

April 2017

April 19, 2017

‘Between The Rock and the Commonwealth’ to hold screening April 26

Morehead State University's Steven Middleton, instructor of mass communication, will have his new documentary film, "Between The Rock and the Commonwealth," screened at CoffeeTree Books, Wednesday, April 26, at 6:30 p.m.

The event is free and open to the public.

The film was co-directed with John Tanner Blevins, and had help on camera from John Flavell, convergent media faculty member and Patrick Brumback (16), a convergent media graduate.

Kentucky Center for Traditional Music faculty member Scott Miller and his son, Elijah, produced the original film soundtrack.

The hour-long documentary deals with the controversial removal of the historic Indian Head Rock from the Ohio River in 2007. The rock removal led to political and legal battles from both Ohio and Kentucky.

"Between The Rock and the Commonwealth" examines the tale of Indian Head Rock, a 6-ton boulder that resided in the Ohio River near South Shore, Kentucky, hidden 16 feet below the water's surface for 87 years.

The rock earned its name from the crude carving of a face on its surface, and from some of the earliest media documentation the rock drew travelers from far and wide to see the local legend. The creation of the lock and dam system on the Ohio River in the 20th Century caused the water levels to rise and the rock to disappear. In 2007, a team of Portsmouth historians located the rock and removed it from the river with hopes that its rediscovery would celebrate the history of the region. To their surprise, many Kentuckians felt as though the rock belonged to them, thus beginning a battle between two states, which captivated the nation, over the ownership of Indian Head Rock.

This film touches on geography, politics, history and archeology of Kentucky, southern Ohio and the Ohio River.

WOSU and KET will air the documentary in June.

Additional information is available by contacting [Middleton](#) at 606-783-9583.

Watch the film trailer at <https://vimeo.com/210789572>.

April 26, 2017

'IF Aerospace' conference held in Morehead

The annual aerospace industry day "IF Aerospace" was hosted by Morehead State University and the Innovation Network at the Morehead Conference Center on Wednesday, April 19.

The idea behind the event is to bring aerospace companies in Kentucky together with state government and with research centers and universities to discuss the future of the aerospace industry in the Commonwealth. Aerospace is the number one economic driver in the state, surpassing \$10.8 billion in 2016.

Attendees heard inspiring talks by Todd May, NASA Marshall Spaceflight Center director; Lt. Gov. Jenean Hampton, Rep. Rocky Adkins, Kris Kimel, Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation president; Stewart Ditto, Kentucky Aerospace Industry Consortium CEO, Jeff Kruth, MSU's Space Science Center; and interactive panels that included representatives from Space Tango LLC., Twiggs SpaceLab, Kentucky Innovation Network, Kentucky Department of Aviation, Dataseam, GE, SpaceTrek, Kentucky Association of Manufacturers, Southwest Virginia Technology Council, and the Inventors Council of Central Kentucky.

IF Aerospace is a non-profit industry conference sponsored by Morehead State University, Space Tango, Kentucky Innovation Network, MSU Space Science Center and Dataseam.

To see photos from the conference, visit [Flickr](#).

Additional information is available by contacting Dr.

Malphrus, [Space Science Center](#) executive director, at 606-783-2381.

Pictured above: Lt. Gov. Jenean Hampton, right, chats with MSU students during the "IF Aerospace conference.

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April 25, 2017

‘Take Back Day’ slated for April 29

Morehead State University’s Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will host a “Take Back Day,” Saturday, April 29, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The event gives the public its 13th opportunity in seven years to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs.

Participants can bring their pills for disposal to the drop box in the lobby outside the MSUPD at 100 Laughlin Health Building any time before 2 p.m. Drugs disposed of at the event may be in or out of a container, but needles are not permitted. All items will be collected and destroyed by the Drug Enforcement Administration. Please remove label or black out names on any prescription bottles.

The police department is open 24 hours a day year-round. The program is open to the public and all drop-offs are confidential.

Last October, Americans turned in 366 tons (more than 730,000 pounds) of prescription drugs at almost 5,200 sites operated by the DEA and more than 4,000 of its state and local law enforcement partners. Overall, in its 12 previous Take Back events, the DEA and its partners have taken in more than 7.1 million pounds—more than 3,500 tons—of pills.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.

For more information about the disposal of prescription drugs or about the April 29 “Take Back Day” event, go to the [DEA Diversion website](#).

Additional information is available by calling the [MSU Police Department](#) at 606-783-2035 or by visiting the police department's [Facebook page](#).

Pictured above, left to right, are MSUPD Officer Johnny Botts and Police Chief Merrell Harrison.

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April 20, 2017

BFA Art and Design Exhibition opens April 26

The main [gallery](#) of Morehead State University's Claypool-Young Art Building will host its "2017 Annual BFA Art and Design Exhibition," April 26 through May 10.

The second annual show is an opportunity for [MSU Department of Art and Design](#) B.F.A. degree candidates to exhibit as emerging artists in a large group exhibition.

The exhibitions open with a reception featuring live music by The Canninghams and complimentary refreshments on Wednesday, April 26, from 5-7 p.m.

Participating artists include: Kristin Busby, Morehead; Waylan Coffey, Frenchburg; Adam Davis, Emerson; Brooke Farmer, Stanton; Kristin Gunn, Stanton; Nicholas Hunt, Maysville; Michael Hutchinson, Salyersville; Dakota Johnson, Morehead; Elyssia Lowe, Grayson; and Heather Milby, Greensburg.

The gallery, within Claypool-Young, features contemporary art for the MSU community as well as the University's service region.

The gallery is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or by appointment, and is free and open to the public. Parking is available on Main Street and across campus after 5 p.m.

Additional information is available by contacting [Jennifer Reis](#), gallery director, at 606-783-5446.

Pictured above: Brooke (Emily) Farmer of Stanton, with help from graduate assistant Juanita Dixon of Morehead, installs her work in the annual BFA exhibition. Ceramics by Adam Davis of Emerson in the foreground.

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April 25, 2017

Celebration of Student Scholarship Scheduled for April 26

MSU will recognize the work of Undergraduate Research Fellows during the 12th Annual Celebration of Student Scholarship on Wednesday, April 26.

The purpose of the Annual MSU Celebration of Student Scholarship is to showcase the outstanding scholarly work of students involved in the Undergraduate Research Fellowship program to the greater campus community. Initiated in the Spring of 2006, the annual celebration has grown into a day-long event of presentations, exhibitions, and performances by students from all colleges, including Business and Technology, Education, Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, and Science.

At MSU, faculty in all disciplines are engaging students in their professional scholarly endeavors. Based upon these collaborations, students are presenting, exhibiting, and performing at state, regional, and national forums. Last year, 264 students presented 203 scholarly papers, posters, and/or performances mentored by 88 faculty from every department on campus.

Over the past two decades, the involvement of students in faculty-mentored research, scholarly and creative work has been increasing. Engaging students in faculty-mentored scholarly activities at the undergraduate level has been demonstrated to enhance student intellectual development and better prepare them for graduate study and the job market.

The schedule of the day's events is as follows:

- 7:45 AM to 8:30 AM — Registration/continental breakfast (Camden-Carroll Library, 2nd floor); Oral presentations set-up (Camden-Carroll Library); Poster set-up (Button Auditorium, Drill Room)
- 8:30 AM to 10:15 AM — Oral presentations
- 10:15 AM to 10:30 AM — Break
- 10:30 AM to 11:45 AM — Oral presentations
- 11:45 AM to 12 PM — Break
- 12 PM to 1:15 PM — Oral presentations
- 1:15 PM to 3 PM — Poster presentations (Button Drill Room)
- 3 PM to 4 PM — Reception (Button Drill Room)
- 4 PM to 4:15 PM — Gallaher Memorial Music Performance (Button Auditorium)
- 4:15 PM to 5 PM — Awards (Button Auditorium)

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April 24, 2017

Concert on the Lawn set for April 27

Morehead State University will present the annual President's Spring Concert on the Lawn Thursday, April 27, at Wayne D. and Susan H. Andrews Hall lawn.

The event, which will begin at 5 p.m., is free and open to the public. Parking will be available at the Recreation and Wellness Center lot.

This year's entertainment will feature the [Kentucky Center for Traditional Music](#).

Additional information can be obtained by calling the [Office of Alumni Relations and Development](#) at 877-690-4483 or 606-783-2033.

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April 17, 2017

Contemporary Music Festival slated for April 18-20

Morehead State University's [School of Music, Theatre, and Dance](#) and the Theta Pi chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia will present the fifth biennial Contemporary Music Festival, April 18-20.

The Contemporary Music Festival is a three-day event which hosts a renowned contemporary composer on the MSU campus to work with students and faculty members.

This year, John Mackey will be the "composer in residence." Mackey holds a Master of Music degree from The Juilliard School and a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the Cleveland Institute of Music, and has had performances of his music featured all around the world.

As a frequent collaborator, Mackey has worked with a diverse range of artists, from Doug Varone to David Parsons, from Robert Battle to the U.S. Olympic Synchronized Swim Team. He served as music director of the Parsons Dance Company from 1999-2003, and he taught at Cal State Long Beach in 2008-09.

During his residency at MSU, students will be exposed to a variety of contemporary music through performances and workshops.

The schedule will be:

- April 18,. 6:15 p.m. – Masterclass/Workshop with John Mackey – Baird Music Hall, Room 121.
- April 19, 7:30 p.m. – Chamber Ensemble Concert – Performances of John Mackey's music by students and faculty – Duncan Recital Hall in the Baird Music Hall.
- April 20, 7:30 p.m. – Combined Concert Band/Symphony Band Concert – Under the directions of Dr. Thomas Singletary and Dr. Susan Creasap, performances of John Mackey's music – Duncan Recital Hall in the Baird Music Hall
- All events are free.

The festival is sponsored by Buckner and Sally S.

Hinkle Endowment for Humanities, Phi Mu Alpha, MSU Percussion Club, National Association for Music Education, Sigma Alpha Iota and Chi Mu Delta.

For more information, contact Nicholas Barron

at npbarron@moreheadstate.edu or call the [School of Music, Theatre and Dance](#) at 606-783-2473.



April 13, 2017

Davison publishes second book

Morehead State University's Dr. Scott A. Davison, professor of philosophy, has just published his second book, "Petitionary Prayer: A Philosophical Investigation."

The book was produced by Oxford University Press, and printed and distributed first in the United Kingdom (in February) and now in the United States. The book is available from the publisher's website, www.global.oup.com, and from Amazon, but Davison cautions that its intended audience is specialists in the field.

"It is written to address some fairly abstract scholarly disputes about what role petitionary prayers might play in God's action in the world, assuming the traditional theistic picture of things," said Davison. "It presupposes a lot of technical philosophical vocabulary and provides detailed arguments concerning human freedom, responsibility, and knowledge, so it is intended for those who are familiar with philosophical research in these areas."

Davison has written extensively on issues in the philosophy of religion, including entries concerning prophecy and petitionary prayer for the Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy and his first book, "On the Intrinsic Value of Everything" (Continuum, 2012.) But the publication of this book, which took nearly 10 years to write, represents an especially significant scholarly achievement, since Oxford University Press is one of the most

prestigious publishing venues for philosophy in the English-speaking world.

Davison earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in philosophy from The Ohio State University before earning master's and doctoral degrees in philosophy from the University of Notre Dame. He has been teaching philosophy at MSU since 1995 and won the Distinguished Researcher Award in 2011.

He currently serves as associate editor for Faith and Philosophy and book review editor for the International Journal for Philosophy of Religion. Recently a research fellow in the Moore Institute at the National University of Ireland in Galway, he also has taught philosophy at Calvin College and Minzu University of China, served on the Executive Committee of the Society of Christian Philosophers, and is past president of the Society for Philosophy of Religion.

For additional information, contact Davison at 606-783-2273 or email s.davison@moreheadstate.edu.

For more information on MSU's Department of History, Philosophy, Politics, International and Legal Studies, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/hpil.

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April 20, 2017

Four alumni among 2018 Valvoline Teacher Achievement Awards recipients

The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) and Valvoline have selected four Morehead State alums as recipients of the 2018 Valvoline Teacher Achievement Awards.

The teachers qualify to compete for the 2018 Kentucky Teacher of the Year Award, which will be announced in May. The programs have recognized more than 500 teachers and awarded \$750,000 since 1988.

The alums who won the award were:

- Elementary School division - Amber Adams, Wrigley Elementary School (Morgan County);
- Middle School category - Ashley Haynes, Hazard Middle School (Hazard Independent) and Brianne McDowell, Mason County Middle School (Mason County); and
- High School section - Cortney Flannery, Betsy Layne High School (Floyd County).

All 24 teachers selected for the award will be honored at a ceremony on May 16 at the State Capitol Building in Frankfort. Gov. Matt Bevin, Commissioner of Education Stephen Pruitt, and Sam Mitchell, chief executive officer of Valvoline, will honor the

teachers and recognize the Kentucky Elementary School, Middle School and High School Teachers of the Year. From this group of three finalists, the Kentucky Teacher of the Year will be named and will represent the state in the National Teacher of the Year competition.

Valvoline will present the 24 Teacher Achievement Award recipients with cash awards and certificates at the awards ceremony. In addition to cash awards, the three Kentucky Teachers of the Year also will receive custom-designed glassware commemorating their accomplishments, and all 24 educators will be honored at a special luncheon after the ceremony.

Judging was conducted in March by a blue-ribbon panel of veteran educators commissioned by Valvoline and KDE, many of whom have more than 25 years of teaching experience. Applications included information on the nominees' teaching philosophies, teaching experiences and involvement in their respective communities and as letters of recommendation from peers, students, parents, administrators and others.

The Kentucky Teacher Awards program combines the best elements of what was formerly known as the Ashland Teacher Achievement Awards that was sponsored by Ashland Global Holding Inc. Valvoline, a publicly traded company headquartered in Lexington, which is pending final separation from Ashland Global Holding Inc., now sponsors the Teacher Achievement Awards and the Kentucky Teacher of the Year programs.

For aspiring educators, programs in MSU's College of Education provide high-quality preparation and strong support in an environment that facilitates and fosters student learning. A successful career in education requires tremendous dedication to the profession and a passion for continuous improvement.

Additional information is available by calling 606-783-2162 or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/education.

April 12, 2017

Graduate Dean's scholars honored

Dr. Steven Ralston, provost and vice president for academic affairs, and Dr. Michael Henson, associate vice president for research and dean of the graduate school, hosted a reception recognizing the exemplary academic performance of the Graduate Dean's Scholars.

The reception was held Wednesday, April 6, Space Science Center.

"The selection of our Graduate Dean's Scholars each year is based upon the outstanding academic records of our undergraduate honorees combined with their demonstrated potential to succeed at the graduate level. It's always a great pleasure to honor such a distinguished group of high achievers and to share the occasion with the family members who have so significantly contributed to their success," said Dr. Henson.

Attending the event were: Zoe Becerra, Florence; Alesandra Birchum, Winchester; Sue Bostic, Gallipolis, Ohio; Alexander Callahan, Clearfield; Cameron Campbell, Maryville, Tennessee; Joshua Caplinger, Olive Hill; Kady Chaffin, Grayson; Hunter Chandler, Clendenin, West Virginia; Bryant Combs, Viper; Nicholas Dawson, Flatwoods; Kristen Fristoe, Nicholasville; Sydney Gebka, Union; Alysha Harlow, Belfry; Jacob Hatfield, Belfry; Iris Johnson, Morehead; Kelsey Jude, Warfield; Kristen

Knight, Henderson; Stephanie Knox, Stanton; Allison Laile, Union; Bradley Larimer, Eastview;

Crystal Lewis, Georgetown; Matthew Porter, Morehead; Lauren Price, Sardis, Ohio; Leanna Price, Sardis, Ohio; Shelby Price, Waynesburg; Jasmine Prince, Fairborn, Ohio; Ellen Ratcliffe, Cynthiana; Morgan Richards, Georgetown; Reece Spears, Paintsville; Tracey Standafer, West Liberty; Brittany Whatley, Las Vegas, Nevada; and Jennifer White, Morehead.

To qualify as a scholar, the student must be an undergraduate graduating in the spring semester with a minimum 3.8 cumulative GPA. The program began in 2012 and is designed to encourage high performing undergraduate students to continue their academic career with MSU into Graduate School.

For more information on graduate programs or graduate admissions at MSU, contact [Dr. Susan Maxey](#), director of the graduate school, at 606-783-2317.

For more information about graduate programs at MSU, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/gradschool.

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April 14, 2017

Guidelines set for UB Summer Food Services

Morehead State University's [Upward Bound Program](#) will again host the Summer Food Service Program during the 2017 Summer Academy June 4 through July 7.

Meals will be provided to all eligible participants free of charge. To be eligible, children must be in households that receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, or benefits under the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), or Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF).

Acceptance and participation requirements for the program and all 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.

Meals will be provided in the Alumni Tower Cafeteria on the MSU campus on a schedule: breakfast, 7:15-8:45 a.m.; lunch, 12:30-1:30 p.m.; and supper, 5:15-6:15 p.m.

To file a complaint of discrimination, call toll free at 866-632-9992 or write USDA, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-9410.

For more information, call [Ashley Cooper](#), associate program director, at 606-783-2611.

April 25, 2017

MSPR to host CAB meeting

The Community Advisory Board for Morehead State Public Radio will conduct its quarterly meeting on Wednesday, May 10, at 6 p.m.

The meeting will be held in the MSPR studios, located in Breckinridge Hall on the Morehead State University campus. Meetings of the board are open to the public.

Morehead State Public Radio broadcasts 24-hours a day from the MSU campus. WMKY (90.3 FM) serves as the flagship station for the network. MSPR serves more than 20 counties in Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia.

Additional information is available on [MSPR's website](#) or from Paul Hitchcock, general manager, at wmky@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2001.

April 18, 2017

MSU Farm's annual plant sale begins April 28

The MSU Farm will offer a wide selection of flower and vegetable plants to the public during its annual plant sale, April 28-30 and on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays May 5-14.

Annual and perennial flowers, vegetable plants and herbs will be available, all of which were grown and cared for by MSU agricultural science students. All proceeds from the plant sale will benefit the University Farm.

The following plants will be available:

- **Annual flowers:** Petunias, Geraniums, Begonias, Impatiens, Dahlias, Zinnias, Cosmos, Snapdragons, Coleus and more.
- **Perennial flowers:** Lavender and Purple Coneflower.
- **Vegetable plants:** Many varieties of heirloom and hybrid tomatoes, cherry tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, squash, zucchini and okra.
- **Herbs:** Several varieties of basil, cilantro, parsley, thyme, oregano, chives and sage.

Pricing is as follows:

- Potted flowers, \$1
- Potted vegetables, \$1.50
- Potted herbs, \$2
- 6-pack plants, \$2.50
- Hanging Baskets, \$8
- Boston ferns, \$8

Payment may be made by cash or check only.

For more information, contact Evan Chance
at emchance@moreheadstate.edu or call 859-468-3102.



March 20, 2017

MSU MAT program informational sessions scheduled

College graduates who are interested in a career as a teacher may want to attend one of the upcoming information sessions on the [Master of Arts in Teaching \(MAT\) program](#) at Morehead State University.

MSU offers three MAT programs (middle school/secondary/interdisciplinary early childhood education) in which degree holders with no prior teaching experience may obtain a master's degree and teacher certification, while employed as a teacher.

Orientation sessions for the MAT program at MSU will be held at various locations from April 24 through May 8. At the sessions, program design, including admission and application processes for middle, secondary and interdisciplinary early childhood education will be discussed.

Interested persons are encouraged to bring transcripts and GRE or Praxis I (PPST, CORE/CASE) scores for evaluation purposes. Registration for the GRE, PPST or the Core Academic Skills for Educators (CORE/CASE) exam can be completed through the Educational Testing Service (ETS) website at www.ets.org.

Sessions will be held on these dates and locations:

- Monday, April 24, 4:30 p.m., Main campus (801 Ginger Hall);
- Tuesday, April 25, 1 p.m., Kentucky State University, Frankfort;
- Tuesday, April 25, 4 p.m., Mason County High School;
- Tuesday, April 25, 4:30 p.m., Morgan County Public Library, West Liberty;
- Wednesday, April 26, 4 p.m., MSU at Ashland;
- Thursday, April 27, 3 p.m., Morton Middle School in Lexington.
- Thursday, April 27, 4:30 p.m., MSU at Mt. Sterling;
- Monday, May 8, 4:30 p.m., Main campus (801 Ginger Hall)

On MSU's Morehead campus, orientation meetings are available by appointment.

For additional information or to make an appointment, contact Michelle Roberts, coordinator of MAT Admissions and undergraduate certification, at 606-783-2503 or email at m.roberts@moreheadstate.edu.

April 18, 2017

MSU Opera to present "The Hills are Alive"

Morehead State University Opera will present "The Hills Are Alive," an evening of scenes from music, theater, operetta, and opera on Sunday, April 23, at 8 p.m. in Duncan Recital Hall of the Baird Music Hall.

The event is free and open to the public.

The theme for the evening is Austria, music from and about Austria. It will include scenes from "The Sound of Music," "The Marriage of Figar," "Don Giovanni," "Die Tote Stadt," "Die Fledermaus," and "The Merry Widow."

Dr. Roma Prindle, associate professor of music, is the director of MSU Opera. William Murphy, visiting lecturer in music, is the collaborative pianist for the production. Ryan Wardell, graduate student in vocal performance, is the assistant director. Consultant for opera production is Eric Brown, visiting lecturer in voice.

Students featured in the production include: Meredith Ailiff, Louisville freshman; Broderick Beighle, Williamstown junior; Janessa Broadhurst, Louisville freshman; Alex Castle, Ashland freshman; Noah Colley, Portsmouth, Ohio junior; Katie Gemberling, Columbus, Indiana sophomore; Eliza Eaches, Wheelersburg, Ohio junior; Matt Hammond, Louisa junior;

Tristan Hinkle, Barbourville sophomore; Summer Lighthall, Independence sophomore; Austin Muncy, Ashland freshman; Kaitlyn Osborn, Louisa junior; Bugs Reinhardt, Minford, Ohio junior; Tag Sadler, Portsmouth, Ohio junior; Benjamin Scott, Lexington freshman; Reagan Stamper, Hazard junior; Katie Tracy, Frankfort freshman; Ryan Wardell, Big Stone Gap, Virginia graduate student; Jasmine Wheeler, Morehead junior, and Sarah White, West Union, Ohio freshman.

Additional information is available by calling Prindle at 606-783-2481.

For more information about the school of Music, Theater and Dance, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/mtd.

April 17, 2017

MSU students compete at Idea State U Regionals

Morehead State University had six different teams named as regional finalists at the Prestonsburg Regional Competition for IDEA STATE U Competition hosted by Prestonsburg Community and Technical College.

The event was one of three IDEA STATE U Regional Competitions held across Kentucky.

IDEA STATE U is a business venture competition that allows young entrepreneurs to create and present a business plan or model. Students enrolled in the small business course spend the semester developing their business plan or model, while receiving guidance by Dr. Janet Ratliff, assistant professor of management/entrepreneurship; and Dr. Beverly McCormick, professor of real estate studies from the School of Business, College of Business and Technology.

Each business is judged based upon several categories, including a written business plan or model, a 60-second marketing video, a visual aid, and an oral presentation. The scores from each category are combined to calculate the final score.

Six groups of students represented MSU at the regional competition. Three groups competed as business plans, while the

other three competed as business models. All six groups received cash prizes and will be advancing to the state competition to be held April 22 at the Lexington Center.

In Business Plan Competition, winners were:

1st - Mechatraining (Michael Edlin, senior design manufacturing engineering technology major from Elizabethtown, and Adolfo Enrique SamudioCano, international graduate student seeking a Master's degree in Engineering and Technology Management from Mexico City, Mexico).

2nd - The Laundry Lounge (Ben Nehring, senior general business major from Lexington, April Eling, sophomore from Mt. Sterling, and Madeline Jansen, sophomore, from Villa Hills).

5th - The R.E.E.C.E. Center (Reece Spears, senior management major from Paintsville).

In Business Model Competition, winners were:

1st - The GuardBox (Kyle McGlothin, junior in high school from Richmond, and Stefan Kwiecinski, freshman from Richmond).

2nd - A & J's Animal Shelter Academy (Isabella Stephens, senior general business major from Morehead, and Karlee Crose, senior marketing major from Nashville).

3rd - Everyday E-Textiles (Elizabeth Hereford, sophomore from Irvine, Taylor Roland a sophomore from Sanders, Alan Lin,

sophomore, from Louisa, and Samantha Koehler, a sophomore from Union).

Other senior students assisting all groups were: Hunter Branham, junior accounting major from Jenkins Ashley Huffine, senior healthcare management major from Ashland, and Jacob Hatfield, senior small business management major from Pikeville.

Eling, Hereford, Jansen, Koehler, Lin and Roland are enrolled in MSU's Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics, a dual-credit residential high school. The Craft Academy challenges each student to excel at their highest level by enrolling them in college-level curriculum, allowing them to complete high school and two years of university coursework.

Additional information is available from Ratliff at 606-783-2390.

April 27, 2017

MSU students win big at Idea State U finals



Morehead State University had two teams place at state finals for IDEA STATE U Saturday, April 22, in Lexington.

IDEA STATE U is a business venture competition that allows young entrepreneurs to create and present a business plan or model. Students spend the semester developing their business plan or model, while receiving guidance by Dr. Janet Ratliff, assistant professor of management/entrepreneurship; and Dr. Beverly McCormick, professor of real estate studies; from the School of Business in the College of Business and Technology.

Two groups were named a winner in their respective area of competition.

In Business Plan Competition, winners were:



In third place and winner of \$10,000 was Mechatraining (Michael Edlin, junior design manufacturing engineering technology major from Elizabethtown; and Adolfo Enrique SamudioCano, international graduate student seeking a Master's degree in Engineering and Technology Management from Mexico City, Mexico). In addition, Mechatraining was recognized for its 60 second business pitch and received a \$100 gift card.

In Business Model Competition, winners were:

Finishing in second place and winner of \$5,000 was The GuardBox (Kyle McGlothin, junior in high school from Richmond, and Stefan Kwiecinski, freshman from Richmond). Kwiecinski is enrolled in MSU's Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics, a dual-credit residential high school.

Placing fourth and winner of \$1,000 was A & J's Animal Shelter Academy (Isabella Stephens, senior general business major from Morehead, and Karlee Crose, senior marketing major from

Nashville). In addition, A&J's Shelter Academy was recognized for their 60 second business pitch and received a \$100 gift card.

Additional information is available from Ratliff at 606-783-2390

Left: Pictured from left to right: Janet Ratliff, Michael Tyler Edlin, Adolfo Enrique SamudioCano and Bev McCormick.

Right: Pictured from left to right: Bev McCormick, Stefan Kwiecinski, Kyle McGlothin and Janet Ratliff.

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April 17, 2017

Nickell Place closed today

Morehead State University's Office of Facilities Management has announced a portion of Nickell Place will be closed from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, April 17.

The closed section will be between University Street and the entrance to the parking lot. There will be access to the parking lot and University Street will still be open.

Monarch Construction will be receiving deliveries to continue work on the renovation and expansion of the Adron Doran University Center.

Please use caution during this time.

Facilities Management appreciates the patience and support shown while the construction projects continue.

Additional information is available by contacting Shayla Menville, [Office of Facilities Management](#) marketing and communication manager, at 606-783-5281.

April 11, 2017

Northeast Kentucky Small Business Awards Breakfast slated for May 11

Morehead State University's 2017 Northeast Kentucky Small Business Awards Breakfast will take place Thursday, May 11, at 8 a.m. at the Boyd County Community Center, 15606 State Route 180, in Catlettsburg.

"This year, we received 44 amazing nominations in nine categories. We expect 250-plus to attend 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," said Kim Jenkins, event coordinator.

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 some 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, Ashland Convention and Visitors Bureau, The BlackHorse Farm, City National Bank, Community Trust Bank,

FIVCO-ADD, Grayson Area Chamber of Commerce, and United Way of Northeast Kentucky.

Nominees are:

- **Boyd County (19 nominees):** Air Equipment Sales & Service, Bare Arms Indoor Range, Brown Landscape Management, CAB's Catering, DJ's Kitchen Corner and Jones Home Improvement, Donnie's Tri-State Formal Wear, Eternal Yoga and Pilates, Extreme Air, Graffix Connection, Mike Justice Enterprises, McQuaid Automotive & Marine, Patriot Barbeque and Diner, Matt Perkins (Ashland City Commissioner), Right Eye Graphics, Second Hand Rose, Slone Refrigeration, John M. Spears, CPA (Kelley Galloway Smith Goolsby), Speedy Signs and Banners, and Unforgettable.
- **Carter County (15 nominees):** Action Tire & Service Center, Agape Home Helpers, Bledsoe's Auto Repair & Towing, Bluegrass Animal Clinic, Bush's Ribbon Rose Floral, John B. Dean, CPA (Jackson Hewitt), Duval & Moore Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Hitchins Food Mart, Hometown Health, James Do It Best Hardware, Sage Boutique, SW Grayson, Trixie's Treasures, Walking on Sunshine Foot and Body Spa, and Wolfe's Wrecker Service.

- **Greenup County (10 nominees):** Pamela Gammon Photography, H&H Lawn Service, Paradise Pools and Spas, Pour House Coffee, Pride Athletics, Ross Real Estate Services - Greenup County Branch, Runyon Upper Cervical Chiropractic, Danny Tackett, CPA (Andrews, Tackett & Associates), Tech Wizard Computers, and The UPS Store.

Seats are \$15 per person and reservations will be accepted through Monday, May 1.

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

April 10, 2017

Online sports management master's degree program rated 18th nationally

Morehead State University's online sports management master's degree program has been ranked #18 in the nation by AffordableColleges.com.

AffordableColleges.com's mission is to help students find a path to a rewarding, quality education that won't leave them crippled by student debt. They love connecting students with institutions that match those ideals, which is why we created a complex methodology that combines affordability and quality to create a value score for each institution.

To view the full list of schools, visit www.affordablecolleges.com/rankings/affordable-online-sports-management-masters-degrees/.

To learn how Morehead State University ranked so high, visit <http://www.affordablecolleges.com/methodology/>.

MSU offers 140 undergraduate and 74 graduate degree programs, including online program like the Master of Arts in Sport Management. This program prepares students for management positions in sports.

MSU uses state-of-the-art technology to provide students with an experience as close to an in-person education as possible. MSU also grants distance students access to a vast collection of bookstore and library resources online. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 in a related undergraduate field and a minimum GMAT score of 400 in verbal and quantitative reasoning or a GRE score of 284.

Additional information is available by contacting MSU's Department of Management, Marketing, and Sport Management, at 606-783-2174 or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/College-of-Business-and-Technology/Management-and-Marketing.

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April 28, 2017

SBDC to host open house May 5



Morehead State

University's Small Business Development Center will host an open house Friday, May 5, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Innovation Launchpad, 149 East Main Street in Morehead, as the center celebrates National Small Business Week.

Every year since 1963, the President of the United States has issued a proclamation announcing National Small Business Week, which recognizes the critical contributions of America's entrepreneurs and small business owners.

More than half of Americans either own or work for a small business, and they create about two out of every three new jobs in the U.S. each year.

As part of National Small Business Week, the U.S. Small Business Administration takes the opportunity to highlight the impact of outstanding entrepreneurs, small business owners, and

others from all 50 states and U.S. territories. Every day, they're working to grow small businesses, create 21st Century jobs, drive innovation and increase America's global competitiveness.

Refreshments will be served.

The East Kentucky Small Business Development Centers are located in Morehead, Pikeville and Ashland. These centers provide free one-on-one consulting services and training to new ventures and existing businesses.

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.

Additional information and pre-registration are available by contacting [Deidrea Niece](#) at 606-783-2895 or visiting www.ksbdc.org.

April 21, 2017

SBDC to offer Core Four® Business Planning Course

Morehead State University's Small Business Development Center in Pikeville will offer the Core Four® Business Planning Course April 24 and 25 and May 1 and 2 at the Big Sandy Community and Technical College campus in Pikeville at 120 S. Riverfield Drive.

The course is free, but preregistration is required. Each session will be held from 5-8 p.m. with light snacks being served.

Eastern Kentucky women entrepreneurs and women small business owners are invited to learn more about and register now for the region's most successful small business training course.

Core Four® is a four-session, 12-hour course designed to provide entrepreneurs with the knowledge and resource materials they need to get a new small business off the ground. The training also provides owners of existing small businesses the skills they need to become more successful and grow their businesses.

During the classroom-style training sessions, entrepreneurs and small business owners are instructed in how to create a business plan including basic knowledge about starting, financing and operating a business and planning for success. Class participants

also are given the tools needed to determine if business ownership is for them.

Existing small business owners receive the support they need to advance the growth of their business and operate a solid, reliable investment. Upon successful completion of this 12- hour training, participants receive a certificate recognizing their achievements.

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Register online at <https://kysbdc.ecenterdirect.com/events/8489>.

Additional information is available by contacting [MSU's Small Business Development Center](#) at 606-432-5848.

May 30, 2017

Six more SOAR dates available in June and July



Morehead State

University will hold its next Student Orientation, Advising and Registration (SOAR) programs June 8-9 in preparation for the 2017 fall semester.

The remaining SOAR dates are June 21, 22 and 23; and July 11.

To help students excel academically and graduate in four or fewer years, MSU requires all new, first-time and transferring students to attend SOAR.

During SOAR, students learn about programs, courses and life at MSU, prepare a schedule for the coming semester, meet with faculty and their advisor, and receive assistance with financial aid and paying for college.

Students also learn about campus traditions, opportunities to develop essential leadership skills, and resources to help find work either on, or near, campus.

Preregistration for each SOAR program is necessary because of limited space. Only accepted, deposited students may register and confirm a SOAR session.

To learn more, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/soar or call the [Office of First Year Programs](#) at 606-783-5208.

To see photos from the most recent SOAR program, visit our [Flickr](#) gallery.

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April 28, 2017

Space Science Center's Star Theater hosts 100,000th visitor

The MSU Space Science Center's [Star Theater](#) has educated and entertained audiences young and old since its opening in June of 2009. The Star Theater hosted its 100,000th visitor Friday, April 28, with a first-grade class from Nicholas County Elementary.

The Star Theater averages an annual attendance of approximately 12,700 visitors per year. Visitors to the Star Theater include MSU classes, public and private K-12 school groups, civic organizations and members of the general public.

The 116-seat digital theater serves as a classroom and planetarium for the region's educators, students and the general public. The Star Theater projects full 180° x 360° real-time blended video and graphics onto a 40-foot dome screen using six digital projectors and state-of-the-art surround sound.

In digital theater mode, the use of the all-dome video allows a broad range of programming including simulated travel through deep space and through the deepest depths of the ocean allowing free movement through a 3-D universe viewing endless astronomical phenomena, such as comets, planets, and supernova with full motion and 3-D texturing.

May 26 through Aug. 4 the Star Theater will present public shows every Friday throughout the summer. A planetarium show and night sky tour will start at 2 p.m. followed by a laser show at 3 p.m.

The cost of planetarium programs is \$3 per person per show, with children under the age of four able to attend free. Alternatively,

the theater offers programs for the public on the Friday and Saturday of third weekend of each month, September through May, including special seasonal programs in the weeks leading up to the Christmas holiday. In addition, the theater offers special group shows for school groups, youth groups, summer camps, and civic organizations at a low cost.

“This is a major accomplishment, as the initial expectations for the theater would only have seen around 6,000 visitors per year,” said Eric Thomas, Star Theater director. “The Star Theater allows visitors to travel from the deepest depths of the ocean to the farthest reaches of the known universe, and presents programs that are culturally diverse and informative across a wide variety of topics. This attendance count is a major milestone for our local planetarium and we hope it helps spark interest and fosters curiosity about earth and space science in our community and throughout Kentucky.”

For more information about the Star Theater and its public programs, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/startheater. If you are interested in one of the public show programs or want to schedule a private program, contact Thomas at 606-783-9593 or email e.thomas@moreheadstate.edu.

Pictured above: from left, Dr. Eric Jerde, Earth and Space Science interim chair, Nicholas County Elementary first-grade teachers Amanda Koeder, Jenna Smoot, Kylie Walton, Lori Kenney, and Eric Thomas, Star Theater director

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April 7, 2017

Staton named to Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners

Morehead State University's Dr. Amy Johnson Staton, assistant professor of veterinary technology, has been appointed to the Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners by Gov. Matt Bevin.

Staton will represent veterinary technicians across the state. She shall serve for a term expiring July 14, 2020.

The Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners has eight members, all appointed by the governor. The board's mission is to regulate and control the licensing and conduct of veterinarians within the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

In addition to being a licensed veterinary technologist, Staton also holds a doctorate of education, and her research interests include applying interactive virtual simulation to the classroom, and implementing low-stress handling into academia and veterinary facilities. She teaches courses related to animal husbandry, radiology and surgical nursing.

Staton has been with MSU since 2008.

In 2016, she was named as one of the top 40 veterinary technology professors in the U.S. by the educational blog Vet Tech Colleges.com.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Staton at 606-783-2328.

For more information about the veterinary Technology Program at Morehead State, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/study/vettech.

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April 4, 2017

Former WMKY general Manager dies

Former WMKY and [Morehead State Public Radio](#) General Manager Larry Netherton, 75, of Shelbyville died Friday, March 31, in Louisville.

When WMKY signed on the air in 1965, he was there doing sports and news during the four-hour day. During his more than 30-year career at the station, he wore many hats, including serving as general manager for 21 years. In 1996, he returned to full-time teaching in the then-Department of Communications and retired a year later. A news production booth in the studios of MSPR within Breckinridge Hall is named in honor of Netherton.

A two-time MSU graduate, Netherton received his bachelor's degree in 1967 and master's degree in 1969.

He was a member of the First Christian Church in Morehead. He was a patron of the Shelby County Community Theatre. He was an advocate for the environment, wildlife and civil rights and liberties.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Mary Jo Martin Netherton, Shelbyville; daughter, Ashley Netherton, Shelbyville; sister, Brenda Fuqua (Jim), Bowling Green; and sister in law, Jane Martin, Shelbyville.

There will be no services at this time. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

In Netherton's memory, the family request that donations be made to Morehead State Public Radio, WMKY, c/o [MSU Foundation](#), UPO 1887, Morehead State University, Morehead, Kentucky, 40351. (Please note that it is in memory of Larry Netherton).

[Shannon Funeral Home](#) of Shelbyville is charge of arrangements.

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April 5, 2017

MSU's Star Theater announces April show schedule

Morehead State University's Star Theater will feature several of its most popular live programs in April.

The programs will start Friday, April 14, with "Dawn of the Space Age" at 6 p.m., followed by "Laser Pink Floyd's The Wall" at 7 p.m. and "Laser Pink Floyd's Dark Side of the Moon" at 8 p.m.

Programs will continue on Saturday, April 15, with afternoon showings of "Legends of the Night Sky: Perseus" at 1 p.m., "Sunstruck" at 2 p.m., and "Dawn of the Space Age" at 3 p.m. Programs continue with laser shows on Saturday evening at 7 p.m. with "Laseropolis" and at 8 p.m. "Laser Hypnotica."

Selected laser music shows can contain unedited language.

General Public ticket prices are:

Planetarium programs

- \$3 – Adults
- \$2 – Students & Senior Citizens (60+)
- Free – 4 and under

Laser programs

- \$6 – Adults

- \$5 – Students & Senior Citizens (60+)
- Free – 4 and under

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 website at www.moreheadstate.edu/startheater.

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April 4, 2017

Purcell named to NAEP Board

Morehead State University's LaDonna Purcell, director of procurement services, has been elected to the National Association of Educational Procurement (NAEP) Board of Directors.

NAEP is the nationwide organization focused exclusively on procurement in higher education.

The installation of officers takes place at a ceremony held during the Association's 96th Annual Meeting in Reno, Nevada. Purcell will serve as District III Board Member, representing NAEP members in eight southeastern states.

A native of Mason County, she received her associate's and bachelor's degrees from MSU and is a graduate of the President's Leadership Academy. Purcell has completed 18 years in public procurement, all in higher education. She earned both the CPPB and CPPO certifications in 2013.

She currently serves on NAEP's Professional Development and Program Committees, is a frequent presenter at the Association's national and regional meetings, and serves as Secretary-Treasurer of NAEP's Kentucky Region.

In January 2016 she was appointed to the UPPCC Board of Examiners for the CPPO Exam, representing NAEP.

In addition to serving NAEP, she currently sits on the Kentucky Public Procurement Association (KPPA) Board of Directors and is secretary for the Kentucky Educational Purchasing Cooperative (KEPC).

Additional information is available by contacting Purcell at 606-783-2323.

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April 4, 2017

Traffic Update: Second Street closed on Friday

Morehead State University's Office of Facilities Management has announced that a portion of Second Street behind the Adron Doran University Center will be closed from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, April 7.

This will allow Monarch Construction to do demolition on underground lines that will serve the student center.

Please use caution during this time.

Additional information is available by contacting Shayla Menville, Office of Facilities Management marketing and communication manager, at 606-783-5281.

April 6, 2017

Trent, Blevins participate in County Day of Recognition for National Service

Morehead Mayor Jim Tom Trent and Rowan County Judge-Executive Walter Blevins joined more than 1,760 elected officials from all 50 states and the District of Columbia, Guam, and Puerto Rico stood together in support of AmeriCorps and Senior Corps and VISTA Programs.

Trent and Blevins participated in a national day of recognition Tuesday, April 4, to highlight the impact of national service in their cities and thank individuals who serve. Together, the elected officials represent more than 110 million citizens or one-third of all Americans.

County Day of Recognition for National Service is designed to spotlight the impact of national service and thank those who serve. Trent and Blevins signed proclamations declaring April 4 County Day of Recognition for National Service in Morehead and Rowan County.

The two heard from Kentucky AmeriCorps program directors and members, VISTA members, and the Retired and Senior Volunteer

program director about the services they provide to the Morehead community.

These services include tutoring and mentoring in the schools, financial counseling for low income families, assistance with transitioning families of violence or homelessness to safe and affordable housing, case management to homeless families, volunteer assistance at local nonprofit agencies such as St. Claire Regional Medical Center and Christian Social Services and organizing the Build-A-Bed program, which provides beds to school age children that do not have a proper place to sleep in their homes.

“Our 64 active retired and senior volunteers provided 7,961 hours of service to Rowan County which is equal to \$57,718 dollars in saving at minimum wage,” said Teresa Judd, Retired and Senior Volunteer Program director.

“The AmeriCorps, VISTA and Senior Corps members serve our community every day to make it stronger, safer, and provide services to the most vulnerable citizens in our community. These services would not be possible through existing staff due to funding and budget cuts in schools and the non-profit sector. We want our community to know how hard these members work to make a difference,” said Mary Claire Williams, MSUCorps project director.

On April 9, 2013, the first-ever Day of Recognition for National Service united mayors across the country to spotlight the impact of national service and honor those who serve. Altogether, 832 mayors in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, Guam, and Puerto Rico officially recognized the work that AmeriCorps members and Senior Corps volunteers are doing to make cities better and stronger.

Additional information is available by contacting Williams at 606-783-2719 or by visiting www.moreheadstate.edu/msucorps.

Pictured above in the front row, from left, are: Mary Claire Williams, MSUCorps project director; Dr. Dan Connell, assistant vice president for adult education and college access; Morehead Mayor Jim Tom Trent, Judge Executive Walter Blevins, Rosita Napoleoni-Milan, member coordinator; and Justin Slone, disaster relief case manager.

Back row from left: Alaina Willis, Economic Empowerment Corps Member serving at DOVES; Kelli Petronella, DOVES executive director; Madison Newton, Homes for All Member serving at Frontier Housing; Michael Justice, Homes for All Member serving at Frontier Housing; Nate Merritt, Kentucky College Coach member serving at MSU's 21st Century Education Enterprise; Ashley Tackett, Homes for All Member serving at Frontier Housing; Marilyn Smith, executive director Gateway House;

Andrew Kuchenbord, Homes for All Member serving at Frontier Housing; and Vicky Cooper, administrative assistant to the Adult Education and College Access Programs.

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