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MSU named Bicycle Friendly Campus

The League of American Bicyclists has announced that Morehead State University is a Bicycle Friendly University.

MSU was designated a silver campus and was the only Kentucky university to be added to the list this year.

“As an institution that is focused on health living, sustainability, and green initiatives, becoming a Bicycle Friendly University is another step in the right direction for MSU,” said Holly Niehoff, sustainability and safety specialist.

“Morehead is a wonderful place for bike enthusiasts, especially mountain and road bikers who enjoy the hilly terrain and vast scenic trails, but also a great place for people who just want to take a leisurely ride around campus and our Kentucky Trail Town. I am happy that we are represented on the map as a Bike Friendly University and I hope that this will attract bike friendly students and visitors to our area and encourage more people to give up the car and enjoy a healthy activity that is good for our bodies and our planet.”

There are a total of 164 BFU’s across the country recognized for their work in providing opportunities for bicyclists.

“In its fifth year, we’ve seen the Bicycle Friendly University program’s momentum continue to grow and reach even more campuses across the country,” said Bill Nesper, programs director. “We applaud this round of BFUs for raising the standard and being innovative in making bicycling a safe, convenient and enjoyable option for students, staff, and visitors alike.”

Some of the efforts made at MSU include hosting the first Bike MSU Day, which included a beginner and advanced ride with President Wayne D. Andrews. The University also provides bicycle safety, laws, and an online campus map of bike rack locations on the Earthwise Eagle webpage. The Outdoor Adventures through the Recreation and Wellness Center provides bicycles and safety gear that students can rent for a day or weekend.

Other future projects include; a bicycle registration program, construction of the Eagle Walk pedestrian and bicycle friendly path through the heart of campus, adding bike sharrows to campus streets, installing a bike repair station so that students have a place to make minor repairs to their bicycles, continual bicycle education, and a formation of a student-led bicycle club.

A total of 51 new and renewing BFUs were announced for 2016. Prior to MSU’s

recognition, the University of Kentucky and University of Louisville were the only other Kentucky silver campuses designated.

To learn more about the program visit www.bikeleague.org/university.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Niehoff at 606-783-2584, emailing her at h.niehoff@moreheadstate.edu, or visiting www.moreheadstate.edu/earthwise.

December 10, 2016

[Fall Commencement highlights](#)

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.

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Maria Leeanne Kallas of Springboro, Ohio, was the student speaker.

Kallas is the oldest of three children and the daughter of John and Michelle Kallas.

She is a candidate for a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education and Special Education (Learning and Behavior Disorders) with a minor in Spanish.

“Henry Adams once said, ‘a teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops.’ Each one of my professors have not only impacted my life, but have indirectly impacted the lives of my students. As a student teacher, I have had the unique opportunity to be on both sides of the desk. I have been able to encourage a student and see him succeed, using tactics my professors used in the classroom with me: fostering a strong student-teacher relationship, investing in the student academically and personally, celebrating success, coming alongside one another to conquer challenges,” said Kallas.

“The relationships we have made here at Morehead with our professors and peers are to be celebrated, but the relationships we have with our loved ones are to be treasured. Remember those relationships in all of your future endeavors and choose to encourage and mentor someone else, as you have been. Clothe yourself in strength and dignity, speak with wisdom, open your arms to others, and choose to find joy by laughing at the days to come.”.

A participant in the Undergraduate Research Fellowship program, Kallas has designed research projects for MSU’s Celebration of Student Scholarship, Posters at the Capitol (Frankfort), Kentucky Association for Teacher Educators (Louisville), and the National Association of Professional Development Schools (Washington, D.C.) under the guidance of Dr. John H. Curry, associate professor of education, and Dr. April D. Miller, interim chair of the department of Early Childhood, Elementary and Special Education. During her time at MSU, she has maintained a cumulative grade-point-average of 3.917 and was named a Graduate Dean Scholar. Kallas was the recipient of the Award of Merit (2014 and 2016 Celebration of Student Scholarship), People’s Choice Award (2015 Celebration of Student Scholarship) and Award of Exceptional Merit (2016 Celebration of Student Scholarship). She has made the dean’s list every semester.

Kallas has a passion for serving God and people. She was a resident advisor and served as a mentor to many students. Kallas organized annual holiday card drives for soldiers and the first Nunn Hall Prom. As a leader in Cru, a campus ministry, she led the prayer team and international team. She also invested herself in local children's ministries during her time at MSU.

This fall, Kallas did her student teaching at Heritage Elementary and East Carter Middle School in Grayson. After graduation, she will begin teaching special education at Springboro Junior High School, the same junior high she attended as a student. She plans to pursue a graduate degree in teacher leadership and eventually school administration.

Maj. Gen. Stephen R. Hogan was presented with an Honorary Doctor of Public Service degree.

He was appointed as the 52nd Adjutant General of the Commonwealth of Kentucky in December 2015.

A native of Hebron, Maj. Gen. Hogan served as assistant adjutant general for the Kentucky Army National Guard. In that role, he was responsible for balancing the requirements of readiness, modernization, force structure and sustainment of the National Guard for mobilization and domestic missions. He oversaw specified units that provided wide ranging support to the National Guard's federal and state mission sets, as well as those units that provided specialized support to civil authorities.

Most recently, he led efforts to protect the dependents of service members as the chief executive officer of the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission. He developed the national commission's policies, procedures and support to highly mobile dependents of active duty military members, ensuring level treatment with respect to education issues.

Maj. Gen. Hogan was commissioned through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at Morehead State University in 1985. He earned a Master of Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College in 2008. In 2010 and 2013, he completed the U.S. Northern Command Joint Task Force Command Course and U.S. Northern Command Joint Dual Status Commander's Course.

For the commencement exercises, the grand marshal and mace bearer was Dr. Karen Taylor, associate professor of French, who received the 2016 Distinguished Teacher Award.

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

Student marshals were Megan M. Kincaid and Paula R. Sloas, Graduate Programs; Zoe

M. Becerra and Joseph C. Schneider, College of Science; Mark A. Curtis Jr. and Maggie I. Flanagan, College of Business and Technology; Sue E. Bostic, College of Education; Eliza G. Eaches and Albina Laskovtsov, Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

The MSU Jazz Vocal Ensemble sang the national anthem and led the alma mater while MSU's Black Gospel Ensemble, directed by Dr. Roosevelt Escalante, performed during the commencement program.

ROTC students were commissioned as part of the program.

Morehead State's spring semester begins Tuesday, Jan. 17.

Following the ceremony, the newest alumni were inducted into the MSU Alumni Association Inc. by its president, Jason Rainey.

Additional information on Fall Commencement exercises is available by calling 606-783-2008 or online at www.moreheadstate.edu/graduation.

Pics:

<https://www.moreheadstate.edu/MSU/media/News/graduationDec2016.png?ext=.png>

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December 9, 2016

[MSU launches experiment to ISS](#)

The Japanese Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) launched the HTV-6 automated resupply spacecraft for the International Space Station (ISS) atop their H-IIB rocket in December.

Liftoff from the Tanegashima Space Center occurred at 22:26:47 Japan Standard Time. HTV-6 contained supplies for the astronauts onboard ISS and several experiments to be installed on the orbiting station.

Among these space experiments is DM-7, developed by Morehead State University and Honeywell Space and Defense Technologies (Clearwater, Florida).

The experiment titled, "DM Payload Processor TRL7 Flight Validation Experiment" will be completed in one year and is slated to fly on the ISS in 2016. During the project the Honeywell-MSU team will build, test, and fly a small, light-weight, low-power, and low-cost, high performance, Dependable Multiprocessor Payload Processor on an ISS flight experiment. The Dependable Multiprocessor, referred to as DM, is a scalable, expandable parallel processor, essentially a miniature supercomputer, designed by Honeywell and the Space Science Center at Morehead State for small satellite applications.

The objective of the program is to develop a flight computer for small satellites that has 100x the processing capability of state-of-the-art radiation hardened processors for much lower cost and to allow space applications to keep pace with commercial development instead of being two or three generations behind terrestrial high performance processing. The idea for the experiment evolved from Honeywell and MSU's work on advanced computing systems for small satellite systems. The two organizations had teamed together on developing this technology for the U.S. Department of Defense and NASA.

DM is the brainchild of Dr. John R. Samson Jr. (formerly Honeywell Aerospace, Defense and Space now an MSU affiliate) who is serving as the principal investigator" on the ISS DM Flight Experiment.

MSU's research team includes Kevin Brown, the project lead; Dr. Ben Malphrus, Space Science Center executive director; Bob Kroll, space systems engineer; Dr. Charles Conner, research scientist; Michael Combs, telescope operations engineer; and Eric Thomas, star theater director.

Several students worked on the development of DM-7 including Jeremy Rice, senior space science major, and Michael Glaser-Garbrick, a student in the Master of Science in Space Systems Engineering program.

DM-7 will be installed on the Nanoracks External platform to validate its performance in

the space radiation environment. If successful, DM-7 could lead to low-cost, high performance, radiation-tolerant microprocessor systems for small spacecraft.

Additional information about the DM-7 mission is available by contacting Dr. Malphrus at 606-783-2381 or b.malphrus@moreheadstate.edu. Visit MSU's [Space Science Center](#) to learn more about MSU space research.

<https://www.moreheadstate.edu/getattachment/News/2016/December/MSU-launches-experiment-to-the-International-Space/smallsat.jpg.aspx?lang=en-US&width=1280&height=765&ext=.jpg>

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December 8, 2016

MSU named Silver Award recipient by Military Friendly



Morehead State University has been named a Silver-level Military Friendly School Award recipient in the category of Large Public School for 2017. Victory Media, originator of the family of Military Friendly employment, entrepreneurship and education resources for veterans and their families, published its special awards for 2017 Military Friendly Schools and Employers at militaryfriendly.com. For more than a decade, Military Friendly ratings have set the standard for companies and colleges demonstrating positive employment and education outcomes for veterans and their families.

New this year, Military Friendly Awards showcase the most powerful and effective programs of more than 200 companies and 1,200 post-secondary schools that were designated as "Military Friendly" in November. Of those designated, 154 employers and 541 schools have been recognized for excellence in different categories.

"All of our Military Friendly award recipients set the standard for excellence," said Daniel Nichols, chief product officer of Victory Media and head of Military Friendly development. "They offer exceptional examples of what it means not just to build a program that meets federal requirements, but one that serves the military and veteran community from classrooms to careers."

Earlier this year, MSU was named a "Military Friendly School" for the eighth straight year.

"We are pleased to be recognized as the campus community continues to build on MSU's tradition of providing the help veterans and their families need to transition from soldier to student and ultimately to college graduate," said David Litteral, MSU's director of military initiatives.

Companies and schools must have successfully completed a 2017 Military Friendly survey and been designated as a 2017 Military Military Friendly School or Employer to be considered for the Awards program.

The names of awardees are published online at militaryfriendly.com and will be printed in the December issue of G.I. Jobs or Guide to Military Friendly Schools. For a complete list of award winners, visit militaryfriendly.com.

Ways MSU assists military and veteran students include:

- Application fee waived
- Priority registration
- Credit for military training and service
- No academic penalty upon documented deployment
- Participation in the Yellow Ribbon Program
- Student Veteran Association
- MSU's Veterans Resource Center

Veterans, national guardsmen and reservists, and military families interested in learning more about MSU can get additional information by calling Litteral at 606-783-9267, emailing d.litteral@moreheadstate.edu or visiting www.moreheadstate.edu/veteran.

December 13, 2016

[MSU students shine at annual science conference](#)

The Kentucky Academy of Science held its 2016 Annual Meeting at the University of Louisville. More than 700 scientists and students attended the meeting, and hundreds of undergraduate and graduate students from Kentucky and regional colleges and universities participated in the research competitions.

The Academy announced award winners of the student competitions from Morehead State University:

- Breanna Knicely, First Place, Undergraduate Research, Oral Presentation, Botany;
- Adam Stanley, Second Place, Undergraduate Research, Poster Presentation, Engineering;
- Michael Edlin, First Place, Undergraduate Research, Oral Presentation, Engineering;
- Enrique Samudio Cano, Third Place, Undergraduate Research, Oral Presentation, Engineering;
- Connor Owens, Second Place, Undergraduate Research, Poster Presentation, Mathematics;
- Zackary Kiser, Second Place, Undergraduate Research, Oral Presentation, Mathematics;
- Megan Peterson, Third Place, Undergraduate Research, Poster Presentation, Microbiology;
- Joshua Allen, Second Place, Undergraduate Research, Oral Presentation, Physics and Astronomy;
- Rachel Hudson, Third Place, Undergraduate Research, Poster Presentation, Physiology and Biochemistry;

- Samuel Case, Second Place, Undergraduate Research, Poster Presentation, Psychology;
- Zoe Becerra, Third Place, Undergraduate Research, Poster Presentation, Psychology;
- Brandon Yates, First Place, Graduate Research, Oral Presentation, Zoology.

The Kentucky Academy of Science is a non-profit organization, founded in 1914, whose mission is to foster scientific discovery and understanding in Kentucky. Faculty, staff and students of Morehead State University may become members of the Kentucky Academy of Science at www.kyscience.org.

For more information about science programs at MSU, visit the [College of Science](#).

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[Register now for Open House on Jan. 21](#)

Morehead State University's Office of Enrollment Services will host an Open House program Saturday, Jan. 21, starting at 1 p.m. in Button Auditorium on the Morehead campus.

Participants can receive free tickets to the Eagle basketball doubleheader game against Eastern Kentucky University at Johnson Arena.

According to enrollment services, the Open House events are an excellent opportunity for students and families to discover why MSU has been named one of "America's Best Colleges" by U.S. News and World Report for 13 straight years.

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

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

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

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

Application fees for high school seniors will be waived for those in attendance. Transcript and test scores must be turned in at the event to qualify for the fee waiver.

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

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

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[Still time to enroll at MSU for Spring 2017](#)

There is still time for new or returning students to register for Morehead State University's 2017 spring academic term.

Classes begin Tuesday, Jan. 17, at MSU or its regional campuses and registration is available online (my.moreheadstate.edu).

For those not yet enrolled who are considering attending MSU, there is still time to submit an application for the spring term. Prospective students may call the [Office of Enrollment Services](#) at 606-783-2000 or 800-585-6781 opt #1 for admissions assistance; the Graduate School at 606-783-2039 or 800-585-6781 opt #4; or apply online at www.moreheadstate.edu/apply.

Students also may view and pay their bill online. Those who are registered for the spring semester will receive monthly e-billing statements via their MSU email account. It is the student's responsibility to check their MSU email account on a regular basis as e-bills are the University's official means of delivering [billing](#) statements.

All students must pay their tuition and fees in full or enroll in an online Protect Class Schedule Plan before classes begin to activate meal plans and charge books via my.moreheadstate.edu.

Students receiving financial aid, scholarships, or third party payments that will cover their entire balance are required to enroll in the "Financial Aid Plan," to prevent their class schedule from being cancelled. To view your bill or enroll in an online plan, log in to MyMoreheadState at my.moreheadstate.edu, and choose the "finance" icon and select "My Billing Info."

Textbooks are available at the [University Bookstore](#), located in the Adron Doran University Center on the Morehead campus. Orders may be placed by calling 888-STORE-05 or via online at bookstore.moreheadstate.edu. Purchases will be shipped to the address specified by the student.

Meal plan selections for the semester are now available. To view and order a meal plan, go to the EagleCard Web page, www.moreheadstate.edu/eaglecard.

Additional information is available by contacting the EagleCard office at 606-783-2701.

Bookstore and meal plan purchases can be added to the student's bill.

Additional information is available by calling MSU at Ashland at 606-327-1777 or 800-648-5370; MSU at Mt. Sterling at 859-499-0780 or 866-870-0809; MSU at Prestonsburg at 606-886-2405 or 800-648-6372; University Center of the Mountains at 606-487-3179 or 800-246-7521 ext. 73179; the Office of the Registrar at 606-783-2008; the Graduate

School at 606-783-2039 or 800-585-6781 opt #4; or by calling the Office of Enrollment Services at 606-783-2000 or 800-585-6781.

December 15, 2016

[Winter Break Closings](#)

Morehead State University's administrative offices will close for the holiday break at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 16. Offices will reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 3, at 8 a.m.

The [Kentucky Center for Traditional Music](#) and the [Kentucky Folk Art Center](#) will observe the same schedule.

The [Camden-Carroll Library](#) will be closed Dec. 17-31.

While the [University Bookstore](#) will be closed Dec. 22 through Jan. 2, patrons may check its website for information regarding ordering and shipping during the holiday break.

For those who wish to make an end-of-year gift, the MSU Foundation will continue to accept contributions through the holiday break. The development staff will be available to assist donors with tax-deductible contributions through the end of the calendar year. For information, you may leave a message at 606-783-2033 or 877-690-4483 and a staff member will return your call. You also may [make a gift online](#) or email giving@moreheadstate.edu.

The [University Post Office](#) will be open Dec. 19, 2, 26 and 30 from 8-11 a.m. to distribute mail to boxes only. Window service will not be available.

The [Recreation and Wellness Center](#) will be closed Dec. 24 through Jan. 1. Hours of operation are available online or patrons may call 606-783-2083 for specific times the center will be open.

The [MSU Police Department](#) will be available at 606-783-2035 to answer questions and address campus concerns.