

May 2017

May 30, 2017

## "STITCH: Contemporary Textile Art from Kentucky and Surrounding States" exhibit opens June 5



The main gallery of Morehead State University's Claypool-Young Art Building will host "STITCH: Contemporary Textile Art from Kentucky and Surrounding States" June 5 through Aug. 30.

The exhibition features two and three dimensional textile artworks, involving a wide range of media and techniques such as sculpture, quilting, digital imagery, felting, embroidery, tapestry, weaving, painting, and papermaking.

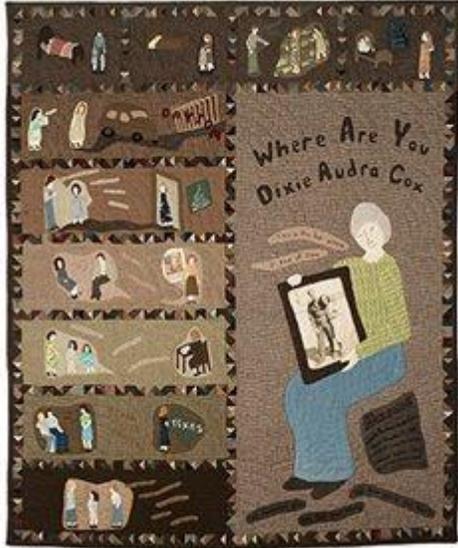
A closing reception will be held Wednesday, Aug. 30, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the gallery with refreshments and live music, along with a juror's talk.

The exhibition was juried by Nick DeFord, who is an artist, educator and arts administrator from Knoxville, Tennessee. He received his MFA degree from Arizona



State University, and a MS and BFA degrees from the University of Tennessee. He exhibits nationally, with recent exhibitions at the Coastal Carolina University, Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, University of Mississippi, Lindenwood University and William King Museum in Virginia. He has had artwork or writing published in Surface Design Journal, Elephant Magazine, Hayden Ferry Review, and Willow Springs. He has presented recent lectures at Eastern Carolina University and the University of Louisville. Currently, he is the program director at Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts in Tennessee, and works on his fiber art practice from his home studio.

DeFord selected 40 out of a submitted 190 pieces for the exhibition. He selected the following works for awards:



### **BEST IN SHOW:**

- Miriam Omura, William, 2014, Weaving: tencel painted warp and weft, f-dyes, 13 x 13"

### **MERIT AWARDS:**

- Betty Ison, Missing Dixie, 2016, Quilt, 75 x 63"
- Susan Lenz, I Am My Own Worst Enemy, 2015, Fiber, 7 x 18 x 7"
- Jennifer Boe, Chili Cheese Dog, 2016, Embroidery on linen, 6 x 11"

Participating artists include: Philis Alvic, Lexington; Jennifer Boe, Kansas City, Missouri; Jinni Copp, Bloomington, Tennessee; Jennifer Crenshaw, Athens, Georgia; Kerri Cushman, Farmville, Virginia; Sara Drower, Wilmette, Illinois; Connor Dyer, Champaign, Illinois; Renee Ferrell-Dillard, Makanda, Illinois; Alysia Fischer, Weaverville, North Carolina; David Gabbard,

Atlanta; Charles Gandy, Clayton, Georgia; Laura Gaskin, Fairview, North Carolina;



Helen Geglio, South Bend, Indiana; Betty Hilton-Nash, Asheville, North Carolina; Betty Ison, Morehead; Jess Jones, Decatur, Georgia; Susan Lenz, Columbia, South Carolina; Erin Miller, Ypsilanti, Michigan; Miriam Omura, Birmingham, Alabama; Herb Rieth, Oak Ridge, Tennessee; Luanne Rimel, St. Louis, Missouri; Priscilla Roggen Kamp, Alliance, Ohio; Abigail Schnure, Kent, Ohio; Jenny Stopher, Charlestown, Indiana; Billie Theide, Champaign, Illinois; Tonya Vance, Lexington; Beverly Walker, Winchester; and Rena Wood, St. Louis, Missouri.



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 3 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. Due to limited summer staffing, call the art office at 606-783-2766 prior to your visit to insure it will be open.

Additional information is available by contacting Jennifer Reis, gallery director, at 606-783-5446 or [j.reis@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:j.reis@moreheadstate.edu).

*Photos: Pictured above, top to bottom, are:*

- *Betty Hilton-Nash, A Butterfly Garden, A Homage to Dom Robert, 2014, Tapestry, 40 x 40 x 1"*
- *Luanne Rimel, Scaffold Curtain 2, 2017, Textile, 18 x 18"*
- *Betty Ison, Missing Dixie, 2016, Quilt, 75 x 63"*
- *Susan Lenz, I Am My Own Worst Enemy, 2015, Fiber, 7 x 18 x 7"*
- *Jennifer Boe, Chili Cheese Dog, 2016, Embroidery on linen, 6 x 11"*

May 1, 2017

# 'Nashville Nights' Spring Gala 2017 recap

Morehead State University held its annual Spring Gala on Saturday, April 29, with this year's theme "Nashville Nights" at the Derrickson Agricultural Complex.

Nearly 500 guests joined Dr. and Mrs. Wayne D. Andrews for a spectacular show that paid tribute to some of the legends of country music. The 2017 Spring Gala featured special guest performer Jill Andrews, Nashville singer-songwriter and daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Andrews.

Students and faculty from [MSU's School of Music, Theatre and Dance](#), and the [Kentucky Center for Traditional Music](#) provided additional entertainment.

The proceeds from this event, which raises approximately \$100,000 annually, provide educational opportunities for MSU students.

Additional information is available by calling [Office of Alumni Relations and Development](#) at 606-783-2033 or 1-877-783-ALUM.

[Photo Gallery](#)

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May 9, 2017

## Board of Regents to hold work session

The Morehead State Board of Regents will hold a work session on Thursday, May 11 at 9 a.m. at the Center for Health, Education and Research (CHER.)

Among the items to be discussed are the 2018-2024 six-year capital plan, the strategic enrollment management plan and the 2017-2018 operating budget.

The Audit Committee will hold a meeting at 8 a.m. at CHER.

The audit committee will approve the appointment of an auditing firm, approve the minimum scope of the fiscal year 2017 audit and report the status of internal audits.

May 25, 2017

## Bodurek wins Gallaher Memorial Music Performance Competition

Alyssa Bodurek of Florence won the 30th annual A. Frank and Bethel C. Gallaher Memorial Music Performance Competition at Morehead State University.

The award, presented each spring to a junior music major, includes a \$1,000 cash prize and the honor of performing at the Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Academic Honors and Awards Convocation.

A junior music education major, Bodurek studies clarinet with Dr. Lori Baruth, associate professor of music. Bodurek is a recipient of the W. Paul and Lucille Caudill Little Scholarship for Study of the Arts, and serves as vice president of MSU's National Association for Music Education. She was the 2016 Morehead State University Marching Band Field Commander, and a 2017 Kentucky Intercollegiate Band Participant. She also is a member of Symphony Band, Sapphire Winds Woodwind Quintet and the Clarinet Choir.

The Gallaher competition, endowed in 1987, was named for the late Ashland businessman A. Frank Gallaher and his wife, who were the parents of Dr. Christopher Gallaher, former chair of MSU's Department of Music.

The Gallaher family made their living as business owners in Ashland. In the late 1940s they began with a drive-in restaurant, then started a market, the Ashland Food Fair, and later Gallaher's Pharmacy. Neither parent was a professional musician, but they shared a love for music and encouraged their children to explore music. As a result of this encouragement, two of three children became professional musicians. The third became active in the family business.

All full-time junior level music majors, with at least a 2.75 grade point average, may compete for the Gallaher Scholarship. To participate, a student must perform from memory a work that is eight to 10 minutes in length. Preliminary auditions are held in December with the final competition in April.

Contributions to the A. Frank and Bethel C. Gallaher Memorial Music Performance Competition may be made through the [MSU Foundation Inc.](#), by calling 606-783-2033.

Additional information on the competition is available by calling the [School of Music, Theatre and Dance](#) at 606-783-2473.

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May 26, 2017

## 'Bruce New: The Night Is Only a Dream' to open June 2 at KFAC

Morehead State University's Kentucky Folk Art Center (KFAC) has announced its upcoming exhibition, "Bruce New: The Night Is Only a Dream." The opening reception will be held Friday, June 2, from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m.

The exhibition presents more than 60 of the Somerset artists collages, drawings and paintings.

New was born in 1970 and raised in Somerset, about a 90-minute drive south of Lexington. After many years in Richmond, he recently moved back to his hometown.

In an interview from the winter 2013-2014 issue of Raw Vision, the artist describes his childhood as "a typical middle class upbringing, with the adults working hard to provide everything we needed and a lot of what we wanted." From an early age, New was interested in art, taking comic books and the work of an artist uncle as his introduction and inspiration.

He quit high school during his senior year to take a job working construction. He remained in that field until the age of 27. Then, while building a motel in Houston, Texas, he fell on scaffolding and severely injured his leg. During his recuperation, New decided to pursue his artistic interests with vigor. His wife, Robin,

to whom he was married in 1996, is an art teacher in a local school system, and she was highly supportive of his efforts.

New has been working as an artist ever since. During the past several years, his work has been presented in dozens of exhibitions across the world in locales as varied as New York, Tokyo, Houston, Chicago, Santa Fe and Morehead.

“Bruce New has secured his place amongst a new generation of self-taught artists who may well render the division between folk and fine art as obsolete,” said Matt Collinsworth, KFAC director.

“Bruce New is a self-taught artist, but he’s also simply a great artist, period. His work challenges our understanding of what self-taught art is, and it should leave us terribly excited about what it can become.”

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

Additional information is available by calling 606-783-2204 or by visiting the [KFAC website](#).

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## Build-A-Bed Project distributes 256 beds

The MSUCorps AmeriCorps program and its partners participated in the seventh annual Morehead Build-A-Bed Project held at the Morehead Peddler's Mall.

The mission is to provide beds to children who are living in homes with not enough beds or none at all.

A total of 256 beds were built, distributed and provided to families who applied to the Morehead Build-A-Bed Program.

The goal is to give beds to children PK-12, who are forced to sleep on floors, couches, or in beds with multiple other children or family members. This project has provided more than 1,000 beds to children in Eastern Kentucky since it began in 2010.

Each child received a brand new bed and mattress along with a bedtime bag containing sheets, pillow, blanket, stuffed animal, book, alarm clock or nightlight and a hygiene kit.

The project accepts 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.

“This is a very important project that provides a much needed resource to children in our region. We help families who are devastated by housefires, tornados, floods, and families that cannot provide beds for their children due to difficult financial or personal circumstances. The joy we get to see on the faces of the children when they pick up their brand new bed is priceless,” said Mary Claire Williams, program director.”

“We will never know the true impact this project has on these children, but we know that research shows the importance of a good night’s sleep to overall well-being and school performance. We appreciate all of our volunteers, partners, and sponsors. This project would not be possible with the help of communities all over eastern Kentucky and our sponsors.”

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

Details about how to help MSU Build-A-Bed project can be found at the website: [www.moreheadstate.edu/buildabed](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/buildabed).

Additional information is available by contacting Williams at 606-783-2719 or email [mc.williams@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:mc.williams@moreheadstate.edu).

## Photo Gallery

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## Career Services hosts etiquette dinner

Morehead State University Career Services hosted its seventh annual, etiquette networking dinner for students at the Center for Health Education and Research building (CHER).

Alltech Inc., Appalachian School of Law, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Farm Credit Mid-America and Verizon Cellular Sales sponsored the dinner.

A total of 48 students took advantage of this opportunity. The evening began with employers mingling with students as tips were shared by MSU's Career Services director, Julia Hawkins, to prepare students to be successful networkers. The recruiters volunteering their time to network alongside of the sponsors included Foresters Financial Services, KVC Behavioral Healthcare and the Lexington Police Department.

During the etiquette networking dinner, Terri Thompson, Etiquette Institute graduate, served as the guest speaker guiding participants in the proper way to navigate courses of food, handle napkins and tableware, as well as how to excuse oneself from the table.

"Etiquette is about helping students develop professional poise, confident communication skills, and personal polish," said

Thompson. "Practicing the three bedrock principles of etiquette...kindness, consideration and honesty is always the right thing to do and will help any student's success."

"I really enjoyed the tips that the speaker shared and I thought it was a great opportunity to network," said Tiffany Parker, a psychology major.

"Everything turned out wonderful. I thoroughly enjoyed Ms. Thompson and her teaching of dining etiquette. I would highly recommend students participate in the etiquette dinners in the future," said Macy Jo Henson, a strategic communications major and event planning intern of MSU Career Services.

According to national surveys of employers (NACE Job Outlook), employers prize skills including: leadership, teamwork and communication skills. Employers who recruit at MSU also want those skills, but are more specific saying that students should be able to introduce themselves, learn to wear professional business attire, and practice basic etiquette.

"We listen to what employers say and try to build career events to help our students prepare for the world of work," said Hawkins. "I am pleased with the increased attendance at the dinner."

For more information contact the [Career Services](#) office at 606-783-2233 or e-mail at [careerservices@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:careerservices@moreheadstate.edu).

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May 1, 2017

## Celebration of Student Scholarship observed

Morehead State University hosted its 12th Annual Celebration of Student Scholarship on Wednesday, April 26. Once again, the event spotlighted MSU as a premier destination for all who desire the world-class education that is catalyzed by the dedicated mentorship of a world-class faculty.

“I firmly believe that the faculty who mentor students in research and other creative activities provide the stimulus that challenges imaginative minds in new and innovative ways that would be impossible within the confines of the conventional classroom,” said MSU President Wayne D. Andrews.

The 2017 Celebration featured 162 presentations (67 oral and 95 posters) highlighting the exceptional efforts of 234 undergraduate and graduate student authors and their 79 faculty mentors. Awards were made for presentations of Merit and Exceptional Merit, as recommended by a panel of 86 faculty, staff and guest judges.

Although most awards at the Celebration are decided by faculty/staff/guest judges in accordance with an official judging rubric, the Peoples' Choice Awards for oral presentations and posters are chosen by the vote of all participants (students,

faculty, staff and visitors) on the basis of perceived scholarly impact and overall quality of presentation. Those two awards and those presentations receiving awards of Exceptional Merit for both oral presentation and poster in each college and for the Graduate School received a \$150 cash award to be shared by the student presenters.

Awards for the 12th Annual Celebration of Student Scholarship were as follows:

## **Peoples' Choice**

### **Oral Presentations**

- Virtual commissioning for Industrial Automation: Saihiranmitra Mudiki. Mentor - Dr. Jorge Alberto Ortega-Moody, School of Engineering and Information Systems.

### **Poster Presentations**

- Interprofessional collaboration to prevent hospital-acquired pneumonia: Jessica Cooper, Megan Mustard, Amber Manning, Morgan Miller and Haleigh Pike. Mentor - Suzi White, Department of Nursing

## **Graduate School**

### **Oral Presentations**

- Merit: Why can't we retain principals and teachers in our schools?: Crystal A. Fultz and Brandon E. Richards. Mentor - Dr. Michael Kessinger, Department of Foundational and Graduate Studies
- Exceptional Merit: The design and implementation of a peer mentoring program for international students at Morehead State University: Donell C. Murray. Mentor - Dr. Jeannie Justice, Department of Foundational and Graduate Studies

### **Poster Presentations**

- Merit: Performance analysis of stand-alone hybrid energy systems in Rowan County KY: Oluwafemi Oyeniran and Saihiranmitra Mudiki. Mentors – Dr. Hans Chapman and Dr. Nilesh Joshi, School of Engineering and Information Systems.
- Exceptional Merit: Pilot Study: Effects of Mandala Coloring on Long-Term Stress Reduction: Hunter R. Gatewood, Isabella R. Gearhart, Vanessa L. Tirabassi, Brittney A. Monn and Mary J. Blanton. Mentor - Dr. Todd Smith, Department of Psychology.

## **Caudill College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences**

### **Oral Presentations**

## Merit:

- Evaluating impact: Determining the best mechanism for serving our region's legal needs: Katherine L. Griffiths and Gregory A. Bryan. Mentor - Professor Kelly Collinsworth, Department of History, Philosophy, Politics, International Studies and Legal Studies.
- Perspectives on guided improvisation: Gloria Yehilevsky. Mentor - Dr. Brian S. Mason, School of Music, Theatre and Dance.
- Factors of Europeanization and Westernization in Turkey in the Twentieth Century: Jonathan Dean. Mentor - Dr. Alana Scott, Department of History, Philosophy, Politics, International Studies and Legal Studies.

## Exceptional Merit:

- Encyclopedias: a beginning guide to oboe reed making: Timothy Blake Johnson. Mentor - Dr. Thomas Pappas, School of Music, Theatre and Dance.

## **Poster Presentations**

### Merit:

- A Lifetime of Healthy Living: Increasing Awareness of Healthy Lifestyles at the Haldeman Community Center: Kyle

Smith. Mentor – Dr. Joy Gritton, Department of Art and Design.

- The effect of dog training on dog adoption: Natalie Young. Mentor – Dr. Philip Krummrich, Department of Communication, Media and Languages.
- The Olmsted Girl's Art Project: Marilyn Holmes. Mentor – Dr. Joy Gritton, Department of Art and Design.

Exceptional Merit:

- Encycloreeedia: a beginning guide to oboe reed making: Timothy Blake Johnson. Mentor – Dr. Thomas Pappas, School of Music, Theatre and Dance.

## **College of Business and Technology**

### **Oral Presentations**

Merit:

- An Automated Machine Vision Based Sorting System for Inspection of Industrial Fasteners: Cody Garcia. Mentor - Dr. Nilesh Joshi, School of Engineering and Information Systems.

Exceptional Merit:

- An inductive study of perceived susceptibility to unethical behavior: Sydney Gebka. Mentor - Dr. Johnathan K. Nelson, School of Business Administration.

## **Poster Presentations**

### Merit:

- Mechanical to electrical hydro-energy converter: Robert Rowlett and Lindsay Childs. Mentor – Dr. Hans Chapman, School of Engineering and Information Systems.
- Financial literacy project of eastern Kentucky: Kisha Burchett. Mentor – Dr. Michael Harford, School of Business Administration.

### Exceptional Merit:

- Photovoltaics in Eastern Kentucky: The feasibility study of abundant renewable energy resources: Adam Stanley. Mentor – Dr. Sanghyun Lee, School of Engineering and Information Systems.

## **College of Education**

### **Oral Presentations**

Exceptional Merit:

- The differences in memory between experts and novices: Jeremiah Halter. Mentor - Dr. David Long, Department of Middle Grades and Secondary Education.

## **Poster Presentations**

Merit:

- Seeing in Color: Does Colored Ink Increase Retention of the Names of Colors? Colby Creech, Sarah Eades, Lindsey Fugate, and Casey Hogg. Mentor - Dr. Daniel Grace, Department of Early Childhood, Elementary and Special Education.
- Accelerated education – Is it worth it? Nicholas Kessinger, Hunter Matthews, and Kaitlyn Wheeler. Mentor – Dr. Michael Kessinger, Department of Foundational and Graduate Studies in Education.

Exceptional Merit:

- Coloring the Lights Blue: Megan Messer. Mentor – Dr. Kimberly Nettleton, Department of Early Childhood, Elementary and Special Education.
- Preparing Practitioner/Scholars: A stakeholder-based evaluation of MSU's Doctorate in Educational Leadership:

Lauren Myre. Mentor – Dr. John Curry, Department of Foundational and Graduate Studies in Education.

## College of Science

### Oral Presentations

Merit:

- A preliminary macrolichen species inventory of the Eagle Lake watershed, Rowan County, Kentucky: Kendall B. McDonald. Mentor - Dr. Allen C. Risk, Department of Biology and Chemistry.
- Fourier analysis applied to driving behavior: Zoe M. Becerra. Mentors - Dr. Michael Dobranski, Dr. Gregory M. Corso, and Dr. Douglas Chatham, Department of Mathematics and Physics and Department of Psychology.
- Swift Observations of RX J0134.2-4258: Sierra Hauck. Mentor - Dr. Dirk Grupe, Department of Earth and Space Sciences.
- Investigating the relationship between KPREP math scores in 7th and 8th grade and math ACT scores in 11th grade: Lillian Shear. Mentor - Dr. Robert Boram, Department of Mathematics and Physics.

Exceptional Merit:

- A comparison of absorbed doses for incorrectly collimated repeat abdominal radiographs: Joshua Allen. Mentors - Dr. Ignacio Birriel and Anthony Dotson, Department of Mathematics and Physics.

## **Poster Presentations**

### Merit:

- Enhancing nurse to nurse communication: Kati Schuh, Celena Wagner, Nick Thompson, Hannah Chitkara, and Kiristan Dials. Mentor - Suzi White, Department of Nursing.
- How maternal childhood trauma is related to parenting sensitivity to infant emotional cues: Ashley Hamm and Madison Raymer. Mentor - Dr. Shari Kidwell, Department of Psychology.
- Preventing practice drift through appropriate patient identifiers: Shelby Doran, Justin Gasser, Sarah Hinson, Whitney Lewis, and Courtney Wiley. Mentor - Suzi White, Department of Nursing.
- A comparison of internet vs. textbook based learning in physics: Darren Brammel. Mentor – Dr. Robert Boram, Department of Mathematics and Physics.
- The use of eDNA to detect bacterial molecular markers in the Triplett Creek Watershed: Hannah Conley and Rachel

Brown. Mentor – Dr. Geoff Gearner, Department of Biology and Chemistry.

Exceptional Merit:

- Braille Band: A refreshable Braille wristwatch for the blind and visually impaired: Rachel Crum. Mentor – Dr. Duane Skaggs, Department of Mathematics and Physics.

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Visit the [Office of Undergraduate Research website](#) to learn more about research at MSU.

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May 11, 2017

# Craft Academy graduation set for Saturday, May 13



Morehead State

University's Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics will host its first graduation Saturday, May 13, at 5 p.m. in Button Auditorium.

A total of 55 students representing 33 counties from across the Commonwealth of Kentucky will be recognized at the ceremony.

The Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics opened in August 2015. Joseph and Kelly Craft of Lexington initially pledged \$4 million in support of the Academy, which was the single largest cash gift in the history of the University.

The Craft Academy offers unique, project-based STEM+X courses that enrich the educational experience and develop competencies in entrepreneurship and innovation, design and creativity, and civic and regional engagement.

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

Jeremy Webb of Louisa will be the student speaker. Webb is the son of R. and Brenda Webb and Molly and Jesse Meek. Prior to attending the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics, he was a student at Lawrence County High School.

Dr. Wayne D. Andrews, MSU president, Dr. Carol Christian, director, and Joseph Craft will speak during the event.

In the fall of 2017, students from the graduating class will attend 14 different colleges and universities across the United States, including 15 students who will enroll at MSU.

Additional information on the [Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics](#) is available by calling 606-783-9025.



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May 13, 2017

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A total of 55 students representing 33 counties from across the Commonwealth of Kentucky were recognized the ceremony.

[Photo Gallery >>](#)

"Today is a day of celebration for Craft Academy graduates and their families," said Dr. Wayne D. Andrews, MSU president. "This inaugural graduation for the class of the Craft Academy marks an exciting moment in Morehead State University's history. These young people are well prepared for the next steps in their preparation for leadership in STEM careers."

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"Joe and Kelly's commitment to providing unique educational opportunities to academically gifted and talented students will provide lasting impact to Kentucky," said Dr. Andrews. "Craft Academy students will forever benefit from their legacy."

The Craft Academy offers a unique, project-based STEM+X courses that enriches the educational experiences and develop competencies in entrepreneurship and innovation, design and creativity, and civic and regional engagement.

Students live on campus in Grote-Thompson Hall, which was remodeled with meeting and social space and 24/7 staffing. Counselors and advisors also are available.

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

"We are very proud of this class," said Dr. Carol Christian, director of the Craft Academy. "It is an historic moment not only for Morehead State University for the state of Kentucky. The class has exceeded our expectations."

Jeremy Webb of Louisa was the student speaker. Webb is the son of R. and Brenda

Webb and Molly and Jesse Meek. Prior to attending the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics, he was a student at Lawrence County High School. Webb was a member of the Craft Ambassadors as well as captain of his Governor's Cup Academic Team. He also participated four years in The Kentucky Youth Assembly. His areas of interest at the Academy included chemistry, physics, astronomy and mathematics. Webb regularly tutored in chemistry and calculus.

"Kelly and I are very proud of what you have accomplished in your two years," said Joseph Craft, who gave the commencement address. "I want you (the Craft students) to be the best that you can be and with all your accomplishments during the two years and I happy with the results."

In the fall of 2017, students from the graduating class will attend 14 different colleges and universities across the United States, including 15 students who will enroll at MSU.

Additional information on the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics is available by calling 606-783-9025 or visiting [www.moreheadstate.edu/Craft-Academy](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/Craft-Academy).

#### **Members of the Craft Academy Class of 2017:**

Anderson County: Trulee Alizabeth Gilkison, daughter of Todd and Tammy Gilkison, from Anderson County High School. Plans to attend Morehead State University.

Bath County: Madison Marie Hammons, daughter of Jon and Karen Hammons, from Bath County High School. Plans to attend Morehead State University.

Boone County: Joshua Ryan Frommeyer, son of Chad and Michelle Frommeyer, from Conner High School. Plans to attend the University of Cincinnati.

Boone County: Carter James Codell, son of Steve and Tracy Codell, from Covington Latin School. Plans to attend Northeastern University.

Boone County: Samantha Lee Koehler, daughter of Ron and Roseanna Koehler from Ryle High School. Plans to attend the University of Kentucky.

Bourbon County: Isabel M. Torres, daughter of Jaime and Elizabeth Torres, from Bourbon County High School. Plans to attend the University of Kentucky.

Boyd County: Cassidy Selena Bailey, daughter of John Bailey and Lynn Nelson, from Boyd County High School. Plans to attend Morehead State University.

Crittenden County: Audrey Lee Smith, daughter of Christopher Smith from Crittenden County High School. Plans to attend Morehead State University.

Crittenden County: Kaitlyn Gayle Wheeler, daughter of Bill and Kory Wheeler, from Crittenden County High School. Plans to attend Western Kentucky University.

Daviess County: Allison Victoria Wright, granddaughter of Robert and Sharon Wright, from Daviess County High School. Plans to attend the University of Kentucky.

Elliott County: Joel Layton Brickey, son of David and Kim Brickey, from Elliott County High School. Plans to attend the University of Kentucky.

Elliott County: Tanner William Coleman, son of Jeff and Kathleen Coleman, from Elliott County High School. Plans to attend University of West Florida.

Estill County: Elizabeth Gayle Hereford, daughter of Marvin S. and Rebecca Hereford, from Hereford Home School. Plans to attend Morehead State University.

Fayette County: Griffin Thomas Smith, son of George and Jennifer Smith, from Lafayette High School. Plans to attend University of Alabama in Huntsville.

Fayette County: Daniel M. Rush, son of Gregory Rush and Elizabeth Rush, from Tates Creek High School. Plans to attend Morehead State University.

Gallatin County: Taylor Nicole Roland, daughter of Robin Roland and Stephanie Courtney-Roland, from Gallatin County High School. Plans to attend the University of Louisville.

Greenup County: Mark Will Casto, son of Mark and Greta Casto, from Russell Independent High School. Plans to attend the University of Kentucky.

Greenup County: Naail Tariq, son of Mubashar and Amina Tariq, from Russell Independent High School. Plans to attend Western Kentucky University.

Greenup County: Madeline Frances McCloud, daughter of Brian McCloud and Tonja McCloud, from Russell Independent High School. Plans to attend the University of Louisville.

Hardin County: Kiley Breanne Thomas, daughter of James and Cheryl Thomas, from Elizabethtown High School. Plans to attend the University of Alabama in Huntsville.

Harlan County: Jackson Boone Allison, son of Mike and Cindy Allison, from Harlan Independent High School. Plans to attend Milligan College.

Jackson County: Dexter Chappell Davidson, son of Kale and Cathay Kale Davidson, from Jackson County High School. Plans to attend Morehead State University.

Jefferson County: Isis Alexis Shackelford, daughter of Walter and Juanita Shackelford, from DuPont Manual High School. Plans to attend the University of Louisville.

Jefferson County: Madeline Kennedy Graham, daughter of Jeremy and Chelsea

Graham, from James Graham Brown School. Plans to attend Western Kentucky University.

Johnson County: Lauren K. Endicott, daughter of Michael and Emily Endicott, from Johnson Central High School. Plans to attend the University of Kentucky.

Johnson County: Rylea Jayde Salyer, daughter of Tracy Wireman and Scott Salyer, from Johnson Central High School. Plans to attend Western Kentucky University.

Johnson County: Wesley Dalton Slone, son of Virgil and Robin Slone, from Johnson Central High School. Plans to attend Morehead State University.

Kenton County: Madeline A. Jansen, daughter of Robin Jansen (Stephenson) and Kurt Jansen, from Dixie Heights High School. Plans to attend Western Kentucky University.

Kenton County: Mitchell Thomas Grothaus, son of Edward and Karen Grothaus, from Simon Kenton High School. Plans to attend Morehead State University.

Knox County: Emilee Denise Stamper, daughter of Wendy Stamper, from Corbin High School. Plans to attend Eastern Kentucky University.

Lawrence County: Nicholas M. Kessinger, son of Michael and Leah Kessinger, from Lawrence County High School. Plans to attend Morehead State University.

Lawrence County: Alan Lin, son of Saiyun Wu and Tong Lin, from Lawrence County High School. Plans to attend Virginia Tech.

Lawrence County: Jeremy Shane Webb, son of Jesse and Molly Meek and E.R. and Brenda Webb, from Lawrence County High School. Plans to attend the University of Kentucky.

Letcher County: Caleb Paul Fleming, son of Dennis and Donna Fleming, from Letcher County Central High School. Plans to attend the University of Kentucky.

Martin County: Colby Braxton Muncy, son of Ronnie Little and Rhonda Muncy-Little, from Sheldon Clark High School. Plans to attend Morehead State University.

Martin County: Carissa Carolann Sweeney, daughter of Claudine Sweeney, from Sheldon Clark High School. Plans to attend the University of Kentucky.

Mason County: Danielle Nicole Gibson, daughter of Dewey and Ruby Gibson, from Mason County High School. Plans to attend Morehead State University.

Mason County: Bryce Allen Hendrickson, son of Bob and Missy Hendrickson, from Mason County High School. Plans to attend Miami University.

Mason County: Braiden Alexandre Hickman-Lamarche, son of Mindy Hickman, from Mason County High School. Plans to attend the University of Kentucky.

Montgomery County: April M. Eling, daughter of Tim and Anne Eling and Julia Waller, from Montgomery County High School. Plans to attend the University of Louisville.

Montgomery County: Zebulon James Hart, son of Steven and Tamara Hart, from Montgomery County High School. Plans to attend the University of Kentucky.

Morgan County: Matthew Alexander Hylton, son of Freddie and Gretta Hylton, from Morgan County High School. Plans to attend Western Kentucky University.

Oldham County: William Davis Kueshner, son of Branden and Karen Kueshner, from North Oldham High School. Plans to attend the University of Kentucky.

Oldham County: Marcus A. Roup, son of Mark and Elizabeth Roup, from Oldham County High School. Plans to attend the University of Kentucky.

Oldham County: Sienna Lyn Shacklette, the daughter of Hope and Greg Shacklette, from Oldham County High School. Plans to attend the University of Louisville.

Pendleton County: Mikinley Grace Lustenberg, daughter of Jeffery and Michelle Lustenberg, from Pendleton County Memorial High School. Plans to attend Northern Kentucky University.

Perry County: Rebekah Brynn Vermillion, daughter of Kevin and Melissa Vermillion, from Hazard High School. Plans to attend Murray State University.

Perry County: Lindsey Cheyenne Eddington, daughter of Nena Eddington, from Perry County Central High School. Plans to attend Eastern Kentucky University.

Perry County: Tucker Cross Jett, son of Jonathan and Katrina Jett, from Perry County Central High School. Plans to attend the University of Louisville.

Pike County: Gregory Ethan Coleman, son of Gregory and Teresa Coleman, from Phelps High School. Plans to attend Morehead State University.

Scott County: Julianne Elizabeth Gillette, daughter of Angie and Mark Gillette, from Scott County High School. Plans to attend Eastern Kentucky University.

Shelby County: Hunter Cade Matthews, son of Clint and Dawn Matthews, from Shelby County High School. Plans to attend Morehead State University.

Wayne County: Benjamin Abbott Rose, son of Kevin and Cindy Rose, from Wayne County High School. Plans to attend Western Kentucky University.

Woodford County: Madison Rose Cissel, daughter of Kevin and Lisa Cissell, from Woodford County High School. Plans to attend the University of Kentucky.

Woodford County: Jordan Alexandria Crowe, daughter of Dixie Lowe, from Woodford County High School. Plans to attend Morehead State University.

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May 11, 2017

## EKSBDC to host 'The Small Town Merchant Program'

Morehead State University's East Kentucky Small Business Development Center (SBDC) in Pikeville will host "The Small Town Merchant Program," Monday, May 22, from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m.

The workshop will be held at the Big Sandy Area Development District at 110 Resource Court in Prestonsburg.

Retail and restaurant businesses are encouraged to join the Pikeville SBDC and National Retail Specialist Marc Wilson on May 22 to learn how their small business can grow and prosper.

"We believe small town retailers and restaurant businesses are the heart of our communities. Keeping them thriving is vital to our community," said Michelle Spriggs, SBDC management consultant. "We are excited to bring Marc to our community and have him share his 40 years of experience in the retail and restaurant business with our area small business owners."

The workshop is free for all participants, however, seating is limited and advance registration is required. A light lunch will be served during this event.

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

or national origin. Special arrangements will be made for those with disabilities if requested in advance.

Register at <https://kysbdc.ecenterdirect.com/events/8493>.

For additional information related to the Small Town Merchant Program, contact the Pikeville SBDC at 606-432-5848.or email at [m.spriggs@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:m.spriggs@moreheadstate.edu).

May 18, 2017

# ETM receives Software Donation from Intel Embedded University Program

Morehead State University's Dr. Jorge Ortega-Moody, assistant professor of engineering and technology management in the School of Engineering and Information Systems (SEIS) has facilitated the donation of 30 licenses of Quartus Prime Edition and 30 licenses of ModelSim-Intel® Edition Software through the Intel Field-Programmable Gate Array (FPGA) University Program.

The donation has a total value of \$179,700 and allows the department to access free updates for the next 10 years. This software will be used in Mechatronics classes such as Digital Electronics, Mechatronics, Microprocessors, Digital Signal Processing and Interfacing.

“By using this software technology in the classroom, ETM students will gain advanced technological experience during their studies that will serve them well after graduation,” said Dr. Ahmad Zargari, School of Engineering and Information Systems associate dean. “Graduates with this type of software training are highly-marketable candidates for contemporary technology jobs.”

The Intel® Embedded University Program increases the presence of Intel® architecture in classrooms and research labs worldwide.

The program supports universities in curriculum development, hardware, student contests and research. It also holds an annual research and education summit, giving professors opportunities to interact with peers, Intel® architects and engineers.

Additional information is available by contacting Ortega-Moody at 606-783-2410, email [j.ortegamoody@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:j.ortegamoody@moreheadstate.edu), or visit the [Department of Engineering and Technology Management's](#) website.

May 1, 2017

## Inscape Anniversary reception to be held May 4



Inscape, Morehead State

University's literary and visual art publication, will host a 60th anniversary reception Thursday, May 4, 6:30 p.m. in the Claypool-Young Art Gallery.

There will be readings, visual art and food.

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 is available  
at [www.moreheadstate.edu/inscape](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/inscape).

May 8, 2017

## Joseph and Kelly Craft to receive honorary degrees

Morehead State University will hold its 2017 Spring Commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 13, at the Academic-Athletic Center. Joseph and Kelly Craft of Lexington will be presented with Honorary of Doctor of Public Service degrees during the afternoon ceremony.

During the two programs, President Wayne D. Andrews will confer degrees on more than 1,200 graduate and undergraduate students.

The first commencement program will start at 10 a.m. Students in the College of Business and Technology and the College of Science will participate. The afternoon commencement program will begin at 2 p.m. for candidates from the College of Education and the Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

In 2014, the Crafts pledged \$4 million to establish Morehead State University's Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics, a dual-credit residential high school for academically exceptional Kentucky students. The contribution is the single largest cash gift in the history of the University. Since the initial gift, the Crafts have committed an additional \$2.8 million

to establish and fund summer programs for Craft Academy students, to enhance staffing and to improve the overall program.

A Hazard native, Joseph Craft is an entrepreneur, attorney and energy industry leader as well as a philanthropist. He has served as the president and chief executive officer of Alliance Resource Partners, L.P. since 1999. Craft received an undergraduate degree in accounting and a law degree from the University of Kentucky.

He also is a graduate of the Senior Executive Program of the Alfred P. Sloan School of Management at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Kelly 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 - a hallmark of the Bush Administration's foreign policy legacy.

She works in a variety of charitable endeavors and currently serves on the board of directors of the Salvation Army of Lexington and the board of trustees at the University of Kentucky.

The Craft Academy offers a unique, project-based STEM+X curriculum that enriches the educational experiences and

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

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

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

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Watch commencement live online  
at <http://ovcdigitalnetwork.com/watch/?Live=5579>.

May 11, 2017

## KET's Kentucky Life to feature students' work

Morehead State University students Rikki Jones Nelson, Michael Jones, Alex Caudill, Iva Conway, Michael Tucker, Xavier Adkins, Robert Adams, Nick Garrison and Noah Wessel, along with faculty member Jeffrey Hill, will have their work featured on an upcoming episode of KET's "Kentucky Life."

The students produced segments on MSU Sports Radio and Ashland's Garden Roller Rink which will air on Saturday, May 13, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, May 14, at 4 p.m. on KET and on Monday, May 15, at 7 p.m. on KET2.

First, in a nod to Mother's Day, the program takes a look at the important work of midwives. The show talks with Susan Stone, president of Frontier Nursing University, as well as several certified nurse midwives.

Then, Kentucky Life takes a trip to Ashland, where the Garden Roller Rink has the distinction of being one of the biggest skating rinks in the tri-state area. The program includes an interview with the rink's owner, Bill Perry, as well as children and moms who look to the rink as a source of fun, safe entertainment.

Nelson, Tucker, Adkins, Adams and Garrison were involved with the Roller Rink segment.

And finally on the program, the show features MSU's sports radio programming, which is a fixture in the Morehead community, covering both the town's high school and college athletic events. The program talks with Chuck Mraz about his work and its importance to Morehead's dedicated sports fans.

Caudill, Jones, Wessell and Conway were involved with the MSU sports segment.

In addition, host Doug Flynn talks with the MSU student producers involved in creating this segment.

Learn more about Kentucky's preeminent public media organization on Twitter [@KET](#), [Facebook](#) and at [KET.org](#).

May 19, 2017

## Martin named Distinguished Alumni Award winner

Wayne Martin was honored as the recipient of the 2017 Distinguished Alumni Award during Morehead State University's College of Business and Technology Banquet.

"I was thrilled when the faculty selected Wayne as this year's recipient," said Dr. Bob Albert, dean of the college. "He had an impressive career which makes him a most worthy recipient of this recognition. He is truly an outstanding role model for our students."

Martin, of Winchester, is a television consultant. Previously, he served as regional vice president for Gray Television Inc., president of Gray Kentucky Television Inc., which operates WKYT-TV in Lexington, WYMT-TV in Hazard, and WBKO-TV in Bowling Green, all in Kentucky, and president of WVLT-TV, Knoxville, Tennessee.

Martin began his career in broadcast television management at WYMT, where he was general sales manager and general manager.

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.

Additionally, Martin serves as the vice-chair of MSU's Board of Regents and recently chaired the presidential search committee resulting in the appointment of Dr. Jay Morgan as the university's 14<sup>th</sup> president.

Martin graduated with honors from MSU with a Bachelor of Arts in business, a Master of Arts in Education and Rank I Administrative Certification.

Additional information is available by contacting MSU's [College of Business and Technology](#) at 606-783-2174.

Pictured above, from left: Wayne Martin and Dr. Bob Albert, College of Business and Technology dean.

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May 23, 2017

# Memorial Day specials to air on MSPR

In recognition of Memorial Day 2017, Morehead State Public Radio will broadcast special programming.

Among the specials are:

- Sunday, May 28, 3 p.m. "Kentucky Writers Hall of Fame" - MSPR will present a program highlighting Kentucky writers. The Kentucky Writers Hall of Fame announced the 2017 Hall of Fame class at an induction ceremony at the Carnegie Center in Lexington. This is the fifth class to be inducted.
- Monday, May 29, 9 a.m. "Final Salute" - This Music and the Spoken Word Memorial Day special honors those who sacrificed their lives so that we might inherit a legacy of freedom and hope. Music for this program includes "A Tribute to the Armed Forces," "God Bless the U.S.A." and features guest artist Dallyn Vail Bayles.
- Monday, May 29, 10 a.m. "Front Lines: A Selected Shorts Memorial Day Special" - On Memorial Day, we honor soldiers who have given their lives in battle, and remember those who are still serving. On this program, we hear four works that look at the experience of war in different ways, from the real-life account of an officer to a futurist's fantasy.

- Monday, May 29, 11 a.m. “We Are Still Here! The Holocaust Through Music and Memory” – The Western Wind, the internationally acclaimed vocal sextet presents “We Are Still Here!”— An exploration of the Holocaust through music and memory. The narration incorporates survivor memories with music that depicts Jewish life in pre-war Europe, and songs that intimately depict the events and horrors of the Holocaust.
- Monday, May 29, noon. "Kentucky Writers Hall of Fame" (repeat) - MSPR will present an encore presentation of a program showcasing Kentucky writers.

[Morehead State Public Radio](#) broadcasts 24-hours a day from the campus of Morehead State University. MSPR serves more than 20 counties in Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia.

Additional information is available by calling MSPR at 800-286-9659 or 606-783-2001.

May 24, 2017

## MSETM graduate student presents thesis at Regal Beloit

Morehead State University's Department of Engineering and Technology Management graduate student Paula Sloas (17), of Dayton, Ohio, recently defended her thesis titled "Lean Process Improvement and Quality Analysis for Performance Rework" at Regal Beloit in Morehead.

She is a May 2017 graduate of the Engineering and Technology Management master's program.

In attendance from the Regal Beloit factory were Randy Norwood, plant manager; Randy Bumgardner, manufacturing engineering manager; Ernie Robinson, lean champion; and Caleb Grimes, quality engineer.

The thesis committee members in attendance were Dr. Hans Chapman, associate professor of engineering and technology management; Dr. Nilesh Joshi, associate professor of engineering and technology management and Dr. Ahmad Zargari, School of Engineering and Information Systems associate dean.

Sloas had the opportunity to work as an intern with Regal Beloit in Morehead. Regal management encouraged her to analyze the cost of performance rework to find ways of making processes more efficient.

Plant Manager Randy Norwood said, “Paula’s findings will help the management to enhance products quality and efficiency.”

“It is through activities such as Sloas presenting her thesis at the company where her work was performed that we are committed to strengthening our partnership with industries for student success and economic development of the region. The SEIS Advisory Board companies have also enhanced the co-operative education/internship opportunities which directly impact student/graduate career placement, career development and academic performance,” said Zargari.

Additional information on the [Engineering and Technology Management program](#) is available by calling 606-783-2418.

*Pictured above, from left: Dr. Nilesh Joshi, Dr. Hans Chapman, Paula Sloas, Dr. Ahmad Zargari, Randy Norwood, Caleb Grimes, Randy Bumgardner and Ernie Robinson.*

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May 3, 2017

## MSPR earns 11 Kentucky Associated Press Awards, Morrill named College Best of Show

Morehead State Public Radio (WMKY, 90.3FM) earned a total of 11 awards in the professional and college divisions Saturday at the annual Kentucky Associated Press Broadcasters (KAPB) awards in Lexington.

The awards were announced for both professional and college contests.

The KAPB awards competition is designed to recognize Kentucky AP members and staffers for outstanding performance in broadcast journalism. The competition is open to all AP members in Kentucky and those outside Kentucky with designated market areas that extend into Kentucky. To be eligible to enter, entries must be about news, features or sports that occurred solely in Kentucky. Entries must have been broadcast in calendar year 2016.

The KAPB college competition is designed to recognize Kentucky student broadcasters for outstanding performance in college

broadcast journalism. The contest is open to any college in Kentucky.

Twenty-five broadcast organizations and five Kentucky colleges and universities submitted 531 entries in the contest, which featured news, sports and weather reporting as well as feature, investigative, public interest reporting, photography, video and website categories.

The AP is a not-for-profit news cooperative representing 1,400 newspapers and 5,000 broadcast stations in the United States.

Morehead State Public Radio (WMKY, 90.3FM) earned a total of 11 awards in the professional and college divisions including four first place, four second place, two third place and College Best of Show.

### **Professional Radio Division**

- Best Long Public Affairs – Third Place: Dr. Wayne Andrews, Jason Blanton and Paul Hitchcock, Shaping Appalachia: MSU's Social Work Internship Program
- Best Sports Reporting – Second Place: Chuck Mraz
- Best Radio Anchor – Third Place: Dan Conti
- Best Long Newscast – Second Place: Dan Conti, Arlo Barnette and Samantha Morrill

## College Radio Division

- Best Feature Story – First Place: Samantha Morrill, "Einstein's Dreams: MSU Theatre Recognition"
- Best Feature Story – Second Place: Courtney Howell, "PAC Summer Arts Camp"
- Best Sports Coverage – First Place: Nathan Gutierrez, "Win the Day"
- Best News Story – First Place: Ashley Chapman, "Fentanyl-Laced Heroin"
- Best News Story – Second Place: Tanner Boyd, "Former President Bill Clinton at MSU"
- Best College Newscast – First Place: Samantha Morrill and Arlo Barnette, "Mountain Edition News"
- College Best of Show Radio: Samantha Morrill, Morehead State University

Serving more than 20 counties throughout eastern Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia, Morehead State Public Radio (WMKY) broadcasts at 90.3FM from the MSU campus.

Additional information can be found on MSPR's website at [www.wmky.org](http://www.wmky.org)

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*Pictured above, from left: Paul Hitchcock, Samantha Morrill, Nathan Gutierrez, Ashley Davidson and Courtney Howell.*

May 9, 2017

## MSU employees honored for service (2017)

Several Morehead State University employees were honored for attaining milestones in their years of service with the University.

MSU President Wayne D. Andrews congratulated each employee of the achievement at the annual Employee Appreciation Picnic on Thursday, May 4.

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Among those participating in the ceremony were, front row from left: Dr. Andrews, Fran Helphinstine, 50; Sharnetta Fritts, 5; Sharon Fraley, 15; Holly Niehoff, 5; Alicia Parker, 10; and Beaker.

Second row from left: Edward Staton, 20; Tammy Stone, 20; Stephen Crail, 5; Nathan Kiser, 5; Janet Cline, 10; Jennifer Shaw, 5; John Curry, 5; and Johnny Botts, 5.

Third row from left: John Mahaney, 30; Scott Johnson, 20; Bill Redwine, 35; Charlotte Combess, 5; Larry Albert, 30; Robert Boram, 25; and Keith Quinn 10.

May 8, 2017

## MSU police offer campus safety tips

With the ending 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 the MSUPD, people should 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," 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 any 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.
- Download for free and utilize the LiveSafe Mobile App from Apple iTunes or Google Play. The LiveSafe campus safety app enables a two-way communication system between students and campus officials.
- 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 and the summer, 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 the department's [Facebook](#) page.

May 24, 2017

## MSU to be closed Memorial Day

In observance of the Memorial Day holiday, Morehead State University will be closed Monday, May 29. There will be no classes or office hours and mail will not be delivered.

Offices will reopen at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, May 30.

May 31, 2017

## MSU to host INSIGHT program

INSIGHT, a postsecondary preparation program for high school students who are blind or visually impaired, will be held on the Morehead State University campus June 10-17.

In its 11<sup>th</sup> year, the program is a collaboration between MSU, the Kentucky Office for the Blind, the Kentucky School for the Blind, the Big East Educational Cooperative and the KSB Charitable Foundation.

The program is offered to students who have completed the 10th, 11th, or 12th grade and is designed to give them a real-world college experience, including living in a residence hall, attending academic classes and practicing orientation and mobility skills in a campus environment. Attendees also participate in organized recreational and social activities on campus and in the community.

Although a number of INSIGHT alums have gone on to enroll at MSU, what is learned through the program are highly-transferrable college skills that will support success at any postsecondary institution.

Additional information is available by contacting Evangeline Day, [Disability Services](#) coordinator, at 606-783-5188.

May 4, 2017

## MSU Teach receives \$1.2 million NSF grant

National Science Foundation's Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship program has awarded Morehead State University a \$1.2 million grant, which will provide 34 scholarships, up to \$10,000 for up to two years, for junior and senior MSU Teach students.

“Morehead State University has prepared teachers since its inception in 1880s. The Noyce Scholarship funding provides the opportunity for MSU to build on this tradition through our newly approved MSU Teach curriculum,” said Dr. Edna O. Schack, co-director of MSU Teach. “Noyce Scholars will benefit from this solid mathematics and science content integrated with effective teaching methods. As part of this rigorous curriculum, MSU Noyce Scholars will practice teaching in carefully planned clinical experiences with our partner districts.”

As a condition of the acceptance of the scholarship, MSU Noyce Scholars agree to serve as a STEM teacher in a high-need local educational agency for two years, for each full-year of a scholarship received, to be fulfilled within eight years after completing the program.

MSU will collaborate with Carter, Fleming, and Rowan County School Districts in Kentucky and the Bronx, New York New World High School.

The grant supports MSU's program "Preparing Secondary Teachers of Mathematics and Science in Rural Districts," aimed at recruiting undergraduate majors in biology, chemistry, earth science, mathematics or physics to prepare them to become secondary science and mathematics teachers. The project is designed to increase the number of undergraduate STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) majors becoming secondary STEM teachers in the high-need districts of rural Eastern Kentucky.

"The number of jobs available in STEM-related fields is skyrocketing, along with higher educational requirements to compete in those industries," said U.S. Rep. Harold "Hal" Rogers. "These scholarships will give MSU Teach students a competitive edge in the rapidly growing STEM fields. I applaud MSU for recognizing a critical need for college students in Eastern Kentucky and providing a pathway for success that will also benefit local high school students in our region."

Schack will be the principal investigator while Dr. Capp Yess and Dr. David Eisenhower will serve as co-principal investigators.

Applications for the scholarships will be available in Fall 2017. For further information about MSUTeach, visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/msuteach/](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/msuteach/).

Additional information is available by contacting Schack at 606-783-2501 or email at [e.schack@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:e.schack@moreheadstate.edu).

May 5, 2017

## Prince, Busby to be student speakers at Spring Commencement

Morehead State University will hold its 2017 Spring Commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 13, at the Academic-Athletic Center.

During the two programs, President Wayne D. Andrews will confer degrees on nearly 1,200 graduate and undergraduate students.

The first commencement program will start at 10 a.m. Students in the College of Business and Technology and College of Science will participate.

Jasmine Olivia Prince of Fairborn, Ohio, will be the morning student speaker. She is the daughter of Edward and Michelle Prince.

She is a candidate for a Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Science degree.

Prince has participated in the Undergraduate Research Fellowship program for three years under Dr. Kurt Gibbs in the Department of Biology and Chemistry. The lab where she works studies spinal cord injury and regeneration, using *xenopus laevis* frogs as model organisms.

She has maintained a 4.0 GPA, has been on the Dean's List every semester, and was honored as a Graduate Dean Scholar.

Prince is a member of Kappa Delta Sorority and has held several leadership positions within her chapter. She was involved in Girl Scouts workshops, highway cleanup and a 5K run to raise money and awareness for Prevent Child Abuse America. She has been a participant in Best Buddies, served on its leadership team, including serving as the chapter president for a year, and attended a leadership conference. She also has been a member of the leadership team for the Baptist Campus Ministries for three years, where she was involved in Morehead Gateway Helping Hands Food Bank and Outreach Center along with Christian Social Services.

Prince will attend University of Cincinnati College of Medicine in the fall to pursue an M.D.

The afternoon commencement program will start at 2 p.m. Candidates from the College of Education and Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences will participate.

Kristin Marie Busby of Morehead is this afternoon's student speaker. She is the daughter of Robert and Suzanne Busby of Morehead.

She is a candidate for a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree and a W. Paul and Lucille Caudill Little Scholar for the Arts.

As an Undergraduate Research Fellow in the Claypool-Young Art Gallery, Busby focused on cultural programming, campus arts leadership and advocacy, and social media marketing. She gained additional arts administration experience as a museum assistant with the Kentucky Folk Art Center, as the cultural and advocacy events coordinator for the Student Programming Board, and a visual arts intern with Sojourn Arts and Culture in Louisville.

During her time at MSU, Busby was named a Graduate Dean Scholar, honored as an Outstanding Student in Art and Design (2014, 2016, 2017), and received the Award of Exceptional Merit at the Celebration of Student Scholarship (2015, 2016).

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After graduation, Busby will intern with the Advancement Department in Special Events at the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York City. She plans to use her experiences in arts administration and entrepreneurship to establish a social enterprise in the future.

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Faculty marshals will be Dr. Frances L. Helphinstine, professor of English, and Dr. Dora Ahmadi, associate professor of mathematics.

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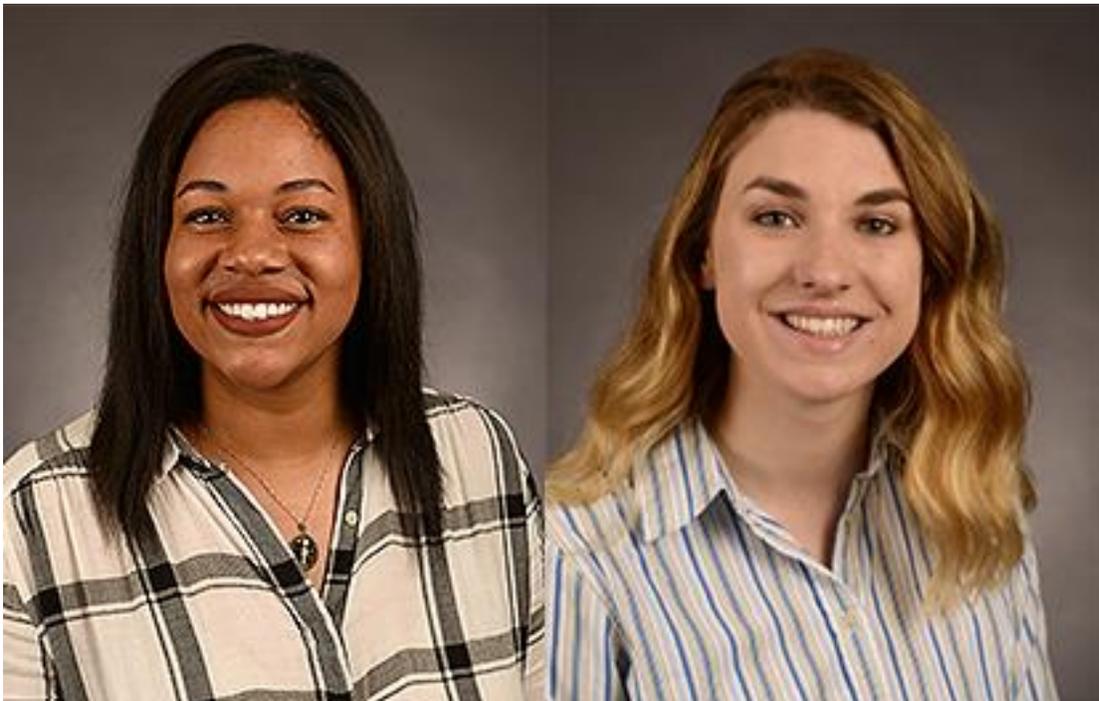
ROTC students will be commissioned as part of each program.

No large bags or backpacks will be permitted in the AAC during the ceremonies and commuter buses will run from the U.S. 60 lot to the AAC.

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

Watch commencement live online

at <http://ovcdigitalnetwork.com/watch/?Live=5579>.



*Pictured above, left to right, are Jasmine Prince and Kristin Busby.*

May 12, 2017

## Provost names new administrators

Morehead State University's Office of the Provost has announced that Dr. Laurie L. Couch, associate professor of psychology, has been named associate vice president for academic affairs, Dennis McKay has been named director of the MSU at Mt. Sterling campus and Deborah Ross has been named registrar.

Couch earned Ph.D. and M.A. degrees in experimental psychology from the University of Tennessee and a B.A. degree in psychology from Mississippi State University.

She worked as a teaching associate with the University of Tennessee, prior to being hired as an assistant professor at Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kansas.

Couch started her MSU career in 1997 as an assistant professor and has been an associate professor since 2002. From 2007 to 2011, she was interim chair for the Department of Psychology.

During her MSU career, she was the recipient of the 2008 Outstanding Mentor Award from the Kentucky Psychological Association, the 2009 Student Government Association Outstanding Faculty Award and was named to "Who's Who Among American University and College Professors."

Couch has been active in University service that includes: President's Performing Arts and Speakers Program Steering

Committee, chair; Institutional Review Board, chair; consultant to the Office of the Provost for Institutional Research and Assessment; Faculty Senator and Celebration of Student Scholarship Planning Committee.

McKay has been with MSU since 1988 and most recently served as director of the welcome center and graduate admissions.

As regional campus director, McKay will be responsible for providing leadership for all facets including budgeting, facilities management, scheduling undergraduate and graduate classes, recruiting and advising students, managing student services, managing distance learning (ITV), hosting recruiting and other special events, developing and supporting an advisory board, establishing and assessing strategic plans, marketing and raising funds.

McKay will serve as a liaison with KCTCS, public schools, businesses, public agencies and community organizations at the local, regional, state and federal level.

McKay obtained his Bachelor of Science, Master of Business Administration and Master of Arts degrees from Morehead State.

A Menifee County native, Ross graduated from Morehead State University with a Bachelor of Arts in English in 1989. She went on to complete a Master of Arts in English in 1991.

Ross began her career at MSU in 1991 as a provisional studies counselor. In addition to this position, during her time at MSU she has served as a student support services counselor and provisional studies coordinator. She also has taught as an adjunct professor for the Department of English.

In 2000, Ross became associate registrar within the Office of the Registrar. In February 2016, she was named interim registrar. She has been employed with the University for nearly 26 years.

Additional information is available by contacting the [Office of the Provost](#) at 606-783-2002.

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May 30, 2017

## Ray is recipient of David Cutts Scholarship

The Morehead State University Foundation has announced the establishment of the Dr. David Cutts Endowed Scholarship Fund. Ian Ray of Morehead was selected as the first recipient of the scholarship.

Ray is a 2014 graduate Rowan County Senior High School. He is the son of Mike Ray of Owingsville and Julie Granis-Carroll of Morehead. He is a double major in physics and math.

“It is an honor to receive the David Cutts Scholarship,” said Ray. “During his tenure at MSU, Dr. Cutts helped out many students and now he continues that through this scholarship.”

The scholarship namesake, Dr. David Cutts, was a professor at Morehead State University from 1968 until his retirement in 2001. He remains actively involved with the MSU Retirees Association and continues to reside in Morehead with his wife Betty.

“I loved my time at Morehead State and made many friends. We fell in love with MSU, the city and the community once we got here in 1968,” said Cutts. “My family wanted to help a student in their efforts of obtaining a college education. With the scholarship, I hope we accomplish just that.”

A scholarship recipient will be selected annually. Recipients must be full-time MSU junior or senior students who are STEM majors, with preference given to physics majors. Recipients must have a minimum grade-point-average of 3.0 or above and preference shall be given to female or minority students.

The scholarship is renewable if the recipient maintains a 3.0 grade-point-average.

To learn more about scholarships at MSU, visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/scholarships](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/scholarships).

Additional information is available by contacting [MSU's Enrollment Services](#) at 606-783-2000 or the [MSU Foundation, Inc.](#) at 606-783-2033.

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May 13, 2017

## Rites of Passage celebrated

Morehead State University's [Office of Student Activities, Inclusion and Leadership Development](#) sponsored its 33rd Rites of Passage recognition ceremony on Friday, May 12, in the Space Science Center.

The purpose of the ceremony is to recognize and celebrate the scholastic achievement of minority and international students at MSU. Each student received a certificate, a gift and a special kente stole.

Spring graduates who participated in the ceremony were:

Zainab Maryam Anwar, Morehead; Adarius Barnett, Bowling Green; Ronnye Beamon Jr., Calumet City, Illinois; Ivan Benitez, Conroe, Texas; Ty'Quan Rashaad Bitting, Winston-Salem, North Carolina; Sydney Symone Boyd, Owingsville; Danielle Nicole Burdette, Richmond; Alexander Callahan, Morehead; Erika Cordle, Ashland; Quinton Cottrell, Shelbyville; Jesus Daniel Carrerra Lopez, Valencia, Columbia; Tyler Dimarco Davis, Cincinnati; Deion Ashley Dornal, Cincinnati;

Kara Grace, Sandy Hook; Ebonique O'delain Griffin, Louisville; Christin Elizabeth Hardy, Detroit; Kaleigh Nicole Hobbs, Indianapolis; Marilyn Holmes, Louisville; Sarah Nicole Jackson, Flemingsburg; Caleb Martes' Johnson, Owingsville; Kelcie Johnson, Maysville; Lawrence Jones, Mechanicsville, Virginia; Jorian Johnson, Troy, Ohio; John McGee, Louisville; Brianna McQueen, Jonesboro, Marvin McKinney, Xenia, Ohio; Xavier Moon, Goodwater, Alabama; Georgia; Angelica Miracle, Greenbush, Michigan; Keri O'Neal, Dalton, Georgia;

Candace Payne, Shelbyville; C.J. Phillips, Louisville; Brianna Rice, Louisville; Michaela Smith, Union; Vonicquia Smith,

Louisville; Shayontae Spells, Salisbury, North Carolina; Justin Talbert, Lexington; Kayoncia Tate, Dyersburg, Tennessee; Armand Walker, Cincinnati; and Lexius Yarbrough, Louisville.

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

Additional information about the ceremony is available by calling Shannon Colvin, student leadership and advocacy coordinator, at 606-783-2071 or by email to [s.colvin@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:s.colvin@moreheadstate.edu).

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***Pictured above:*** First row, from left, Kelcie Johnson, Sydney Symone Boyd, Sarah Nicole Jackson, Danielle Nicole Burdette, Christin Elizabeth Hardy, Deion Ashley Dornal, Michaela Smith, Candace Payne, Kaleigh Nicole Hobbs, Ebonique O'delain Griffin and Lexius Yarbrough.

Second row, from left: Justin Talbert, Caleb Martes' Johnson, Marilyn Holmes, Angelica Miracle, Alexander Callahan, Brianna Rice, Tyler Dimarco Davis, Armand Walker, Ronnye Beamon Jr., Shayontae Spells, Kayoncia Tate and Keri O'Neal.

Third row, from left, John McGee, Brianna McQueen, Ivan Benitez, Zainab Maryam Anwar, Erika Cordle, Kara Grace, Vonicquia Smith, Jesus Daniel Carrerra Lopez, Ty'Quan Rashaad Bitting, Marvin McKinney, C.J. Phillips, Xavier Moon and Jorian Johnson.



May 5, 2017

## Rites of Passage slated for May 12

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The keynote speaker for the spring celebration will be Cory Clark, MSU's minority academic services coordinator.

In his current role since October 2015, Clark focuses on student development through training, program development and focused initiatives. He also directs the DREAMS program (Dedicated to Retention Education and Academic Success at Morehead State), a comprehensive academic support and retention program targeting students of color.

As one of the first in his family to attend college, Clark's passion for student affairs derives from his own personal undergraduate experience at Eastern Kentucky University. As an undergraduate student, he quickly developed into a student leader and in 2008

became the first African-American student to be crowned homecoming king in school history.

Clark received his bachelor's and master's degrees from ECU.

Throughout the state, Clark continues to serve as an advocate for issues of diversity, inclusion and equity in higher education as the current vice president of the Kentucky Association of Blacks in Higher Education (KABHE), an organization he has been involved in since 2009 as a student. He has dedicated his life to making a difference and changing lives through higher education.

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May 10, 2017

## Ross, Wooton named recipients of Thomas Raymond Curtis Memorial Scholarship

Morehead State University has announced that Destiny Cheyenne Ross and Kurstin Tai Wooton of Flat Gap are the 2017-18 recipients of the Thomas Raymond Curtis Memorial Scholarship.

Both will graduate from Johnson Central High School Friday, May 12.

Ross is the daughter of Jerry and Jessica Ross. She has been involved in the student council, 4-H, Future Health Professionals (HOSA), talent search, Robinson Scholars Program, Fellowship of Christian Athletes along with basketball, track and field, cross country and archery. She aspires to be a nurse educator.

Wooton is the daughter of Paul and Kimberly Wooton. Among her activities were serving as president of the Interact Club, being a yearbook leader and playing volleyball. She plans on becoming an elementary teacher.

Each year, at least one Curtis Scholarship is awarded to the JCHS graduating class. These scholars are awarded \$10,000 annually to be applied toward their studies at Morehead State University.

This scholarship is possible because of the generosity of Thomas R. Curtis. In 1997, Curtis, an unassuming teacher of 30 years from Flat Gap, decided to do an extraordinary thing. He chose to leave a lasting legacy for the education of Johnson County students. When he passed away, he left the largest bequest in the MSU Foundation's history, \$1.3 million, to fund the Thomas Raymond Curtis Memorial Scholarship.

Students from Johnson Central High School who plan to further their education at Morehead State University are eligible to apply for the award. Preference is given to students from Flat Gap who plan to pursue a degree in education. The award is renewable for three years if academic eligibility requirements are maintained.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting MSU's [Office of Development](#) at 606-783-2033.

*Pictured above from left: Kurstin Tai Wooton, scholarship winner, Jane Boggs, who represented the Curtis family, and Destiny Cheyenne Ross, scholarship winner.*

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May 16, 2017

## SBDC to host 'Small Town Merchant Program'

Morehead State University's Small Business Development Center (SBDC) will host the "Small Town Merchant Program," Tuesday, May 23.

The program will start at 10 a.m. at the Innovation Launchpad, 149 E. Main St.

Retail and restaurant businesses are encouraged to join National Retail Specialist Marc Wilson to learn how their small business can grow and prosper.

"We are so excited to bring this program to the state," said KSBDC State Director Becky Naugle. "Through this program we will be able to assist retailers and restaurant owners in rural communities and help them to build better businesses and, in turn, better local economies."

Following the STMP kickoff, MSU SBDC Director Mark Murphy will meet with attendees and other interested retailers and restaurants to offer additional business audits and continuing assistance in further refining their businesses.

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

Training programs, sponsored or co-sponsored by SBDC, are available to all individuals without regard to race, color, sex, creed or national origin. Special arrangements will be made for those with disabilities if requested in advance.

For additional information related to the Small Town Merchant Program, contact Deidrea Niece at 606-783-2895, by email at [dmniece@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:dmniece@moreheadstate.edu), or visit [www.ksbdc.org/STMP](http://www.ksbdc.org/STMP).

May 13, 2017

## Spring Commencement recognizes more than 1,200 degree candidates

Morehead State University honored more than 1,200 degree candidates at its two spring commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 13, at the Academic-Athletic Center.

[Photo Gallery >>](#)



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

The first commencement program honored students in the College of Business and Technology and the College of Science.

Jasmine Olivia Prince of Fairborn, Ohio, was the student speaker. She is the daughter of Edward and Michelle Prince. She received a Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences degree.

“We must realize that relying on our own strength alone is exhausting and unnecessary. What turns out to be the best strategy is relying on others and in turn, serving others. When we are serving others with the talents that we possess and allowing others to serve us where they are skilled, we accomplish more than would be possible by simply relying on our own efforts,” said Prince. “I believe Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said it best when he said, ‘Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?’ What we have to gain through service and compassion to others, holds much more than anything we could achieve on our own.”

Prince participated in the Undergraduate Research Fellowship program for three years under Dr. Kurt Gibbs in the Department of Biology and Chemistry. The lab where she worked studies spinal cord injury and regeneration, using *xenopus laevis* frogs as model organisms.

She maintained a 4.0 GPA, has been on the Dean's List every semester, and was honored as a Graduate Dean Scholar.

Prince is a member of Kappa Delta Sorority and has held several leadership positions within her chapter. She was involved in Girl Scouts Workshops, Highway Cleanup and a 5K run to raise money and awareness for Prevent Child Abuse America. She has been a participant in Best Buddies, served on its leadership team, including serving as the chapter president for a year, and attended a leadership conference. She also has been a member of the leadership team for the Baptist Campus Ministries for three years, where she was involved in Morehead Gateway Helping Hands Food Bank and Outreach Center along with Christian Social Services.

Prince will attend the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine in the fall to pursue an M.D.

Candidates from the College of Education and Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences participated in the afternoon ceremony.

Kristin Marie Busby of Morehead was the student speaker. She is

the daughter of Robert and Suzanne Busby of Morehead.

She received a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art degree and is a W. Paul and Lucille Caudill Little Scholar for the Arts.

“This ceremony is a testament of our ability to transition from one period of life to the next, and transition well. We all adapted from our high school selves and evolved into the individuals we are today. And since past performance is indicative of future capability, we can be assured that we are able to adapt again,” she told the crowd. “This is cause for us to celebrate. We have proven to ourselves and others that we are fully capable and competent graduates. The importance of this is especially true for those of us who may not have secure plans moving forward. To anyone who may be stressed and unsure about their next step, I want to assure you that uncertainty is not failure. Each of us has the propensity to excel, and we should remind ourselves of this often. Because we have done this - obtain a university education - we now know we can do this: learn as we age. There is no reason we should stop. We have evidence. We have experience. We can adapt, and learn, and transition.”

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May 11, 2017

## Star Theater announces May shows

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

The programs will start Friday, May 19, with "Totality" at 6 p.m. followed by "Laser Electropop" at 7 p.m. and "Laser Vinyl" at 8 p.m.

Programs will continue on Saturday, May 20, with afternoon showings of "One World, One Sky" at 1 p.m., "Totality" at 2 p.m., and "Cosmic Colors" at 3 p.m. Programs continue with laser shows on Saturday evening at 7 p.m. with "Laser U2" and at 8 p.m. "Laser Electrolaze."

Selected laser music shows can contain unedited language.

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

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

Additional information is available by calling the Space Science Center's [Star Theater](#) at 606-783-9593.

May 30, 2017

# Summer Arts Academy runs June 4-10



MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY

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SUMMER ARTS ACADEMY

Morehead State

University's [Summer Arts Academy](#) (SAA) will be on campus June 4-10.

This year's Academy will host nearly 60 students from Kentucky, Ohio, West Virginia and Indiana. Open to all incoming freshman through graduating seniors in high school, the Summer Arts Academy is a six-day residential arts camp.

The Academy exists to nurture students' development in the arts in a setting which allows interaction with expert faculty and the opportunity to work with other students who share specific

interests in music, theatre, art and design and creative writing. Recreational activities will include an “Art Hop” night, movie night, bowling night and Academy picnic. Other evening activities are scheduled in the SAA participant’s medium including performances and presentations by MSU Summer Art Academy faculty.

“We are excited to have the students on campus. What makes the Summer Arts Academy unique from other camps of this type is we initiated an individually-centered approach to ensuring the quality of instruction cannot be matched elsewhere. Our students will spend up to six hours a day with SAA faculty who are leaders in their field,” said Greg Wing, professor of music (trumpet) and academy director.

The Summer Arts Academy is partially funded through the [Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences](#) and the [School of Music, Theatre and Dance](#).

Students will have an opportunity to share in their mediums during the final Celebration Festival on Saturday, June 10, at 1 p.m. The performance is free and open to the public.

May 22, 2017

## Toy is recipient of Fryman Memorial Scholarship

The Morehead State University Foundation has announced Brooke Logan Toy of Owingsville is the recipient of the Katie Fryman Memorial Scholarship.

Toy graduated from Rowan County Senior High School. She is the daughter of Jamie Everman and Barney Toy.

She plans to major in elementary and special education at MSU with the goal of becoming a teacher.

“It is an honor to receive the Katie Fryman Memorial Scholarship,” said Toy. “Katie made a difference in my life. Her memory reminds me that I can overcome anything, just as she did.”

According to Toy, she hopes to change the lives of children by becoming an elementary special education teacher.

She was nominated for senior homecoming court and prom court and participated in the distinguished young woman scholarship pageant. A member of the volleyball team, she also is a member of her church youth group.

“Katie loved to help people. Katie also loved her school, because of that my family and I are honored to be able to help someone

and to keep Katie's spirit alive within the school,” said Ethan Fryman, Katie’s brother.

Fryman passed away in 2013.

The scholarship namesake was a student at Rowan County Senior High School, an avid supporter of the RCSHS basketball team, loved going to school and being with her special friends.

The recipient must be a full-time MSU incoming freshman, who is a RCSHS graduate and must have a 3.5 grade-point-average or higher.

Applicants should submit applications along with two letters of recommendation and a personal story of influence. The recommendations should include one from RCSHS faculty or staff and a member of the Morehead community. The personal influence should reflect on experiences of the applicant in relation to how someone has made a difference in their life. Scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$500 and may increase if additional funding is available. The recipient will be selected by a committee and is a one-time award (not renewable).

Additional information is available by contacting the RCSHS guidance counselor or [MSU’s Enrollment Services](#) at 606-783-2000.

*Pictured above from left are Brooke Logan Toy and Ethan*

*Fryman.*

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