

March 2017

April 3, 2017

Craft Academy selects class of 2019

The Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics at Morehead State University has selected 60 students for its Class of 2019.

“I am extremely pleased to announce the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Class of 2019. These students represent some of the Commonwealth’s best and brightest. The application and selection process was very competitive again this year, and we look forward to welcoming these young scholars to the Morehead State University campus in the fall,” said Dr. Carol Christian, director of the Craft Academy.

The Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics will meet the unique educational needs of academically gifted and talented high school juniors and seniors in the Commonwealth. A college-level curriculum will allow students to finish high school while also completing up to two years of university coursework. It will offer a residential college experience and environment to promote innovation and creative enterprise, developing the full potential of the state’s brightest minds and most promising future leaders.

In addition, the Craft Academy will offer unique, project-based STEM+X courses that will enrich educational experiences and

develop competencies in entrepreneurship and innovation, design and creativity, and civic and regional engagement.

Students will live on campus designed for high school aged students. The facility will have meeting and social space and be staffed 24/7. Counselors and advisors also will be available.

Students were selected based on ACT scores, academic grades from their first two years of high school, interest in advanced STEM careers, responses to application essay questions, interview by the Academy selection committee and recommendations from teachers and others who can attest to the student's need and preparedness for the program.

At the end of the two years, students will have earned a minimum of 60 credit hours, finished high school and have the opportunity to further their education at MSU or transfer to any other college/university in Kentucky or elsewhere.

Additional information on the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics is available by calling Dr. Christian at 606-783-9025.

Students selected for the Craft Academy Class of 2019 are:

- Anderson: Austin Adams son of Machell Adams and Mark Adams from Anderson County High School;

- Bath: Brynn Collinsworth daughter of Matt and Kelly Collinsworth from Bath County High School;
- Boone: Aishwarya Pant daughter of Neeta Jaikanthan and Jaikanthan Sankaradass from Ryle High School;
- Boone: Cole Danzer son of Keri Kaeding and Steve Danzer from Walton Verona High School;
- Boone: Louis Fritz son of Diane Fritz and Andy Fritz from Walton Verona High School;
- Boone: Alex Hubbart son of Edward and Katharine Hubbart from Ryle High School;
- Boone: Carter McIntire son of Matt and Beth McIntire from Ryle High School;
- Boone: Jake Williams son of Ray and Jill Williams from Ryle High School;
- Bourbon: Cora Spohn daughter of Suzann Shaver and Michael Spohn from Bourbon County High School;
- Bourbon: Lucy Steiner daughter of Elizabeth Neill Taylor and David Steiner from Paris High School;
- Bourbon: Noah Mitchell son of Shane and Kelly Mitchell from Bourbon County High School;
- Bourbon: Billy Murphy son of Alison Thompson and Bill Murphy from Bourbon County High School;
- Boyd: Spencer Wills daughter of Clayton and Samorn Wills from Paul G Blazer High School;

- Boyd: Xavier Stambaugh son of Bill Stambaugh and Lavenna Stambaugh from Paul G Blazer High School;
- Breathitt: William McIntosh son of Estill McIntosh and Laura McIntosh from Jackson High School;
- Bullitt: Abby Exley daughter of Chris and Julie Exley from Riverview High School;
- Bullitt: Hannah Ferriell daughter of Brian and Brandy Ferriell from Riverview High School;
- Bullitt: Rachel Toll daughter of Rocky and Jennifer Toll from Christian Academy of Louisville;
- Bullitt: Megan Wilkerson daughter of Beth and Troy Wilkerson from Bullitt Central High School;
- Bullitt: Rayner Whitworth son of Travis Ramond Whitworth and Sallie Michelle Whitworth from Bullitt East High School;
- Carter: Maggie Brammell daughter of Casey Brammell and Shelley Brammell from East Carter High School;
- Casey: Catherine McAninch daughter of Frank McAninch and Renee McAninch from Casey County High School;
- Clark: Clay Berryman son of Andrew Clay Berryman and Wendy Michelle Berryman from George Rogers Clark High School;
- Clay: Tyler Coots son of Jonathan Coots and Carlene Coots from Clay County High School;
- Elliott: Shelby Fraley daughter of Rebecca Maggard and Robert Fraley from Elliott County High School;

- Fayette: Lily Columbia-Embury daughter of Michael Embury and Dr. Dusty Columbia Embury from Lafayette Senior High School;
- Fayette: Sydney Gordon daughter of Jaime and Ashely Gordon from Henry Clay High School;
- Fayette: Arthur Hall son of Missy Hall and Art Hall from Bryan Station High School;
- Floyd: Lottie Maynard daughter of Patty and Billy Maynard from Wesley Christian High School;
- Franklin: Meredith Murray daughter of John and Cindy Murray from Western Hills High School;
- Franklin: Daniel Aosseay son of Craig Gram Aosseay and Cynthia Ann Aosseay from Frankfort High School;
- Franklin: Richard Jones son of Nolan and Sara Herrington Jones from Frankfort High School;
- Hardin: Adam McAnally son of Scott A. McAnally and Teresa J. Brunner from Elizabethtown Senior High School;
- Henry: Lori Porter daughter of John and Brinda Porter from Henry County High School;
- Jefferson: Jack Bradley son of Judith and Dan Bradley from Dupont Manual High School;
- Jefferson: Matt Dong son of Lin Fan and MaoFei Dong from Eastern High School;

- Jessamine: Anna Hylen daughter of Michael George Hylen and Carolyn Christine Hylen from West Jessamine High School;
- Jessamine: Kaitlyn Palumbo daughter of Jennifer and Frank Palumbo from East Jessamine High School;
- Johnson: Bryson Blevins son of Amy Castle and Andrew Castle from Johnson Central High School;
- Kenton: Chase Ballard daughter of Michelle and Thomas Ballard from Walton-Verona High School;
- Kenton: Grant Gieske son of Tim and Samantha Gieske from Beechwood High School;
- Kenton: Carson Soward son of Ginger Roberto and Alex Roberto from Ludlow High School;
- Lewis: Michael White son of Daniel White and Michelle White from Lewis County High School;
- Madison: Ryelle Browning daughter of Jennifer Browning and Neil Browning from Madison Central High School;
- Madison: Sara Olmsted daughter of Dale and Melissa Olmsted from Madison Central High School;
- Marion: Emma Humphress daughter of Robin Christine Humphress and Steven Brian Humphress from Marion County High School;
- Martin: Callie Mullins daughter of Susan Hammond Mullins and Roscoe Mullins from Sheldon Clark High School;

- Mason: Madison Holmes daughter of Dr. Yancey Rex Holmes and Jean Pompilio Holmes from Mason County High School;
- Mason: Seth Fletcher son of Jennifer Roberson and David Roberson from Mason County High School;
- Mason: Jack Gallenstein son of Stephanie and Matthew Gallenstein from St. Patrick High School;
- McCracken: Kimberly Bosh daughter of Jennifer L. Bosh and Frank A. Bosh from St. Mary High School;
- Montgomery: Nate Turner son of Todd and Cathy Turner from Montgomery County High School;
- Morgan: Levi Hoskins son of Lisa and Sean Hoskins from Morgan County High School;
- Pike: Jeremiah Lowe son of Melita and Tim Lowe from Belfry High School;
- Pulaski: Tate Avera son of Richard and Monica Avera, and the late Traci Howard Avera from Somerset High School;
- Rowan: Beth Price daughter of Kent J. Price and Kimberly Strader Price from Rowan County Senior High School;
- Russell: Courtney Lulek daughter of David Lulek and Sherri Lynch-Lulek from Russell County High School;
- Wayne: Natalie Hutchinson daughter of Scott and Valerie Hutchinson from Wayne County High School;
- Woodford: Brooke Cissell daughter of Lisa Cissell and Kevin Cissell from Woodford County High School;

- Woodford: Carter Smith son of Lori A. Zaremba and Jason B. Smith from Woodford County High School.

For more information on the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/craft-academy.

March 29, 2017

Morgan named 14th MSU President



Morehead State University's Board of Regents announced on March 29 the hiring of Dr. Joseph A. (Jay) Morgan as the institution's 14th president, after a national search.

"Finding the most qualified person to be the right 'fit' to lead Morehead State University in the years ahead was the top priority for all of the Regents," said Paul C. Goodpaster, Board of Regents chair. "We have found that in Dr. Jay Morgan. The landscape in higher education in Kentucky is changing, and we believe his knowledge and experience, especially with the new performance funding model, will enable him to partner with our faculty, staff, and administration to continue moving the university

forward in challenging times and in providing MSU students with an extremely high-quality education.”

Dr. Morgan will succeed President Wayne D. Andrews. Dr. Andrews, who took the helm as the 13th president on Jan. 1, 2005, announced in April 2016 that he would retire on June 30.

“My family and I are honored and excited to become a part of the Morehead State family. It is a tremendous privilege to be selected to lead MSU,” said Dr. Morgan. “I look forward to building on the work of President Andrews, the Board of Regents and the University’s outstanding students, faculty and staff.”

Dr. Morgan’s contract is for a four-year term, beginning July 1, and will be reviewed annually for any extensions. He also will hold the academic rank of professor based on his prior experience.

Dr. Morgan, 45, currently serves as the chief academic officer and vice president for academic affairs and student success for the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education. He provides leadership for statewide academic affairs, curriculum and programming, academic strategic planning, academic legislative and policy development, admission and enrollment requirements, diversity programming, student success/college readiness initiatives, e-learning, competency-based education, program evaluation and assessment, professional school contract

placement, research and innovation, and federal and state grant administration.

Dr. Morgan holds a B.S. degree in agriculture science and business, and an M.S. degree in agriculture science from Murray State University. He earned his Ph.D. degree at Oklahoma State University in agricultural education with a minor in management and significant course work in educational administration.

Prior to Dr. Morgan's term at the CPE, he served at Murray State University in a number of roles including provost and vice president for academic affairs, associate provost for graduate education and research, graduate program coordinator, and professor. He began teaching at Murray State in 1997. He is also a former high school teacher and coach.

Dr. Morgan also contributed service to a number of university committees and community organizations, including serving as a City Council member, Board Chair of a Chamber of Commerce, Chair of the United Way, and has served as a member of a medical school board of trustees and the Kentucky Teachers Retirement System.

The historic President's residence on campus will become home to the president and his family once necessary preservation renovations are completed.

Pictured above from left to right are sitting MSU President Dr. Wayne D. Andrews, Board of Regents Chair Paul C. Goodpaster and incoming President Dr. Joseph (Jay) Morgan.

To view additional photos from the press conference announcing the hiring of Dr. Morgan, visit the [Flickr](#) gallery.

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March 3, 2017

6th Annual MSU Clarinet Day slated for April 8

Morehead State University's School of Music, Theatre and Dance will host its 6th Annual MSU Clarinet Day, Saturday, April 8, at Baird Music Hall.

Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. Sessions will start at 10 a.m. The day will conclude with a free concert that is open to the public at 3:30 p.m. in Duncan Recital Hall within the Baird Music Hall.

The event is a day-long clarinet workshop: masterclass, a clinic on the Alexander Technique, guest artist recital, and new this year, a clarinet honor choir for all participants to play in.

This year's guest artist is Dr. Anthony Taylor, associate professor of clarinet at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and principal clarinetist for the Winston-Salem Symphony (pictured above.)

Dr. Taylor has been on the faculty of the University of North Carolina College of Visual and Performing Arts and principal clarinet of the Winston-Salem Symphony since 2007. He has been an artist/teacher for the Eastern Music Festival since 2013 and served on the faculty of the Hot Springs Music Festival (Arkansas) from 2008–12.

He has formerly held positions with the Spokane Symphony, the Boise Philharmonic, Washington State University, Eastern Washington University, and Whitman College. Dr. Taylor's clarinet playing can be heard on recordings on the Navona, Centaur, Naxos American Classics and Gothic recording labels, and the most recent releases are two Centaur records projects with New Music Raleigh. The most recent is the world premiere recording of Brett William Dietz's opera introspective Headcase, and another recent release is the debut recording of composer DJ Sparr, 21207. He has appeared at the International Clarinet Association ClarinetFest, with a notable performance of John Adams's clarinet concerto Gnarly Buttons in 2010 and in 2011, the world premiere of UNCG composer Alejandro Ruty's work for Guitars, two clarinets and Ableton Live-based electronics.

In recent years, Dr. Taylor has been expanding his pedagogical skills through extensive study of human movement and the Alexander Technique, and expects to complete his ATI certification as a teacher of the Alexander Technique some time during the 2016–17 academic year.

He holds degrees from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, Florida State University and Washington State University. His former teachers include Steve Cohen, Ron Aufmann, Richard Hawkins, Frank Kowalsky, Jim Schoepflin and Joseph Brooks.

The event is sponsored in part by MSU's School of Music, Theatre and Dance, Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, Buckner and Sally S. Hinkle Endowment for Humanities, Morehead State Public Radio, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Yamaha Corporation of America, Miles Ahead Music, Hurst Music and D'Addario.

Additional information is available by contacting Dr. Lori Baruth, associate professor of clarinet, at 606-783-2490

or l.baruth@moreheadstate.edu.

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March 15, 2017

Blakeman Memorial Scholarship recipients announced

Morehead State University's Office of Alumni Relations and Development has announced that Adam Caskey, a Tollesboro senior, and Mt. Sterling sophomores Cole Huff and Logan Donathan are the 2017 spring recipients of the J.B. Blakeman Memorial Scholarship.

Caskey is a biomedical sciences/pre-med major. He most recently served as vice president of programming for Sigma Phi Epsilon. He has attended SigEp's Edge, Carlson Leadership Academy in Atlanta, and SigEp's Life After College workshop in Chicago.

Caskey is involved in Best Buddies, Student Alumni Ambassadors, and the Pre-Medicine Club. He has served for three years as the Bible School coordinator at the Tollesboro United Methodist Church and recently took on the role of being the youth minister. He has participated numerous times in the Helping Hands backpack snack program.

Huff is an accounting major. He currently serves as SigEp's vice president of finance. Before even taking office in January, Huff had already developed an annual budget and presented financial information at the Officer Transition Session hosted in November

by alumni and volunteers. Huff has attended SigEp's Edge and Carlson Leadership Academy programs. At MSU, he has served as an Interfraternity Council representative for two semesters. During the summer, he works as a groundskeeper for the Housing Authority and helps with event preparation at the Clay Community Center. He assisted with the Dogs for Dogs fundraiser for two years to benefit the local animal shelter.

Donathan is an accounting major. He is currently SigEp's vice president for programming and has also served as vice president of finance after being elected to that position as a freshman.

Donathan has attended SigEp's Edge and two Carlson Leadership Academy programs. He is president of MSU's Accounting Club and participates in intramurals including basketball, softball and ultimate Frisbee. Donathan is a familiar face back home, having worked at Kroger since 2014 and recently being recognized for his outstanding customer service. He has helped out with the Popping Tags clothing sale to raise funds for Christian Social Services.

The scholarship was established in 2012 in memory of Jeffery Scott "JB" Blakeman. A graduate of Morehead State University with an industrial technology degree, he was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and a Chi Omega sorority big brother. As an avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed hunting, fishing and photographing wildlife. Blakeman loved golfing and was a member of the Eagle

Trace Men's Golf Association and was a proud supporter of Rowan County and Morehead State athletics.

He passed away September 2011 at the age of 52.

To be considered for the J.B. Blakeman Memorial Scholarship, students must submit an application and a document listing past involvement and contributions to their chapter, campus and community. Applications were reviewed by a panel that included a SigEp AVC representative, an MSU alumnus (Bill Redwine, also the parent of a SigEp alumnus) and a Blakeman family representative, Vicki Blakeman.

With these awards, a total of \$12,000 in scholarship funds have already been awarded through the J.B. Blakeman Memorial Scholarship fund.

For more information on the scholarship, contact [MSU's Office of Alumni Relations and Development](#) at 606-783-2033.

To learn more about MSU scholarships, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/scholarships.

Pictured above, from left: Bill Redwine, Cole Huff, Taylor Blakeman Barney, Adam Caskey, Vicki Collins Blakeman, Logan Donathan, Kennedy Blakeman and Jeffrey Liles.

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March 10, 2017

Christian named to Gifted and Talented Education Council

Morehead State University's Dr. Carol Christian has been appointed to the Kentucky Advisory Council for Gifted and Talented Education by Gov. Matt Bevin.

Dr. Christian, of Lexington, is the director of MSU's [Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics](#). She will represent postsecondary education institutions. Also appointed were Brandy Carol Daniels, of Somerset, and Dianne Burns Mackey, of Utica, All three terms expire December 15, 2019.

Dr. Christian has been with MSU since 2011 as an assistant professor and director of P-16 program. Prior to that, Dr. Christian was district achievement gap coordinator for Kentucky's Department of Education.

She holds a doctorate in educational leadership from the University of Louisville as well as graduate and undergraduate degrees from Eastern Kentucky University.

The Kentucky Advisory Council for Gifted and Talented Education is composed of 19 members appointed by the governor. The council makes recommendations regarding the provisions and services for gifted and talented students in Kentucky's education system.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Christian at 606-783-9025.

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March 8, 2017

Board of regents meeting scheduled

The MSU Board of Regents will hold its quarterly meeting on Thursday, March 9 at 8:30 a.m. at the Center for Health, Education & Research.

To view the meeting agenda, please visit the [MSU Board of Regents](#) website.

March 2, 2017

Career Fair to be held Tuesday

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

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

The fair will be held in the Laughlin Health Building gym from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 7. Graduate programs and employers from a variety of fields will be in attendance, including both the private and public sectors.

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

Organizations who have registered to be on campus include:

Adecco; Aerotek Inc.; Alder Home Protection; Appalachian School of Law; Asbury Theological Seminary; Asbury University Graduate Programs; Baptist Health Lexington; Becker Professional Education; Belcan Corporation; Bluegrass Extra Care (formerly Hospice of the Bluegrass); Bluegrass Writers Studio Low-Res MFA; BluePearl Veterinary Partners; BONEAL;

Campbellsville University Graduate Admissions; Cengage Learning; Cintas Corporation; Community Action Council; Consulting Services Incorporated (CSI);

Correct Care Solutions; Dish One; Divisions Maintenance Group; East Kentucky Power Cooperative; Eastern Kentucky University (EKU); Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) College of Education Department of Curriculum and Instruction; Eastern Kentucky University (EKU), Department of Chemistry; Eastern Kentucky University (EKU), Department of Mathematics and Statistics; Eastern Kentucky University - Department of Exercise and Sport Science; Eastern Kentucky University - MA in English; Eastern Kentucky University Online; ECU Department of Educational Leadership and Counselor Education; ECU Department of Recreation & Park Administration;

Enterprise Holdings; Epic; Family Connection Inc. (Hope Hill Youth Services); Fayette County Detention Center; Fluor-BWXT Portsmouth LLC; Foresters Financial Services Inc.; Fujitsu Network Communications; Go-Hire Employment and Development Inc.; Greater Cincinnati Veterinary Specialists and Emergency Services; Hinkle Contracting Company LLC; Hitachi Automotive Systems Americas, Inc.; Kelley Galloway Smith Goolsby, PSC; Kentucky Bank;

Kentucky Department of Corrections; Kentucky One Health; Kentucky Personnel Cabinet; Kettering Health Network; KVC Behavioral Healthcare; KY Staffing Solutions; Mitsubishi Electric Automotive America, Inc.; Morehead Youth Development Center/Dept. of Juvenile Justice; MSU Camden Carroll Library; MSU Department of Communication, Media, and Languages; MSU Graduate School; MSU Small Business Development Center; MSU Upward Bound; MSU/U.K. Physician Assistant Program; MSUCorps; Nifco America Corporation;

Park Equine Hospital; Pathways Inc.; PhysAssist Scribes Inc.; Pikeville Medical Center; Ramey-Estep Homes; Regal Beloit; Reliable Transportation Solutions; S&ME Inc.; Shawnee Family Health Center; Shawnee State University; Sherwin-Williams; Smithfield Foods (Hog Production division); Sonic; Southern Ohio Medical Center; Speedway LLC; SRG Global (Guardian Automotive Trim); St. Claire Regional Medical Center; Stober Drives Inc.;

Sullivan University College of Pharmacy; Total Quality Logistics; U.S. Army Healthcare; U.S. Bank; United Theological Seminary; University of Charleston School of Pharmacy; University of Kentucky College of Dentistry; University of Kentucky College of Nursing; University of Kentucky College of Public Health; University of Kentucky College of Social Work; University of

Kentucky MBA Program; University of Louisville Kent School of Social Work;

U.S. Department of State - Foreign Affairs; Verizon Cellular Sales; Wal-Mart; Walgreens; WDKY-TV FOX 56; WKYT-TV; Woodmen of the World; and WYMT-TV

More information can be found online

at www.moreheadstate.edu/career, or call Career Services at 606-783-2233.

March 16, 2017

Davison selected as keynote speaker

Morehead State University's Dr. Scott A. Davison, professor of philosophy, has been chosen as the keynote speaker for the 2017 Grand Dialogue in Grand Rapids, Mich., on May 13.

Dr. Davison will lecture on the topic of his second book (*Petitionary Prayer: A Philosophical Investigation*, Oxford University Press, 2017). The Grand Dialogue is an inter-institutional, interdisciplinary, and interfaith exploration of science and religion, sponsored by a number of colleges and universities in the west Michigan area and administered by the Kaufman Interfaith Institute at Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Michigan.

Dr. 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). 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.

He has taught philosophy at MSU for the past 21 years.

Dr. Davison earned 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 won the Distinguished Researcher Award in 2011.

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

For more information about the department of History, Philosophy, Politics, International and Legal Studies, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/hpil.

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March 23, 2017

Dr. Morrison has two books published

Morehead State University's Dr. Ronald D. Morrison, professor of English, has published two books from major academic presses in the last three months.

With co-editor Laurence W. Mazzeno, president emeritus of Alvernia University, Morrison published "Victorian Writers and the Environment: Ecocritical Perspectives" in December. The book, published by Routledge, features essays by 14 scholars from the U.S., England and Australia that focus on the ways in which Victorian writers wrote about both natural and human-created environments.

The term "environment" emerged in the 19th century, at the very time that Victorian writers often expressed concerns about the degradation of the natural environment due to industrialization, as well as the cultural effects on human environments. The essays in the volume focus on a range of well-known Victorian writers, such as Charles Dickens, George Eliot, Thomas Hardy, Alfred Tennyson, Christina Rossetti and John Ruskin, as well as a number of lesser-known Victorian novelists and poets. Included in the collection is Morrison's essay on Richard Jefferies, a Victorian novelist and journalist who wrote extensively on agriculture and

nature in the 19th century. Morrison and Mazzeno also wrote the introduction to the volume.

In March, Morrison and Mazzeno published “Animals in Victorian Literature and Culture: Contexts for Criticism.” This book, published by Palgrave/Macmillan, features essays by 12 international scholars who focus on canonical writers such as Charles Dickens, Emily Brontë, Anthony Trollope, Christina Rossetti and Anna Sewell, as well as several lesser-known writers. Essay topics include the development of the animal protection movement, the importation of animals from the expanding British Empire, the acclimatization of British animals in other countries, and the problems associated with increasing pet ownership. This volume includes a reprinted essay by Morrison on Dickens and the campaign to close down Smithfield Market in the heart of London at mid-century. Morrison and Mazzeno also wrote the introduction to the volume.

“It was something of a happy accident that these two books came out within a few months of each other,” said Morrison. “The Routledge book was delayed for several months for reasons beyond our control. But the two books complement each other very well, and in fact several of the essays in the Routledge book focus on animals. Right now, there is significant overlap between ecocritical (or environmental) approaches to literature and criticism influenced by the burgeoning field of Animal

Studies. Larry and I are very happy to make a significant contribution to both subfields, and in fact we have a third proposal under review already.”

Morrison has been an MSU professor since 1988. He was awarded the University’s Distinguished Research Award in 2004. He served as the University’s faculty regent from 2008-14, and is a former chair of the MSU Faculty Senate.

To learn more about MSU's Department of English, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/english.

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March 13, 2017

Ernst named interim dean of the Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Morehead State University's Dr. John Ernst has been named interim dean of the Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. He succeeds Dr. M. Scott McBride, who was named chancellor and chief academic officer at Penn State DuBois.

Since July 2016, Dr. Ernst has served as associate vice president for academic affairs/student success.

"With his background, Dr. Ernst is uniquely qualified to serve as the interim dean," said Dr. Steven M. Ralston, MSU's chief academic officer/provost. "In his past positions, Dr. Ernst worked successfully on many high priority institutional initiatives. I am confident that he will provide outstanding leadership in this new role."

Prior to July 2016, Dr. Ernst served as interim associate vice president for academic affairs/student success.

He also served MSU previously as chair and interim chair of the Department of History, Philosophy, Religion and Legal Studies.

A Louisville native, Dr. Ernst first came to Morehead State in 1994 as a fixed-term instructor of history after serving three years on

the staff of the “Kentucky Encyclopedia” with Dr. John Kleber, a Morehead State historian.

He earned his doctoral degree from the University of Kentucky, where he worked with Dr. George C. Herring, the leading Vietnam War scholar in America.

Dr. Ernst is an expert on the Vietnam War with two book authorships, including “Forging a Fateful Alliance: Michigan State University and the Vietnam War” and “The War that Never Ends: New Perspectives on the Vietnam War,” co-edited with Dr. David L. Anderson.

His love of teaching was recognized in 2001 when he was the recipient of the Master Teacher Award given by the Interfraternity Council, National Pan-Hellenic Conference and National Panhellenic Council, and in 2013 was presented the Student Government Association’s Student Choice Award for Faculty Member of the Year.

He and his wife, Joanne, a teacher for the deaf and hearing-impaired, have lived in Morehead since 1996, and have two sons and a daughter.

Find more information on the Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/caudillcollege.

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March 17, 2017

KHA presents donation for Doctor of Physical Therapy degree

Morehead State University officials accepted a donation from the Kentucky Hospital Association (KHA) Friday, March 17, at the Center for Health, Education and Research for a new Doctor of Physical Therapy degree program. The program will be a joint partnership with MSU and St. Claire Regional.

“A physical therapy program at Morehead State University will have a positive impact in our community and on East Kentucky's health care future,” said MSU President Wayne D. Andrews. “The program will build on the collaboration between St. Claire Regional and MSU and the continued success of our academic programs in the health sciences.”

“St. Claire Regional is proud to once again partner with MSU to provide new health care education programs to our region,” said SCR President/CEO Mark J. Neff. “As the largest healthcare provider in Northeastern Kentucky, we are certainly happy to assist in training and retaining young physical therapy students. This new program will increase our region's access to competent, caring professionals who help optimize movement and improve life experiences for those whose abilities are threatened or impaired due to developmental deficits, aging, physical illness or injury.”

“The Kentucky Hospital Association is honored to assist St. Claire Regional Medical Center and Morehead State University in the establishment of their Doctor of Physical Therapy program,” said KHA President/CEO Michael T. Rust. “It is my hope this program will offer students increased access to higher education in this field while fulfilling a need for physical therapists in the eastern part of our state. The support of this program goes along with the mission of KHA to improve the health of the citizens of the commonwealth.”

Joining Dr. Andrews, Neff and Rust at the presentation were Dr. Steven Ralston, MSU provost; and Dr. Wayne Miller, dean of the College of Science; Greg Bausch, PharmD, St. Claire Medical Group COO; Karen Holified, SCR VP Clinical/Post-Acute Services; and Debbie Neff, SCR Director of Physical Med/Rehab Services.

The Kentucky Hospital Association was established in 1929. The Association represents hospitals, related health care organizations and integrated health care systems dedicated to sustaining and improving the health status of the citizens of Kentucky. The Association is headquartered in Louisville.

Additional information is available by contacting MSU’s [College of Science](#) at 606-783-2158.

Pictured above, from left: Wayne D. Andrews, Steven Ralston, Wayne Miller, Mark J. Neff and Michael T. Rust.

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March 29, 2017

Library hosts open house for new student spaces

MSU's Camden-Carroll Library (CCL) will host an open house March 29 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Food samples will be provided by Aramark, there will be tours of the new spaces and technology demonstrations and door prizes will be awarded. The open house will let patrons take a first look at the library's new dining, technology and student collaboration areas.

The idea to expand services at student spaces at the library came about to provide some of the services that had been suspended during the renovation of the Adron Doran University Center, which will reopen next year.

The student areas, called HeadSpace, offers students a place to study, socialize and relax in between classes.

“The newly refurbished spaces in Camden-Carroll Library are the result of tremendous cooperation on the part of many people and departments at the University,” said Dr. David Gregory, dean of library services. “This effort shows the dedicated commitment to students and to meeting their needs here at Morehead State University.”

“The new collaboration spaces in the Camden-Carroll Library will provide students the opportunity to work together on projects while getting a cup of coffee and a bite to eat,” said Dr. John Ernst, interim dean of the Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. “The atmosphere features productivity technology like smart boards and charging stations in the academic space upstairs, and gaming systems and

televisions downstairs so students can be comfortable and relax. “

Aramark opened a Grab & Go location on the first floor of the library to offer sandwiches, wraps, fruit, parfaits and other food items to students, faculty and staff.

The areas of HeadSpace are:

- The Gaming Room has lounge furniture, a flat screen television, and is geared toward gamers of all types. It is located on the ground floor.
- Study Room 2 – Located on the second floor, it serves as a private study area for up to eight students.
- West Wing – Located on the second floor adjacent to the Library Classroom, this area has dining tables, four computer stations, and collaborative mobile technology.
- Collaboration Corner – Located on the second floor near the West Wing, this space is designed for studying with expanded seating and a collaboration table with a computer. This space also has a large couch with built-in power outlets and USB ports.
- Nap Nook – Located on the third floor, this space provides students with a place to rest, recharge, and relax in a noiseless atmosphere.

Other areas at the library have been updated and reorganized in addition to this project.

Administrative departments that were involved in this project are

the Office of the President, the Office of Facilities Management, the Office of Information Technology, the Office of Communications and Marketing and Creative-Image Technologies.

“Folks from across campus worked together and pooled resources,” said Ernst. “I am proud to be a part of this project which illustrates what our campus community can do when it pulls together.”

For more information on HeadSpace visit <http://research.moreheadstate.edu/NewAreaGuide>.

For more information on the Camden-Carroll Library, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/library.

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March 9, 2017

Morgan offered contract; Dining commons named for Adkins

Morehead State University's [Board of Regents](#) authorized its Chair Paul C. Goodpaster to extend an offer to [Dr. Joseph A. \(Jay\) Morgan](#) to become the institution's 14th president, elected officers, heard a report on preliminary spring enrollment, received the president's report and named the new dining commons after alumnus, Rep. Rocky Adkins, during its quarterly meeting on Thursday, March 9, in the DeMoss Suite within the Center for Health, Education and Research.

After an executive session, the board voted to offer Dr. Morgan a contract. Dr. Morgan, currently serves as the chief academic officer and vice president for academic affairs and student success for the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education. He provides leadership for statewide academic affairs, curriculum and programming, academic strategic planning, academic legislative and policy development, admission and enrollment requirements, diversity programming, student success/college readiness initiatives, e-learning, competency-based education, program evaluation and assessment, professional school contract placement, research and innovation, and federal and state grant administration.

Goodpaster was re-elected as Board of Regents chair.

With nearly 30 years of banking experience, Goodpaster is executive vice president and chief operating officer of the Citizens Bank in Morehead. He is responsible for the day-to-day management of the bank. He is a former chief financial officer for Rowan Technical College, now the Rowan Campus of Maysville Community and Technical College. A Morehead State graduate, Goodpaster earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with an emphasis in finance in 1989. He is in his second term as a member of the Board of Regents.

The board also elected Wayne Martin as vice chair.

Martin is a retired television executive. Before entering broadcasting, Martin had a successful career as a college and high school basketball coach. As head coach at Morehead State University from 1978-1987, he led the Eagles to two NCAA tournaments. At Pikeville College, where he was head coach and athletic director, Martin's teams made three national tournament appearances. He also served as assistant basketball coach at Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and head basketball coach and business teacher at Pikeville High School. Martin graduated with honors from MSU with a Bachelor of Arts in business degree, a Master of Arts in Education degree and Rank I Administrative Certification.

Sharon S. Reynolds, assistant to the president, was re-elected board secretary and Beth Patrick, chief financial officer and vice president for administration, was re-appointed treasurer.

During the meeting, Kelly Craft was approved to receive an honorary degree at the May commencement ceremony. Craft is a native of Glasgow. In 2007, she was appointed by President George W. Bush and confirmed by the U.S. Senate as a member of the U.S. delegation to the United Nation's 61st Session of the General Assembly. She advised the American Ambassador to the U.N. on a range of issues, including U.S. engagement in Africa. She works in a variety of charitable endeavors and currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Salvation Army of Lexington.

The Regents approved naming the dining commons on the east side of campus. It will be named Rocky Adkins Dining Commons. A native of Sandy Hook, Rep. Adkins is now serving in his 31st year as a state legislator. The two-time MSU graduate is well known to be "an Eagle from the top of his head to the bottom of his feet." Rep. Adkins has been inducted into the Morehead State University Alumni Hall of Fame and was a standout basketball player during his undergraduate years.

Rep. Adkins has been a tireless advocate for education at all levels and for MSU in particular. He has played a significant role

in securing state funding for the Space Science Center, the Center for Health, Education and Research (CHER), and the renovation and expansion of the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC). He also helped facilitate approval of agency bond funding for the Recreation and Wellness Center, residence hall renovations and the parking garage and dining commons that will bear his name.

The facility will be the Rocky Adkins Dining Commons, but will be informally known as “The Rock.”

The board approved tenure with promotion to associate professors to Dr. Bo Shi, assistant professor of finance; Dr. Johnathan Nelson, assistant professor of management; Dr. Janet Ratliff, assistant professor of management/entrepreneurship; Dr. Julie Rutland, assistant professor of education (ECESE); and Dr. Jonathan Pidluzny, assistant professor of government.

The regents granted sabbatical leave to Dr. Bernadette Barton, professor of sociology, fall 2017; Dr. Royal Berglee, professor of geography and international studies, spring 2018; Dr. Layne Neeper, professor of English, fall 2017; and Dongfeng Li, associate professor of art, fall 2017.

The members heard reports on preliminary spring enrollment (total preliminary enrollment for Spring 2017 was 9,356) and personal service contracts.

The group approved personnel actions; contracts for banking service; the second quarter financial report and amended the operating budget; and based upon the recommendation of the Division of Student Success, made a revision to the 2016-17 Fee Schedule from the Housing Application/Reservation Fee of \$200 to an Enrollment Deposit of \$150.

In his report, President Andrews spoke on the University's activities since the last meeting and updated the members of the latest budget and legislative news.

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 8.

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March 16, 2017

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March 22, 2017

MSU awarded \$15,000 grant for bicycle education

The Kentucky Bicycle and Bikeway Commission awarded a \$15,000 Paula Nye Grant to Morehead State University's Sustainability department to create a Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Program.

"The Commissioners are impressed with the progress that Morehead is making in support of cycling infrastructure, education, and events," said William Gorton III, KBBC chair. "We look forward to status reports related to progress and the success of your accomplishments."

"MSU does what they say they are going to do and has a track record of producing great results," said Joe Bowen, KBBC Commissioner. "It ties into adventure tourism and there is more concern about health. We have an incredible place in Eastern Kentucky and we want to expand on resources and share it with the world."

The check was presented during the Kentucky Trail Town Summit held at the Morehead Conference Center.

Monies will go toward multiple cycling projects on campus.

"This will go toward creating an education program that distributes information about bicycle safety and awareness. We will be

purchasing eight fitness bikes and two mountain bikes to add to the fleet at the Outdoor Adventure center,” said Holly Niehoff, sustainability and safety specialist. “We also will be instituting a bike registration process, offering bicycle classes through the Outdoor Adventure program and technical classes on bike maintenance by Switchback Cycling.”

Additionally, two Bike Fixit Stations will be installed- one at the Outdoor Adventure center and one between Lappin Hall and the Bert T. Combs Building.

Two staff members also will become certified by the League of American Bicyclists to instruct class instructors.

Last year, MSU was recognized as a “Bicycle Friendly University” by the League of American Bicyclists and given a silver designation.

“Using these financial resources to educate and raise awareness will provide more opportunities for the students and campus community to experience the fun and fitness benefits of cycling,” said Niehoff. “I’m very excited about this grant and the projects involved. MSU is proactive and the upcoming Eagle Walk project will make our main campus more pedestrian and bicycle friendly.”

For more information on cycling programs, contact Niehoff at 606-783-2584 or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/earthwise.

Pictured above, from left: Joe Bowen, KBBC commissioner; Vince Carman, KBBC commissioner; Troy Hearn, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, State Pedestrian and Bicycle coordinator; Holly Niehoff, sustainability and safety specialist; Jason Hilton, Recreation and Wellness assistant director; and Shayla Menville, Office of Facilities Management marketing and communication manager.

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March 28, 2017

MSU Concert Choir offers free performances across Kentucky

Morehead State University's Concert Choir and Chamber

Singers will present three free concerts at three churches across the state.

The schedule is as follows:

- Monday, April 10, at 7 p.m. at Shively Baptist Church, 1599 Sadie Lane, Louisville
- Tuesday, April 11, at 7 p.m. at Parkway Baptist Church, 2580 Springfield Road, Bardstown
- Thursday, April 13, at 7:30 pm at First Baptist Church, 123 East Main Street, Morehead

The events are open to the public.

The 45-voice Concert Choir and 18-voice Chamber Singers are conducted by Dr. Greg Detweiler. The program features a large battery of percussion instruments accompanying the choir including a finale with two marimbas-eight hands. The choirs will include the performances as part of their spring concert tour.

The program titled, "Going Home, opens with the South African Zulu song "Vela! Asambeni Siyekhaya!" and the words, "Come! We are going home!" In this piece one can imagine Nelson

Mandela making the journey from his prison island to his home in Cape Town, from the pain of oppression to the hope of a new, free life. The piece launches a musical journey ending in Kentucky with a newly composed piece by Stephen Chatman titled “Kentucky Derby” and the Appalachian folk song, “Cindy,” arranged by Mack Wilberg.

MSU’s School of Music commissioned Stephen Chatman to capture Southern culture in a set of five pieces under the title “Due South,” the last of which is the raucous “Kentucky Derby.” The choirs are premiering this set of pieces as part of the tour. Other pieces in the set include: the comical “Bugs,” a blues “What’s Cookin’,” and the tender “Love, O Love,” which captures the idealized love one finds in “Gone with the Wind.”

“Nocturnes” by Dan Forrest, a three-movement work for choir and percussion, forms the centerpiece of the journey going home, as it explores the marvels of the night sky and the spiritual journeys of three American poets—Sara Teasdale, Emily Dickinson, and Walt Whitman. The first movement, “Stars” opens with a hauntingly mysterious introduction before giving way to a fiery explosion of sound as stars appear. The playful second movement at one point paints the key word “punctual” with percussion providing the sounds of a clock’s cogs and gears and the chimes of a Big Ben. The last movement matches the grandeur of an excerpt from Walt Whitman’s epic poem, “Journey

to India,” with a majestic soundscape, ending with a recollection of the work’s mysterious opening.

The other pieces in the program provide connectors to the ideas of night, spiritual, and love journeys. The contrapuntal “Why, art thou so heavy, O my soul?” by Henry Loosemore mirrors the Zulu journey from heaviness to joy and “Musicians Wrestle Everywhere” by Elliott Carter begins the journey through the heavens. In the latter piece, Dickinson’s tension between belief and disbelief and a search for verifiable evidence of the existence of immortality (another kind of going home), finds her exploring the music of nature. In contrast to this questioning of belief, “I Thank You God” by Gwyneth Walker and “Zion’s Walls” by Aaron Copland provide pillars of faith and praise.

The second half of the program explores the journey of love with such pieces as Eric Whitacre’s superb “Water Night” and Lionel Daunais’ evocative “Le Pont Mirabeau.” It is “Dawn” by Eric Barnum which announces the end of the journey is near as it captures light breaking forth out of darkness. The piece closes with the treble voices singing a cluster of sound on the word “this” over the gentle wave-like sounds of the lower voices, creating the imagery of light reflecting off gentle waves of water as the sun slowly rises above the horizon.

Concert Choir and Chamber Singers represent the university on regional, national and international tours. This past summer, Chamber Singers won two gold medals in the Musica Eterna Roma International Choir Festival in Rome. Other recent trips have included tours to Hungary/Austria, Costa Rica, and Ireland.

During the 2014 Ireland tour, the choirs competed in the Mayo International Choral Festival where Concert Choir won first place in the sacred division and Chamber Singers won the festival's grand prize. In 2012, the MSU Chamber Singers also won its division with the gold diploma at the World Choir Games in Cincinnati.

Dr. Detweiler is director of choral studies at MSU. He conducts the Concert Choir and Chamber Singers and teaches conducting, voice and vocal pedagogy. He holds the Doctor of Music Arts degree from the University of Illinois and has studied Dalcroze Eurhythmics at the Manhattan School of Music. His choirs have toured Costa Rica, Canada, Ireland, Germany, Austria, Hungary, and the Czech Republic, and have appeared at state and regional conventions of the American Choral Directors Association and the Music Educators National Conference. He was the 2002 Kentucky Music Educators Association Teacher of the Year in College-University Education.

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

For more information on MSU's Scholl of Music, Theater and Dance, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/mtd.

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March 27, 2017

MSU graduate named AJGA Superintendent of the Year

Morehead State University graduate Andy Short of Bellefonte Country Club was named the 2016 Superintendent of the Year by the American Junior Golf Association.

Short graduated from MSU with an Agronomy degree in 2006.

Each year, the AJGA presents awards to the tournaments with the best individual hospitality, Junior-Am fundraising tournament, charitable giving and volunteer base. Awards are also given to the events with engaged media and social media participation.

Finally, the AJGA recognizes the year's most outstanding golf professional, superintendent and general manager, as well as the most improved event, best new event, best Junior Golf Hub Preview Series tournament, best ACDS Junior All-Star Series tournament, best Invitational and overall tournament of the year. Tournament awards for the 2016 season will be presented on-site at 2017 tournaments.

"It's a great honor and very humbling to receive this award," Short said. "To me, it is a direct reflection of my staff. My staff never skipped a beat and did whatever we needed to do to get the course ready for the AJGA."

The Natural Resource Partners Bluegrass Junior is one of the longest-running tournaments, geared towards participants 12-19, on the AJGA schedule. Past champions such as newly-elected AJGA Board member Vicki Goetze-Ackerman (four times) and AJGA tournament host Justin Thomas (twice) show the quality of the field every year.

Since 2014, Short has been essential in keeping the course in prime condition. According to Midwest AJGA Regional Director Ryan Flanagan, parents and players were amazed that the course was in such good shape following a heavy rain.

“Andy is a guy that will do whatever it takes to make sure the tournament runs smoothly,” said Flanagan. “His work ethic is so important in making the tournament a staple on the AJGA’s schedule.”

In 2016, the tournament experienced a weather delay that suspended play at 9 p.m. during the first round. Short and his crew brought out lights and worked through the night to get the course back into playing conditions.

“The storm was so bad that we really had no other option than to work through the night with the lights on,” Short said. “There weren’t many people that got to see the extent of the damage, but I think those that did truly appreciated how much debris was on

the course. It was very labor-intensive work with chainsaws and hauling everything off.”

Short and his staff took shifts sleeping in the cart barn that night in order to get the course ready to play.

“Everyone was exhausted,” Short said. “Sleep was definitely at a premium, but the guys that I’ve got didn’t think twice about it. They saw it as a challenge and that’s the reason we were able to do what we did.”

This example of the lengths that Short and his crew have been willing to go to over the years has led to the success of the Natural Resource Partners Bluegrass Junior. His team’s efforts are a central reason that the 144-player field was able to finish 54 holes despite the weather.

In 2017, the Natural Resource Partners Bluegrass Junior returns to the summer schedule June 13-16.

For more information on MSU's Department of Agricultural Sciences, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/agriculture.

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March 17, 2017

MSU holds annual spring Career Fair

Morehead State University held its annual Spring Career Fair March 7.

There was a record recruiter participation with a total of 106 organizations attending including employers and graduate schools. Nearly 400 students, alumni and community members attended to network with employers in hopes of landing an interview for an internship, part-time or full-time position. A number of graduate programs also attended the fair.

Career Services offered the Morehead State Career Fair Plus app again to allow attendees to better prepare for and navigate the event.

“Attendees were able to see a comprehensive list of employers and graduate programs attending the career fair, research those organizations, mark their favorites and then locate them on an interactive map directly from their phones,” said Chad Cantrell, Career Services technology resources specialist.

The next career fair will be Tuesday, Oct. 3.

“Organizations who take the time to attend a career fair are particularly targeting our MSU students, alumni and community job seekers. Networking at a career fair is one of the best ways to

get job leads and an on-the-spot interview. Current students need to begin applying for internships to build relevant skills. We encourage all job seekers to take advantage of the next career fair,” said Megan Boone, Career Services employer liaison.

The Office of Career Services is always available to help employers recruit interns and full-time employees. Additional information is available by calling 606-783-2233 or visiting www.moreheadstate.edu/career.

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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.

March 21, 2017

MSU recognized for online programs

Morehead State University has been recognized as one of the best colleges offering online learning in the nation by The Community for [Accredited Online Schools](#).

As a leading resource for campus and online learning, the site released its annual ranking for the 2017 school year, honoring Morehead State University three times for their excellence in online learning.

“We wanted to highlight schools like Morehead State University, who are providing exceptional education programs online,” said Doug Jones, CEO and founder of the Community for Accredited Online Schools. “These colleges offer an outstanding educational experience, upholding rigorous accreditation standards and show an overall commitment to maximizing student success.”

To qualify, schools must hold public or private not-for-profit status in addition to institutional accreditation. Top schools are determined by a scoring system that uses value-based methodology, analyzing several qualitative and quantitative data points.

For the top rankings of Morehead State University’s for 2017 and further details on the methodology used to rank each school, visit the following pages:

Best Online Bachelor's in Engineering

– <http://www.accreditedschoolsonline.org/online-degrees/best-online-bachelors-in-engineering/>

Best Online Schools in Kentucky

– <http://www.accreditedschoolsonline.org/kentucky/>

Best Online Social Science Degrees

– <http://www.accreditedschoolsonline.org/online-degrees/social-sciences/>.

March 17, 2017

MSU Retirees Association plans trip to Cincinnati

Members and friends of the [Morehead State University Retirees Association](#) will travel to Cincinnati for their March outing on Thursday, March 23.

Highlights of the trip will include a tour of the highly-regarded Rookwood Pottery with a Dutch treat lunch at Taft's Ale House in the Over-the-Rhine district. After lunch attendees will tour the Cincinnati Art Museum.

While there is no admission fee to the museum, special exhibits may have a nominal charge.

The group will meet at 9 a.m. in the Burkes Outlet (Kroger Center) parking lot.

Transportation will be provided based on number of attendees. The van cost is \$17 per person. Please note if you would like to make the trip in the van when making reservations.

Reservation deadline is Tuesday, March 21.

Additional upcoming events for retirees include the annual Spring Luncheon/Business meeting Thursday, April 6. Details will be provided later. Also open to retirees and friends is the MSU Alumni Day at Keeneland on Sunday, April 9.

Additional information and reservations may be obtained by calling 606-783-2033 or 877-690-4483 or email to events@moreheadstate.edu.

March 24, 2017

MSU Student Alumni Ambassadors win district awards

Morehead State University's Student Alumni Ambassadors attended the annual CASE ASAP District 3 Conference at the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida, in February, earning two awards.

The conference included more than 275 attendees from 31 universities. Morehead State University Student Alumni Ambassador and CASE ASAP District 3 Representative Ryan Steele presented 13 awards to CASE ASAP District 3 members.

MSU received two of these awards, Outstanding Organization and Outstanding Adviser, Allison Caudill.

Outstanding Organization is awarded to an organization that develops membership with strong internal programs, and enhances the field of advancement through reputable external programs, effective engagement with university constituents, prosperous philanthropic efforts, and/or notable outreach to prospective students.

MSU's Student Alumni Ambassadors is a group of dedicated students who represent the University and serve as a link between current students and Alumni. SAA members serve as the official host group of the University and the Alumni Association and also are active in the recruitment of new students and promoting. SAA takes an active role in major events, including Homecoming, Graduation Celebration and Alumni Reunions.

Outstanding Adviser is awarded to a CASE ASAP organization adviser who has facilitated the effective progress within the

organization and has served as a mentor to involved students. Caudill has been the MSU Student Alumni Ambassador's Adviser for three years.

Additional information is available by contacting the Office of Alumni Relations and Development at 606-783-2033.

Pictured above right: From left, Scott Harris, CASE ASAP senior advancement programs coordinator, Allison Caudill, alumni relations and development assistant director, and Ryan Steele, CASE ASAP District 3 student representative. https://www.moreheadstate.edu/getattachment/7608e6ee-62a2-40af-8cd3-5447f5108712/CASE-1_E.jpg.aspx

Pictured above left: From left, Scott Harris, CASE ASAP senior advancement programs coordinator, Samantha Grimes, MSU Student Alumni Ambassador president, and Ryan Steele, CASE ASAP District 3 student representative. https://www.moreheadstate.edu/getattachment/eea3e3d2-b7d6-44c4-bdfe-a5ff509fcd84/CASE-2_E.jpg.aspx

March 27, 2017

MSU to host bone marrow registry drive on Friday

Morehead State University students are teaming up with Be the Match Registry for the Justin Graham bone marrow registry drive Friday, March 31, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. in 002 Breckinridge Hall on the MSU campus.

Graham, a former four-sport (soccer, basketball, baseball and track) athlete at Rowan County Senior High, was diagnosed in January with acute myeloid leukemia, which is a cancer of the myeloid line of blood cells, characterized by the rapid growth of abnormal white blood cells that build up in the bone marrow and interfere with the production of normal blood cells.

Sickle cell anemia and other life-threatening diseases, like leukemia, leave too many minority patients fighting for their lives. Not enough diverse, committed potential donors have joined. Today, minority donors comprise only 30 percent of the Be The Match National Registry.

All participants have to do is fill out a registration form and have the inside of their cheek swabbed.

For more information, contact Xavier Moon at xxmoon@moreheadstate.edu or Kristin Tiedeman at k.tiedeman@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-9446.

March 20, 2017

Nickell Place Closed Tuesday, March 21

Morehead State University's Office of Facilities Management has announced that Nickell Place will be closed on Tuesday, March 21, from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m.

This is to allow Monarch Construction to install a water tap.

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.

March 9, 2017

Professor participates in research at Gettysburg battlefield

Morehead State University's Dr. Adrian Mandzy, associate professor of history, took part in a battlefield survey of Little Round Top at Gettysburg, Pa., in February. As one of the most iconic events of the pivotal battle of the American Civil War, the battle has been commemorated in popular films for over a century.

In recent years, scrub brush has grown in front of the Little Round Top, which blocks the view of this central battlefield location. Millions of tourists visit Gettysburg each year and to maintain the landscape, the National Park Service will conduct a controlled burn of the area. In order to assess what damage such a controlled burn will do to the historical resources connected with the battlefield, a small group of scholars worked at the site for two days.

"This was truly a wonderful once in a life time experience," said Dr. Mandzy.

Dr. Mandzy, who teaches European and public history, has directed similar research projects on various battlefields in the United States and Europe. In the spring of 2015, he conducted a survey at the 1864 Crater Battlefield at Petersburg, Virginia, with

MSU history students. With the support of MSU's Camden-Carroll Library, students have had an opportunity to work with the artifacts recovered from the Crater Battlefield for the past two years.

The Gettysburg research project was developed in part by Doug Scott, the father of battlefield archaeology, who is best known for his groundbreaking work at the Little Big Horn. According to Joel Dukes, Park Service archaeologist and project director, such studies "have helped improve our understanding – and in some cases have helped rewrite – what is known about those events."

For additional information about academic programs and opportunities available in the Department of History, Philosophy, Politics, International and Legal Studies, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/hpil.

Pictured above: Project Team on site at Little Round Top, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

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March 3, 2017

MSU students display research at Posters-at-the-Capitol

Morehead State University President Wayne D. Andrews, Dr. Michael Henson, associate vice president for research and dean of the graduate school, along with other university and state officials unveiled this year's Posters-at-the-Capitol Thursday, March 2.

"These student projects, completed in collaboration with faculty members outside the traditional classroom setting, represent the personal, value added educational opportunities available at Morehead State University," said President Andrews.

"The involvement of undergraduate students with faculty in research, scholarship, and other creative endeavors provides the type of rich academic environment necessary for the development of leaders with the intellectual skills and vision to guide the future social and economic development of our Commonwealth and the nation. MSU is committed to the continued expansion of these scholarly opportunities for students in all academic programs through initiatives such as our unique [Undergraduate Research Fellows](#) program and our [Celebration of Student Scholarship Week](#)."

More than 125 poster projects are on display throughout the Capitol.

A total of 25 MSU students collaborated with faculty to present posters at this year's event.

"Morehead State University has a well-documented history of excellence in undergraduate research and this has resulted in a

campus culture that embraces faculty mentorship as a means of enhancing engagement and critical thinking skills – both of which are important predictors of student success. We are indeed proud of our students and their faculty mentors who are showcasing their collaborations in Frankfort today,” said Dr. Henson.

>> View a photo gallery of [Posters-at-the-Capitol](#)

Participants were:

- Terra E. Riggs of Mt. Washington worked with Dr. Wesley White and Dr. Ilsun White. Her poster was titled, “Acute Withdrawal from Nicotine Involves Reduced Activity and May Be Due to Temporary Disruption of a Brain Reward Pathway.”
- Sydney Gebka of Union collaborated with faculty member Dr. Johnathan K. Nelson. Her poster was titled, “An Inductive Study of Perceived Susceptibility to Unethical Behavior.”
- Kaleb Toller of Lexington worked with Dr. Jorge Ortega-Moody. His poster was titled, “Applications of Industrial Robots in the Classroom.”
- Albina Laskovtsov of Nicholasville and Amber Lawson of Morehead collaborated with faculty member Dr. Bernadette Barton. Their poster was titled, “College Parties and Raunch Culture.”
- Michael T. Edlin of hometown worked with Dr. Jorge Ortega Moody. His poster was titled, “Delta Robot Applications for Training.”

- Allison Hull of Richmond collaborated with Dr. Gina Gonzalez. Her poster was titled, “Dietary supplement attitudes and behaviors in the personal training profession.”
- Danielle N. Gibson of Germantown and Mark Will Casto Jr. of Russell ([Craft Academy](#) students) worked with Dr. Michael E. Fultz. Their poster was titled, “Effect of Microgravity on the Contraction and Cytoskeletal Remodeling of A7r5 Smooth Muscle Cells.”
- Kevin Shankle of Morehead, Matt Belcher of Morehead, and Emily MacFarland of St. Augustine, Fla., collaborated with faculty member Dr. Elizabeth B. Perkins. Their poster was titled, “Exploring Young Males' Vulnerability to the Sex Trafficking Industry in a Rural State.”
- Adam N. Stanley of Garrison worked with Dr. Sanghyun Lee. Their poster was titled, "Feasibility of Efficient Photovoltaics in Eastern Kentucky" / "Developing a 3-D Printed Solar Vehicle with Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) Simulator."
- Shelbie L. Crowe of Mt. Sterling collaborated with faculty member Kim Nettleton. Her poster was titled, “Let There Be Light: Does Light Influence Transition Behavior?”
- Joanna M. Guerrant of Winchester worked with faculty member Dr. Gina Blunt Gonzalez. Her poster was titled, “Motor Development and Skill Acquisition in Elementary-aged Students.”

- Jordan Bach of Clearfield collaborated with faculty members Dr. Janet Ratliff and Dr. Steve Chen. His poster was titled, "MSU College Students' Perceptions and Concerns of Studying Abroad. "
- Mikinley G. Lustenberg of Corinth, and Cullen Lee Beard of Falmouth (Craft Academy students) worked with advisor Michelle Lustenberg. Their poster was titled, "Neptune's Farm: Research in Underwater Agriculture."
- Kaitlyn E. Dennis of Morehead collaborated with faculty member Denise Vulhop Watkins. Her poster was titled, "Research and Study of Fashion and Costume History Spanning from Ancient Egypt to Modern Day."
- Justin M. Elswick of Ashland worked with faculty member Dr. Lesia Lennex. His poster was titled, "Technology Use in Secondary Chemistry and Physics Classrooms in Kentucky."
- Merideth Jewell of Mt. Washington collaborated with faculty members Dr. Kenneth Henderson and Dr. Steve Chen. Her poster was titled, "Understanding Insights for Building Effective Marketing Strategies for Women's Volleyball."
- Daniel M. Rush of Lexington (Craft Academy) and Haley E. West of Paris worked with faculty member Dr. Thomas Pannuti. Their poster was titled, "An Analysis of Archival Observations Made of Galactic Supernova Remnants by the Chandra X-ray Observatory."

- Adda M. Coleman of Morehead worked with faculty member Dr. Christina Conroy. Her poster was titled, "Virtue Epistemology and Narration in 'Beowulf'."

Additional information about this event and opportunities for [undergraduate research](#) at MSU is available by calling 606-783-2010.

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lgm0O26HZ90>

March 30, 2017

Senior Art Exhibition Scheduled April 5-14

The main gallery of Morehead State University's Claypool-Young Art Building will present "Bloom: 2017 Annual MSU Senior Juried Art and Design Exhibition," April 5-14.

The annual show is an opportunity for [MSU Department of Art and Design](#) B.A. and B.F.A. students to exhibit as emerging artists in a professional setting. The exhibitions open with a reception featuring live music by The Woodsheep and complimentary refreshments on Wednesday, April 5, from 5-7 p.m., where awards including Best in Show, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd will be announced at 6 p.m.

The 29 participating artists include: Correy Adkins, Harold; Kristin Busby, Morehead; Kristin Coburn, Beattyville; Samantha Cochran, Pikeville; Waylan Coffey, Frenchburg; Adam Davis, Emerson; Ariana Doderer, Paintsville; Elizabeth Dotson, Louisville; Lauren Eastep, Paris; Daniel Edie, Augusta; Isaack Evans, Ashland; Brooke Farmer, Stanton; Robert Gaunce, Paris; Kristin Gunn, Stanton; Marilyn Holmes, Louisville;

Nicholas Hunt, Maysville; Michael Hutchinson, Salyersville; Dakota Johnson, Morehead; Cierra Landrum, Greenfield, Ohio; Elyssia Lowe, Grayson; Kristina Lowe, Louisville; Faith McNabb,

Cynthiana; Heather Milby, Greensburg; Stefany Moran, Winchester; Alison Nolen, Vanceburg; Josie Singleton, Mount Sterling; Joe Sloan, Morehead; Laekin Wessel, Ashland; and Steven Brent Wright, Pikeville.

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.

For more information about MSU's Department of Art and Design, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/art.

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March 31, 2017

Spurlock named finalist for Club Coach of the Year award

Morehead State University's Eric Spurlock, head bowling coach of MSU's collegiate bowling program and manager of MSU's Wilson Bowling Center, has been nominated for the Club Team Bowling Coaches Association 2017 Randy Widger Men's Club Coach of the Year award.

Other finalists include Shawn Wochner, UW Whitewater; Greg Hatzisavvas, William Paterson University; and Jeremy Fleck, Wright State University.

Voting by member coaches of the Club Teams Bowling Coaches Association is currently underway.

"It is an honor to be named a finalist, it's much more special this year. We have had to face several obstacles. The biggest for both the boys and myself was them getting used to me as well as my transition from coaching the women's team to the men's team. This team of young men are very special to me." said Spurlock. "Coach Widger was an outstanding coach and to be recognized by the CTCA for an award named for him is very special to me."

All four finalists will be recognized with a plaque and the recipient of the Randy Widger Men's Club Coach of the Year Award will be

announced on April 8 during the opening ceremonies of the Collegiate Club Championships.

The opening ceremonies will also be streamed live on Bowlstream.TV, the official live stream company of the Collegiate Club Championships.

The Randy Widger Men's Club Coach of the Year award is named after former Western Illinois University coach, Randy Widger. There are very few coaches who can say that they have won a national title in their first appearance at the Intercollegiate Team Championships, but Widger is one of those few. In fact, he led his men's team to three national championships in his first four years of coaching (1999, 2001 and 2002).

During his 10 year stay at WIU, Widger coached five All American's including; Pete Albanese, Clay Herrbach, Shane Keefauver, Derek Sapp and Jeremy Sonnenfeld. Clay, Derek and Jeremy all spent time on Jr/Team USA.

According to CTCA, Spurlock was nominated due to his commitment to recruiting, building, coaching and giving so much of your time to your program.

Morehead State men's squad advanced to the Intercollegiate Team Championships, to be held April 19-22 at Raising Cane's River Center in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. MSU finished second in the Sectional Qualifier held in Addison, Illinois.

Members of the team are: Jacob Yazell, Lexington senior; Kevin Hindman, Sarver, Pennsylvania, senior; Mark Curtis Jr., Torrance, California, junior; Michael McCubbins, Louisville junior; Mitchell Hehn, Cincinnati sophomore; Tiler Levesque, Acushnet, Massachusetts, freshman; Cole Meredith, Beavercreek, Ohio, freshman; and Troy White, Carolina Beach, North Carolina, freshman.

Additional information is available by contacting Spurlock at 606-776-3457.

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March 14, 2017

Star Theater releases March Program Schedule

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

The programs will start Friday, March 17, with "Forces of Nature" at 6 p.m., followed by "Laser Magic" at 7 p.m. and "Laser X" at 8 p.m.

Programs will continue on Saturday, March 18, with afternoon showings of "The Nature of Science and Night Sky Tour" at 1 p.m., "Earth, Moon and Sun" at 2 p.m., and "Forces of Nature" at 3 p.m. Programs continue with laser shows on Saturday evening at 7 p.m. with "Laser Magic", and at 8 p.m. "Laser Spirit."

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 people 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 the Star Theater's website at www.moreheadstate.edu/startheater.

March 7, 2017

TLC accepting nominations for McBride tutoring award

Morehead State University's Tutoring and Learning Center (TLC) is accepting nominations for the Molly McBride Tutoring Excellence Award.

"This award is named after Molly McBride, an exemplary tutor who was killed in a car accident four years ago," said Alvin Madden-Grider, learning strategies coordinator. "Molly helped many of our students succeed and continue their educations. This award honors her skillful work and her commitment to excellence, and it is a great way to carry forward the work Molly did."

Nominations will be accepted through April 1. The winner will be named and recognized at the Wednesday, April 26, Celebration of Student Scholarship.

MSU students, staff and faculty are welcome to nominate TLC tutors who have demonstrated the highest level of excellence in tutoring skill and caring for MSU students.

Nomination forms are available at the TLC in the Camden-Carroll Library and TLC in 220 Allie Young. Completed nomination forms can be submitted at either TLC location or 215 Allie Young.

Additional information is available by contacting Madden-Grider at 606-783-5181 or email a.madden@moreheadstate.edu.

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March 29, 2017

Traffic update - Second Street closed Thursday and Friday

The Office of Facilities Management has announced that Second Street will be closed from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, March 30, and Friday, March 31.

This will allow Monarch Construction to complete underground lines for a grease trap that will serve the new dining facilities in the Adron Doran University Center.

For up-to-date information on traffic and project updates visit www.moreheadstate.edu/facilities or follow Facilities on Facebook and Twitter.

March 9, 2017

USAF Band to perform March 16

The United State Air Force Band of Mid-America will present a free concert Thursday, March 16, at 7 p.m. in Button Auditorium.

The United States Air Force Band of Mid-America Concert Band represents the professionalism and excellence found every day throughout the Air Force. This diverse, 45-piece ensemble's repertoire ranges from symphonic band masterworks, to traditional marches, to modern compositions, to pops and jazz. During a concert, you are likely to hear stirring works from contemporary composers as well as the familiar sounds of John Philip Sousa or Major Glenn Miller. The band also features talented vocal soloists, performing a wide variety of popular, classical, and patriotic selections.

This ensemble primarily performs free civic outreach and recruiting concerts for audiences throughout the Midwest, playing more than 100 engagements each year. In its broader travels, the band has performed in New York City, Philadelphia, Seattle, the Gulf Coast, Germany, the Netherlands, Costa Rica, Barbados, Grenada, Guatemala, Venezuela, Bolivia, and the Azores. Each year, band members perform live before hundreds of thousands of people, and for millions more on television and radio broadcasts.

The Concert Band is often called upon to provide musical support for visiting dignitaries, and has had the distinction of performing for Pope John Paul II, Presidents George W. Bush, William J. Clinton, George H.W. Bush, and Jimmy Carter, the Queen of the Netherlands, and hundreds of other US and foreign leaders. In November 2004, the ensemble traveled to Little Rock, Arkansas to support the nationally televised grand opening of the William J. Clinton Presidential Library. The band has also backed many notable guest artists such as Bob Hope, Wilford Brimley, Jamie Farr and the U.S.O. Girls.

Whether performing for a head of state, before a capacity crowd in our 10-state touring area, or for our troops at home or abroad, the Concert Band reflects the heritage and pride of our great nation and the United States Air Force.

Members from the Morehead State and Rowan County Senior High bands will perform with the group for one selection.