

## January 2017

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### [A look back: MSU celebrates MLK week](#)

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The commemoration of the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. encompasses a slate of events organized by faculty, staff, and students. Activities include various educational programs to encourage active participation by the campus and nearby community.

The celebration included: Memorial Walk and Speech; an Art Exhibit: The Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Athena Room, Camden-Carroll Library. The exhibit will run through March 1; a MLK Documentary and Discussion of his Legacy; and an Evening of Arts and Culture.

MSU Chief Photographer Tim Holbrook shared some of the scenes from the events in a [photo gallery](#).

Additional information is available by contacting Student Activities, Inclusion and Leadership Development at 606-783-2071.

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### [Fetal ultrasounds to be offered](#)

Morehead State University's Department of Kinesiology, Health, and Imaging Sciences' Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program will offer free, two-dimensional fetal ultrasounds to expectant mothers.

The ultrasound examinations will be given through Feb. 28 and be performed by appointment only on the fourth floor of the Center for Health, Education and Research, Room 402, in the University's sonography lab.

The scans are performed by senior level students who will be directly supervised by associate professor Marcia Cooper. She is certified in obstetrics and gynecology by the American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers. The fetal ultrasound scans provide students the experience they need for entering into the sonography workforce. All volunteers will be asked to sign a consent form stating that the scans are "non-diagnostic" and are performed for educational purposes only. Participants are asked to bring a towel.

Additional information and appointment times are available by calling 606-783-2646.

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Inscape writing submissions deadline is Jan. 31



Inscape, Morehead State University's literary and visual art publication, is accepting writing submissions for its 60th year anniversary edition.

A contest is being held for best writing for the interior of the publication. The deadline to submit for the writing portion Jan. 31.

Students may submit poetry, fiction, creative nonfiction or drama for inclusion in the interior of the publication. Prizes of \$50 for first place will be awarded in each of the poetry, fiction and creative nonfiction categories.

Participants must be an MSU student to be awarded a literary prize, but submissions for inclusion in the magazine are open to non-students as well.

Inscape is an annual MSU publication with a long history of cutting edge visual and literary art. Media and genres of work range from prose, poetry, short story, long narrative, nonfiction and creative essays to photography, printmaking, painting, design, drawing, digital art, mixed-media, pottery and sculpture.

The publication is coordinated by the Departments of [English](#) and [Art and Design](#). Additional information and the complete list of guidelines on the competitions are available at [www.moreheadstate.edu/inscape](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/inscape).

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### Malphrus and Twiggs elected as KSEF Fellows

Morehead State University's Dr. Ben Malphrus, [Space Science Center](#) executive director, and Robert Twiggs, research engineer, were among 11 elected Kentucky Science and Engineering Foundation (KSEF) Fellows for the class of 2016, in recognition of their significant contributions to the advancement of excellence in science and engineering in Kentucky, helping foster a science and engineering innovation-based entrepreneurial culture in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

"KSEF Fellow" is an honor conferred by the Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation, through the Kentucky Science and Engineering Foundation. The honor is bestowed to distinguished persons to recognize their significant contributions to the advancement of excellence in science and engineering in Kentucky, helping foster a science and engineering innovation-based entrepreneurial culture in the Commonwealth.

"I am honored, along with Bob Twiggs, to accept this award. I believe that KSTC and its organizations, including KSEF, have been the driving force behind the evolution of science, engineering and technology in the Commonwealth," said Dr. Malphrus. "KSTC's role in Kentucky becoming an aerospace state and in our continuing efforts to bring high tech, high value initiatives here cannot be overstated. To be recognized by KSEF and KSTC is a particular honor."

The recipient(s) will be recognized at an annual meeting or at a special recognition ceremony to be announced.

Per the Kentucky Innovation Act 2000 the Kentucky General Assembly directed the Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation (KSTC) to create and manage the Kentucky Science and Engineering Foundation (KSEF) as a means to increase Kentucky's capacity to become a leader state in competitive research by attracting more research funding from all sources to the Commonwealth. The Kentucky Science and Engineering Foundation ... shall make its own investments in peer-reviewed science and engineering research, to accelerate the rate of research and development funds, and to work to increase the amount of federal and private sector funds for this work.

Other "fellow" selected were: Kim Anderson, University of Kentucky; Blaine Ferrell, Western Kentucky University; Jere Glover, Small Business Technology Council; Paul Korkemaz, Korkemaz Business Advisors; Charles Kupchella, University of North Dakota President Emeritus; James Miller, Transylvania University; Rick Shindell, Zyn Systems; Mahendra Sunkara, University of Louisville; and Stacy Wilson, Western Kentucky University.

The "KSEF Fellow" recognition is open to both Kentucky and non-Kentucky residents who have contributed significantly in the development and management of policies and programs towards advancing excellence in science, engineering, and/or technology-

based entrepreneurial culture in Kentucky.  
Additional information is available by contacting Dr. Malphrus at 606-783-2381.

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[Media Advisory - MSU to announce Exomedicine Institute Grant](#)

**EVENT:** The Exomedicine Institute will present Morehead State University with a \$300,000 grant to fund the creation of the Exomedicine Center for Applied Technology

**DATE:** Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2017

**TIME:** 1 p.m.

**SITE:** Space Science Center, Morehead State University,  
235 Martindale Drive, Morehead, Kentucky

Speakers will include:

- James Shaw, Vice President for University Advancement, Morehead State University;
- Dr. Wayne Andrews, President, Morehead State University;
- State Representative Rocky Adkins;
- Kris Kimel, Founder, Exomedicine Institute;
- Dr. Kyle Keeney, Executive Director, Exomedicine Institute;
- Terry Samuel, Chief Operating Officer, Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation;
- Dr. Ben Malphrus, Director, Space Science Center, Morehead State University.

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[Mozart Celebration Concert to be held Jan. 26](#)

A concert celebrating the works of Mozart will be held Thursday, Jan. 26 at Duncan Recital Hall. The concert features many MSU faculty members and students and will include performances of movements of Mozart's well-loved "Clarinet Concerto in A Major, K. 688," with soloist Dr. Lori Baruth; "Serenade for winds in Eb Major, K. 375;" Sonata for Piano-four hands, the Overture to "The Marriage of Figaro," as well as art songs and arrangements of "Ave Verum Corpus" and the "Requiem."

The event begins at 7:30 p.m. and is open to the public. Admission is free. The concert is sponsored by the [School of Music, Theatre and Dance](#). For more information, call 606-783-2473.

February 1, 2017

[MSPR to air Black History Month specials](#)

Morehead State Public Radio will offer a variety of programming to celebrate Black History Month in February.

Among the specials are:

- “Moments of the Movement” will be aired daily. The program is recordings of the personal histories and testimonials of foot soldiers from the Civil Rights Movement. Some of the stories are harrowing, others are uplifting, but they all convey our collective journey as a nation toward new heights of equality.
- **Sunday, Feb. 5, 3 p.m.** - “A Time For Tales” - African-American Storytellers: Stories by Jackie Torrence, Len Cabral, Bobby Norfolk and Mary Carter Smith
- **Monday, Feb. 6, 9:30 a.m.** - “The Power of Dreams” - The program features African-American spirituals like "Peace Like a River," "I'm Runnin' On," "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" and more. This programs shares a message that reminds us to embrace one another as equal persons and citizens of this great land.
- **Monday, Feb. 6, 10 a.m.** - “The Power of Nonviolence: The Spirituality of Peacemaking” - How do we break the vicious cycle of violence now so relentless at home and abroad? From a mass shooting in a S. Carolina church to the barbarism of ISIS, how can we stop this epidemic? People of conscience everywhere are heartsick and looking for answers. As Rev. Martin Luther King declared, "There is another way." 'The Power of Nonviolence,' a timely new public radio project by David Freudberg from Humankind, seeks deep solutions to this vexing problem. We turn to wisdom teachings across our great spiritual traditions for guidance — and inspiration — on how the lasting wounds can be healed. And we hear from peacemakers from different backgrounds. Some of their stories are vivid and quite uplifting. Their insights may even be life-changing.

- **Monday, Feb. 6, 11 a.m.** - “Raw Truth! An MLK Tribute with the Boston Children’s Chorus” - The Boston Children’s Chorus is back with a new Martin Luther King Jr. tribute concert — available to PRI affiliates. The BBC’s top three choirs join voices with Grammy-winning artist Roomful of Teeth in songs linking the past to the present, rage to activism, and injustice to truth.
- **Monday, Feb. 13, 9:30 a.m.** - “Right Man for the Time - A Tribute to Jackie Robinson” - The Mormon Tabernacle Choir pays tribute to Robinson. Music for the show includes "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," "I'm Runnin' On," "Down to the River to Pray" and more.
- **Monday, Feb. 13, 10 a.m.** - “The Legacy of Massive Resistance” - When faced with a court order to integrate, Prince Edward County in Virginia closed its entire school system in 1959 rather than integrate. Now, former students are telling their story.
- **Monday, Feb. 13, 11 a.m.** - “Civil Rights in America: Seneca Falls, Selma, Stonewall and Beyond” - Hosted by Charles Dutton, this one-hour special examines the relevance and meaning of civil rights in the 21st century and the relationship between the Civil Rights Movement and the efforts of women, other people of color, and the LGBT community to expand our traditional definitions of equality.
- **Sunday, Feb. 19, 3 p.m.** - “A Time For Tales” - African-Americans Tell Stories: Stories by Charlotte Blake Alston, Rocky Zimmerman and Anthony Griffith. Songs by Sweet Honey in the Rock and Eric Bibb.
- **Monday, Feb. 20, 9:30 a.m.** - “Messenger of Peace - Tribute to Nelson Mandela” - This Heritage show contains a Spoken Word tribute to Nelson Mandela, the great leader who inspired and healed a nation. Its music captures the heart with

spirituals born of America's own apartheid struggles: "The Gospel Train;" "When the Saints Go Marching In;" "Deep River;" and "Down By the Riverside."

- **Monday, Feb. 20, at 10 a.m.** - "Furious Flower: Rita Dove and Sonia Sanchez"
  - The most celebrated African American poets in America pay homage to the life's work of former Poet Laureate and Pulitzer Prize winner Rita Dove. With Good Reason interviews Rita Dove and features readings from Dove, as well as readings by renowned poets Elizabeth Alexander and Ishmael Reed.
- Award-winning poet Sonia Sanchez is a pioneer in founding black studies in academia. In a literary career that spans more than 42 years, Sonia is most often associated with The Black Arts Movement. She is the author of more than a dozen books of poetry, as well as numerous plays and books for children. We also speak with Dr. Brenda M. Greene, who has followed Sonia's career for more than 40 years.
- **Monday, Feb. 20, at 11 a.m.** - "Under Her Skin: Living With Breast Cancer" - A series that follows three African-American women coping with breast cancer. Over the course of six months, these women share their thoughts and fears, their struggles and triumphs, as their audio diaries capture the realities of a disease that will afflict more than 12 percent of American women at some point in their lives.
- **Monday, Feb. 27, 9:30 a.m.** - "A Legacy of Home" - Pam Laws joins the Mormon Tabernacle Choir for this Music and the Spoken Word Heritage special. Music includes "The Gospel Train," "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," "Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child" and more.

- **Monday, Feb. 27, 10 a.m.** - “Stars for Freedom” - The little-known story of how black actors and entertainers in Hollywood contributed their money, connections, and fame to aid the civil rights movement.
- D.W. Griffith’s Civil War epic Birth of a Nation is notorious for its racist scenes. A new conference celebrates creative African American responses to the film. The civil rights leader Julian Bond, passed away on Aug. 15, 2015. In a 2004 interview, Bond, whose grandfather was born into slavery, talks candidly about race in America 50 years after the Brown v. Board decision by the U.S. Supreme Court.

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](mailto:wmky@moreheadstate.edu) or call 606-783-2001.

January 26, 2017

[MSPR to host CAB meeting](#)

The Community Advisory Board for Morehead State Public Radio will conduct its quarterly meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 8, 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.

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[MSU police offer campus safety tips](#)



With the start of the spring semester, Morehead State University's Police Department offers this advice to the campus community: Be aware of your surroundings and take the necessary precautions to avoid loss of your belongings.

"It is not uncommon to see an increase in crime at this time of year," said MSU Police Chief Merrell J. Harrison. "On the campus, everyone is busy with the end of the year activities and fail to adhere to the safety rules that they usually follow."

Purses, wallets, cell phones, iPods and textbooks are among the items that are reported missing most often.

Students, as well as faculty and staff, are urged to take all necessary measures to secure and protect personal belongings in residence halls, offices and vehicles, in addition to office equipment and other vulnerable items.

According to MSUPD, always be on the lookout for suspicious activity.

"We want to remind you to take the extra time to secure items in the trunk or under the seat before leaving your automobile," Chief Harrison said. "The threat of a break-in is reduced if your belongings are not visible. Remember to lock your vehicle before leaving it in the parking area."

University police remind students to also practice safety in the residence halls:

- Make sure your door is locked when leaving your room, even if you are only going next door. It takes less than 10 seconds for a thief to enter an open room and steal property.
- Do not leave messages on phones or computer accounts, indicating how long you will be away or when you expect to return.
- Follow the safety in numbers rule when going out at night and arrange to go with friends/roommates. It is a good practice to scan your surroundings whether walking on campus, traveling by automobile or enjoying a shopping excursion. Call and request the MSU student shuttle at 606-783-TRIP (7 p.m. until 1 a.m.) to get a ride from outlying parking lots to your residence hall.
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- Download for free and utilize the [LiveSafe Mobile App](#) from the Apple iTunes or Google Play. The LiveSafe campus safety app enables a two-way communication system between students and campus officials.
- Sign up for [safety and weather alerts](#) by text message via e2campus.
- Do not leave valuables or property (purses, backpacks, books, personal identification, etc.) visible in or around the office or living area.
- Keep emergency numbers by the phone. Call 911 to report any suspicious person or activity.
- Take the time to be aware of your surroundings and any unusual activity.
- Wear seatbelts, it's the law and it could save your life.
- Do not drink and drive.

During the spring, MSUPD will be conducting traffic checkpoints at various locations. Additional information is available by calling the MSU Police Department at 606-783-2035 or visit us at [www.moreheadstate.edu/police](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/police) or [www.facebook.com/msupd](https://www.facebook.com/msupd).

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[MSU receives \\$300K from Exomedicine Institute for space-based medical research](#)

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Morehead State University has been awarded a \$300,000 grant by the Exomedicine Institute, a Kentucky based nonprofit that fosters medical research and development in the microgravity environment of space, for the creation of the Exomedicine Center for Applied Technology.

The official presentation occurred Tuesday, Jan. 31, at MSU's Space Science Center.

The first of its kind, the Exomedicine Center for Applied Technology will bring together scientists, researchers, entrepreneurs and students to design, develop and execute experiments which will then have the opportunity to be carried out aboard the International Space Station (ISS).

"Morehead State University is proud to be at the forefront of space-based medical research," said Dr. Wayne D. Andrews, MSU president. "The Exomedicine Center for Applied Technology will allow our students and professors to be a part of cutting-edge experimentation that has the potential to change lives and the future of life science research as we know it. This center has huge potential for MSU."

"I was honored to include language in the 2016 budget bill that made this appropriation possible. I worked closely with Morehead State University and the Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation on this important investment," said State Rep. Rocky Adkins. "This type of innovation provides us with the potential to find cures for terrible diseases like cancer, while also creating the type of 21<sup>st</sup> century jobs our people need and deserve. It's another important step toward rebuilding and diversifying the economy of Eastern Kentucky."

This unique opportunity is made possible by the center's partnership with the Exomedicine Institute, located in Lexington, which maintains infrastructure aboard the ISS to conduct such experiments. Findings from these experiments will be used to improve medical treatments for patients on Earth. "The microgravity environment of space represents a vast, untapped laboratory for exploring new medical solutions. Our investment in Morehead represents an important step toward mainstreaming this exciting new field," said Kyle Keeney, executive director of the Exomedicine Institute. "Researchers are already discovering valuable new information about cancer, pharmaceuticals and even tissue regeneration from experiments on the International Space Station."

Also speaking during the presentation were Kris Kimel, Exomedicine Institute founder; Terry Samuel, Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation chief operating officer; and Dr. Ben Malphrus, MSU's Space Science Center executive director. Dr. Malphrus read a statement from Lt. Gov. Jenean Hampton: "Exomedicine is a fascinating and exciting new field of medicine. It is amazing that within our lifetime people could be shuttled to low-Earth orbit environments to receive medical treatments. Exomedicine is the perfect marriage of science, technology, math, medicine, and aerospace, which presents tremendous opportunities for today's students in terms of engaging curriculum and practical applications. Breakthroughs in the field of Exomedicine also translates to revolutionary and high-paying future employment opportunities for the generations of tomorrow. The future is certainly bright for Exomedicine in Kentucky."

The Exomedicine Center for Applied Technology is expected to be fully operational by May 2017. To learn more about the Exomedicine Institute and space-based medical research, visit [www.exomedicine.com](http://www.exomedicine.com). Additional information is available by contacting Dr. Malphrus at 606-783-2381 or visiting [www.moreheadstate.edu/ssc](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/ssc). For more photos of the event visit our [Flickr gallery](#).

January 12, 2017

### [MSU to host MLK Week](#)

Morehead State University's Office of Student Activities, Inclusion and Leadership Development has announced a week-long celebration to commemorate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Jan. 16-19.

The commemoration of the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. encompasses a slate of events organized by faculty, staff, and students. Activities include various educational programs to encourage active participation by the campus and nearby community.

2016 MLK Celebration Schedule of Events:

- **Monday, Jan. 16**

Memorial Walk and Speech 6 p.m. 002 Breckinridge Hall. Hot chocolate and coffee will be provided. Sponsored by SAIL and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.

- **Tuesday, Jan. 17**

Art Exhibit: The Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Athena Room, Camden-Carroll Library. The exhibit will run through March 1.

- **Wednesday, Jan. 18**

MLK Documentary and Discussion of his Legacy 6 p.m. - 112 Radar Hall. Popcorn and drinks provided.

Sponsored by SAIL and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.

- **Thursday, Jan. 19**

An Evening of Arts and Culture, 7 p.m., Button Drill Room

Additional information is available by contacting [Student Activities, Inclusion and Leadership Development](#) at 606-783-2071.

In observance of the Dr. Martin L. King Jr. holiday, Morehead State University will be closed Monday, Jan. 16.

A civil rights activist, Dr. King was a leader in the movement to end racial segregation in

the United States. His most famous address was the "I Have A Dream" speech. He was an advocate of non-violent protest and became the youngest man to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. He was assassinated in 1968. A bill was signed in 1983 creating a federal holiday marking the birthday of Dr. King. It was first observed in 1986, although it was not observed in all states until the year 2000.

Offices will reopen and classes will begin on regular schedule at 8 a.m. on **Tuesday, Jan. 17.**

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### [MSUCorps accepting donations, applications for “Build-A-Bed” project](#)

The MSUCorps AmeriCorps Program and its partners are gearing up for their seventh annual Morehead Build-A-Bed Project to provide beds to children who are living in homes with not enough beds or none at all.

The goal is to give beds to children PK-12<sup>th</sup> grade who are forced to sleep on floors, couches, or in beds with multiple other children or family members. This regional Build-A-Bed Project has provided more than 700 beds to children in Eastern Kentucky since it began in 2010. This year the committee set a goal to build 185 beds.

Each child receives a brand new bed and mattress along with a bedtime bag containing sheets, a pillow, blanket, stuffed animal, book, alarm clock or nightlight, and a hygiene kit. The beds will be built on Saturday, April 29, at the Peddler’s Mall. Recipients are expected to pick up their beds on the day of the build.

The project is currently accepting applications from Bath, Bourbon, Boyd, Bracken, Breathitt, Carter, Clark, Elliott, Fleming, Floyd, Greenup, Harrison, Johnson, Knott, Lawrence, Lee, Letcher, Lewis, Magoffin, Martin, Mason, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Nicholas, Pike, Powell, Robertson, Rowan and Wolfe counties.

Applications can be found at [www.moreheadstate.edu/buildabed](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/buildabed). The applications must be submitted by March 10 for consideration.

MSUCorps has partnered with outreach groups including: Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), Center for Adult Education and College Access (AECA), Center for Regional Engagement (CRE), Gateway House Homeless Shelter, Frenchburg Job Corps CCC, Educational Talent Search (ETS) and Kentucky AmeriCorps Programs.

Any donation is appreciated. Checks may be made to Build-A-Bed and sent to MSUCorps, Morehead State University, 201 Education Services Building, Morehead, Kentucky, 40351. Each bed costs approximately \$150.

Details about how to help Build-A-Bed and application materials can be found at the MSU Corps [website](#).

Additional information is available by contacting [Mary Claire Williams](#), program director, at 606-783-2719.

January 25, 2017

### [Nominations wanted for Founders Award for University Service](#)

Morehead State University is seeking nominations for its 2017 Founders Award for University Service. The award will be presented as part of Homecoming 2017.

Individuals who have provided extensive service to the University throughout their time as a University employee or volunteer are eligible for nominations.

“We encourage our faculty and staff members, students, alumni and other friends to nominate deserving candidates who have demonstrated superior service to Morehead State University,” said President Wayne D. Andrews.

The Homecoming Banquet will be held on Friday, Oct. 20, and will include the presentation of the Founders Award for University Service and the induction of the Alumni and Athletic Hall of Fame recipients.

“On this special day, we will recognize and honor many of those whose efforts have contributed to making this institution what it is today,” said Dr. Andrews.

Nominations for the 2017 award may be submitted online at [www.moreheadstate.edu/foundersaward](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/foundersaward) or in writing to the Office of Alumni Relations and Development, Morehead State University, 150 University Blvd, Box 1887, Morehead, KY 40351.

Current full-time employees of MSU are not eligible. Nominations must be received by Feb. 1.

The award for University Service was established by MSU’s Board of Regents in 1978.

Recipients have included W. E. Crutcher, 1978; Linus A. Fair, 1979; U.S. Rep. Carl D. Perkins, 1980; Dr. Warren C. Lappin, 1981; Dr. Ted L. Crosthwait, 1982; Monroe Wicker, 1983; Lloyd Cassity, 1984; Grace Crosthwaite, 1985; Boone Logan, 1986; Dr. Rondal Hart, 1987; George T. Young, 1988; John E. Collis, 1989; Dr. Wilhelm Exelbirt, 1990; Dr. R.H. Playforth, 1991; Dr. Mary Northcutt Powell, 1992; Sen. Woody May, 1993; Dr. J.E. Duncan, 1994; Harlen L. Hamm and Sherman R. Arnett, 1995; Dr. Adron Doran, 1996; Robert S. Bishop and K. Martin Huffman, 1997;

Dr. Charles J. Pelfrey, 1998; Carolyn S. Flatt, 1999; Dr. Earl J. Bentley, 2000; Mrs. Mignon M. Doran, 2001; Dr. C. Nelson Grote, 2002; Merl Fair Allen, 2003; Dr. John C. Philley, 2004; Dr. Charles M. Derrickson, 2005; Dr. John R. Duncan, 2006; Steve Hamilton, 2007, Dr. Marshall Banks, 2008; and Dr. Randall Wells, 2009; Dr. Jack D. Ellis, 2010; Ms. Lucille Caudill Little, 2011; Rocky J. Adkins, 2012; Clyde I. James, 2013; Keith R. Kappes, 2014; Carol Johnson and W.H.Rice, 2015; and Myron Doan, 2016.

Additional information is available by calling 606-783-2033 or 800-783-ALUM.

January 10, 2017

Presidential search committee to meet Wednesday



**EVENT:** Presidential Search and Screening Advisory

Committee Meeting

**DATE:** Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2017

**TIME:** 1:30 p.m.

**SITE:** 201 Howell-McDowell Administration Building

The Presidential Search and Screening Advisory Committee will hold a meeting Wednesday, Jan. 11, in 201 Howell-McDowell Administration Building.

Committee meetings are open to the public.

Additional information will be available at [www.moreheadstate.edu/presidentialsearch](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/presidentialsearch).

January 27, 2017

[SAIL to present Elizabeth Acevedo](#)

Morehead State University's Office of Student Activities, Inclusion and Leadership Development will present poet and writer Elizabeth Acevedo Wednesday, Feb. 1, at 6 p.m. in 419 Reed Hall.

Acevedo was born and raised in New York City and her poetry is infused with Dominican bolero and her beloved city's tough grit.

She holds a B.A. degree in Performing Arts from George Washington University and an M.F.A. degree in Creative Writing from the University of Maryland. With more than 12 years of performance experience, Acevedo has been a featured performer on BET and Mun2, as well as delivered several TED Talks. She has graced stages nationally and internationally including renowned venues such as The Lincoln Center, Madison Square Garden, the Kennedy Center of the Performing Arts, and South Africa's State Theatre, The Bozar in Brussels, and the National Library of Kosovo; she is also well known for poetry videos, which have gone viral and been picked up by PBS, Latina Magazine, Cosmopolitan, and Upworthy.

Acevedo is a National Slam Champion, Beltway Grand Slam Champion, and the 2016 Women of the World Poetry Slam representative for Washington, D.C, where she lives and works.

Her poems have been published or are forthcoming in Puerto Del Sol, Callaloo, Poet Lore, The Notre Dame Review, and others.

Acevedo is a Cave Canem Fellow, Cantomundo Fellow, and participant of the Callaloo Writer's Workshop. She is the author of two poetry collections: *Beastgirl & Other Origin Myths* (YesYes Books, 2016) and winner of the of the 2016 Berkshire Prize, *Medusa Reads La Negra's Palm* (Tupelo Press, forthcoming), and a novel, *The Poet X* (HarperCollins, 2018).

Additional information is available by contacting [Student Activities, Inclusion and Leadership Development](#) at 606-783-2071.

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### [School of Business Administration offers tax assistance](#)

During this filing season, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) will be available at no charge to Morehead State University students, eligible employees and members of the community.

Through the University's School of Business Administration, Department of Accounting, in conjunction with the Internal Revenue Service, the tax return assistance will be offered on Tuesdays from 3:30-6:30 p.m. (beginning Jan. 31) in room 111 of the Combs Building on campus. The office will not be open March 21. It is free to students, and also to employees and members of the Morehead community with an annual household income of \$54,000 or less.

No appointment is necessary. Taxpayers will be assisted on a first come, first-served basis, and no information will be accepted for return preparation after 6 p.m.

It will be necessary for taxpayers to bring with them documentation for any and all that apply:

- Proof of identification (photo ID) for yourself (and spouse if married) AND Social Security cards for each individual who will be listed on the return. Service cannot be provided if you do not have these documents.

Also, you will need (but not limited to) the following:

- W-2(s);
- 1099(s);
- A copy of last year's return (helpful, but not required)
- Statements of other income;
- Information for deductions and credits;
- Proof of account for direct deposit of refund (if desired) (voided check);
- All forms 1095, health insurance information

Students:

- Proof of tuition paid (regardless of source of funds used) during 2016 for yourself, spouse, and/or dependents;
- Cost of books for 2016;
- Amount of scholarships and/or grants awarded in 2016.
- For proof of tuition and scholarships/grants, you should bring a copy of your account for the calendar year of 2016. This can be printed from [MSU account Web page](#).
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They also will help international students with their tax returns. These students will receive an email with details of the specific date on which they may receive help in preparing their tax returns.

Additional information is available from Karen Pierce, assistant professor of accounting, by calling 606-783-2389, or by emailing [k.pierce@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:k.pierce@moreheadstate.edu).

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January 27, 2017

### [Sophomore art exhibition opens Feb. 1](#)

The main gallery of Morehead State University's Claypool-Young Art Building will host the 2017 Sophomore Art and Design Exhibition, Feb. 1-22.

The annual show is an opportunity for MSU's Department of Art and Design students to exhibit as emerging artists in a professional setting at the midpoint of their college career. The exhibition will open with a reception featuring live music by students and complimentary refreshments Wednesday, Feb. 1, from 5-7 p.m.

Participating artists include:

Justin Artrip, Ashland; Ellen Barnette, Morehead; Kaitlyn Campbell, Prestonburg; Bethany Crouch, Sharpsburg; Trey Davis, Morehead; Nicole Duff, Clearfield; Maggie Flanagan, Edgewood; Kristin Hamm, Morehead; Lin-hsiu Huang, Kaohsiung, Taiwan; David Jones, Lexington; Bryce Joseph, Mt. Sterling;

Sommer Looney, Corbin; Darcy McDaniel, Hazard; Stephanie McNeill, Morehead; Bethany Pace, Morehead; Zachary Pace, Stanton; Sara Profitt, Stanton; Joe Sloan, Morehead; Samantha Smallwood, Jenkins; Meghan Smith, Brooksville; Destiny Spicer, Falmouth; Vannah Vance, Beaver; Alexandra Virostko, Ashville, Ohio; Elizabeth Watkins. Hueysville; and Laekin Wessel, Ashland.

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.

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January 10, 2017

[Spring convocation to mark beginning of semester](#)



The 2017 Spring Semester at Morehead State University kicks off with convocation this week.

Before the students begin classes, President Wayne D. Andrews will address the faculty and staff during the Spring Convocation.

The event will take place at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, in Button Auditorium.

After the welcome by Dr. Steven Ralston, provost and vice president for academic affairs, new faculty and staff will be introduced.

Updates and brief announcements will be made, to be followed by Dr. Andrews' address.

[Classes for the spring semester](#) begin Tuesday, Jan. 17.

January 13, 2017

### [Transfer Student Luncheon slated for Jan. 21](#)

Students interested in transferring to Morehead State University are encouraged to attend the Transfer Student Luncheon being held in conjunction with MSU's spring 2017 Open House on Saturday, Jan. 21.

The luncheon, to be held at Third Street Eats will begin at noon and will allow students to meet with transfer admission staff to learn about online degree completer programs, transfer scholarships, and more. Students may complete an admission/scholarship application for free and will receive MSU merchandise. Lunch will be provided as well as the opportunity to meet with other transfer students.

At 1 p.m., students will be escorted to the larger Open House program where they may take a campus tour, meet with faculty in their desired academic department, learn about financial aid and housing, and learn why Morehead State has been named one of the best regional universities in the south by U.S. News and World Report.

"This is a great opportunity for someone considering transferring to MSU to learn about admissions, course equivalencies, and transfer scholarships. This event not only provides them with the steps they need to take to get enrolled, but it also provides an opportunity for them to speak with other students who are going through the same thing," said Jen Timmermann, director of transition services.

"This program is designed to address the unique concerns and questions transfer students may have. We want to provide a fun and comfortable atmosphere to allow them to get all of the information they need to make a seamless transition to MSU."

To attend, students may register for Open House at [www.moreheadstate.edu/openhouse](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/openhouse).

More information by email Timmermann at [transfer@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:transfer@moreheadstate.edu).

January 6, 2017

### [Wells is KAC featured artist](#)

Morehead State University's Jesse Wells is the Kentucky Arts Council's featured artist for January and February.

Wells began his fascination with music at a young age, learning to play the mandolin at age 4. "My dad handed me his mandolin, a very nice R.L. Givens A-style mandolin, when I was 4 years old. He said, 'If you learn 20 tunes, I'll give it to you,'" Wells said. "It didn't take me long to take him up on his offer.

Wells is a member of the arts council's Performing Artists Directory via his participation in the group Kentucky Wildhorse. He also has been a recipient of a Kentucky Arts Council Folk and Traditional Arts Apprenticeship Grant. Since 2001, he has been an instructor and music archivist for MSU's [Kentucky Center for Traditional Music](#).

As a performer, mentor and musical scholar, Wells said music has afforded him many unforgettable experiences.

"Through music I've had the opportunity to travel and meet people all over the world who feel connected to Kentucky through our music and culture," Wells said. "I feel blessed every day to get to do what I do: Make music with friends and share the stories of Kentucky's music and people."

To learn more about Wells, visit the arts [council's website](#).

The featured artist's page includes a story about his work, a video of Wells discussing his work and contact information for Wells.

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January 6, 2017

### Retirees appreciation

Morehead State University's Retirees Association will be the guests of President and Mrs. Wayne D. Andrews for "Retirees Appreciation Day" Thursday, Jan. 12, as the Eagles entertain Belmont in an Ohio Valley Conference contest at the Academic-Athletic Center.

Dr. and Mrs. Andrews will host a reception for all retired faculty and staff at 6:15 p.m. in the Len Miller room. The game will tipoff at 7 p.m.

The reservation deadline is Tuesday, Jan. 10.

All retired faculty and staff are welcome to attend. Complimentary tickets will be available by calling 606-783-2033; 877 690-4483; or email [events@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:events@moreheadstate.edu).