Steering Committee as a member and trainer for three years and has been a citizen volunteer water sampler for four years.

"As the new chair, one of the first things I will be doing is getting to know the watershed," said Haight.

She has paddled more than 130 miles of the Licking River and plans on paddling another 120 miles of the river. In addition to paddling the river and volunteer sampling, Haight has been involved in several water sampling projects.

The Licking River Watershed Watch is a citizen science program where volunteers collect water quality samples from more than 130 stations throughout the 22-county watersheds using field equipment, collecting samples for laboratory analysis and direct observations.

The Licking River Watershed or River Basin physically includes Magoffin, Morgan, Rowan, Bath, Fleming, Bourbon, Harrison, Nicholas, Robertson, the majority of Pendleton, and parts of Menifee, Montgomery, Clark, Elliott, Lewis, Mason, Bracken, Campbell, Kenton, Boone, and Grant counties.

Haight, who has been with MSU since July 1994, earned her Bachelor of Science degree and both a Master of Business Administration and Master of Science degrees from MSU. Her graduate studies focused on wetland ecology.

She is a certified environmental educator and is certified in several nationally recognized environmental education programs. Haight is a member of several professional organizations, which includes the North American Association for Environmental Education, the Kentucky Association for Environmental Education and Kentucky University Partnership for Environmental Education.

She has been in the environmental field for more than 15 years. Prior to her current position, she was the Energy Conservation manager at MSU.

Additional information is available by contacting Haight at (606) 783-2455.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's Epsilon Theta Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, an international honor society in education, sponsored "Literacy Alive! lock in" as part of its community service mission to "encourage lifelong learning through literacy."

A total of 44 Rowan County elementary school children enjoyed an evening of games, pizza, and dancing at Rodburn Elementary School on Friday, April 16.

The activity, held in the gymnasium and cafeteria, was supervised by KDP student volunteers. The event was free of charge for the participating young readers. KDP student volunteers planned and organized the event with assistance from their adviser, Dr. Kimberlee Sharp, assistant professor of education.

Among the activities were: basketball horse, Bingo, Dr. Seuss Hangman, literacy Jeopardy, readers' theater, and parts-of-speech twister. The young readers also enjoyed singing and dancing and each received certificates and goody bags.

Readers participating were:

Brooklin Adams, Clearfield; Harper Anderson, Tilden Hogge; Nick Anderson, Tilden Hogge; L'Shae Black, Tilden Hogge; Whitley Bolin, Tilden Hogge; Hayley Boyd, Clearfield; Johana Campos, Clearfield; Seth Clark, Tilden Hogge; Kage Cloud, Tilden Hogge; Sierra Cooley, Rodburn; Geoffrey Craft, Clearfield; Maddy Denning, McBrayer; Haleigh Eldridge, Tilden Hogge; Rachel Emrick, Clearfield; Cali Fannin, Tilden Hogge; Ciah Fannin, Tilden Hogge; Heather Fannin, Clearfield; Savana Garris, Rodburn; Matthew Grace, McBrayer; Janae Graham, Tilden Hogge; J'Tasia Gulley, Tilden Hogge; Bram Hampton, Tilden Hogge;

Dalton Kegley, Rodburn; Dawson Kegley, Rodburn; Devin Krevinghaus, Tilden Hogge; Dominic Krevinghaus, Tilden Hogge; Katie Lane, McBrayer; Ashleigh Leadingham, Rodburn; Evan Lewis, Tilden Hogge; Austin Mason, Tilden Hogge; Sara Miller, Rodburn; Peyton Money, Tilden Hogge; Caleb Pence, Tilden Hogge; Abby Perkins, Clearfield; Makaylyn Perkins, Rodburn; Gabe Perry, Tilden Hogge; Sarah Phillips, Clearfield; Eumin Shin, McBrayer; Abby Short, Clearfield; Baylie Sloan, Clearfield; Emma Stamper, Clearfield; Harrison Stone, Rodburn; Victoria Wages, Tilden Hogge; and Jordyn Williams, Rodburn.

Additional information concerning Kappa Delta Pi is available by contacting Dr. Sharp at (606) 783-2853 or by e-mail to k.sharp@moreheadstate.edu.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's Kentucky Folk Art Center has announced the launch of Blue Star Museums, a partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, and more than 650 museums across America to offer free admission to all active duty military personnel and their families from Memorial Day through Labor Day 2010.

"We're thrilled to be a part of this program," said Matt Collinsworth, KFAC director. "We think it's a great idea from NEA, and we will continue this policy at our museum after the program's end date."

The complete list of participating Blue Star Museums is available at www.arts.gov.

"America's museums are proud to join the rest of the country in thanking our military personnel and their families for their service and sacrifice," said National Endowment for the Arts chair Rocco Landesman.

"I cannot imagine a better way to do that than welcoming them in to explore and enjoy the extraordinary cultural heritage our museums present. The works of art on view this summer will inspire and challenge viewers, and sometimes they will just be a great deal of fun."

In addition to morale and empowerment programs, Blue Star Families raises awareness of the challenges and strengths of military family life with civilian community and leaders. Membership includes spouses, children, parents, service members, veterans and civilians.

"There have always been wonderful examples of partnerships between museums and military installations, but the scale of this gift from the museum communities to military families is thrilling," said Kathy Roth-Douquet, Blue Star Families chair.

"Military families work hard for this country, and it is gratifying for us to be recognized for that. We anticipate that thousands of military families will participate in the program and visit museums this summer – many of them for the first time."

The Kentucky Folk Art Center is a cultural, educational and economic development service of Morehead State University. The center is open Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Additional information is available by calling (606) 783-2204 or visiting www.kyfolkart.org.

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May 14, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.--- The dream season continued to be a reality for former Morehead State University bowler Kelly Kulick as she won her second major women's title in 15 days on Wednesday (May 12), claiming the U.S. Women's Open, a United States Bowling Congress event.

Kulick, of Union, N.J., defeated Liz Johnson, also a former Eagle bowler, of Cheektowaga, N.Y., 233-203, in the first live event televised from the new International Training and Research Center. Kulick also won the event in 2003 and became the 11th player to win the event more than once.

Just two weeks after winning the USBC Queens in El Paso, Texas, Kulick took a 32-pin lead after seven frames against Johnson and rolled to the title. In January, Kulick made sports history when she became the first woman to earn a title on the Professional Bowlers Association Tour, winning the Tournament of Champions.

“This has just been a magical run for me,” said Kulick, who also won the PBA Women's World Championship and the PBA Women's Series Shark Championship in September. “This is it. This is what I've always dreamed about. I'm so humbled right now.”

Kulick, who earned \$20,000 for the victory, struck six times starting in the fourth frame to pull away from Johnson, who bowled a clean game but only managed one double.

“I felt good and got lined up in practice, but the first couple shots didn't come off my hand well,” said Johnson, who won the U.S. Women's Open in 1996 and 2007. “After that, I was pretty close, but the pins just didn't fall for me. Kelly just bowled great.”

As the player who hooks the ball the most among the five television finalists, Kulick said that turned out to be an advantage. Kulick was able to stay left of the rest of the players and throw the ball into the part of the lane where the oil pattern had broken down.

“The way the lanes broke down was an advantage for me tonight,” Kulick said. “Knocking out the 10 pin was challenging. I waited for the lane to come to me, and when that happened, it allowed me to strike.”

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Kulick takes another major title
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Kulick, a three-time All-American, was the 1997 and 1998 Collegiate Bowler of the Year while at MSU. In 1998, she helped guide coach Larry Wilson's squad to the National Championship.

Johnson was a three-time Amateur Bowler of the Year, two-time U.S. Amateur champion and 1993 Collegiate Bowler of the Year at MSU.

The MSU women won national championships in 1989, 1998, 2000 and 2002, were runner-ups in 1993 and finished in third place in 2006.

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May 3, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's main and all regional campuses will be on a two-hour delay on Monday, May 3, due to high water.

The delay will not have an impact on the final exam schedule.

The exams will start at 10:20 a.m.

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BASKETBALL PRESS CONFERENCE ADVISORY

Morehead State University's Office of Intercollegiate Athletics will hold a press conference Monday, May 17, at 2 p.m. to announce the hiring of a women's basketball coach

The press conference will be held in the front lobby of the Academic-Athletic Center (Johnson Arena) on the MSU campus.

Media are encouraged to arrive early. The press conference will begin promptly at 2 p.m.

Any questions regarding the press conference or media access should be directed to Drew Dickerson, director of Athletic Media Relations at (606) 207-5120 or a.dickerson@moreheadstate.edu.

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May 5, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's Exercise Science Club and Wellness Center sponsored the "Brad's 5K" run/walk for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), Lou Gehrig's Disease, on Saturday, May 1.

More than 300 people participated in or donated to the event with all proceeds going to Brad and Gina Blunt, both MSU employees, to help with medical expenses. Brad is battling ALS.

"On behalf of the Eagle Exercise Science Club and MSU Wellness Center, we would like to thank the numerous volunteers, participants and donors along with MSU and Rowan County communities," said Jane Tenyer, director of the Wellness Center. "With all the help, the event was a huge success."

Donations are still being accepted.

Additional information is available by calling Tenyer at (606) 783-5152.

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May 17, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State Public Radio will continue its tradition of election coverage on Tuesday, May 18, as Kentuckians vote for candidates for local and statewide offices.

MSPR's election coverage will be anchored in the studio by News Director Chuck Mraz. He will be assisted at MSPR by Dan Conti, assistant news director, with reporters covering various counties throughout MSPR's listening area.

Coverage will begin at 7 p.m. and will continue until final results are available. In addition to all the local races, the MSPR news team will provide returns from major statewide races.

Morehead State Public Radio broadcasts 24 hours a day from the campus of Morehead State University. WMKY (90.3 FM) serves as the flagship station for the MSPR network, which includes WOCS (88.3 FM) in Booneville and a translator (88.3 FM) in Inez. MSPR serves more than 40 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 Web site at www.msuradio.com.

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May 27, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Heroes affect our lives in many different ways; they give us somebody to look up to, to emulate. Somebody who cared for us, sacrificed for us. Many heroes in our country go unknown to most of us. They are the heroes who laid down their lives that we might enjoy the liberties we now have.

In recognition of Memorial Day on Monday, May 31, Morehead State Public Radio will broadcast special shows featuring the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra as they perform a Memorial Day Tribute.

“Music and the Spoken Word - In Memory of Heroes” will air at 9 a.m. and will include “God of our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand,” “America, the Dream Goes On,” “Hymn to the Fallen,” and “Amazing Grace.”

At 9:30 a.m., “Music and the Spoken Word - America the Beautiful” will feature "America the Beautiful," "This Land is Your Land," "Shenandoah," "The Star-Spangled Banner," and more.

Two other specials will commemorate Memorial Day, “Grant Alden's Field Notes: Nashville's Underground” will air Friday, May 28, at 7 p.m. while “A Time For Tales: Memorable People” will be broadcast on Sunday, May 30, at 4 p.m.

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May 12, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State Public Radio will broadcast all Morehead State University's softball games in the 2010 Ohio Valley Conference Tournament being hosted by Jacksonville State University.

MSU, the third seed, will open play against # 6 Tennessee Tech on Thursday, May 13, at noon. The Eagles (27-22) defeated TTU (24-28) once in three meetings during the regular season.

If MSU wins the morning contest, it will play # 2 Jacksonville State University at 5 p.m. Thursday. If the Eagles lose, they will play at 2:30 p.m. on Friday in the double-elimination tournament.

MSPR's coverage of the game will begin at 11:50 a.m. with Matt Schabert.

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2010 Ohio Valley Conference Softball Championship Schedule

THURSDAY, MAY 13 – Martin, Tenn.

Game 1 - #3 Morehead State vs. #6 Tennessee Tech – noon

Game 2 - #4 Eastern Illinois vs. #5 Murray State – 2:30 p.m.

Game 3 - #2 Jacksonville State vs. Game 1 winner – 5 p.m.

Game 4 - #1 Tennessee-Martin vs. Game 2 winner – 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 14 – Martin, Tenn.

Game 5 – Game 2 loser vs. Game 3 loser – noon.

Game 6 – Game 1 loser vs. Game 4 loser – 2:30 p.m.

Game 7 – Game 4 winner vs. Game 3 winner – 5 p.m.

Game 8 – Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner – 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 15 – Martin, Tenn.

Game 9 – Game 7 loser vs. Game 8 winner – noon.

Game 10 – Game 7 winner vs. Game 9 winner – 4 p.m.

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May 13, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University has agreed to become a platinum level supporter of a regional nonprofit called Young Professionals of East Kentucky or YPEK. An organization that seeks to link young leaders from across Kentucky's 5th Congressional District, YPEK creates opportunities for young professionals to grow individually, socially and professionally while developing forward thinking, innovative approaches that will improve the communities of East Kentucky.

Founder Kevin Smith, director of strategic initiatives at the Inez Deposit Bank, said the organization's mission can be broken down into three words: "connect, grow, and lead."

All three are vital, stresses Smith.

"First we get young leaders collaborating together on issues impacting East Kentucky, allowing ourselves opportunities to learn and grow as leaders, and then we aim our energies towards leadership to benefit the region," he added.

MSU President Wayne D. Andrews said he's excited about the potential for the group to partner with the university on its strategic priorities. "One of the University's strategic goals is to establish productive partnerships within our service region. We want to work with these partners to create livable communities, an innovative economy, and a socially inclusive region. The work these young professionals are engaged in fits perfectly with our regional objectives."

One area where MSU looks to partner with YPEK is regional engagement, particularly where students are concerned. Dr. J. Marshall, executive director for MSU's Center for Regional Engagement, said his center serves as a conduit for students, faculty, and staff to identify regional needs and provide services and resources to groups such as YPEK.

"Our goal is to find ways to improve the quality of life throughout MSU's service region in areas such as community and entrepreneurial development, education, and health care."

"Young Professionals of East Kentucky will be an ideal partner as the individuals involved can provide the Center with a strong, grassroots link to their local communities. The Center for Regional Engagement recognizes that any real change -- change that will sustain itself over time -- has to take place at the local level. And the individuals that will affect that change will need to be involved and trusted members of those communities," said Dr. Marshall.

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MSU partnering with regional young professional organization
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Johnathan Gay, with MSU's Economic Development Institute, and a founding board member of YPEK, said he thinks MSU's outreach goals will dovetail perfectly with YPEK's efforts.

"One of the things YPEK did from the beginning is form committees dedicated to various topic areas. There are committees on education, energy and the environment, civic engagement, economic development, technology, and healthcare. Each offers unique opportunities for MSU's students, faculty and staff to roll up their sleeves and get involved within the region," said Gay.

Young Professionals of East Kentucky holds regular meetings across Eastern Kentucky. For more information on YPEK, visit its web site at www.ypek.org. To learn more about MSU's efforts to partner with the organization contact Johnathan Gay at jgay@kyinnovation.com.

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July 1, 2009

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---In observance of the Independence Day holiday, the University will be closed Friday, July 3. There will be no classes or office hours and mail will not be delivered.

Summer II registration will be held and classes will begin at Morehead State University and all regional campuses on Monday, July 6. The term will continue through Friday, July 31.

Additional information about attending Summer II classes is available on the Web or by calling the Office of Enrollment Services at (606) 783-2000 or (800) 585-6781.

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May 25, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University will host “Super Summer Camp” for gifted students who will be in grades 3-8 during the 2010-11 school year. The camp will be held June 28-July 2 from 9-11:40 a.m. each day.

Taught by area educators and MSU student volunteers, the weeklong camp will feature 11 workshops: A German Identity, Creative Problem Solving, More Than Money, PlayStation BCE, Hand Bells 101, Dancing Through Time (grades 6-8), Painting, Architecture, Sculpting, 30 Second Summary and Fly Wild and Free.

Students should be in the gifted and talented program or in the talent pool at their school.

The cost of the camp is \$55. There are limited scholarships available.

“Super Summer Camp” is funded in part by a regional engagement grant from MSU.

Last year, Kim Nettleton, instructor of education, and Dr. Sara Lindsey, assistant professor of education, hosted nearly 100 gifted and talented grade school and middle school students.

For an application form, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/supersummer/.

Additional information on the event is available by contacting Nettleton at (606) 784-4689 or Dr. Lindsey at (606) 783-2837 or logging on to www.moreheadstate.edu/supersummer.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University won two awards Thursday, May 27, at the Morehead-Rowan County Chamber of Commerce annual banquet. MSU President Wayne D. Andrews accepted the Ora L. Cline Award while the University shared the Community Partners Award with the University of Kentucky and St. Claire Regional Medical Center for the Center for Health, Education and Research.

From left, Rowan County Judge/Executive Jim Nickell, MSU President Wayne D. Andrews and Morehead Mayor David Perkins.

From left, Rodney Hitch, executive director for economic development; Rep. Rocky Adkins, house majority leader; Wayne D. Andrews, MSU president; Dr. Emery Wilson, interim dean and director of the Office of Health Research and Development, Mark Neff, CEO of St. Claire Regional Medical Center, and Sen. John Will Stacy.

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May 21, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---All too often family members lose loved ones because of motor vehicle crashes. In 2008, 12,671 passenger vehicle occupants died in motor vehicle crashes nationwide between the nighttime hours of 6 p.m. and 5:59 a.m., according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Nearly two-thirds (64 percent) of those who died were not wearing their seat belts at the time of the crashes, compared to less than half (45 percent) of the passenger vehicle occupants killed during the daytime hours of 6 a.m. to 5:59 p.m.

Motor vehicle crashes remain a leading cause of death in America — and the leading cause of death for young people ages 2 to 34. However, crashes are non-discriminatory: men, women, the young, the old — regardless of race or ethnicity — are all at risk.

But too many times the drivers and passengers who die have chosen not to wear their seat belts, even though regular seat belt use is the single most effective way to protect people and reduce fatalities.

“Nighttime drivers and passengers continue to be among those least likely to wear seat belts. Consequently, they also are among those most likely to die in motor vehicle crashes. That’s why Morehead State University Police Department is supporting enhanced nighttime enforcement of seat belt laws ‘Click It or Ticket’ campaign,” said MSU Police Chief Matt Sparks.

“Local motorists should be prepared for stepped up ‘Click It or Ticket’ activities that will take place around the clock. If law enforcement finds you on the road unbuckled anytime or anywhere, you can expect to get a ticket — not a warning. No excuses and no exceptions.”

Morehead State University’s Police Department will be joining with hundreds of other law enforcement agencies across the country in renewing a pledge to save lives by intensifying efforts to enforce seat belt laws — among all motorists and around the clock — during the “2010 Click It or Ticket” mobilization, which runs May 24 until June 6.

Officers also will be conducting Roadside Traffic Safety Checkpoints at various locations on and around the MSU campus during this mobilization period. To learn more about the “Click It or Ticket” campaign and the lifesaving benefits of wearing your seat belt, visit www.nhtsa.gov.

Additional information is available by calling the MSU Police Department at (606) 783-2035.

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May 18, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---The Morehead Writing Project will host the Peterson Youth writing camp in two locations, June 21-25. Camps will be held at Morehead State University's main campus and Pikeville High School from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The camp will allow young writers, grades 4-8, to explore place through writing. It also will feature four sections – skill lessons, scrapbooking, writing workshops and freewriters.

The Pikeville High School location will be led by Lisa Wheeler and Rebecca King. The MSU location will be guided by Abigail Thomas.

The cost is \$70. Participants will receive a jump drive, journal and an 'Explore Place Through Writing' T-shirt.

The deadline is Monday, May 31.

To register, visit <http://moreheadwritingproject.org/doc/writingcamp.pdf> to download the brochure and registration form.

The camps are made possible with the support of MSU, Kentucky Department of Education and the National Writing Project.

Additional information is available by calling (606) 783-2426 or by e-mail at mwp@moreheadstate.edu.

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May 26, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---NASA used the 21-meter tracking antenna at Morehead State University to successfully characterize the higher of two radar frequencies of the LRO/Mini-RF instrument on May 7

Mini-RF is a synthetic aperture radar (SAR) currently investigating the Moon's surface aboard the Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter (LRO). LRO was launched on June 18, 2009 and is using its seven instruments to explore the Moon from a 50-kilometer (31 mile) polar orbit.

Mini-RF is an advanced instrument that functions as a synthetic aperture radar, as well as a communications system, operating at both 2,380 and 7,140 MHz frequencies. The LRO/Mini-RF instrument is operated by engineers and scientists at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory (APL) in Laurel, MD. Specifically, Mini-RF is used to map the poles of the Moon and search for water ice in permanent-shadow regions. In addition, it serves as a technical demonstration of a unique, miniaturized, dual-use RF instrument (radar and communications).

The LRO/Mini-RF team collaborated with Kentucky Space (a joint enterprise involving public organizations, colleges, universities and private companies in Kentucky) to conduct its first in-flight calibration of the Mini-RF instrument at 7,140 MHz. This was accomplished through the use of the 21-meter Morehead State University ground station together with instrumentation developed at APL for this calibration.

The purpose of the experiment was to:

- Characterize the transmitter and receiver of Mini-RF's system
- Confirm the alignment of the Mini-RF antenna

Dr. Ben Malphrus, chair of the Department of Earth and Space Sciences and the project lead for MSU, describes the LRO calibration experiment as an incredible opportunity for Kentucky Space to participate in NASA's on going investigation of the Moon. Prior to the May Mini-RF/LRO test, students and staff at MSU and APL staff spent several months preparing the 21-meter ground station by using radio sources (stars) to calibrate and improve its pointing accuracy.

“Improving our pointing calibration will help increase our precision at all frequencies and expand our capabilities. We have pushed the 21-m to new precision and have learned much about its capabilities (in addition to developing new capabilities at X-band),” said Dr. Malphrus.

The series of calibration experiments was undertaken by the APL LRO/Mini-RF team working with a team of Morehead Space Science undergraduate students and staff. The undergraduate students participated in the development of instrumentation and processes involved, as well as operation of the 21-m ground station during the experiments. The students also participate in reducing and analyzing the experiment data—all providing outstanding hands-on experience for training undergraduate students.

“Overall, the test campaign was a tremendous success,” said Ron Schulze, LRO/Mini-RF calibration lead engineer from APL. “While we’re still evaluating the data that were received on the ground and recorded by Mini-RF, our initial analysis indicates that the Mini-RF transmit/receive performance and antenna pointing is sufficient for the science goals of the program.”

“The innovative solution that the APL team and Kentucky Space developed and implemented to perform this valuable test for Mini-RF was a perfect example of how NASA missions can work with educational institutions,” said Jason Crusan, chief technologist for space operations at NASA headquarters. “To witness such a successful collaborative effort demonstrates the potential to develop the next generation workforce through allowing them to participate directly on missions.”

This project was supported by NASA, the Johns Hopkins University/Applied Physics Laboratory, Kentucky Space, Morehead State University, and the Kentucky Space Grants Consortium. Kentucky Space is a consortium including the Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation, the University of Kentucky, University of Louisville, Morehead State University, Western Kentucky University, Murray State University, the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, and Belcan Engineering.

Kentucky Space was initiated in 2006 with a goal of promoting space research, business ventures, talent development, and the creation of a space economy in Kentucky.

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May 5, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

PAINTSVILLE, Ky.---A workshop titled “Resources to Starting Your Own Business” will be offered by Morehead State University’s East Kentucky Small Business Development Center (SBDC) in Paintsville May 24 from 5-7 p.m.

This workshop is for persons interested in the services offered by the Small Business Development Center, what it takes to start a new business and lending opportunities available to small businesses. It will be held at the Kentucky Highlands Entrepreneur Center in Paintsville, 120 Scott Perry Drive, Teays Branch Road.

“The workshop is designed to provide the information on services offered by the Small Business Development Center, how to start a new business and financing opportunities available to small businesses and much more,” said Michelle Spriggs, SBDC consultant. “This is an excellent opportunity for entrepreneurs to have questions answered concerning start-up venture ideas.”

The workshop is free for all participants; however, seating is limited and advance registration is recommended.

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.

Additional information and pre-registration are available by calling the Paintsville Small Business Development Center at (606) 788-6008 or register online at www.moreheadstate.edu/sbdc.

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May 11, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---The National Association of College Auxiliary Services-South (NACAS-South) has announced the election of Bill Redwine, Morehead State University's assistant vice president for auxiliary services, as southern representative to the NACAS National Board of Directors during the 2010 Annual Conference held in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

NACAS-South has as its purpose to advance the profession of auxiliary and business services in higher education. NACAS-South provides member representatives responsible for these services a means of supporting their institutions' missions through enhanced professional development and expanded networking opportunities.

Also assuming leadership positions were Eric Monday of Louisiana State University, president; Melissa Moore of Georgia Institute of Technology, president-elect; Connie Davis of Southeastern Louisiana University, vice president; Andy Meeks of Northern Kentucky University, treasurer; Douglas S. Ross of the University of Georgia, secretary; Eddie Mills of Florida State University, past president; Monica Stoch of the University of Kentucky, communications/technology coordinator; Bob Anderson of Central Piedmont Community College, membership coordinator; and Jean Ann Caywood of Savannah State University, professional development coordinator.

The Southern region encompasses 12 states: Arkansas, Kentucky, Alabama, Louisiana, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Oklahoma, Georgia, Texas, Tennessee and Mississippi.

The National Association of College Auxiliary Services, headquartered in Charlottesville, Va., is the largest auxiliary services support organization serving higher education. Established in 1969, the nonprofit higher education association serves auxiliary services and student support services professionals at approximately 1,100 colleges and universities in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, Ireland and Asia.

NACAS provides extensive networking opportunities, professional development programs and timely professional publications that help foster the continued growth and enhancement of the auxiliary services and student support services profession in higher education.

NACAS is a volunteer-driven association, governed by an elected board of directors, representing the best in college and university administrative leadership, whose decisions chart both the short-term course and strategic goals of the association.

Additional information is available by calling Redwine at (606) 783-2081.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's Dr. Elizabeth (Betty) A. Regan, Elmer and Donna Smith Endowed Chair in Health Systems Management and director of the Institute for Health Systems Innovation and Research, has been named to a two-year term to the Kentucky Health Information Exchange Coordinating Council.

The KY-HIECC will advise and assist the Governor's Office of Electronic Health Information in developing the guiding principles, policies and procedures that will underscore the administration and operation of the KHIE and the advancement of health information exchange across the Commonwealth.

Six committees will assist the KY-HIECC in addressing critical issues related to electronic health information exchange, including provider adoption and meaningful use and privacy and security.

Her first meeting of the 23-member council and the six committees will be held on Friday, May 28, in Frankfort.

Dr. Regan served as department chair of information systems from 1998-2009. Her previous academic experience includes teaching graduate students at New York University and the University of Connecticut's schools of education and business administration.

A former corporate professional, she was a senior systems consultant and senior project manager in designing and implementing major information systems, corporate initiatives and reengineering projects.

She holds the Ph.D. degree from the University of Connecticut, and did postgraduate work in information systems and vocational education at Colorado State University. She also holds master's and bachelor's degrees from Connecticut and an associate degree from Green Mountain College.

Her research interests include strategic information systems, business process innovation and redesign, e-commerce and health information technology. She has been published in numerous refereed journals, including international journals, and has made presentations and/or has been a visiting lecturer in various locations in Europe and Asia.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Regan at (606) 783-2730.

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May 10, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Now that the spring semester is over, current and future Morehead State University students are looking ahead to the summer and fall academic terms.

To accommodate a wider range of students, there will be four summer terms offered this year, including an intersession.

Registration for the general Summer term, Summer Intersession, Summer I and II, as well as Fall 2010 is available online at MSU's Web site (www.moreheadstate.edu). Students may view course offerings and complete the registration process through WebAdvisor. It may be accessed from the MSU home page's current student link, then by selecting online services and finally WebAdvisor from the Quick Login drop-down box.

Classes for the summer and fall will be offered online and/or at the Morehead campus according to the following schedule:

- Summer Intersession: Monday, May 17, through Friday, May 28.
- Summer: Monday, June 7, through Friday, July 30.
- Summer I: Monday, June 7, through Friday, July 2.
- Summer II: Tuesday, July 6, through Friday, July 30.
- Fall: Monday, Aug. 23, through Friday, Dec. 17.

Registration can be made easier by planning ahead. Students are encouraged to meet with their academic adviser prior to registering.

For those not yet enrolled who are considering attending MSU, there is still time to submit an application for the summer or fall terms. Prospective students may call the Office of Enrollment Services at (606) 783-2000 or (800) 585-6781 opt #1 for admissions assistance.

MSU's official means of delivering billing statements is e-mail. It is the student's responsibility to check their MSU assigned e-mail account on a regular basis.

Students enrolling at Morehead State University for the 2010 fall semester will see some procedural changes in how tuition and fees are paid. Following the 2010 summer sessions, MSU will implement two plans for paying fees and eliminate the Statement of Intent.

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Registration online for summer, falls terms (2010)

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If you have questions or concerns about setting up an e-mail account, contact the Office of Information Technology at (606) 783-5000. Billing questions should be directed to the Office of Accounting and Financial Services at (606) 783-2019.

MSU offers online bachelor's degree "completer" programs designed primarily for graduates of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS). These programs are designed to allow KCTCS graduates to earn bachelor's degrees while continuing to meet work and family obligations and without traveling long distances. Courses are offered via the Internet and at the regional campuses, providing busy adults the opportunity to complete class work at a time and place convenient to them.

Textbooks for the classes are available from the University Bookstore, located in the Adron Doran University Center on the Morehead campus. Orders may be placed by calling (888) STORE-05 or via the Internet at www.bookstore.moreheadstate.edu. Purchases will be shipped to the address specified by the student.

Additional information is available by calling MSU at Ashland at (606) 327-1777 or (800) 648-5370; MSU at Jackson at (606) 666-2800 or (800) 729-5225; MSU at Mt. Sterling at (859) 499-0780 or (866) 870-0809; MSU at Prestonsburg at (606) 886-2405 or (800) 648-6372; MSU at West Liberty at (606) 743-1500 or (800) 648-5371; MSU's regional campus coordinator at (800) 585-6781, option #3; the Office of the Registrar at (606) 783-2008; or by calling the Office of Enrollment Services at (606) 783-2000.

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PIKEVILLE, Ky.---Morehead State University's East Kentucky Small Business Development Center will present "Effective Marketing Means Money" on Tuesday, May 25, from 5:30-8 p.m.

The free workshop will be held at the Big Sandy Community and Technical College, 120 S. Riverfill Drive in Pikeville.

Mike Morley, director of the EKSBD, will be the seminar presenter.

Topics to be covered will be: marketing strategies, strategic marketing mix, advertising segments, and developing a marketing culture.

The program is funded in part through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration. Special arrangements will be made for those with disabilities if requested in advance. Training programs, sponsored or co-sponsored by SBDC, are available to all individuals without regard to race, color, sex, creed or national origin.

For more information or to preregister, you can call Morley or Linda Casebolt, secretary specialist, at the East Kentucky Small Business Development Center at (606) 432-5848.

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May 7, 2010

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ASHLAND, Ky.---For 10 years, Ursula Nance worked for a local veterinarian. She always dreamed of one day opening her own veterinarian practice.

In September 2009, she began pursuing her dream and visited a local bank to discuss her financing needs. The lender referred her to the Morehead State University-Ashland Small Business Development Center (SBDC). She was planning to purchase and remodel some property in Flatwoods.

Nance needed some advice and guidance, and the MSU-Ashland SBDC has been offering such services free-of-charge in downtown Ashland for more than 25 years. She was provided with outlines, information, and worksheets so she could begin drafting a business plan and financial data for SBDC review.

In the weeks that followed, MSU's Ashland SBDC management consultant, Kim Jenkins, worked with her to develop her business plan, prepare three-year cash flow/profit-loss financial projections, and discuss her loan options for starting the business. They calculated all of her start-up costs (land/building, equipment/machinery, inventory and furniture/fixtures) to determine her total project costs and finalized her loan proposal.

She was soon ready to submit her loan application, business plan, financial projections for loan consideration. She was approved for financing in November 2009 and purchased the commercial property, remodeled it, and named the business "All About Animals Veterinary Clinic."

Nance's clinic will be a pet-centered practice. She will offer at-home appointments and at-home euthanasia service. The clinic also will serve as puppy/doggy daycare. The clinic's routine services will include surgery, digital radiography, dental procedures, in-house blood work and consultations. Her business created nine jobs.

"The Ashland SBDC was instrumental in helping me secure the financing I needed to start my business. Their thoughtful insight helped me establish a business plan that will continue to assist my business in the future," said Nance.

All About Animals Veterinary Clinic, which is located at 709 Powell Lane, Flatwoods, will conduct a ribboncutting ceremony Tuesday, May 18, at 1 p.m.

The ceremony will feature door prizes and tours of the clinic and a pet photographer may be available for photos.

Additional information is available by calling the clinic at (606) 388-4500.

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May 3, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ASHLAND, Ky.---The 13th Annual Northeast Kentucky Small Business Awards Breakfast will take place at 8 a.m. on Thursday, May 20, at Advance Memorial United Methodist Church, 1007 Bellefonte Road, in Flatwoods.

“This is a very prestigious award ceremony to honor, celebrate, and recognize small business owners and advocates for their contributions to both our economy and our communities. This event recognizes small business owners and advocates in Boyd, Carter and Greenup counties,” said Kim Jenkins, event coordinator.

“This year, we received a record number of nominations – 56 in 11 categories. We expect more than 250 to attend this year’s event including nominees and their guests, sponsors, and individual and company reservations. Although we cannot disclose this year’s award winners, we can tell you there are winners from each of the three counties.”

Rob Johnson, of WSAZ News Channel 3, will serve as master of ceremonies.

This year’s event was coordinated by the Morehead State University/Ashland Small Business Development Center and 15 of the area’s top leaders in banking, economic development, business and industry, and education including representatives from Ashland Alliance, Ashland Community and Technical College, Bentley Associates Inc., City National Bank, Community Trust Bank, FIVCO-ADD, and United Way of Northeast Kentucky.

This year’s award nominees are:

Boyd County: Boyd County Chapter of the American Red Cross, Boyd County Fair, Boyd County Public Library, James Cleveland III (Huddleston Bolen), Emily Cox (Kelley, Galloway and Company), Sue Dowdy (Ashland Area Convention and Visitors Bureau), Vincenzo Fressola Design and Consulting, Great American Floor Care, Leigh Gross Latherow (VanAntwerp, Monge, Jones, Edwards and McCann),

Identity Salon and Spa, Jim’s Hot Dogs and Spaghetti, King’s Daughters and Sons Senior Living Home, Lifelong Learning Center and Resources, LSW Tree Service, Lucy Mae’s Pet Spa, The Olive Tree Gourmet Shop and Café, Patsy’s, Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital Foundation, Phil Clark’s Martial Arts, Pollock’s Jewelers, Tim Preston (The Independent), Pristine Carpet Cleaning, Ready Business Machines, R.J. Kahuna’s Sports Bar and Grill, Anna Ruth (attorney at law), Denise Spaulding Fine Art, Jason Suman (Home Federal Savings and Loan) and Two Hearts Pregnancy Care Center.

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Small business awards breakfast set for May 20
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Carter County: AA Firearms Unlimited, Kelly Adkins (NECCO), Architectural Planning and Design, Burbrink's Service Garage, Belinda Burchett (City National Bank), Carter County Judge Executive Charles Wallace,

Carter County Thunder, Clay Tire Sales, Diva's Salon and Spa, Evergreen Landscaping, FIVCO Service Agency, Grayson Electronics, Homespun Sisters, J.F. Lewis and Company, Jr. Food Mart, MaMa Hazel's Bakery/MaMa Hazel's Market and Wilma's Dress Shop.

Greenup County: Bob Meenach State Farm Insurance, Cartee Land Development (Arby's), Greenup County Judge Executive Robert Carpenter, Hall's Farm Supply and Metal Sales, Howerton Engineering and Surveying, Joe Mantz Welding,

Gail Melvin, Midwestern Biofuels, Protective Technologies and Communications, Quick Response, South Shore Sanitation and Successful Billing.

Seats for the event are \$15 per person and are available. Reservations will be accepted through May 13.

For additional information or reservations, call (606) 329-8011.

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May 24, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.--- Morehead State University will offer one-day Student Orientation, Advising and Registration (SOAR) programs in preparation for the 2010 Fall Semester. New first year and transfer students will register for their fall semester classes during this event.

Students also will have their photographs taken for the University's identification card, the EagleCard, and meet with representatives from the Office of Financial Aid, student housing, food services, and accounting and financial services.

Campus tours will be available.

A student must be accepted to MSU before they can participate, and parents are encouraged to attend.

The remaining 2010 SOAR dates are June 11 and 22, and July 20.

Preregistration for the SOAR program is necessary due to limited space. There are two ways to register: visit the Web page at www.moreheadstate.edu/soar and complete the registration form; or register with the Office of First Year Programs by calling (606) 783-5208.

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May 24, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---A special session of the Kentucky General Assembly convenes at noon Monday on the call of Governor Steve Beshear with an agenda of four items, including the state's biennial budget for 2010-2012.

“The compromise proposal I put forward offers a path forward to a budget agreement, and an end to this dangerous stalemate,” Gov. Beshear said last week in issuing the call for a special session. “I am pleased that there seems to be legislative support in both houses to enact a biennial budget.”

The legislature ended the 2010 regular session on April 15 without agreement, threatening critical state services with a partial shutdown of state government, including public postsecondary education, and jeopardizing significant debt service and other savings counted on by the budget.

The budget items included on the call for the special session are:

- Legislation relating to the 2010-2012 Executive Branch budget and the Transportation Cabinet budget, including the revenue measures necessary to support them; and
- Legislation to adopt the Biennial Highway Construction Plan and the Six-Year-Road Plan.

Additional items included on the call:

- Legislation relating to the state’s unemployment insurance system, reflecting the compromise agreed upon by a broad-based task force including business groups, labor representatives, and executive and legislative branch representatives; and
- Legislation for the expansion of alcoholic beverage sampling licenses to support the World Equestrian Games and other tourism and convention activities.

Under Kentucky law, it requires a minimum of five days for a legislative bill to become law. It is estimated that a special session costs more than \$60,000 per day.

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May 14, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---With a press conference and a plan, Gov. Steve Beshear told lawmakers Wednesday to prepare for a special legislative session starting Monday, May 24, to resolve the budget stalemate that has threatened to shut down much of state government this summer.

The governor revealed a compromise 2011-12 spending plan prepared by his administration in recent weeks. It retains the broad swath of arrived-on agreement between the chambers, while bringing what amounts to third-party arbitration to the remaining few but very thorny sticking points that had stopped previous budget talks.

Legislative leaders were briefed on its contents earlier in the day, quickly called the plan broadly acceptable, and agreed to the special session – something they had warned the governor not to call unless a workable agreement was on the table.

The governor's proposal would reduce funding of public higher education by 1.4 percent in the first year and by 2.4 percent in the second year. No state-financed capital construction projects would be funded and no monies would be allocated for maintenance and operation of new facilities already built or underway on the state's public campuses.

Morehead State University President Wayne D. Andrews said he was encouraged by reactions from legislative leaders and hopeful that a new state budget would emerge from the special session.

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May 8, 2010

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---For the first time in Morehead State University history, the University had two Spring Commencement programs, both held in the Academic-Athletic Center on Saturday, May 8.

There were smiles, cheers and lots of photographs taken as the newest alumni took the ceremonial walk across the stage, signifying the completion of their college degrees. They were greeted by MSU President Wayne D. Andrews who offered a congratulatory handshake to each of those completing graduate and undergraduate degree requirements.

Candidates from the Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences and College of Education participated in the first program Saturday morning while the College of Science and Technology and College of Business and Public Affairs took part in the afternoon program.

Mary Joelle Sprague was the student speaker for the morning program.

A graduate of Anderson County High School, she is the daughter of Jeff and Linda Sprague of Lawrenceburg. She is a candidate for a bachelor's degree in middle grades education with an emphases in social studies and language arts. Sprague has maintained a 4.0 GPA and has been a member of the dean's list every semester at MSU.

“As you get ready to embark upon the next chapter in your lives, many of you will be returning to hometown communities and others to places unknown. I challenge you to use your education to support you when trying times arise,” she told the crowd. “Let your educations motivate you to persevere. Life will not be without obstacles, but your education will help you succeed in making a difference. Those of you in the education field will encounter challenging students and parents throughout your careers. The education and skills you have acquired from Morehead State will allow you to confidently move forward in these situations and ultimately find the solutions to help your students succeed.”

An honorary Doctor of Public Service degree was presented posthumously to MSU alumnus E.L. (Ed) Shannon Jr. of Whittier, Calif., accepting the honor was his wife, Ruth B. Shannon.

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Britney Huron was the student speaker for the afternoon program. A graduate of Mason County High School, she is the daughter of Brian and Kelly Huron of Maysville. She is a candidate for a bachelor's degree in biology, with emphases in environmental science and regional analysis and public policy.

Huron has maintained a 4.0 GPA and has been supported by the Commonwealth Scholarship, Jerry F. Howell Sr. Scholarship for Environmental Science majors, and IRAPP academic scholarships.

“Our task, as we exit the doors of this auditorium today, is to use the knowledge and skills we have gained here to improve not only our own lives, but the local and global communities in which we live. I encourage you to incorporate the insights found in other disciplines when making decisions and, furthermore, to abandon quick, simple solutions that will only offer temporary relief. I know that you are not short-sighted, for you have demonstrated, by obtaining a higher degree, that you are long-term thinkers,” she said. “Achieving a higher degree has taken determination and hard work in the present that will pay off down the road. I encourage you to continue to think in the long term about your future, the future of your community, the future of our country, and of our world. I know that we are equal to the challenges that we will face outside of those doors, we just have to continue our momentum that began here with our education.”

Following each ceremony, the newest graduates were inducted into the MSU Alumni Association Inc. by its president, Patricia Dorton Whitaker of Maysville.

Morehead State's summer intersession begins Monday, May 17.

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1---Mary Joelle Sprague of Lawrenceburg was the morning program's student speaker.

2---Ruth B. Shannon accepted an honorary Doctor of Public Service degree for her late husband E.L. (Ed) Shannon Jr. during spring commencement ceremonies. From left, John Merchant, chair of MSU's Board of Regents, Shannon, and Wayne D. Andrews, MSU president.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.--- Good afternoon.

Fellow graduates, family and friends, faculty, and our distinguished platform party, I am honored to be here today in celebration of our graduating class. Fellow graduates, today is a time of reflection, of consideration of our shared future, and an occasion to pause and recognize our accomplishments. I would like to congratulate each of you on earning a higher degree and on all of the successes you have achieved by taking hold of the opportunities offered by Morehead State University. This is not only a time to celebrate our personal achievements, but also to celebrate and thank the people in our lives that have offered us encouragement, inspiration, drive, and help along the way. We may be proud of ourselves, but I assure you that your friends, teachers, and family, either at home or here to witness our transition into the next stage of our lives, could not be more proud.

As we close this chapter of our lives, it is fitting to reflect on our experience at Morehead State University and consider what we have gained from our time here. What has college meant to you? Was this a place of transition? Did college challenge or reaffirm your values? Has it prepared you for your future plans? Has it helped you to find your calling in life, your passion?

For me, it certainly challenged how I think about the world and prepared me for a professional career, but most importantly, it led me to discover my passion, my calling. When I first came to Morehead State University, I did not truly know what I wanted to do, though I knew I liked to camp and hike on family outings. When I was faced with a decision about what major to choose, I thought, "Well, I like the outdoors." This is why initially I choose Environmental Science. Once I choose a major, I decided to stick with it no matter what. Some people, like my parents, might call this stubborn, but I would like to call it determined. I guess that is one way to ensure you get your degree in four years! Luckily for me, everything has turned out wonderfully and I have developed a deeper passion for nature, beyond simple recreational value. However, not everyone need be as stubborn as me in finding their path. Some are born with a calling and simply map out their trajectory and follow it. For others, finding their passion can take years, and you may continue in your search even now. It is important to remember that even identifying and ruling out those things that are not your calling is progress. In any case, I hope your time here has guided you closer to your ultimate calling, and given you the ability to pursue it.

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I would like to talk to you today about my passion, for it is something that affects all of us and should be at the forefront of our minds as we consider our common future. For the past four years or so, we have shared a community here at Morehead State, but for the rest of our lives, we will continue to share a common future as citizens of a global community. Our communities have become threatened by environmental problems, both age-old and new, familiar and unique, regional and global, that our generation must now face. I did not realize the extent of these problems until I came to Morehead State. I think this epiphany will be best illustrated in a story. I traveled to Costa Rica one summer to see part of the natural world I had never seen before. I wanted to see the Volcan Arenal. I wanted to see the diversity there, the caves, and the rainforest. Unexpectedly, though, when I got there, I ended up focusing more on what I could not see. The case I would like to point out is that of the Golden Toad of the Monte Verde cloud forest. It was the first documented species extinction due to global climate change. I wondered, what else would I never see? What will the next generation likely never see? Apparently, a lot. We are projected to lose one-fifth of the world's species by 2050. Appalachia, being the second most diverse area in North America, will be disproportionately affected by those losses as global climate change progresses.

Now, if you are vacationing and cannot enjoy your time there because you are concerned about a problem, that is a sign that you have found your passion. Realizing this, I was motivated more than ever to obtain my degree in Environmental Science and combat these losses. Not only losses of species, but also to combat pollution, contamination, and the mismanagement of natural resources including our water, air, and land. We are changing the earth more rapidly than we are understanding it. Thus, I felt that dedicating myself to an environmental education was the likely route to make my mark. However, from my time pursuing my degree, I have learned that the sciences and modern technologies alone cannot overcome our environmental impacts. Solutions will come in the form of personal responsibility and sound policy supported by the knowledge of the social and natural sciences.

Having said that, I am so glad to be speaking to the graduates of the College of Business and Public Affairs and the College of Science and Technology. The collaboration of these two broad fields is necessary to develop good, responsible policy to ensure the future of our communities, the foundation of which is the environment that we live in. Thomas Freidman, author of *Hot, Flat and Crowded*, illustrated this cooperation succinctly by saying, "If you spend your whole life in one silo, you will never have the knowledge to do the synthesis and connect the dots, which is where the next great breakthrough is found. People working in two fields use the framework of one to think afresh about the other." Equipped with our education at Morehead State University, having taken many general education courses, obtained a minor in an area outside our major disciplines, and having interacted with many people from different specialties, we are uniquely positioned to pull from other disciplines in order to 'think afresh' in our respective fields.

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More than this, our university has already begun to build bridges across disciplines. For example, I am a hybrid of the College of Science and Technology and the College of Business and Public Affairs. I majored in Biology and Environmental Science but I also have an Emphasis in Regional Analysis and Public Policy. These disciplines complement one another, but so do many others. You have probably found that fields that are not intuitively analogous or that may even seem to be opposites can actually be integrated to help us to think more broadly about the problems we confront. The synthesis of knowledge from different disciplines is needed to surmount not only our environmental issues, but also to resolve the social, economic, and political problems that our communities face.

To put it shortly, we are the people we have been waiting for. Our task, as we exit the doors of this auditorium today is to use the knowledge and skills we have gained here to improve not only our own lives, but the local and global communities in which we live. I encourage you to incorporate the insights found in other disciplines when making decisions and, furthermore, to abandon quick, simple solutions that will only offer temporary relief. I know that you are not short-sighted, for you have demonstrated, by obtaining a higher degree, that you are long-term thinkers. Achieving a higher degree has taken determination and hard work in the present that will pay off down the road. I encourage you to continue to think in the long term about your future, the future of your community, the future of our country, and of our world. I know that we are equal to the challenges that we will face outside of those doors, we just have to continue our momentum that began here with our education.

Before taking on our next challenge, though, today we pause to celebrate. Congratulations graduates! And good luck!

Thank you.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Good morning fellow graduates, families, friends, and faculty ----- It is truly an honor for me to stand before you today as your Commencement Speaker and convey to you my thoughts of what this moment means. For some of us, this moment is merely a snapshot in our scrapbook of life; for others, it is a crossroads for our journey just beginning. Either way you look at this moment, our Graduation, it is a time for us to reflect upon our divergent paths which led us to Morehead State University, and to reflect upon the many challenges that might have interrupted our dreams, but more importantly the achievements that inspired us to persevere! It is within this context that I would like to frame my thoughts today.

As you may know, I am an education major. Perhaps you have seen the beautiful quilt square beside Ginger Hall of the sun over the mountain. This quilt square, a symbolic representation of the students who enter the field of education, represents the core mission and value of the College of Education. It also embodies the true spirit of Morehead State University bringing light to and from the mountains. As students, we enter the university from diverse backgrounds, and return to our communities with the knowledge and skills to empower and affect change. Is this what you were thinking as a freshman, or now, as you await your degree? What compelled you to enroll at Morehead State University? What compelled you to attend college even during a time when our financial burdens are increasing and our futures appear uncertain? In other words, what motivated you ---- and did your reason give you the power and determination to achieve?

But as we consider the meaning of the quilt square, “a light to and from the mountains,” the message implies more than just the knowledge we received here at MSU and that we’ll take back to our hometowns. Our educations taught us to be reflective in our actions and examine ourselves in the scope of our world. It taught us to be resilient to life’s challenges, especially those that may interrupt the pursuit of our dreams.

John Lennon once said, “Life is what happens when you’re busy making other plans.” For my parents and me, this phrase conjures a special meaning and gave me the point of reflection for navigating and pursuing my dreams of graduating with a college degree. You see, when I was three years old, my parents were informed that a normal childhood, much less a college education might not be in my future. I was diagnosed with leukemia. As a very small child, I underwent two years of chemotherapy, and spent much of my time in hospitals and clinics.

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I did not experience the same childhood that many of you here today experienced. I imagine that many of you played outside with friends, went swimming, built tree houses, and attended pre-school; none of these joys happened when I was very young and receiving treatment for leukemia. By the time I was 5, I was able to carry on conversations with adults, chiefly, these adults were my caretakers: doctors, nurses, and therapists. Because I spent so much of my childhood in and out of the hospital undergoing chemotherapy and bone marrow taps, I learned to entertain myself and to use my imagination as a means to escape the realities of my illness. This experience, I believe, has shaped the person I am today: it has defined my character as one who knows her dreams, knows how to achieve them, and knows not to surrender to challenges that at the time seem insurmountable.

Facing cancer was not supposed to be part of the plan. I was supposed to be a healthy child, but unfortunately no matter how well we think we have everything prepared unexpected challenges will appear. Even though my family and I faced something horrible, we never once gave up. I guarantee that you will encounter obstacles in life, but let your education empower you to persevere. Former Secretary of State, Colin Powell, once said, "Success is the result of perfection, hard work, learning from failure, loyalty, and persistence." The education you have gained at MSU is a steadfast tool which will assist you in overcoming any barrier you face. When obstacles seem impossible, I challenge you to reflect upon my story, and to use your education as a means to prevail against deterrents which stand within the way of your dreams. How you react to and embrace challenges will determine your success. If you refuse to give up, and use your knowledge as your reinforcement, you will succeed.

As you get ready to embark upon the next chapter in your lives, many of you will be returning to hometown communities and others to places unknown. I challenge you to use your education to support you when trying times arise. Let your education motivate you to persevere. Life will not be without obstacles, but your education will help you succeed in making a difference. Those of you in the education field will encounter challenging students and parents throughout your careers. The education and skills you have acquired from Morehead State will allow you to confidently move forward in these situations and ultimately find the solutions to help your students succeed. Everyone, regardless of your career, will face the challenges of working with diverse groups of people, and most of you I predict will find yourselves in positions of leadership. When these situations become frustrating, build upon the foundation you gained at Morehead State through innovative thinking. Life will challenge you in whatever you do but relying on your education will enable you to endure.

In closing, I would like to thank several individuals that have inspired, motivated, and supported me while attending Morehead State University. First, I'd like to thank my parents, Jeff and Linda, for their constant encouragement and unwavering belief in me. You both have truly helped me become the person I am today.

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Text of Joelle Sprague's speech
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I would like to give a special thanks to President Wayne Andrews for taking the time to get to know me as a freshman. I will never forget the time he ate lunch with me in ADUC and inquired about my classes and my transition to MSU. Where else can a college student develop that kind of rapport with their university president? I would also like to thank Dr. Kimberlee Sharp for her guidance and mentorship, and Dr. 's John Ernst and Alana Scott for their encouragement of me to pursue graduate studies in History. And finally, I would like to thank ALL the Morehead State faculty, staff, and you my fellow graduates for providing me with not on “ordinary” education, but an “EXTRAORDINARY education!”

And, to my fellow graduates, I would like to leave you with one last thought. We might believe the designs we've created for our lives are flawless, but it is almost certain that even the best laid plans will encounter barriers. These barriers will test us, shake us, and seek to bring us down, but they will ultimately define our characters. We will motivate and inspire those we meet, arm our communities with vision toward the future, and utilize our educations to endure all that life casts upon us. And now, I would like to share with you a prayer, *“May your studies lead you to wisdom, may your activities bring you joy, and may all your hard work be richly rewarded.”*

Thank you and Best Wishes to all of you!

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May 17, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University Director of Intercollegiate Athletics Brian Hutchinson announced Monday (May 17) that Tom Hodges has been named the ninth women's basketball coach at a press conference held in the Academic-Athletic Center.

With his hiring, Hodges becomes the youngest head coach in Division I.

A 27-year-old Shelbyville, Tenn., native, Hodges has spent the past five years at Middle Tennessee State University, including the last two as an on-court assistant to head coach Rick Insell. He just completed his 10th season on a college staff. Prior to MTSU, Hodges also worked at Chattanooga and Ohio Valley Conference rival Tennessee Tech.

"It's the opportunity of a lifetime to be a head coach at the Division I level at an institution like Morehead State University," said Hodges. "It's very humbling to know I'll be leading this program, and to couple that with the ability to lead a program that is set for success in the immediate future and success down the road is very exciting. Expectations are high and that is right where they should be. I couldn't be more enthusiastic about taking the reigns and leading this program to the championship level."

He has been a part of seven conference championships and seven trips to the NCAA Tournament in just 10 years, and the three teams he has been a coach for have compiled a cumulative 218-86 record. Hodges has coached five conference players of the year (Janet Holt and Emily Christian, Tennessee Tech; Katasha Brown, Chattanooga; Chrissy Givens and Alysha Clark, Middle Tennessee State) and three All-Americans (Givens, Clark and Amber Holt, MTSU). He has also had three players drafted by the WNBA (Givens, 31st to Phoenix; Holt, ninth to Connecticut; and Clark, 17th to San Antonio).

"Embarking on the search for our next women's basketball coach, I believed it very important to find someone that not only was ready for the challenge of being a head coach, but could express their desire to be the head coach at Morehead State. Tom Hodges demonstrates a passion for leading us. His mix of coaching in some of the best programs in college basketball, having an integral role in virtually every facet of the success they had at MTSU, and his character and integrity were all deciding factors," said Hutchinson. "Coach Hodges is the best and right person for our challenge and we expect he will continue to raise the bar for Eagle women's basketball, one that is already pretty high. I am thrilled to welcome Tom and his wife, Hillary, to Rowan County and our supportive community."

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A coach who understands all aspects of a program's success, Hodges was responsible for recruiting and scouting opponents and he oversaw video editing and breakdown. As a director of operations for MTSU, he handled scheduling and travel arrangements for the Blue Raiders. Hodges was a full-time assistant for the 2004-05 Chattanooga team that went 25-5, won the Southern Conference regular-season championship, and earned a berth to the Postseason WNIT.

He began his coaching career at OVC foe Tennessee Tech as an undergraduate assistant coach for Bill Worrell. The Golden Eagles won two Ohio Valley Conference regular-season titles during Hodges time, amassing a 78-42 record, including 26-4 in 2000-01 (which included the nation's longest winning streak of 19 games) and 22-8 in 2001-02.

At both Chattanooga and TTU, Hodges was responsible for all video editing and breakdown, film exchange, development of post players and coordination of all team travel. In addition to his collegiate coaching, Hodges has coached at the AAU level for the Shelbyville Sports Shop. He coached in four national tournaments (2000, 2002-04) and won the 2004 U15 national title in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Hodges received his bachelor's degree in extended education with a concentration in health and history in 2004 from Tennessee Tech.

He is married to the former Hillary Maxwell, who also is a basketball coach, who most recently was the head coach at Riverdale High School in Murfreesboro, Tenn., where she won a state title.

Morehead State women's basketball is coming off the best two-year period in school history with 39 wins, including a school record 22-11 this past season. The Eagles will return the Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Year in Chynna Bozeman.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Dustin Gray Withrow, Grayson senior, will represent Morehead State University at the 2010 Kentucky Mountain Laurel Festival in Pineville.

The daughter of Robert Withrow and Robin Trimble of Grayson, she is the granddaughter of the late Bob Withrow and Lucille Withrow and Gary and Joyce Salyer and Nellie Salyer of Grayson.

She is pursuing a degree in organizational/interpersonal communications. She was MSU's 2009 Homecoming Queen.

Withrow is an active member of the Chi Omega fraternity where she has held three officer positions. She founded the Best Buddies organization at MSU that focuses on pairing friendships between people with intellectual and developmental disabilities with their nondisabled peers. She also is an active member of the Student Alumni Ambassadors.

She is employed as a work-study student at the MSU Alumni Center.

The Kentucky Mountain Laurel Festival began in 1931 and will celebrate the 80th crowning of the Mountain Laurel Queen on Saturday, May 29, at the Pine Mountain State Resort Park. Each university in the Commonwealth is invited to send a representative to the annual festival.

In 2003, Jamie Nicole Blair of Oil Springs won the crown as she represented MSU. Additional information about the Kentucky Mountain Laurel Festival is available online at www.kmlf.org; or by calling (606) 337-6103.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---East Kentucky's first public radio station, WMKY, hit the airwaves on June 15, 1965, from the campus of Morehead State University. The signal of only 10 watts covered the Rowan County area with programming from the studio, located in the Combs Building.

Now 45 years later, WMKY, currently 50,000 watts, is the flagship station of Morehead State Public Radio. MSPR, which includes WOCS in Booneville and a translator in Inez, reaches more than 40 counties in Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia.

Since 2002, the MSPR signal has originated from the state-of-the-art studios located in 132 Breckinridge Hall.

In 2005, WMKY along with WOCS became two of the first public radio stations in the Commonwealth to convert to a high definition, digital broadcast signal.

As part of the celebration of WMKY's 45th anniversary, MSPR will host an Open House from 1-4 p.m. on Tuesday, June 15 at the main studios.

During the event, you can register for free door prizes and take a guided tour of the studios.

"We invite everyone to come visit," said MSPR General Manager Paul Hitchcock. "We have dusted off some of the old photos and we are ready to share our celebration with our friends.

"We are very excited about how far we have come in the last 45 years. It is a special year in the history of MSPR and we want everyone to be part of the celebration."

MSPR is the regional voice for National Public Radio (NPR) News, "Morning Edition," "Car Talk," and "A Prairie Home Companion." MSPR also carries many original, locally-produced programs such as "Front Page" with Chuck Mraz, "Classical Music" with Greg Jenkins, "A Time For Tales" with Carolyn Franzini, "Bluegrass Diversion" with Sandy Knipp, "Bluegrass Sunday" with Michelle Wallace, "Pickin' Parlor" with Jesse Wells, "Health Matters," with Dr. Tony Weaver, "Americana Crossroads" with Mike Williams and Toni Hobbs, also "Mountain Edition," "Sunday Night Jazz" and "Grant Alden's Field Notes."

MSPR operates through the support of Morehead State University, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, regional business underwriters and listener contributions.

Additional information is available by contacting Hitchcock by calling (800) 286-9659 or (606) 783-2001; by e-mail to p.hitchc@moreheadstate.edu; log on to MSPR's Web site at www.msradio.com; or connect with MSPR through Facebook and Twitter.

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