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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---On Friday, Sept. 10, members of the Morehead State University community will honor those killed on the day that changed the lives of all Americans.

The service will begin at 8:40 a.m. on Friday at the Little Bell Tower on the campus of MSU. The observance will include tolling of the bells at the times the two hijacked airliners struck the World Trade Center in New York City.

The memorial is sponsored by MSU's offices of Housing and Multicultural Student Services.

This marks the ninth anniversary since planes were hijacked by terrorists and 2,973 people were killed. Planes crashed into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Passengers overpowered their hijackers and brought down a plane in a field in Shanksville, Pa.

MSU's Student Government Association erected the flag plaza in front of Howell-McDowell Administration Building in early 2002 in memory of those who died in the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

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SSC to host “Moon Observing” event

The public is invited to join Morehead State University’s faculty and staff in the Department of Earth and Space Sciences for “International Observe the Moon Night” at the MSU Space Science Center Saturday, Sept. 18, from 7:30-11 p.m.

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

“International Observe the Moon Night” 2010 is the first internationally-coordinated annual public outreach event dedicated to engaging the general public in an annual lunar observation campaign that shares the excitement of lunar science and exploration.

If you are interested in learning more about the Moon’s history and features along with getting a close-up view of the lunar surface through telescopes, this event is for you. Prominent lunar features – such as craters and maria – will be easily visible. MSU astronomers will answer questions about the Moon and related topics.

Parking will be in the MSU lot across from the SSC.

Additional information is available from Eric Thomas, MSU Star Theater director, at (606) 783-9593 or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/startheater and click the link for “Special Events.”

Booth, Malphrus -

Morehead State University won two awards during the 2010 Governor's Conference on Postsecondary Education Trusteeship Monday, Sept. 13, at the Marriott Cincinnati Airport Hotel, which was sponsored by the Council on Postsecondary Education.

Dr. Ben Malphrus, chair of the Department of Earth and Space Sciences and director of the Space Science Center, was named top of the college teaching profession in the Commonwealth with the Acorn Award.

With the presentation of the 2010 Acorn Award, Dr. Malphrus became the first winner from MSU.

Regent James H. Booth was the recipient of the Kentucky Advocates for Higher Education's Outstanding Alumnus of Kentucky (OAK) Award.

"I am very pleased that the Kentucky Advocates for Higher Education recognized two very deserving members of our Morehead State University family for these prestigious awards," said MSU President Wayne D. Andrews.

"Mr. Booth's career exemplifies how MSU graduates use their education to build outstanding careers that benefit not only themselves but also improves the lives of the citizens throughout the region and the Commonwealth. Dr. Malphrus' work is a perfect example of the strong commitment at MSU to academic excellence, research and student success. His vision and work in establishing the MSU Space Science Program has already touched the lives of more than 14,000 Kentucky school children who have visited the Space Science Center this past year on the Morehead State University campus."

Dr. Malphrus serves as director of Space Operations of the Kentucky Space program. He has served on the scientific staff of the National Radio Astronomy Observatory, as visiting scientist at NASA's Wallops Flight Facility and on the faculty of universities including the University of South Carolina and West Virginia University.

He is author of a book on the evolution of instrumentation in radio astronomy and has published numerous articles related to his research in astrophysics and space systems for nanosatellites. He is responsible for various research and educational initiatives including the science and astrophysics degree programs at MSU.

Dr. Malphrus has participated in five Low Earth Orbiting (LEO) Satellite missions, including KySat-1—scheduled to be launched as secondary payload on NASA's Glory mission

in early 2011 and controlled from Morehead State. He led the design of a femtosatellite (Eagle-1) and its orbital deployer which will be released from an Italian satellite (UNISat) after it is launched on a Dnepr rocket from Russia in early 2011. He served as project director for the design and construction of the 13 Meter Morehead Radio Telescope and more recently the (\$3.4 M) 21 Meter Space Tracking Antenna operated by the Center.

He served on the Board of Directors of the Kentucky Science Teachers Association from 1990-94 and as president of that organization in 1996. Additionally, he has served on numerous statewide committees (Statewide EPSCoR—Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research--for four years, NASA EPSCoR for 19 years, and Kentucky Space Grants Consortium for 19 years). He has managed more than 50 grant projects that were funded at more than \$6 million and negotiated gifts of scientific equipment to the University for more than \$5 million. In 1994, 1995 and 1996, Dr. Malphrus was awarded the NASA JOVE research fellowship for research in the structure and kinematics of gravitationally interacting galaxies. This research led him to develop a theory of galaxy formation that has gained wide acceptance among the astronomical community. This research culminated in the discovery of the first genuinely young galaxy ever observed in an interacting field, NGC 5291-B.

Recently, Dr. Malphrus was involved in promoting, capitalizing, designing, and outfitting a \$15.6 million state-of-the-art research, development, and education center for the space science program that opened in June 2009. His graduates work at NASA, at national laboratories, university research centers and in the aerospace industry. He continues to contribute to the body of research in interacting galaxies, radio astronomy instrumentation, and space systems design and operation.

The Acorn Award is designed to enhance the quality of higher education in the state by recognizing inspired teaching in Kentucky colleges and universities. It is presented each year to a professor exhibiting excellence in service and commitment to students.

The Acorn Award, consisting of a hand-carved plaque with an acorn and leaves in high relief and a \$5,000 honorarium, symbolizes the process of individual growth signified by the phrase, "Mighty oaks from little acorns grow."

Recipients must serve as full-time faculty members of any accredited college or university. The recipient's life and work must embody the highest characteristics of scholarship, teaching and service, not only to Kentucky, but also to all Kentuckians.

Booth holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from MSU. He began his career in coal mining operations during college when he worked weekends as an underground coal miner. Through the years, he has developed his mining operations into Multiple Production Surface and Underground Divisions, a conglomerate coal group known as Booth Energy.

Booth's mining operations produce 7.5 million tons per year delivered to various utilities such as Georgia Power, Detroit Edison, and American Electric Power. In addition, Booth has developed a network of retail operations and real estate holdings in several locations in east Kentucky and southern West Virginia.

Today his operations employ more than 2,000 persons and contractors. Active in the community, he also serves on the boards of Pikeville College, Inez Deposit Bank, Honey Branch Economic Development Authority, Coal Operators Associates, and the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce and its Executive Committee.

In addition, the Martin County native is a former member of the Federal Reserve Board. He was inducted into MSU's Alumni Hall of Fame in 1996 and is active on the College of Business and Public Affairs advisory board. Booth was named the college's outstanding alumnus in 2000.

Recipients of the OAK Award must hold an undergraduate degree from a Kentucky university or college, either public or independent. They must have achieved national stature and reputation in their chosen career. Recipients also must have exhibited a lifelong affection for, and attachment to, their alma mater and to Kentucky.

The awards were presented by the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce.

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Kevin Canafax, vice president of public affairs and regional site leader for Fidelity Investments and a member of the Kentucky Chamber's Board of Directors, presented the Oak and Acorn awards during a luncheon at the Cincinnati Airport Marriott in Hebron. Recipients include James H. Booth, alumnus of Morehead State University; late Dr. William Markesbery, alumnus of the University of Kentucky (accepting on his behalf is his wife, Barbara); Lt. Gen. Ken Keen, alumnus of Eastern Kentucky University; Dr. Benjamin K. Malphrus, Morehead State University; and Tracy Knowles, Bluegrass Community and Technical College. Pictured with the group is former Gov. Paul Patton.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's Chemistry Club and the Lexington Section of the American Chemical Society will host a seminar "Using Toys Creatively in Chemistry," Tuesday, Sept. 21 at 5:30 p.m.

The event will be held at 414 Lappin Hall.

What's the chemistry of a self-inflating balloon, or a drinking bird, or popular magician's tricks like putting a needle through a balloon?

The presentation may bring out your inner child and will demonstrate how simple toys and common household items can be used to unlock the mysteries of chemistry. All activities were developed by the Center for Chemistry Education through funding from the National Science Foundation, the Ohio Board of Regents, and Miami University.

The speakers will be Mickey Sarquis, CEO, Terrific Science and Partner, Terrific Innovations, and director emeriti of the Center for Chemical Education and professor emerita of Miami University's Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, and Lynn Hogue, director of programming, Terrific Science and Partner, Terrific Innovations and retired associate director Center For Chemical Education.

Additional information is available by contacting Dr. Mark Blankenbuehler, associate professor of chemistry and SAACS faculty adviser, at (606) 783-2915 or m.blanken@moreheadstate.edu.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University will host a series of “Adults Back to School” events to assist regional residents in achieving the dream of a college education.

Representatives will be available to explain how to apply for admission, how to return to the University after an absence, how to transfer credits from another institution, and how to access financial aid resources.

Information about academic programs will be available.

“We are pleased to provide this opportunity to help adults start college or return to college if those plans were interrupted in the past,” said Jill McBride, MSU nontraditional and commuter coordinator.

All sessions are 4-7 p.m.

The dates/locations are: Oct. 7, MSU at Jackson; Oct. 12, MSU at Ashland; Oct. 14, Hazard Community and Technical College; Oct. 21, MSU at Mt. Sterling; Oct. 26, Morehead campus; Oct. 28, MSU at West Liberty; and Nov. 9, MSU at Prestonsburg.

Additional information is available by calling McBride at (800) 585-6781, e-mailing her at j.mcbride@moreheadstate.edu or visiting any of MSU’s regional campuses.

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Aleman hired as distance instruction librarian

Morehead State University's Camden-Carroll Library has announced the hiring of Karla Aleman as its new distance instruction librarian. She began her new duties Aug. 2.

She was hired to coordinate library services and instruction to regional and online students. "Aleman has a strong interest in developing and adapting those services to fit the needs of students and faculty in an ever changing environment. Much of her experience and education supports her interest in this area," said Sandy Sumner, instruction and outreach librarian.

She received her B.A. degree from the University of California Santa Barbara in Medieval Studies, where exposure to literacy issues led her to her career in librarianship. She received her M.L.I.S. degree from San Jose State University with an emphasis in instruction and reference.

She has spent the last two years in Chicago as library faculty at the College of DuPage and is currently the library's liaison to the Department of English.

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ASHLAND, Ky.---A workshop, titled “Using Facebook to Market Your Business,” is being offered by Morehead State University’s Ashland Small Business Development Center and Ashland Community and Technical College's Workforce Solutions on Tuesday, Oct. 26.

The workshop will be held from 9 a.m. - noon at ACTC’s Roberts Drive Campus in Ashland.

This workshop will give your marketing plan a “facelift.” With hands-on, exciting computer lab training, participants will learn how to set up a Facebook page for a business or organization, become familiar with the Facebook homepage, demonstrate navigation through Facebook and learn creative social media marketing tips.

Seating is limited to 24, so anyone with an interest in the workshop, should preregister. No advance registration payments are permitted. Payments will be accepted at the door on the day of the event.

The cost is \$35. Cash, checks and money orders will be accepted (made payable to ACTC).

Training programs, sponsored or co-sponsored by SBDC, are available to all individuals without regard to race, color, sex, creed or national origin.

Additional information is available by calling (606) 329-8011 to preregister or register online at: <http://kysbdc.ecenterdirect.com/Conferences.action>.

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Spending the summer in New York City is a dream for many young adults, one that Jameson Bennett of Louisville, Morehead State University graduate student majoring in communications, experienced because of summer internships with Black Entertainment Television and Sirius Radio.

With the help of MSU's Career Services Center, the skills he gained while working with MSU TV and Morehead State Public Radio, Bennett compiled an extraordinary resume and was well prepared for an internship. From independent research and with the help of his sister, Bennett learned of and applied for 50 internships during December 2009 and January 2010, for which he received four callbacks.

In May, Bennett learned that he had been awarded the internships at BET and Sirius Radio, located in Manhattan. While many internships are non-paid, they offer real world experience as well as an impressive boost to a resume. Bennett understood the significance of attaining an internship, and having family in Brooklyn, allowed him to save on finances and ease the commuting route.

Bennett's internships exceeded the typical workload. By taking the initiative and requesting additional responsibility, he was able to work on various radio shows. For both internships, he was required to work 20-hours per week. On occasion, he would put in 10-hour days to gain as much experience as possible. His tasks ranged from working with files, audio bits, answering the phone for live shows and much more. Through dedication and assertiveness, he was able to work as a board operator, a job typically not assigned to interns.

“I was appreciative that people took me under their wing and gave me the opportunity to learn and not just be someone that ran errands and got coffee,” he said.

For his final project, Bennett worked with other interns to create two shows, one reality and the other music. The final project was presented to Stephen Hill, president of programming, music and specials for BET. Bennett said that he and his group received excellent feedback from the executive.

Having spent the summer in the Big Apple and conquering his fear of living in a big city, Bennett now knows what he wants to do in life. “I want to be a radio/television producer, on air talent and do voice acting.”

Expecting to graduate in December, this will be his last semester at Morehead State. He is looking forward to traveling abroad and working in radio/television, hoping to learn another language to increase his marketability.

Before he earns his diploma and steps off campus, Bennett is leaving his mark on other students by stressing the importance of applying for internships and sharing tools and tips that he has learned.

“I want to give back to others in the MSU family; and if they win, I win and if I win, they win,” stated Bennett.

He also offered “kudos” to MSPR staff members Chuck Mraz, news director, and Dan Conti, assistant news director, for their support, for coaching him and preparing him for this “great experience.”

Sept. 24, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---The 2010 Blue and Gold Championship of Marching Bands will be held at Jayne Stadium on the campus of Morehead State University on Saturday, Oct.2.

Twenty-five high school marching bands will perform a specially designed show for spectators and a panel of nationally recognized adjudicators. The shows will feature lively and varied music, creative drill movements and visual pageantry.

Bands have the opportunity to perform in two different evaluation formats. A “Festival Division” for those groups who choose to receive “Ratings” from the adjudicators of Distinguished, Proficient, Apprentice, or Novice. These ratings are intended to be similar to the evaluation process of statewide portfolio assessment. The second format is the “Competitive Division” which allows a group to choose both the “Rating” process and a “Ranking” of placement by a classification based on school size. Awards are to be presented for first, second, and third place in each of five classifications (A, AA, AAA, AAAA, AAAAA). In addition, the outstanding percussion and auxiliary sections will be recognized in each classification. The top band of the Competitive Division will be named the Grand Champion.

Each band performs in 15-minute intervals.

A special feature will be the exhibition performance by the MSU Marching Band right before the presentation of awards. One of the nations finest college marching bands, it is directed by Dr. Susan Creasap, associate director of bands, and Dr. Brian Mason, assistant professor of music.

The band is unique for a college band as they perform custom designed shows with specially arranged music and choreography. This year’s show features “Spicy Music with a Spanish Flare.” The music will include the Chick Corea’s, “Spanish Fantasy,” a touch of James Horner’s “The Mask of Zorro,” and an original flamenco fantasy composed by Dr. Mason.

High schools participating are: Ashland Blazer, Boyd County, Bullitt Central, Bullitt East, Bryan Station, Carroll County, Dayton, duPont Manual, East Ridge, Fleming County, Green (Ohio), Greenup County, Holmes, Lawrence County, Letcher County Central, Mercer County, Minford (Ohio), Montgomery County, Morgan County, Powell County, Ripley (W.Va.), Rowan County, Russell, Shelby Valley and Sheldon Clark.

The event starts at 11 a.m. and concludes with the MSU Marching Band Exhibition at 6:30 p.m. The awards ceremony follows at 6:45 p.m. Concessions will be available throughout the day and admission is \$8 with children six and under free.

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Blue and Gold Championship of Marching Bands slated Oct. 2
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Assisting with the award ceremony will be: Dr. Wayne Andrews, president; Dr. Karla Hughes, provost; Dr. M. Scott McBride, dean of the Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Studies, and Dr. Curtis Hammond, interim chair of the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance.

The Blue and Gold Championship of Marching Bands is organized through the Morehead State University Bands Office.

Additional information is available by contacting Dr. Richard Miles, director of bands, at (606) 783-2486.

The following is a list of participating high school bands and performance times.

11:00 a.m.	Dayton High School
11:15 a.m.	Minford High School
11:30 a.m.	Carroll Co. High School
11:45 a.m.	Green Co. High School
12:00 p.m.	Russell High School
12:15 p.m.	Morgan Co. High School
12:30 p.m.	Powell Co. High School
12:45 p.m.	Shelby Valley High School
1:00 p.m.	East Ridge High School
1:15 p.m.	Sheldon Clark High School
1:30 p.m.	BREAK (15 minutes)
1:45 p.m.	Holmes High School
2:00 p.m.	Rowan Co. High School
2:15 p.m.	Fleming Co. High School
2:30 p.m.	Lawrence Co. High School
2:45 p.m.	Boyd Co. High School
3:00 p.m.	DINNER BREAK (45 minutes)
3:45 p.m.	Mercer Co. High School
4:00 p.m.	Paul Blazer High School
4:15 p.m.	Bullitt Central High School
4:30 p.m.	Letcher Co. Central High School
4:45 p.m.	Bullitt East High School
5:00 p.m.	Greenup Co. High School
5:15 p.m.	Ripley High School
5:30 p.m.	BREAK (15 minutes)
5:45 p.m.	Bryan Station High School
6:00 p.m.	duPont Manual High School
6:15 p.m.	Montgomery Co. High School
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The Board approved Dr. Jack D. Ellis as the recipient of the 2010 Founders Award for University Service. Dr. Ellis served as MSU’s director of libraries from 1968 until his retirement in 1985. Since retiring, he has written four books published by the Jesse Stuart Foundation and contributed more than 450 “Morehead Memories” articles to The Morehead News.

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The Regents approved the awarding of tenure and the rank of professor to Dr. Calvin Meyer, chair of the Department of Middle Grades and Secondary Education. Also approved was the naming of a conference suite in the Center for Health, Education and Research (CHER) for Dr. Gerald DeMoss, dean of the College of Science and Technology, for his 42 years of service to the University as a faculty member and administrator.

In other business, the Regents approved the student conduct code for 2010-11; personnel actions; and ratified “Bucks for Brains” submission. The Regents heard reports on preliminary personal service contracts, reports on real property leases and gift income.

A work session is scheduled to be held by the board on Thursday, Nov. 18, with the next regular quarterly meeting set for Dec. 9.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.--- Morehead State University ROTC's Battalion Commander Wesley Tudor, LaPort, Ind., senior, ranks as the number one cadet in the nation

The son of Scott Allen Tudor and Natalie Gail Hardin, Tudor received a ranking of first out of 5,342 cadets from 272 universities across the nation, not including West Point.

He is the highest ranking cadet in Morehead State's ROTC history. The national ranking system, called "Order of Merit" list, is a combination of accomplishments from the last three years. The top 20 percent of cadets on the Order of Merit list are recognized as Distinguished Military Graduates.

"We are very proud of Cadet Tudor," said Maj. Robert A. Mason, professor of military science. "It is a very big honor to be the top ranked cadet in the nation."

Prior to Tudor, Shannon Niki Martin was the highest ranking cadet. She received a ranking of third out of 3,806 cadets from 272 universities across the nation, not including West Point, in 2006-07.

All ROTC cadets are rated on a point system based on activities completed prior to their junior year. Numerous factors go into an accessions packet and all 5,342 cadets are ranked according to the number of points they achieved. Students earn accessions points based on grade point average (40 percent) of which Tudor earned a 4.0 GPA; Military performance (45 percent), which includes cadet evaluations from Warrior Forge (summer training at Ft. Lewis, Wash.) and ranking among his/her platoon at Warrior Forge (Tudor ranked first out of 44 cadets in his platoon), land navigation score, extracurricular activities, and community service.

The final 15 percent is the physical aspect which encompasses the Army Physical Fitness Test scores from the campus and Warrior Forge, and Combat Water Survival Training scores. Tudor, an accounting major and military science minor, is involved in the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity and Raider Company (ROTC fraternity). He is a member of the Beta Gamma Sigma (International Business Honors Society) and has maintained employment with Advance Auto Parts for the past three years.

Tudor will be commissioned in May as an active duty second lieutenant in the Finance Corps.

Three other cadets -- Zach Shutte of Olive Hill, Cory Moore of Flemingsburg and Justin Collins of Beavercreek, Ohio -- also earned Distinguished Military Graduate ratings, which is finishing in the top 10 percent.

Additional information on the ROTC program is available by calling Maj. Mason at (606) 783-2050.

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Campus presidents from Kentucky's colleges and universities signed a resolution Wednesday, Sept. 1, pledging their commitment to be full partners with the Kentucky Department of Education in preparing high school graduates to be college and career ready.

While campuses have long been involved with college readiness programs in their service regions, today's action signals a significant commitment to continue and expand college and career readiness services and programs to more students. Kentucky data shows that students who are prepared for college graduate college at twice the rate of those who are not prepared.

Senate Bill 1, passed by the 2009 General Assembly, calls for P-12 and higher education systems to work more closely together to create the alignment necessary to improve readiness levels required for students to succeed in a credit-bearing course at a postsecondary institution.

“Senate Bill 1 has re-energized our efforts at the highest levels on our campuses,” said Council on Postsecondary Education President Robert King. “In my experience working in several states, I have not seen this level and depth of cooperation and collaboration that is represented here by all campuses and embedded in this commitment.”

In February, Kentucky was the first state in the country to adopt new common core standards at a joint meeting of the Council on Postsecondary Education, the Kentucky Board of Education and the Education Professional Standards Board. Higher, clearer and more in-depth academic standards are required by Senate Bill 1.

In May, the Kentucky Department of Education and the CPE developed a set of unified strategies to promote college readiness and degree completion for underprepared students. The goal is to reduce by 50 percent the number of recent high school graduates entering college not prepared for credit-bearing coursework, and to increase graduation rates of postsecondary students with college readiness needs.

“As part of the mandates of 2009's Senate Bill 1, the Kentucky Board of Education will adopt a new system of school and district accountability that puts great emphasis on college and career

readiness,” said Kentucky Education Commissioner Terry Holliday. “The resolution signed today confirms the commitment of the state’s higher education institutions to moving Kentucky forward and working as partners to improve our children’s futures.”

First Lady Jane Beshear expressed the administration’s support for ongoing work to implement Senate Bill 1, and read a proclamation signed by Governor Steven Beshear declaring September 2010 as College and Career Readiness Month in Kentucky.

Eastern Kentucky University President Doug Whitlock, convener of the Advisory Conference of Presidents, highlighted a number of campus initiatives that are improving readiness of Kentucky’s students. The initiatives represent the breadth and depth of programs and services in support of a stronger P-16 pipeline.

Other state leaders offering remarks included Ken Winters, chair of the Senate Education Committee, Rep. Carl Rollins, chair of the House Education Committee, and Philip Rogers, executive director of the Education Professional Standards Board.

Student speaker, Benjamin Whitlock, a senior at Green County High School, challenged school officials to set high expectations for students. Whitlock said students would meet the challenge.

The event was sponsored by Kentucky’s college and universities and the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education, in partnership with Kentucky Department of Education and Education Professional Standards Board.

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President Wayne D. Andrews signs the resolution.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's Camden-Carroll Library will participate in "Banned Books Week," Sept. 26-Oct. 2.

Banned Books Week is an annual event to celebrate the freedom to read and the importance of the First Amendment. The week will highlight the benefits of free and open access to information while drawing attention to the harms of censorship by spotlighting actual or attempted banning of books across the United States.

Visit CCL to view displays of banned books. Information also will be available at the desk on why a particular book was prohibited.

Intellectual freedom -- the freedom to access information and express ideas, even if the information and ideas might be considered unorthodox or unpopular -- provided the foundation for the celebration.

The week will stress the importance of ensuring the availability of unorthodox or unpopular viewpoints for all who wish to read and access the books.

CCL will have a "Read Out" of banned books in MSU's Free Speech Area. In case of rain, the event will move to the library commons area. Times will be: Monday, Sept. 27, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Sept. 28, noon-3 p.m.; Wednesday, Sept. 29, noon – 3 p.m.; Thursday, Sept. 30, noon – 3 p.m. and Friday, Oct. 1, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

During the "Read Out," Camden-Carroll Library will have stickers, bookmarks and banned books available to be read.

"Banned Books Week" is sponsored by the American Booksellers Association; American Booksellers Foundation for Free Expression; the American Library Association; American Society of Journalists and Authors; Association of American Publishers; and the National Association of College Stores. It is endorsed by the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress.

Additional information is available from Sandy Sumner, instruction and outreach librarian, at (606) 783- 5110 or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/library/bbw2010/.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's Concert Choir and Chamber Singers will present a concert on Sunday, Sept. 26, at 4 p.m. at the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games.

The concert will be held in the Kentucky Experience Pavillion on the grounds of the games.

The Concert Choir will open the program with a Kentucky Appalachian folk song, "Bright Morning Star" arranged by Fred Squatrito. The roots of the piece are in Harlan County. "White Horses" by Gwyneth Walker will follow to honor the World Equestrian Games.

The women of the choir will sing "I Thank You God" by Gwyneth Walker and the men will perform "I Think My Love So Fair" by Laura Farnell and the humorous "Pirate Song" by Tim Y. Jones.

The Chamber Singers will follow, opening their portion of the program with the upbeat "It's A Most Unusual Day" arranged by Steve Zegree. They also will perform the jazz ballad, "Love Psalm" by Darmon Meader and "A Stephen Foster Medley" arranged by Jon Washburn. The medley includes such famous songs as "I Dream of Jeanie," "Camptown Races," "Beautiful Dreamer," "Oh, Susanna," and "My Old Kentucky Home."

To conclude the program, the Concert Choir will present three pieces with American folk roots. "Johnny-O & Sally Anne!" is a Southern Mountain frolic tune arranged by Ken Berg. "The Road Home" by Stephen Paulus is based on the tune "Prospect" from the 1835 "Southern Harmony." "My Good Lord's Done Been Here" is a traditional spiritual arranged by André J. Thomas.

Members include:

Brooke Hamilton, Adams, Minn., sophomore; Kaitlyn Carr, Alexandria freshmen; Jordan Huff, Ashland freshmen; Hillary Keese, Belfry junior; Ryan Wardell, Big Stone Gap, Va., freshmen; Holly Nibert, Burlington sophomore; Stacey Kennard, Chillicothe, Ohio, junior; Kasey Standridge, Dripping Springs, Texas, graduate student; Brian Barker, Ewing senior; Anastasia Tillett, Falmouth freshmen;

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Carolyn Enders, Flatwoods junior; Grace Duncan, Flemingsburg senior; Hannah Doyle, Flemingsburg junior; Alex Stigers, Frankfort sophomore; Jeremy Roberts, Georgetown freshmen; Emily Davis, Goshen, Ohio, freshmen; Lori Patterson, Harrodsburg senior; Morgan Webb, Independence sophomore; Luke Haynes, Jackson, Ohio, sophomore; Amy Gabbard, Lawrenceburg sophomore; Morgan Kincaid, Lexington freshmen; Heather Arrington, Louisa senior; Jessica Keeton, Louisa senior; Catherine Wherthey, Louisville freshmen; Samantha Harvey, Madison, Ind., sophomore; Ben Cole, Manchester, Ohio, junior; Laura Wenz, Maysville sophomore; Rachael Fannin, Morehead junior;

Dustin Stevens, Morehead senior; Taylor Colliver, Mount Sterling senior; Abbie Bohrer, Mt. Orab, Ohio, senior; Justin Reeder, Mt. Sterling sophomore; Drake Gillespie, Mt. Sterling sophomore; Kyle Bentley, Pikeville senior; Ashley Pennington, Raceland senior; Joshua Joseph, Raceland senior; James Sparks, Russell senior; Bryton Turley, Shelbyville freshmen; Addison Slone, Stambaugh freshmen; Paige Burgess, Stanville senior;

Blake Huffaker, Troy, Ohio, senior; Emma Irick, Troy, Ohio, junior; Andrea Nickell, West Liberty freshmen; James O'Neil DeAtley, West Union, Ohio, sophomore; Cecilia Moore, West Union, Ohio, freshmen; Matthew Willian, Winchester junior; Zachary Cowan, Winchester freshmen; John Lawwill, Winchester freshmen; and Emma Lucas, Zanesville, Ohio, sophomore.

The Concert Choir and Chamber Singers are conducted by Dr. Greg Detweiler, who is in his 12th year as director of choral activities.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Detweiler at (606) 783-2480.

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Constitution Day set for Sept. 16 +

Morehead State University will celebrate American freedom and democracy for the sixth consecutive year. MSU's Center for Regional Engagement, along with the Morehead-Rowan County Chamber of Commerce, will present Constitution Day on Thursday, Sept. 16.

The day's events will begin at 11 a.m. in the Adron Doran University Center. Students may visit the "Cookies and the Constitution" display on the first floor to enjoy a sweet treat while obtaining a pocket-sized copy of the United States Constitution.

Also beginning at 11 a.m. will be Constitutional Trivia on the second floor of ADUC, sponsored by the Office of Student Activities. Students who answer a series of questions correctly will be entered into a drawing for an Apple iPhone provided by the Office of Communications and Marketing.

A banquet for the recipients of the "Excellence in Civic Engagement Awards" and "Student Civic Engagement Grants" will be held at 5 p.m. in the Crager Room by invitation only. Award recipients will receive a plaque and the nonprofit of their choice will receive a \$100 honorarium. Students whose grant proposals have been approved will receive funding provided by the CRE.

The highlight of the evening will be a talk by Keith McCormick of the Rowan County Attorney's office. McCormick, a lawyer who has argued before the Kentucky Supreme Court, will speak on "U.S. Constitution: Brought to Main Street by The Supremes."

He also will discuss the process involved in becoming a state Supreme Court Justice.

Additional information on Constitution Day is available by contacting Randy Manis, LEAD coordinator and instructor, at (606) 783-5399.

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Creative Writing students to have reading

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University students working on a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Creative Writing will read poems, fiction, and nonfiction on Thursday, Oct. 7, 7 p.m. at the Kentucky Folk Art Center.

The reading will feature: Adam Doran, Ben Whisman, Brandon Ballard, Cecily Howell, Drew Pearson, Cassondra Murphy, Nathan Wellman, Rose Prust, Misty Skaggs, Charles Maynard, Nakisha Lucas-Hercule, Sean Corbin, Sosha Pinson, Sara Volpi and Brandon Massengill.

MSU's B.F.A. degree in creative writing program was established in 2009 and provides students an opportunity to be taught by accomplished faculty members who are working writers through studio-oriented creative writing workshops. The program is competitive and continually seeks students who are interested in extensive creative writing study.

Additional information is available by calling the Department of English at (606)783-9448 or by e-mailing Crystal Wilkinson at c.wilkinson@moreheadstate.edu.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's Camden-Carroll Library is paying tribute to a former MSU president.

"A Man On A Horse: A Tribute to Adron Doran" is on display now through Oct. 31.

The exhibit features images and mementos of awards and honors conferred on Dr. Doran, ranging from local to national levels, that are part of the Adron and Mignon Doran Collection housed in the MSU archives in CCL.

Dr. Doran was named the seventh president of MSU. He served, along with his wife Mignon, for 23 years. He died in 2001.

The Dorans were widely recognized for their joint efforts between 1954 and 1977 to change MSU from a single purpose college into a comprehensive, regional university.

In honor of Doran, the University's student center was named after him (Adron Doran University Center).

In 1971, the former Kentucky House speaker was named one of 10 recipients of the national Horatio Alger Award, which was presented to people who come from humble origins and achieve success.

Other achievements include an individual world championship in Tennessee Walking Horse competition.

This exhibit is in conjunction with the Kentucky Archives Month of October, and coincides with the World Equestrian Games.

Additional information is available by calling Teresa L. Johnson, library specialist/special collections and archives, at (606) 783-2829.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's Dr. Jennifer Birriel, associate professor of physics in the Department of Mathematics, Computer Science and Physics, presented a workshop on Aug. 2-4 at the annual meeting of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific in Boulder, Colo.

Cosmos in the Classroom is a national meeting of "community and small-college instructors, university professors, part-timers and adjuncts, graduate students and post-docs just about to teach their first solo course, advanced high school teachers, and anyone who may be facing a group of non-science majors in the future."

Dr. Birriel and her colleagues, Dr. Matthew Bobrowski of the University of Maryland and Dr. Bernhard Beck-Winchatz of DePaul University, presented a one-hour workshop titled "Demonstrations for Astronomy Classes and Public Outreach."

The three presented novel demonstrations and suggested good ways to use them along with warnings about how they can also produce misconceptions. Dr. Birriel presented a number of demonstrations of absorption spectra using specialty incandescent light bulbs. She participated at the invitation of Dr. Bobrowski, who has a long history of public outreach in physics and astronomy and is currently president of Authentic Learning and Teaching, LLC, and Director of the Physics Lecture Demonstration Facility at Maryland.

More information can be obtained by contacting Dr. Birriel at (606) 783-2924 or by visiting the conference Web site (www.astrosociety.org/events/meeting.html).

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Morehead State University's Drs. Ignacio Birriel and Jennifer Birriel, associate professors of physics in the Department of Mathematics, Computer Science and Physics, attended the "Pre-engineers Advisors Conference" at the University of Kentucky in Lexington.

The annual conference was hosted by the U. K. College of Engineering in order to increase the number of students entering engineering degree programs in Kentucky.

"The conference helps the physics faculty at MSU prepare students for a successful and smooth transfer into the many four-year engineering degree programs offered at U.K. In addition, faculty learn about scholarships and funding opportunities available to transfer students," said Dr. Jennifer Birriel.

"At this year's meeting, it was announced that freshmen and sophomore pre-engineering students at Morehead State University are welcome to participate in study abroad programs and internships with their peers from the University of Kentucky. That's a pretty exciting development," said Dr. Ignacio Birriel.

MSU's Department of Mathematics, Computer Science and Physics offers two degree programs in conjunction with the University of Kentucky. These two programs allow a student to graduate with an ABET accredited engineering degree. In the 2-2 engineering transfer program, students take their first two years of coursework at Morehead State and then transfer to the University of Kentucky to complete their ABET-accredited engineering degree. The department also offers a 3-2 dual degree program. In the dual degree program, students complete three years of physics and engineering coursework at Morehead State and then transfer to the University of Kentucky for two final years of engineering coursework; this track provides the student with a Bachelor of Science degree in physics from Morehead State and an ABET-accredited engineering degree from the University of Kentucky.

Students with the dual degree are highly sought by industrial employers. Students who begin their physics and engineering degree programs at MSU benefit from small class sizes and individualized attention.

For more information, contact department chair Dr. Dora Ahmadi at (606) 783-2919.

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Sept. 13, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University had several successful “Evening with the Eagles” recruitment events in Lexington, Louisville and Cincinnati the past year.

During each event, students and their families had the opportunity to speak with numerous MSU representatives from admissions, financial aid, multicultural student services, nursing and imaging sciences, the College of Business and Public Affairs, the College of Education, and Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

MSU’s Transition Center will host another series of “Evening with the Eagles” in those three cities this fall. MSU will partner each program with a nonprofit, community-based organization whose core values are to educate and support area youth.

The first event will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 21, from 6-8 p.m. at the YMCA of Central Kentucky-North Lexington Family YMCA in Lexington.

Louisville’s Urban League will be the partner on Thursday, Sept. 30, from 6-8 p.m.

Light refreshments will be served.

One attendee will win a one-time \$1,000 Residence Hall Scholarship (applicable to MSU housing costs). Raffle forms will be distributed during registration.

To register, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/transition.

Additional information is available by contacting Tashanna R. Rucker, senior enrollment services counselor for diversity, at (606) 207-7756 or e-mail her at t.rucker@moreheadstate.edu.

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Sept. 20, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Are you a Morehead State University student, alum or community member and looking for full-time work, a part-time position, or even an internship? Are you considering graduate school or would you simply like to get your name out to employers?

If so, the Fall Career Fair at MSU may have the opportunity for which you have been searching.

The fair will be held in the Crager Room on the second floor of the Adron Doran University Center from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 5. Employers from a variety of fields will be in attendance, including both the private and public sectors.

Participants should research the employers, come professionally dressed, and bring several copies of their resume.

Organizations may still register. If you are interested in targeting MSU students, alumni, or community members, you may download the registration form or call (606) 783-2233.

Employers who have registered to be on MSU's main campus include:

21st Mortgage Corporation; Adecco; AmeriCorp VISTA; Appalachian College of Pharmacy; Asbury College Master of Social Work Admissions; Auditor of Public Accounts; Bellarmine University; Cintas Corporation; Citizens National Bank; Clark Regional Medical Center; Clear Channel Radio; Department of Disability;

Eastern Kentucky University Graduate School; Eastern State Hospital; Enterprise Holdings; Federal Correctional Institution; Federal Medical Center; First Investors Corporation; Forever Communications; Internal Revenue Service; Kentucky State Police; KY Staffing Solutions; Mazak Corporation; Midway College School of Pharmacy;

Morehead State University's Master of Public Administration Program; MSU Army ROTC; MSU Tutoring and Learning Center; MSU Office of Graduate Programs; Northern Kentucky University-Chase College of Law; ResCare/CAKY Morehead; Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital; Pattie A. Clay Regional Medical Center; Peebles/Stage Stores;

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Physician's Assistant Program at MSU; Rite Aid; Sherwin Williams; Social Security Administration; SRG Global; St. Claire Regional Medical Center; Stage Stores; SurePoint Lending; Total Quality Logistics; University of Louisville; U.S. Peace Corps; University of Kentucky Health Professions Colleges; University of Tennessee Math Graduate Studies Program; USDA-Rural Development; Walgreens; WDKY TV Fox 56, WSAZ TV; and WKYT TV.

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Sept. 30, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's weekly Forum on Culture, Politics and Society will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 5, at 7 p.m. at the Evans Honors House, 209 Elizabeth Ave.

The topic will be "Fear, Loathing, and Illegal Immigration."

Dr. Pamela Ryan, instructor of philosophy, and Dr. Ric Caric, professor of international and interdisciplinary studies, will be the speakers and moderate the discussion. William Salazar, KY AHED grant coordinator, will be a special guest of the forum.

The forum, sponsored by the Academic Honors Association, is open to all MSU students, faculty and staff.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Caric at (606) 783-2144.

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Forum slated for Sept. 7

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Sept. 2, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's weekly Forum on Culture, Politics and Society will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 7, at 7 p.m. at the Evans Honors House, 209 Elizabeth Ave.

The topic will be "Rand Paul, Barack Obama and the Future of American."

Pamela Ryan, instructor of philosophy, and Dr. Ric Caric, professor international and interdisciplinary studies, will be the speakers and moderate the discussion.

The forum is sponsored by the Academic Honors Association and is open to all MSU students, faculty and staff.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Caric at (606) 783-2144.

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Forum slated for Sept. 14

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Sept. 10, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's weekly Forum on Culture, Politics and Society will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 14, at 7 p.m. at the Evans Honors House, 209 Elizabeth Ave.

The topic will be "Freedom of Speech: How Much Do We Really Have?"

Dr. Pamela Ryan, instructor of philosophy, Dr. John Hennen, professor of history, and Dr. Ric Caric, professor international and interdisciplinary studies, will be the speakers and moderate the discussion.

The forum, sponsored by the Academic Honors Association, is open to all MSU students, faculty and staff.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Caric at (606) 783-2144.

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Graduation Fair slated for Oct. 6-7

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Sept. 23, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University will hold the Class of 2010 Graduation Fair on Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 6 and 7.

The Graduation Fair will be held from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Oct. 6 and 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Oct. 7 on the first floor of the Adron Doran University Center.

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

Those in attendance may apply early for graduation with the Registrar, purchase a cap and gown from the University Bookstore, order graduation announcements and class rings, and check their financial aid status.

Students in attendance also may learn about graduate programs offered at MSU, visit with career services and get information on the GRE, LSAT, MCAT, GMAT and other exams.

Refreshments will be available at the event and a number of prizes will be given away.

Additional information is available by calling alumni relations at (606) 783-2080.

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Sept. 30, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University faculty, staff, students and alumni can join in to help “The Alltech Sustainable Haiti Project Challenge.”

The challenge is a friendly competition among Kentucky’s colleges and universities (and other participating groups) to raise awareness and funds for those struck by the humanitarian crisis in Haiti.

Participants are asked to text “Alltech Morehead” to 50555 to donate \$5 to the Alltech Sustainable. Donations also are accepted online via a Facebook application or blog widget.

In response to the devastating earthquake in Haiti in January 2010, Alltech created the Alltech Haiti Relief Fund and pledged to match all donations up to \$250,000. The primary aim of the fund is to provide direct assistance to the Haitian people.

“I’m proud Morehead State is participating in this competition for a great cause. The Student Government Association is hoping all students will participate; we believe this will be an opportunity for us to give back,” said Lindsay Rae Adkins, Student Government Association president.

The school that obtains the most donations will be recognized at the Alltech Haitian Harmony Benefit Concert with The Chieftains on Oct. 4 at the Singletary Center.

Learn more about Alltech’s efforts in Haiti by visiting the Web site www.alltech.com/haitifund.

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Kentucky Highlands Opera Idol +++

Morehead will come under siege from the Battle of the Arias when the Kentucky Highlands Opera Idol comes to town Friday, Sept. 17.

The competition will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Rowan County Arts Center, 215 East Main Street. Tickets will be available at the door for \$5, cash or check only.

The event is made possible through a grant from Morehead State University's Buckner and Sally S. Hinkle Endowment for Humanities.

MSU OperaWorks and Highlands Light Opera are hosting the event. While the judges are deliberating the winner, OperaWorks will sing the famous anthem "Va pensiero" from Giuseppe Verdi's opera Nabucco.

Dr. Chia-Ling Hsieh is the pianist for OperaWorks.

Nine contestants from across the region will vie for the title and cash prize. The finalists have extensive national and international performing credits.

A panel of distinguished judges from the professional opera field will help determine the winner. But fans and audience members will have the opportunity to cast votes as well. The audience in attendance Friday will be issued ballots. Online voting opens Monday, Sept. 13, and will close at 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 17.

To cast your online ballot, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/music

The finalist include:

Craig Brown, tenor, is a native of the Bahamas and now a resident of North Carolina. He holds degrees in vocal performance and music industry from the Hayes School of Music. He has sung with Appalachian Opera Theatre and has worked at BMG Publishing and RCA Records.

Karen Crow, mezzo soprano, is a native of Nashville and a graduate of Lee University. She is currently pursuing an M.M. degree in performance at Austin Peay State University. She has several roles to her credit and has performed as a soloist with the Lee University Masterworks Series and the Marion County Messiah Choir.

Annie Gill, soprano, has 20 operatic roles to her credit. A graduate of the Peabody Conservatory, she has sung with Opera in the Ozarks, Emerald City Opera Artist Institute, and the Washington Savoyards. Gill recently won second place in the Coeur d'Alene Symphony Young Artists Competition and was a semi-finalist in the Orpheus Vocal Competition.

Heather Hunnicutt, soprano, is from Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas. She has been on the music faculty at Georgetown College (Ky.) since 2006. Hunnicutt holds a doctorate from Indiana University, and has a special interest in musical theatre, contemporary song literature and opera, as well as traditional classical vocal repertoire. She is an active recital artist.

Paulette Maria Penzvalto, mezzo soprano, was a 2009 Tri-State regional finalist for the Metropolitan Opera National Council Awards. She was a 2010 Resident Artist

with Des Moines Metro Opera and Indianapolis Opera's Young Artist Programs, and completed a Postgraduate Diploma in Voice at The Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama in Cardiff, Wales.

Brynne Pulver, soprano, is a recent music graduate of Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C. Pulver has participated in the American Singer's Opera Project and the Manhattan School of Music Summer Voice Festival. She lives in Chapel Hill and plans to pursue a career in classical voice and opera.

Sara Snider Schone, mezzo soprano, has been a frequent soloist with the Chattanooga Symphony and has performed comprimario roles with the Chattanooga Opera. She performed with the 2010 Opera Viva Summer Program in Verona, Italy, and participated in masterclasses with American soprano June Anderson. Schone is auditioning for Young Artist Programs across the USA.

Kristen Whalen, soprano, is attending Northern Kentucky University majoring in vocal performance. She spent the summer of 2009 studying in Salzburg, Austria, with the Kentucky Institute for International Studies. Whalen recently won second place in the Mid-South Regional competition of the National Association of Teachers of Singing and received a Three Arts Scholarship from the Cincinnati Women's Club.

Nathan Eldred Wilson, bass baritone, has roots in Rowan County, and now resides in Louisville. He has performed with Utah Festival Opera, Kentucky Opera, Amici Opera, and as a soloist with the Louisville Choral Arts Society, the Concert Chorale of Nashville and Musica Toscana. He received his degrees in vocal performance from Ithaca College and the University of Louisville.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---The Claypool-Young art gallery on the campus of Morehead State University will present “Human Conditions: Works by Gary Chapman, Patrick Earl Hammie, Sara DiDonato and Charles Caldemeyer,” Sept. 15-Oct. 8.

An opening reception will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 15, from 6-8 p.m. with live music by MSU music students and complementary refreshments.

The four artists included in the exhibition share similarities in figurative painting and drawing. Chapman's gold leaf and oil paintings present luminous portraits that refer to contemporary life suspended in a narrative context. Contorting girls stretch and bend themselves into impossible human feats in the drawings of DiDonato, and in the works of Caldemeyer, people populate otherworldly maze-like spaces. Hammie's monumental figurative paintings of mythic proportions delve into issues of race and gender.

Two visiting artists are scheduled in conjunction with the exhibition. Chapman, professor of painting and drawing at University of Alabama at Birmingham, will speak on Friday, Sept. 3, 10:20 a.m. and 12:40 p.m. and Hammie, assistant professor of art at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, will give a gallery talk on Friday, Oct. 1, at 10:20 a.m. and 12:40 p.m.

All events are free and open to the public.

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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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University will host a Minority Fair on Tuesday, Oct. 5 from 4-6 p.m. in 301 of the Adron Doran University Center.

Offices and organizations devoted to helping minority students succeed at MSU will be available to talk to students about their services.

The Minority Fair is an opportunity for students to network and get involved with the MSU community.

It is sponsored by the Office of First Year Programs. Approximately 10 organizations/offices will be participating and will have information for interested students, including upcoming events.

Refreshments will be provided.

Additional information is available by contacting Dr. Erica N. Johnson, minority retention coordinator, at (606) 783-5195.

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MSU band involved in bus accident

No one was injured late Saturday night when a chartered bus that carried members of the Morehead State University Marching Band slid into a ditch in Powell County.

The band was returning from a performance in Letcher County when the accident occurred about 11 p.m. on KY 11.

Kevin Koett, assistant vice president/dean of students, said about 50 students and chaperones were aboard the bus.

According to Koett, “the vehicle slid into the ditch on its side, blocking the main door. The driver and all passengers were evacuated through windows without incident.”

A replacement bus was sent to transport the band members and chaperones to campus.

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Sept. 3, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---In observance of the Labor Day holiday, Morehead State University will be closed Monday, Sept. 6. There will be no classes or office hours and mail will not be delivered.

Offices will reopen and classes will resume on regular schedule at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 7.

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Sept. 29, 2010

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Manuel Castillo, a 2007 graduate of Morehead State University, will sing the lead tenor role of Rodolfo in Giacomo Puccini's opera La Boheme on Oct. 1 and 3, at the Lexington Opera House.

Castillo earned the Bachelor of Music degree in vocal performance from MSU, and studied voice with Dr. Ricky Little. He completed the Master of Music degree in vocal performance from the University of Kentucky in 2009.

He is a second year doctoral student in the Doctor of Musical Arts degree program in vocal performance at the UK School of Music.

This summer, Castillo sang the role of Alfred in the Operafestival di Roma production of Die Fledermaus in Rome. As a result of his performance, he has been invited to the Netherlands by the director of the Opera Studio in Amsterdam to audition for the opera house.

He also went to Haiti this summer to help select and train children for the Haitian Children's Choir, which will perform concerts in Kentucky during the World Equestrian Games Fortnight Music Festival.

These concerts are a part of a joint effort between the UK Opera Theater and Alltech to help build a village in Haiti. During the opening ceremony of WEG, Castillo sang in a select ensemble that performed with Metropolitan Opera stars, Denyce Graves, Cynthia Lawrence and Greg Turay.

Both performances of La Boheme will begin at 7:30 pm. Other performances with Turay in the role of Rudolfo will be given on Sept. 29 at 7:30 p.m. and on Oct. 3 at 2 p.m.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University has again been named a “Military Friendly School” by G.I. Jobs Magazine, placing it in the top 15 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools nationwide that are doing the most to embrace America’s veterans as students.

The common bond of these institutions is their shared priority of recruiting students with military experience. Veterans interested in learning more about MSU can get additional information by calling Jill McBride, student veteran advocate located in the Transition Center in the Office of Enrollment Services, at (606) 783-2000. McBride stands ready to connect new student veterans with the number of services provided across campus.

“We’re pleased to be recognized as a campus community that truly cares about helping veterans and their families with the transition to college life. Jill and many others at MSU are personally dedicated to helping these individuals accomplish their educational mission,” said Jeffrey Liles, assistant vice president for enrollment services.

“This list is especially important now because the Post-9/11 GI Bill has given veterans virtually unlimited financial means to go to school,” said Rich McCormack, G.I. Jobs publisher. “Veterans can now enroll in any school, provided they’re academically qualified. Veterans need a trusted friend to help them decide where to get educated. The Military Friendly Schools list is that trusted friend.”

The list was compiled through exhaustive research starting last May during which G.I. Jobs polled more than 7,000 schools nationwide. G.I. Jobs is published by Victory Media, a veteran-owned business headquartered in Pittsburgh, Pa.

For a complete listing of military-related services, including an enrollment checklist for new student veterans and contact information for Steve Crail, MSU’s veterans certification official located in the Registrar’s Office, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/veteranops.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---The three-person exhibition “The Intersection of Traditional and Unbelievable” at the Winchester Opera House Art Gallery features the work of Morehead State University’s Elizabeth Mesa-Gaido, professor of art, Dr. Emma Gillespie Perkins, director of the Center for Leadership and Professional Development, and Jennifer Reis, assistant professor of art and gallery director.

The exhibition opens with a reception on Friday, Sept.10, from 6-9 p.m.

Reis will teach a day long Mini Art Quilt Workshop on Saturday, Sept. 11, associated with the exhibition. The workshop and exhibition are held at the Winchester Opera House, 101 South Main Street.

More information about the exhibition and workshop can be obtained by contacting gallery curator Brett Ellen Martin at (859) 745-0045 or brett@winchesteroperahouse.com.

Art faculty Mesa-Gaido and Reis also will participate in the juried exhibition “Evolving Traditions: An Exhibition of Extraordinary Kentucky Art and Craft” hosted in the Gloria Singletary Gallery at Lexington's Living Arts and Science Center.

Tim Glotzbach of Berea College curated the exhibition, which focuses on contemporary manifestations of fine craft in Kentucky. The exhibition reception is scheduled for Sept. 17 from 5-8 p.m.

The Living Arts and Science Center is located at 362 N. Martin Luther King Blvd. For more information about the exhibition, contact gallery curator Elaine Quave at (859) 252-5222.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's Office of Enrollment Services will host Open House programs on Saturday, Oct. 2, and Saturday, Nov. 13, from 9 a.m. until noon in the Adron Doran University Center on the Morehead campus.

According to enrollment services, the Open House events will be an excellent opportunity for students and families to discover why MSU has been named one of "America's Best Colleges" by U.S. News and World Report for the seventh year running.

University representatives will be available to meet students and their families, answer questions, lead campus tours and share information concerning college life.

"Our goal is to make it convenient to get answers to questions about starting college by bringing deans, department chairs and faculty from our academic programs, as well as staff from admissions, financial aid, housing and many more services together in one place," said Holly Pollock, assistant director of enrollment services.

"Families will hear success stories about our graduates and learn some statistics that demonstrate the academic quality offered at MSU."

On one such measure of success, MSU graduates are consistently accepted into professional schools, including medical, dental and pharmacy programs, at rates well above state and national averages.

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

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

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Fiction writer and essayist Ann Pancake is this year's recipient of Morehead State University's Thomas and Lillie D. Chaffin Award for Appalachian Writing.

She will be presented the award during a reception at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Kentucky Folk Art Center.

Pancake will read from her work, followed by music and a reception. The reading and reception are free and open to the public.

Pancake grew up in Romney and Summersville, W.Va. "As Strange As This Weather Has Been," published in 2007, was her first novel. It featured a southern West Virginia family devastated by mountaintop removal mining. Based on interviews and real events, the novel was one of KirkusReview's Top 10 Fiction Books of 2007, won the 2007 Weatherford Award, and was a finalist for the 2008 Orion Book Award.

Pancake's collection of short stories, "Given Ground," won the 2000 Bakeless Prize from the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference of Middlebury College. She also has received a Whiting Writers Award from the Giles Whiting Foundation, a National Endowment for the Arts grant, a Pushcart Prize from Pushcart Press publishing house, and creative writing fellowships from the states of Washington, West Virginia and Pennsylvania.

Her fiction and essays have appeared in journals and anthologies including Glimmer Train, Poets and Writers, Narrative, and New Stories from the South.

Pancake earned a B.A. degree in English at West Virginia University, an M.A. degree in English from the University of North Carolina and a Ph.D. degree in English literature from the University of Washington.

Currently, she teaches in the low-residency M.F.A. program at Pacific Lutheran University.

The Chaffin Award, which includes a cash prize of \$1,000, recognizes outstanding Appalachian writers in all genres. Past winners of this award include Diane Gilliam, Erik Reece, Sharon Hatfield, Ron Rash, John Sparks, Silas House, Mark Powell and Denise Giardina.

Sponsors of this event include the MSU's Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences; Arts and Humanities Council; the Chaffin Award Endowment; B.F.A. in Creative Writing Program in the Department of English, Corporation for Public Broadcasting and Morehead State Public Radio.

Additional information is available by calling MSU's Kentucky Folk Art Center at (606) 783-2204; or the B.F.A. in Creative Writing Program in the Department of English at (606) 783-9448.

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Press Release for Paper in ApJ

Morehead State University's Dr. Thomas Pannuti, assistant professor of space science in the Department of Earth and Space Sciences, and MSU graduate Rashika Agrawal had a research paper accepted for publication in the *Astrophysical Journal*.

Dr. Pannuti (the lead author for the paper) conducted a study of G266.2-1.2, a supernova remnant (SNR) located in our Milky Way galaxy. The study involved radio observations made of G266.2-1.2 using a radio observatory known as the Australia Telescope Compact Array. These observations were complemented with X-ray observations made of the SNR with the orbiting Chandra X-ray Observatory.

Working with a team of researchers based at MIT, the University of Western Sydney, Macquarie University and the Anglo-Australian Observatory, Dr. Pannuti and Agrawal modeled the observed emission from G266.2-1.2 and other SNRs with the goal of determining the maximum energies of particles known as cosmic-ray electrons that are being accelerated by SNRs.

“The radio emission from SNRs is typically from accelerated cosmic-ray electrons while the X-ray emission from SNRs is typically from shock-heated gas raised to temperatures of several million degrees. But G266.2-1.2 appears to be a member of a new class of SNRs, where the X-ray emission is also produced by cosmic-ray electrons which have been accelerated to very nearly the speed of light. Combining X-ray and radio observations of such SNRs helps us to model how these particles are accelerated. SNRs are thought to be the most likely accelerators of cosmic-ray electrons found in our galaxy and studies of objects like G266.2-1.2 help us to determine the maximum energies attained by these accelerated particles,” said Dr. Pannuti.

Born in Irvington, N.Y., Dr. Pannuti earned his Ph.D. degree in physics from the University of New Mexico in 2000. He worked at the Kavli Institute for Astrophysics and Space Research at MIT and at the Spitzer Science Center at Cal Tech before joining the Department of Earth and Space Sciences in 2006.

Agrawal graduated from MSU in May 2009 with a Bachelor of Science degree in industrial engineering technology. A native of Nepal, she is now enrolled in graduate studies at the Indiana University-Purdue University in Fort Wayne, where she is pursuing a master of science degree in technology from Purdue University.

The paper, entitled "Non-Thermal X-ray Emission from the Northwestern Rim of the Galactic Supernova Remnant G266.2-1.2 (RX J0852.0-4622)," was published in September.

For more information, contact Dr. Pannuti at (606) 783-9591 or by e-mail to t.pannuti@moreheadstate.edu.

Press Release for Talk at Cave Run Lake

Morehead State University's Dr. Thomas Pannuti, assistant professor of space science in the Department of Earth and Space Sciences), gave a talk titled "Supernovae: Things that go *BOOM!* in the Night" to the general public at the Twin Knobs Amphitheater at Cave Run Lake.

Dr. Pannuti was accompanied by MSU students Joshua Tussey and Emily Goff as well as Dr. Antonino Carnevali, professor of physics.

Dr. Pannuti gives a talk to members of the general public every summer at the Amphitheater. On those evenings when the weather cooperates, a star party is also held where students, staff and faculty of the Space Science Center (as well as local amateur astronomers) operate telescopes and give attendees telescopic views of different astronomical sources, such as planets, nebulae and galaxies. Unfortunately, cloudy skies on the evening of the July 31 prevented any observations from being conducted.

Presentations like the one given by Dr. Pannuti are part of the program of public outreach activities conducted by the Space Science Center and led by Star Theater Director Eric Thomas. These activities include a speaker's series as well as star parties which are held at other times during the calendar year.

Information about the speaker's series, star parties and other public outreach activities of the Space Science Center can be obtained from the Space Science Center's Web site (<http://ssc.moreheadstate.edu>).

For more information, contact the Space Science Center at (606) 783-2381.

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Public invited to Sunny Brook Recreational Complex
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---A public forum on the new Sunny Brook Recreational Complex, sponsored by NewCity Morehead, will be held on Monday, Sept. 20, at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the Morehead Conference Center.

The Sunny Brook Recreational Complex, located at the site of the old Sunny Brook Golf Course, is a multi-partner endeavor led by Morehead State University, the City of Morehead, Rowan County and the Rowan County School District.

Attendees will learn about and see the current architectural design for the new complex and will be asked for input regarding additional recreational facilities they would like to see incorporated into the park.

NewCity Morehead is a nonprofit organization working towards revitalizing downtown and the community.

Additional information is available from Dudley Herron, chair of NewCity Morehead, at (606) 780-7876.

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Reception to honor Hamilton, Oct. 9

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---A reception to honor Kozy Hamilton will be held Saturday, Oct. 9, from 5-7 p.m. in the gallery in the Claypool-Young Art Building.

After 33 years of dedication to theatre students at Morehead State University, Hamilton has retired. Alumni and current students are invited to celebrate the life and times of Hamilton.

As a special retirement gift, a scrapbook will be presented to her at the reception. Students are invited to send pictures, letters to Kozy, or a favorite memory to Denise Watkins, Morehead State University, 103B Breckinridge Hall, Morehead, KY 40351. Identify and note the approximate the time frame of all photos.

Additional information is available for MSU's Office of Development at (606) 783-2033 or 1-877-690-448.

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In an attempt to build closer ties with its members, Morehead State University's Retirees Association will be meeting for lunch on the first Monday of each month from October through December.

"This is a trial run to see how much interest is out there to see old friends and colleagues more often," said Barbara Niemeyer, association president.

The Dutch treat luncheons are scheduled for Oct. 4, Nov. 1, and Dec. 6 at the Morehead Shoney's on Tom's Drive from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"We invite all retirees, both faculty and staff, to attend and bring guests with them," she added.

Another activity for retirees that has been ongoing is the weekly Round Table sessions held at the Rowan County Public Library from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Wednesdays.

The schedule of topics for exploration and moderators include:

Sept. 22, open;

Sept. 29, Recommendations for Changes in Our Military Defense Policies, led by Mark Minor;

Oct. 6, Globalization, led by Russ Brengelman;

Oct. 13, 20, 27, open;

Nov. 3, "The Sixth Extinction," led by Larry Shelt, and

Nov. 10, Pros and Cons of Charter Schools, led by Bob Lindahl.

Any retiree wishing to submit a topic and/or serve as a leader for the open dates may contact Minor by e-mail at mjminor39@gmail.com.

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Oct. 11, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---The Morehead State University Space Science Center's Star Theater will present the planetarium program "Dawn of the Space Age" and a special double Laser program "Laser Fright Light" and "Laser Metallica" in October.

"Dawn of the Space Age" re-lives the excitement of the early days of space exploration and chronicles the major milestones of the space age: From the historic launch of the first artificial satellite "Sputnik 1," man's heroic entry in space, the thrilling first spacewalk, the magnificent lunar landings, to the recent privately operated space flights.

Viewers will be immersed and overwhelmed with this most accurate historic reconstruction of Man's first steps into space. Who were these men and women that took part in these death defying endeavors? Who was the first man on the Moon? Who drove the first lunar rover? Witness their drive, their passion, and their perseverance to explore in this program.

The Star Theater planetarium programs will be held on Friday, Oct. 15, at 7 p.m., followed by the Laser program "Laser Fright Light" at 8:15 p.m. and "Laser Metallica" at 9 p.m. The programs continue on Saturday, Oct. 16, with afternoon showings of "Tour of the Universe" at 1 p.m., 2:15 p.m., and 3:30 p.m., and evening shows of "Laser Fright Light" at 7 p.m. and "Laser Metallica" at 8:15 p.m.

Selected laser music shows can contain unedited language.

Planetarium Programs:

- \$2-Adults
- \$1-Students and senior citizens (60-plus)
- Free-four and under (must sit in parent/guardian lap)

Laser Programs:

- \$5-Adults
- \$4-Students and senior citizens (60-plus)
- Free-four and under (must sit in parent/guardian lap)

Seating is limited to 90 per program and tickets (cash only) for all shows are available at the door. No advance tickets or reservations are available.

Additional information is available by calling the Space Science Center's Star Theater at (606) 783-9593 or visiting its Web site at www.moreheadstate.edu/startheater.

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Sept. 14, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---The Morehead State University Space Science Center's Star Theater will present the planetarium program "Tour of the Universe" and a special double Laser program "Laser Pink Floyd Dark Side of the Moon" and "The Wall" in September.

The Star Theater planetarium programs will be held on Friday, Sept. 17, at 7 p.m., followed by the Laser program at 8:15 p.m. The programs continue on Saturday, April 17, with afternoon showings of "Tour of the Universe" at 1 p.m., 2:15 p.m., and 3:30 p.m., and evening shows of "Laser Pink Floyd Dark Side of the Moon" at 7 p.m. and "The Wall" at 8:15 p.m.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Students interested in traveling the world and experiencing new cultures are invited to an informational session on overseas study opportunities at Morehead State University.

The Study Abroad Fair will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 5, from 10:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. in the main lobby of the Adron Doran University Center on the MSU campus.

Interested students, faculty and staff can find information on the educational enrichment opportunities available globally through MSU's Office of International Student Services.

Representatives will be available to discuss international studies options for fall, spring, summer or yearlong terms, as well as exchange programs and internships. Attendees can learn about specific academic programs, courses and financial aid.

Study abroad programs are offered at more than 30 locations, including France, Germany, Ireland, Jamaica, Spain, Australia, Italy and China.

Additional information is available from Dr. Phil Krummrich at (606) 783-2726 or visit him in his new location in the Honors House, 209 Elizabeth Ave. or contact the International Student Services by calling (606) 783-2096, or by visiting its location in Brumagen House, 422 University Blvd.; or on the Web at www.moreheadstate.edu/oie.

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Sept. 27, 2010

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's Department of Music, Theatre and Dance and the Arts and Humanities Council will present "The Celluloid Tubas Show" on Thursday, Oct. 21, at 8 p.m. in Button Auditorium.

Original film scores performed by MSU's Tuba/Euphonium Ensemble will accompany live projection of films directed by guest artist Dr. Todd Fiegel. The event is unique in that music becomes the star of the film, rather than just an invisible component.

A film music lecture by Dr. Fiegel is scheduled for 3 p.m. in Duncan Recital Hall.

Admission for "The Celluloid Tubas Show" and the lecture is free and open to the public.

"Film is perhaps the most collaborative of art forms. Acting, dialogue, cinematography, and editing are the most visible components of a movie; but powerful magic often takes place in an area that we don't as easily "see"— in the film's score. Surprisingly, of all the cinematic arts, music can be the most persuasive in steering our perception of a film. And it's truly remarkable that a film's score can yield so much power yet often can be completely unnoticed," said Dr. Fiegel.

Dr. Fiegel's residency will educate MSU students and the public about the power of a film's musical score through lecture-demonstration, in-depth rehearsals, and public performance.

He is music director of the Utah Premiere Brass, Utah's only British-style brass band, and regularly guest conducts across the U.S. and Canada. Originally from Wisconsin, he most recently served as director of bands at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. Previous appointments include the University of Montana, Idaho State University, and Muskingum University in Ohio.

In his position at Wisconsin, he directed all aspects of the UWEC band program, serving more than 350 students in four bands, and developed the graduate and undergraduate conducting curriculum.

Fiegel has recently conducted the Boston Brass, Altius Brass of Calgary, the U.S. Army Brass Quintet, and on the campuses of many major universities in his Celluloid Tuba and Celluloid Brass Shows, an entertaining program of Hollywood film and cartoon music accompanying live projection of the original films. With performances now numbering close to

200, it will be performed for the third time at the U.S. Army Tuba and Euphonium Conference in January.

The upcoming event at MSU will mark the second performance by students in the tuba-euphonium studio of Dr. Stacy Baker, the first occurring in 1999.

Dr. Baker, professor of music, was a featured musician as a graduate student at the University of Michigan.

In March, Fiegel will collaborate with virtuoso trumpet soloist Jens Lindemann in a feature concert with the Utah Premiere Brass. Included on that program will be the North American premiere performance of Peter Meechan's spectacular new trumpet concerto, Apophenia.

An avid film music scholar and educator, Dr. Fiegel's publications include a complete analysis of Bernard Herrmann's landmark score for the original film "The Day the Earth Stood Still," recently published in "The Journal of Film Music," and the launching of a new blog, MusicOfTheMovies.com.

Sponsors of this event include The Buckner and Sally S. Hinkle Endowment for Humanities, MSU's Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities Council, Department of Music, Theatre, and Dance, Department of English, MSU I.T.E.A. (International Tuba Euphonium Association) Student Organization, Corporation for Public Broadcasting and Morehead State Public Radio

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Baker at (606) 783-2107.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.--- Morehead State University ROTC's Battalion Commander Wesley Tudor, LaPort, Ind., senior, ranks as the number one cadet in the nation

The son of Scott Allen Tudor and Natalie Gail Hardin, Tudor received a ranking of first out of 5,342 cadets from 272 universities across the nation, not including West Point.

He is the highest ranking cadet in Morehead State's ROTC history. The national ranking system, called "Order of Merit" list, is a combination of accomplishments from the last three years. The top 20 percent of cadets on the Order of Merit list are recognized as Distinguished Military Graduates.

"We are very proud of Cadet Tudor," said Maj. Robert A. Mason, professor of military science. "It is a very big honor to be the top ranked cadet in the nation."

Prior to Tudor, Shannon Niki Martin was the highest ranking cadet. She received a ranking of third out of 3,806 cadets from 272 universities across the nation, not including West Point, in 2006-07.

All ROTC cadets are rated on a point system based on activities completed prior to their junior year. Numerous factors go into an accessions packet and all 5,342 cadets are ranked according to the number of points they achieved. Students earn accessions points based on grade point average (40 percent) of which Tudor earned a 4.0 GPA; Military performance (45 percent), which includes cadet evaluations from Warrior Forge (summer training at Ft. Lewis, Wash.) and ranking among his/her platoon at Warrior Forge (Tudor ranked first out of 44 cadets in his platoon), land navigation score, extracurricular activities, and community service.

The final 15 percent is the physical aspect which encompasses the Army Physical Fitness Test scores from the campus and Warrior Forge, and Combat Water Survival Training scores. Tudor, an accounting major and military science minor, is involved in the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity and Raider Company (ROTC fraternity). He is a member of the Beta Gamma Sigma (International Business Honors Society) and has maintained employment with Advance Auto Parts for the past three years.

Tudor will be commissioned in May as an active duty second lieutenant in the Finance Corps.

Three other cadets -- Zach Shutte of Olive Hill, Cory Moore of Flemingsburg and Justin Collins of Beavercreek, Ohio -- also earned Distinguished Military Graduate ratings, which is finishing in the top 10 percent.

Additional information on the ROTC program is available by calling Maj. Mason at (606) 783-2050.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---The Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games is offering free admission to anyone with a Morehead State University ID on Sunday, Sept. 26. This is a great opportunity for our faculty, staff and students to experience this once in a lifetime event.

The World Equestrian Games are being held at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington.

Additional information is available by contacting Debbie Ellis, Department of Agricultural Sciences department specialist, at (606) 783-2662.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Young Professionals of East Kentucky will hold its next round of three simultaneous networking events on Thursday, Sept. 9.

The networking events will be held at the following locations from 7-9 p.m.:

In London, Starbucks on 192. Rebecca Webster, Manchester Memorial Hospital Foundation and co-chair of YPEK, is the contact person. E-mail her at rebecca@ypek.org.

In Morehead, Melini's Italian Restaurant on Main Street. The guest speaker will be District Judge Willie Roberts. Contact Johnathan Gay, of Morehead State University and co-chair of YPEK, at johnthangay@hotmail.com for additional information.

In Pikeville, the Landmark Inn Restaurant and Lounge on South Mayo Trail. Chas Gayheart, secretary of YPEK, is the contact person. E-mail her at chas@ypek.org for more information.

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