

‘Between The Rock and the Commonwealth’ to be featured at the Rivers Edge Film Festival

Nov. 1, 2017

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's Steven Middleton, instructor of mass communication and Kentucky filmmaker, has had his documentary “Between The Rock and the Commonwealth” selected for inclusion into the 2017 Rivers Edge Film Festival in Paducah, Nov. 3-5.

The Rivers Edge Film festival is Kentucky’s longest running film festival.

The film details the controversial removal of Indian Head Rock from the river in 2007 and the ensuing legal battle between Ohio and Kentucky about ownership rights.

The film was coproduced by convergent media graduate John Tanner Blevins with video assistance from John Flavell, MSU instructor of journalism, and audio engineering from Dr. John Modaff, MSU professor of speech.

First described in an architectural publication of the 1840s, Indian Head Rock originally sat in the Ohio River roughly 60 feet from the Kentucky shoreline near South Shore. Prior to being submerged in the 1920s, when dams raised the river level, the rock had been a gathering point for generations of visitors, many of whom carved their names or initials into its face.

In 2007, the rock was removed without permit by a local historian, who donated it to Portsmouth. A legal battle over the rock’s rightful place soon erupted, gaining national attention via outlets, including National Public Radio, CBS News and The New York Times. Ultimately, the rock was returned to Kentucky, where it is housed in a Greenup County storage facility.

Additional information is available by contacting Middleton at 606-783-9583.

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'CutUps' to open Oct. 25

Oct. 16, 2017

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---The main gallery in the Claypool-Young Art Building at Morehead State University will host the group art exhibition, "CutUps: A Group Exhibition with Julie Abijanac, Laura Alexander, Grant Benoit, Lauren Kussro, Andrea Myers and Hunter Stabler."

An opening reception will be held Wednesday, Oct. 25, from 5 until 7 p.m.

The exhibition features contemporary printmaking, sculpture, installation, and textile artworks, and will close Tuesday, Nov. 21.

Through an invitational process, the exhibition "CutUps" was curated to include six artists from near and far whose works was crafted through the manipulation of paper and cloth. An acclaimed sculptor and installation artist who works in paper and found objects from Columbus, Ohio, Abijanac will be a visiting artist associated with the exhibition, presenting to the Department of Art and Design's Capstone Class and MSU's multi-disciplinary arts entrepreneurship class.

Myers, a fibers and mixed media artist from Dublin, Ohio, will be the second visiting artist associated with the exhibition. While on campus, Myers will host fiber and wire sculpture workshops with 3D Foundations classes. Additionally, she also will be meeting with MSU's arts entrepreneurship class.

The program is funded in part by the Buckner and Sally S. Hinkle Endowment for Humanities, Department of Art and Design, Claypool-Young Art Gallery and the Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

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 3:30 p.m. or by appointment, and is free and open to the public, including special events. Public parking is allowed on the main campus on weekdays after 5 p.m., and all day on weekends. Additional parking is available on Main Street.

Additional information is available by contacting Jennifer Reis, gallery director, at 606-783-5446 or j.reis@moreheadstate.edu.

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PHOTO ID: From left, Nekko Beal and Donovan Cyrus.

Homecoming Queen, King crowned

Oct. 21, 2017

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Nekko Beal of Cincinnati and Donovan Cyrus of Ashland were named Morehead State University's 2017 Homecoming Queen and King Saturday, Oct. 21.

Beal is a junior exercise science major from Cincinnati. She is the daughter of Nichole Beal and is sponsored by National Pan-Hellenic Council.

Cyrus is a senior mathematics major from Ashland. He is the son of Earlene and Richard Cyrus and is sponsored by Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity.

The announcement of the Homecoming Court was made during halftime ceremonies of the football game against Stetson.

Among the nominees for the Homecoming queen were: Allison Banks of Morehead; Kennedy Blakeman of Morehead; Allison Brooke Fletcher of Morehead; and Nicole Webber of Mt. Washington.

Nominees for Homecoming King were: Ryan Anderson of Morehead; Austin Gilliam of Morehead; Ryan Springer of Lexington; and Harry Ryan Steele of West Liberty.

Additional information is available by contacting the Office of Alumni Relations and Development, at 606-783-2080 or 800-783-ALUM.

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Blue and Gold Marching Band Championship set for Sept. 30

Sept. 25, 2017

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's "Blue and Gold Championship of Marching Bands" will be held Sept. 30, at Jayne Stadium. The event will begin at 4:45 p.m. and features 13 high school bands from Ohio and Kentucky.

Nationally recognized marching band adjudicators will be used to evaluate the bands. These adjudicators include: Jeff Cannon from Terry, Mississippi; Dr. Sean Kelley from Naperville, Illinois; Greg Mills from Cincinnati; Dr. Brian Wolfe from Norman, Oklahoma; Dr. Mark Cole from Shelby, North Carolina; Kathleen Buelow from Spring Hill, Florida; Jonathan Smith from Ludlow; and Shane Gwaltney from Smyrna, Tennessee.

The bands will be evaluated for a Kentucky Music Educators Association sanctioned rating of Distinguished, Proficient, Apprentice, or Novice and will compete for first, second and third place in class, and overall outstanding auxiliary and percussion awards. The highest scoring band will be awarded the MSU Blue and Gold Grand Champion Award.

An annual highlight of the event is the performance of the MSU Marching Band. The MSU band's performance of "Divas" will begin at 8:30 p.m. with the awards ceremony following. DuWayne Dale serves as the director of the MSU Marching Band and is assisted by Dr. Brian S. Mason, coordinator and arranger of MSU marching percussion, and Dr. Matthew Geiger, marching percussion director.

High school participating (and performance times) are:

Portsmouth West High School, 4:45 p.m.; Nicholas County High School, 5 p.m.; Williamstown High School, 5:15 p.m.; Lewis County High School, 5:30 p.m.; Pike County Central High School, 5:45 p.m.; Estill County High School, 6 p.m.;

Rowan County Senior High School, 6:30 p.m.; Bourbon County High School, 6:45 p.m.; Boyle County High School, 7 p.m.; Bullitt Central High School, 7:30 p.m.; West Jessamine High School, 7:45 p.m.; George Rogers Clark High School, 8 p.m.; and Atherton High School, 8:15 p.m.

General admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Children five and under are admitted free.

Additional information is available by contacting MSU's Bands Office at 606-783-2486 or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/bands/.

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Event Schedule:

Portsmouth West High School – 4:45 p.m.

West Portsmouth, Ohio– Director Ryan Ervin

Show Title: “Paradise Reclaimed” featuring music selections: Exciled, Wandering, Asking Forgiveness, and Paradise Reclaimed

Nicholas County High School – 5:00 p.m.

Carlisle – Director Kendrick Applegate

Show Title: "The Asylum"

Williamstown High School – 5:15 p.m.

Williamstown – Director Chris Hedges

Show Title: "Enchantress" featuring music selections: The Sorcerer’s Apprentice, Hocus Pocus, I Put A Spell On You, Come Little Children, and The Third Vortex

Lewis County High School – 5:30 p.m.

Vanceburg – Director Matt Voiles

Show Title: "Along Come a Spider"

Pike Co. Central High School – 5:45 p.m.

Pikeville – Director Matt Moon

Show Title: "The Glenn Miller Story: A 1940’s Radio Show"

Estill County High School – 6:00 p.m.

Irvine– Director Jason Bowles

Show Title: "The Black Death"

Rowan County Senior High School – 6:30 p.m.

Morehead – Director Jenny Hipple

Show Title: "Category Five"

Bourbon County High School – 6:45 p.m.

Paris– Director Eric Hale

Show Title: "PRICELE\$\$"

Boyle County High School – 7:00 p.m.

Danville – Director Matt Emerson

Show Title: "The Inner Voice"

Bullitt Central High School – 7:30 p.m.

Shepherdsville– Director Rodney Stults

Show Title: "Pick Something for Us"

West Jessamine High School – 7:45 p.m.

Nicholasville,–Director Sean Piatt

Show Title: "Danse"

George Rogers Clark High School – 8:00 p.m.

Winchester– Director Michael Payne

Show Title: "Connections" featuring music selections: Hotspots, Electric Counterpoint, and The Lamplighter

Atherton High School – 8:15 p.m.

Louisville– Director Matt Byrum

Show Title: "Rhapsody" featuring music selections: Libertango, Cloudburst, and Rhapsody in Blue

*EXHIBITION: Morehead State University Marching Band – 8:30 p.m.

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Directors: Mr. DuWayne Dale, Dr. Brian S. Mason and Dr. Matthew Geiger

Show Title: Divas! Featuring music selections: End of Time, Hello, Shake it Off, Lady Marmalade, and Poker Face

Browning Orchard Festival recap

Oct. 2, 2017

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University held its annual Browning Orchard Festival Sunday, Oct. 1.

Participants enjoyed an afternoon of hayrides, horse-back rides, food, family-friendly activities and musical entertainment by the Kentucky Center for Traditional Music.

The orchard is located at (10955 Wallingford Road) Wallingford in Fleming County.

Browning Orchard was an important part of the Fleming County community for nearly 100 years. The orchard property, originally purchased in 1899 by E.P. Browning, was used to grow peaches. In the mid-1920s Francis P. (Mr. Frank) Browning, E.P.'s son, converted the farmland to a commercial orchard that predominately produced apples.

Passing through three generations, Browning Orchard Apples were known across central and northeastern Kentucky. Fall harvest drew visitors both near and far.

In 2008, the Brownings donated the orchard to Morehead State University, continuing the family's commitment to helping create more sustainable communities in the region.

Chief photographer Tim Holbrook recapped the day's event in a photo gallery.

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

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Career Service hosts ‘Fall Career Fair’

Oct. 18, 2017

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University held its annual Fall Career Fair with more than 90 organizations, which included employers and graduate schools, Tuesday, Oct. 3.

Nearly 500 students, alumni and community members networked with employers and graduate programs with the hope of landing an interview for an internship, part-time or full-time position.

“Organizations who take the time to attend a career fair are particularly targeting our students, alumni and community job seekers. Expanding your network is one of the best ways to get job leads and an interview,” said Megan Boone, career services employer liaison. “There is something for everyone. Even current students can explore and land an internship in order to build relevant skills. We encourage all job seekers to take advantage of the career fair.”

One recruiter explains why he likes to attend MSU’s Career Fair.

“Attending the career fair is a chance to break the traditional recruiting model and meet people face to face versus meeting their resume. As a recruiter, I value seeing, speaking to and experiencing the candidate. As a candidate, it allows you to make an in-person impression and get around barriers that might be holding you back when only applying online,” said Marcus Hundley, MSU alumnus and Verizon Cellular Sales general hiring manager.

Chief photographer Tim Holbrook recapped the day’s event in a photo gallery.

The next career fair will be Tuesday, March 6, 2018.

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Costume contest, movie set for CY

Oct. 25, 2017

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Continuing a “time-warped” Halloween tradition, Morehead State University’s Department of Art and Design, Arts and Humanities Council and Spectrum will present its annual Costume Contest and Rocky Horror Picture Show film screening on Wednesday, Nov. 1, from 7 to 10 p.m. in the Claypool-Young Art Building.

The campus and community are invited to express themselves through costume during the contest to be held in the main gallery of Claypool-Young. The celebration starts at 7 p.m. with refreshments and live music; and the costume parade and judging begins at 7:45 p.m.

MSU Bookstore certificates will be awarded to MSU students in the amount of \$75, \$50 and \$25 will be awarded for first, second and third place, respectively.

Following the contest, the cult classic “The Rocky Horror Picture Show” will be shown in 111 Claypool-Young.

Audience members are invited to participate and relive Richard O'Brien's sinfully twisted salute to horror, sci-fi, B-movies and rock music -- a “sensual daydream to treasure forever” -- starring Tim Curry, Barry Bostwick and Susan Sarandon. Do the “Time Warp” and sing “Hot Patootie” with Meatloaf. The movie, which debuted in 1975, has been a beloved audience participation event for more than 40 years.

The event is free and open to the public and funded in part by the Buckner and Sally S. Hinkle Endowment for Humanities, Morehead State Public Radio, Corporation for Public Broadcasting and the Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

Additional information is available by calling Jennifer Reis, gallery director, at 606-783-5446 or by email j.reis@moreheadstate.edu.

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Double Reed Day set for Nov. 4

Oct.11, 2017

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's Department of Music, Theatre and Dance will host the 2017 Double Reed Day Saturday, Nov. 4, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. in Baird Music Hall.

This year's event will feature guest artists Dr. Douglas Spaniol, Yamaha Bassoon Artist, and Dr. Anna Lampidis, oboe, along with Morehead State University's Dr. David Oyen, professor of bassoon and Dr. Thomas Pappas, visiting assistant professor of oboe.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m.

The event is free and intended for oboe and bassoon players of all levels and their teachers.

Double Reed Day will feature MSU students, faculty, and guest artists in recital; Masterclasses and technique clinics for the students; KMEA All-State Audition Clinics; and a Double Reed Choir rehearsal and performance for all participants.

The event is sponsored by Miles Ahead Music, Hurst Music, Morehead State Public Radio, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Boyd County Band Boosters, Yamaha Corporation, MSU's Department of Music, Theatre and Dance and Arts and Humanities Council.

Additional information is available by calling Oyen at 606-783-2404 or email d.oyen@moreheadstate.edu, or Dr. Thomas Pappas at 606-783-2487 or email t.pappas@moreheadstate.edu.

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Fleming County High School students visit Early College Program

Oct. 27, 2017

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Students from Fleming County High School visited the Morehead State University campus, as part of the Early College Program, Wednesday, Oct 25.

More than 60 high and technical schools offered MSU classes during the fall semester with nearly 3,000 high school students participating in the program.

“This program is truly a win-win opportunity. Students get to earn college credit for as part of the Kentucky Dual Credit Scholarship program and parents have less financial burden for a college education and schools get challenging new courses which fully optimize the talents of their high schools,” said Joel Pace, director of early college programs.

Students are more prepared for college success by doing college level academic work during their junior and senior years of high school.

Each course offered at the high school has the approximate cost savings of \$1,000 per student while also allowing students to graduate from college up to a year semester or more sooner.

Qualifying students are given the opportunity to prepare for the future while attending high school. In the program, students may enroll in a course taught in their high school and receive college credit for successful completion. The program allows qualified high school faculty, who meet accreditation standards, to teach the University courses.

School systems taking part are Bath, Boyd, Breathitt, Bullitt, Carter, Clark, Estill, Fayette, Fleming, Floyd, Grant, Jefferson, Jessamine, Johnson, Lawrence, Lewis, Martin, Mason, Mercer, Montgomery, Morgan, Oldham, Pike, Powell, Rowan, Shelby, and Wolfe and Woodford counties; as well as Ashland Blazer, Fairview, Jackson, Lexington Christian, Raceland, Rose Hill, Russell, Somerset, St. Patrick’s independents; and Lakeside Christian.

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Menifee County High School students visit Early College Program

Oct. 30, 2017

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Students from Menifee County High School visited the Morehead State University campus, as part of the Early College Program, Friday, Oct 27.

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Nicholas County High School students visit Early College Program

Oct. 24, 2017

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Students from Nicholas County High School visited the Morehead State University campus, as part of the Early College Program, Tuesday, Oct 24.

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Ashland High School students visit Early College Program

Oct. 23, 2017

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Students from Ashland High School visited the Morehead State University campus, as part of the Early College Program, Friday, Oct 20.

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Mercer County High School students visit Early College Program

Oct. 17, 2017

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Graduation Fair set for Nov. 1

Oct. 30, 2017

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University will hold the Class of 2017 Graduation Fair Wednesday, Nov. 1.

The Graduation Fair will be held from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. in the MSU Bookstore. Despite the renovation of the Adron Doran University Center, the bookstore remains open. Visitors should follow the signage around the construction zone to enter.

Anyone planning to complete their degree in December should attend the event.

Those in attendance receive a free gifts from the Bookstore and the MSU Alumni Association. Graduates also will be able to pick up their cap and gown, purchase a diploma frame (20 percent off all frames), order class rings, and personalized announcements. Embroidery Plus will be on site taking orders for customized graduation stoles.

In addition to ordering all of their graduation needs, attendees will have the opportunity to verify their registration for graduation with the Registrar, check their financial aid status, learn about graduate programs offered at MSU, and visit with career services.

Refreshments will be available at the event and a number of door prizes, sponsored by the Alumni Association, will be given away.

Additional information is available by calling the University Bookstore at 606-783-2081 or visit www.bookstore.moreheadstate.edu.

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Health Care Job Fair set for Nov. 1

Oct. 27, 2017

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Are you a Morehead State University student, alum or community member interested in a career in health care? If so, the Health Care Job Fair at MSU may be the opportunity for which you have been searching. The event is co-sponsored by the Morehead State University Department of Nursing and Career Services.

The fair will be held in the Center for Health Education and Research (CHER) Room 102 from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 1. Graduate programs and employers from health care related fields will be in attendance.

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

Organizations who have registered to be on campus include:

Alliance Healthcare Services; Appalachian Regional Healthcare (ARH); Baptist Health Lexington; Bon Secours Health System; Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Hospital; Care Source; Clark Regional Medical Center; Correct Care Solutions; Highlands Regional Medical Center; Kenney Orthopedics; Kentucky One Health; King's Daughters Medical Center;

Logan Regional Hospital; Mercy Health; MSU Nursing Department; MSU/U.K. Physician Assistant Program; Pikeville Medical Center; Ridgeway Nursing and Rehabilitation; Southern Ohio Medical Center; St. Claire Regional Medical Center; U.S. Army; UC Health; University of Kentucky College of Nursing/Medical Center; Xavier University Accelerated BSN Program

More information can be found online at www.moreheadstate.edu/career/app or call Career Services at 606-783-2233.

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Homecoming celebration set for Oct. 19-21.

Oct. 4, 2017

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky. ---Morehead State University alumni and friends are invited to campus for the annual Homecoming celebration, Oct. 19-21

The annual homecoming parade will be held on Main Street at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19. Those interested in entering a float or a group in the parade should visit www.moreheadstate.edu/homecoming and complete a parade participation form.

Friday has been designated Blue and Gold Day. Campus and community members are encouraged to show their Eagle pride by wearing the school colors. If you need something to wear, visit the University Bookstore.

The annual Memorial Brick Ceremony will be held on Friday at 10:30 a.m. at the Little Bell Tower Memorial Plaza. The faithful years of service of former MSU employees who have passed away during the past year will be remembered at this event. Retirees are invited to gather for a continental breakfast in Button Drill Room beginning at 9 a.m. prior to the ceremony.

All campus visitors are encouraged to attend the complimentary MSU Alumni Association Kickoff Reception at the Morehead Conference Center from 5 until 7 p.m. The Homecoming Banquet will begin at 7 p.m. The program will include the induction of the Alumni and Athletic Hall of Fame recipients and presentation of the Founders Award for University Service.

The 2017 recipient of the Founders Award for University Service will be Dr. David Saxon (64). Saxon, a retired professor of biology, taught at MSU for nearly 50 years.

The 2017 inductees into the Alumni Hall of Fame will include renowned pediatric neurosurgeon Dr. Gary Mathern (78), longtime MSU Bowling Coach Larry Wilson (65) and music professional Scott Wojahn (79).

The 2017 inductees into the Athletic Hall of Fame will include MSU Football Alum Charles Byrd (06), MSU Soccer Alum Rebekah Kendall (07) and another MSU Football alum Nick Nighswander (74).

Several events are scheduled for Saturday morning.

At 9:30 a.m., the Legacy Program's "Breakfast with Beaker" will be held in the East Lobby of the AAC.

The Decades Brunch will start at 10 a.m. at the AAC. President Jay Morgan will be in attendance and special recognition for the classes of 1967, 1977 and 1996 will take place.

Before the homecoming football game, the traditional tailgate will begin at 11 a.m. in the Eagle Rally Zone in the Academic-Athletic Center parking lot adjacent to Jayne Stadium.

Kickoff for the game will be at 1 p.m. at Jayne Stadium as the Eagles take on Stetson. Halftime activities will feature a performance by the MSU Marching Band and the crowning of the Homecoming Queen and King.

After the game, the Alumni Association will host an Ice Cream Social at the AAC.

For a complete schedule, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/homecoming.

For additional information on Homecoming 2017, or to purchase tickets for the events, contact the MSU Alumni Association at 606-783-2080 or 800-783-ALUM.

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Hyden attends Princeton Institute

Oct. 10, 2017

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's Matthew Hyden of the Upward Bound Programs was selected by the Council for Opportunity in Education and the Office of Institutional Equity and Diversity at Princeton University to attend the first annual Executive Leadership Institute on College Opportunity at Princeton University from Sept. 28 through Oct. 1.

During the Leadership Institute, invited college access and success professionals representing all 50 states had the opportunity to engage in lectures, workshops, and facilitated exercises that strengthened their leadership skills at the institutional, state, regional and national levels.

Hyden is currently serving his second term as president of the professional organization representing Kentucky TRIO Programs known as Kentucky Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel.

TRIO is a set of seven federally funded educational opportunity outreach programs that help low-income, first-generation students, veterans and students with disabilities to pursue higher education. The programs serve students from middle school and high school to college and postgraduate study. TRIO also provides services to adult learners and military veterans.

Hyden is a two-time of MSU. He has been employed with the Upward Bound Programs since 2000, where he enjoys serving TRIO students of eastern Kentucky.

Additional information is available by calling Hyden at 606-783-5191 or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/Outreach/TRiO-Programs/Upward-Bound.

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McKenzie Thompson of South Portsmouth is one of the student workers at MSPR.

MSPR fundraiser, membership drive Oct. 16-20

Oct.12, 2017

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State Public Radio's 2017 Fall Fundraiser and Membership Drive is scheduled from Oct. 16-20.

"This is our first live, on-air fundraiser in several years, returning to a telethon-style method of raising funds," said Paul Hitchcock, MSPR general manager. "We'll be asking listeners to step-forward with a financial gift to support our local programming and operations."

Since 1965, WMKY has served eastern Kentucky with regional news and cultural programming from the campus of Morehead State University.

"An important part of our mission is to preserve and promote this region's cultural heritage with programming that is informative and entertaining," added Hitchcock.

In April, MSPR earned 11 awards from the 2017 Kentucky Associated Press, recognizing quality in news reporting, editing and production. Weeknight adult alternative music programming also has been added including World Café and Audio Visions, hosted locally by MSU students Arlo Barnette and Jacob Lindberg. MSPR will host an Open House on Friday, Oct. 20 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. WMKY alumni visiting MSU for Homecoming Weekend are invited to the studios at 132 Breckinridge Hall.

"We have a long history of serving this community, but we need support from our listeners to maintain our operations," said Hitchcock. "Morehead State University has faced significant budget struggles in recent years and financial gifts to MSPR will help offset some of the cuts to our university budget."

MSPR serves more than 20 counties throughout eastern Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia. MSPR broadcasts 24 hours a day on WMKY at 90.3FM. In addition, MSPR's website provides regional news, live web streams, archived audio and community events.

"This is a critical time for public radio," added Hitchcock. "The money we raise helps maintain our grant funding through the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. Financial gifts of any size are most appreciated." Financial gifts to Morehead State Public Radio (WMKY) are tax deductible and may be made online at www.wmky.org. Listeners also may make a pledge from Oct. 16-20 by calling 606-783-2001.

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MSPR to host CAB meeting

Oct. 31, 2017

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---The Community Advisory Board for Morehead State Public Radio will conduct its quarterly meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 8, at 6 p.m.

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

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

Additional information is available on MSPR's website at www.wmky.org or from Paul Hitchcock, general manager, at wmky@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2001.

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MSU hosts A.G. Beshear in a campus sexual assault-safety discussion

Oct. 10, 2017

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University hosted Kentucky Attorney General Andy Beshear for a campus sexual assault/safety discussion titled, "Safe Campuses: Creating a Culture Free from Sexual Assault," Tuesday, in the Button Drill Room.

Dr. Joseph A. (Jay) Morgan, MSU president, introduced Beshear, who spoke briefly on Title IX, goals of safe campuses, justice for victims and ending rape culture. He then facilitated a panel discussion.

The panel contained Gretchen Hunt of Beshear's staff who provided an overview of Title IX/Clery Act and clarify protections. She also shared options for survivors on campus, OAG initiatives on prevention and addressing campus sexual assault.

Also on the panel were: Meghan Wright, member of Beshear's Survivors Council; Harold Nally, MSU's human resources director; Mike Martin, MSUPD officer; Dr. Shannon Smith-Stephens, MSU's Counseling and Health Services director; and Stacey Brashear, Pathways victim's advocate.

Rep. Rocky Adkins also attended the event.

Information tables were located in the Button Lobby and staffed by involved agencies.

Additional information is available from Melisa Patrick, MSU's Center for Regional Engagement volunteer and community service coordinator, at 606-783-9327 or email her at m.patrick@moreheadstate.edu.

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MSU receives nearly \$400K from TMMK grant

Oct. 30, 2017

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University, in partnership with SOAR STEM (Save Our Appalachian Region), has received a nearly \$400,000 donation from Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Kentucky Inc. that will implement STEM curriculum in 40 elementary schools during two years.

Morehead State has been engaged in a major initiative called SOAR (Shaping Our Appalachian Region) during the past several years. As part of the SOAR initiative, MSU's College of Education began the SOAR-STEM project with funding from the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC).

"MSU is extremely pleased to be a recipient of a Toyota Motor Manufacturing grant," said Dr. Joseph A. (Jay) Morgan. "The money will allow us to continue and improve the SOAR-STEM project that was started. We know that STEM programs are very important for the future of education in Kentucky."

The SOAR-STEM project has supported 81 teachers to participate in a master's degree program that would allow them to obtain National Board Certification for teachers and the ability to teach high school courses that also count as college credit in the STEM areas. This project has been a collaboration between MSU, Eastern Kentucky University, Union College and the University of Pikeville, and 27 school districts in Eastern Kentucky.

The Toyota grant is the next step in the SOAR-STEM project. The 81 teachers will participate in a graduate course focused on STEM curriculum training and robotics using LEGO Mindstorm robot systems. The teachers will then take what they learned and lead a STEM robotics camp for students in Prestonsburg. In addition to the graduate course and the STEM robotics camp the teachers will be trained in Project Lead the Way STEM curriculum training so that they can then provide STEM teacher training to more than 3,000 teachers in Eastern Kentucky.

"Programs that focus on STEM areas are the basis of a pipeline of qualified workers in manufacturing, especially in production engineering," said Mike Goss, general manager, Social Innovation, Toyota Motor North America. "Toyota is committed to investing in initiatives that

improve the skill levels of the job force, focusing on the next generation, because the success of Toyota, the Commonwealth, and our country depend on them.”

Additional information is available by contacting Dr. Chris Miller, interim dean, College of Education at 606-783-2162.

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Photo – From left, Dr. Joseph A. (Jay) Morgan, MSU president, and Jim Lentz, Toyota North American CEO.

Photo #2 – From left, Rick Hesterberg, manager of external affairs at Toyota Motor Manufacturing, North America, and Dr. Joseph A. (Jay) Morgan, MSU president.

MSU to host A.G. Beshear for a campus sexual assault-safety discussion

Oct. 5, 2017

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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The event is free and open to the public.

Dr. Joseph A. (Jay) Morgan, MSU president, will introduce Beshear, who will speak briefly on Title IX, goals of safe campuses, justice for victims and ending rape culture. He will then facilitate a panel discussion.

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Also on the panel will be:

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Additional information is available from Melisa Patrick, MSU's Center for Regional Engagement volunteer and community service coordinator, at 606-783-9327 or email her at m.patrick@moreheadstate.edu.

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MSU, HCTC sign joint admission, reverse transfer agreements

Oct. 25, 2017

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University and Hazard Community and Technical College signed an agreement Wednesday (Oct. 25) to establish a joint admission and reverse transfer program.

The purpose of this agreement, dubbed “Eagle Express,” will be to provide academic advising and admissions counseling for bachelor’s degree seeking students, from the beginning of their college careers at HCTC to the point where they are ready to transition to MSU. Students participating in the program will have the benefit of advising from both schools, unofficial transcript review, and free transcript exchange. In addition, there is no application fee to enter this program.

The Reverse Transfer Agreement will assist students who have transferred to MSU to complete an associate’s degree at HCTC. Students who have completed at least 45 credits at HCTC without completing an associate’s degree will qualify.

Dr. Jennifer Lindon, HCTC president and CEO, and Dr. Jay Morgan, MSU president, signed the agreement on the Hazard Campus. Other personnel attending from MSU were: Dr. Dan Connell, Jen Timmerman, Debbie Holbrook, and Cassandra Sexton. Attending from HCTC were Dr. Deronda Mobelini and Helen F. Brunty.

“We are pleased to be partnering with HCTC to help more students succeed in college. Together, we are answering the challenge to remove barriers which make it difficult for many HCTC alumni to finish a degree,” said Dr. Morgan. “We value our partnership with HCTC and look forward to making it simpler for students to obtain their associate degrees as well.”

“Hazard and the surrounding counties are very important to MSU. It is ever more critical for all of us to work together so that students from across our region have the best possible pathways. We look forward to continuing to work with Hazard Community and Technical College.”

The two institutions also will review the agreement regularly to make sure the course content reflects industry developments, employment trends and accreditation guidelines.

Students interested in learning more about transferring to MSU can contact Debbie Holbrook, MSU Enrollment Services Counselor and Transfer Advisor for Regional Campuses, at [606-783-2000](tel:606-783-2000), [800-585-6781](tel:800-585-6781). Transfer information also is available on the MSU website at www.moreheadstate.edu/transfer. Students may also contact Dr. Deronda Mobelini, UCM Executive Director, at [606-487-3252](tel:606-487-3252).

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Nearly Naked Mile slated for Nov. 1

Oct. 24, 2017

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's Student Alumni Ambassadors will host the 11th annual "Nearly Naked Mile" Wednesday, Nov. 1.

The one-mile charity run will take place on Morehead State's campus. Registration will take place at the Academic Athletic Center (AAC) parking lot beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The "Nearly Naked Mile" is a coat drive benefit event for Rowan County Schools Family Resource and Youth Service Centers. Faculty, staff, students and community members are encouraged to donate new or unwanted coats for distribution.

"The Nearly Naked Mile is on Morehead State University's official Bucket List. It is a fun way to gather coat donations for local children and give back to our community. It is definitely something every student needs to experience," said SAA Philanthropy Chair Sydnee Bradley.

The entry fee is the donation of a coat, or a donation of \$3. Those interested in coat donation to help the cause, but are not able to participate in the race, can drop them off at the Palmer Development House located at 364 University Street any time before Nov. 3.

Participants in the "Nearly Naked Mile" can come dressed in costume or in comfortable running clothes. Running "in your skivvies" is accepted, however, participants in the "Nearly Naked" attire are expected to be appropriately covered.

Prizes for the event will be awarded to first, second and third place finishers in Men's and Women's categories. Awards will also be given for 110 percent participation, as well as the most creative costume and a "Nearly Naked" spirit winner also will be selected. Refreshments will be provided.

"The race is a unique way for our organization to raise awareness about the importance of helping others," said Samantha Grimes, SAA President. "We are proud to continue this tradition and celebrate 11 years of providing coats to children in need."

In last year's run, more than 70 runners participated in the charity event with more than 75 coats collected.

More information is available by calling MSU's Office of Alumni Relations and Development at 606-783-2033 or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/NNM.

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Nominations sought for Distinguished Teacher Award ++

Oct. 10, 2017

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Nominations are now being accepted for Morehead State University's 2018-19 Distinguished Teacher Award.

The MSU Alumni Association established this award in 1964. The award originally recognized a classroom teacher who challenged and stimulated students in their academic pursuit.

The Office of the Provost sponsors the award today. The award recognizes a tenured faculty member, whose primary responsibility is teaching, for outstanding instruction in face-to-face, online and/or hybrid learning environments.

The Excellence in Teaching Committee reviews the nominations. The committee recommends an award recipient to the provost after observing the nominees' classes and reviewing their teaching portfolios. Previous recipients of the award are not eligible.

The University will announce the recipient of the 2018 Distinguished Teacher Award at Fall Convocation in Aug. 2018. Faculty members can only receive the

Additional information and the nomination form are available at www.moreheadstate.edu/distinguishedteacher/.

Submit the completed nomination form by Monday, Oct. 23, at 11:59 p.m. via email to t.davis@moreheadstate.edu.

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Open House program slated for Nov. 4

Oct. 24, 2017

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's Office of Enrollment Services will host an Open House program Saturday, Nov.4, in Button Auditorium on the Morehead campus.

The open house will start at 1 p.m.

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 more than a decade.

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 to 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 more about this event or to register online, 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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Eldridge and Stone selected as recipients of Optimist Club Scholarship

October 9, 2017

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---The Morehead State University Foundation has announced the establishment of the Optimist Club Scholarship. Kalle Eldridge of Hillsboro and Harrison Stone of Morehead are the first recipients of the Optimist Club Scholarship.

Eldridge is the daughter of Stephanie Trent of Hillsboro and David Eldridge of Vanceburg. She is a 2017 graduate of Rowan County Senior High School where she graduated Summa Cum Laude and in the top 20 of her senior class with a 4.0 GPA.

A member of the soccer and basketball teams at RCSHS, Eldridge was an involved student in and out of the classroom. Eldridge plans to continue her studies at MSU by pursuing a degree in Nursing with a long term goal of becoming a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner.

Stone is the son of Lesia Lennex and David Stone of Morehead. He is a 2017 graduate of Rowan County Senior High School. Stone is majoring in music education with the hopes of teaching High School Band.

The scholarship was established by the optimist Club of Morehead to honor its founding members. These founding members include Dr. C. Nelson Grote, Dr. Gene Duncan and Dr. Reedus Back.

The Morehead Optimist Club was established in 1964 and focuses primarily on activities for the youth of Morehead and Rowan County. They operate Cave Run Bingo in Farmers to fund a variety of youth programs and for the last several years have donated in excess of \$150,000 annually to those programs.

Weekly meetings are held during the lunch hour every Tuesday at Mr. Gatti's Pizza in Morehead.

Additional information is available by contacting MSU's Enrollment Services at 606-783-2000 or the MSU Foundation at 606-783-2033.

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Pinson named as PSC executive director

Oct. 4, 2017

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University alumnus Gwen R. Pinson has been named executive director of the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC).

Before coming to the PSC, Pinson was the executive director of the Office of General Counsel in the Finance and Administration Cabinet.

She succeeds Talina Mathews, who in July was named to serve as a PSC commissioner by Gov. Matt Bevin.

“My fellow commissioners and I feel fortunate to have someone with Gwen’s experience and ability to direct the PSC’s day-to-day operations,” PSC Chairman Michael Schmitt said. “Her educational background in accounting and the law and her prior work in both government and the private sector have prepared her well for the responsibilities of her new position.”

“I am proud that the commissioners have entrusted me with the responsibility of leading the PSC staff, which continues to live up to its reputation for professionalism and excellence despite facing both operational issues and difficult regulatory decisions,” Pinson said. “This is a challenging time to be in state government,” she said. “But the work of the PSC touches nearly every citizen in Kentucky, so this agency must continue to function effectively and efficiently.”

A native of eastern Kentucky, Pinson earned a Bachelor of Business Administration, summa cum laude, in accounting from Morehead State University. She received a Juris Doctorate from the University of Kentucky College of Law, where she graduated first in her class.

Pinson practiced law in the litigation departments of Stoll Keenon Ogden PLLC and Dinsmore & Shohl LLP in Lexington, Kentucky. She also served in the Office of General Counsel in the Finance and Administration Cabinet during the administration of Gov. Ernie Fletcher.

In 2014, Pinson became Director of Operations for Jobs for Kentucky’s Graduates, Inc., the state affiliate of Jobs for America’s Graduates (JAG). A national non-profit organization, JAG helps underserved students overcome obstacles to graduation and career success by offering a broad range of support services.

Pinson returned to state government in December 2015, once again becoming general counsel for the Finance and Administration Cabinet.

Pinson is active in her community, serving on the board of directors for the Foster Care Council of LexKy and the board of the University of Kentucky College of Law Alumni Association. Pinson previously served as chair of the Internal Audit Board of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government.

The PSC is an independent agency attached for administrative purposes to the Energy and Environment Cabinet. It regulates more than 1,500 gas, water, sewer, electric and telecommunication utilities operating in Kentucky.

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Queen, King candidates announced

Oct. 9, 2017

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University will crown its 2017 Homecoming Queen and King during halftime ceremonies of the MSU-Stetson football game, which begins at 1 p.m. in Jayne Stadium on Saturday, Oct. 21.

The winners will be named from the five candidates competing for each title.

Among the nominees for Homecoming Queen are:

Allison Banks is a senior exercise science major from Morehead. She is the daughter of Paul and Rhonda Banks and is sponsored by Kappa Delta Sorority.

Nekko Beal is a junior exercise science major from Cincinnati. She is the daughter of Nichole Beal and is sponsored by National Pan-Hellenic Council.

Kennedy Blakeman is senior elementary and special education major from Morehead. She is the daughter of Vicki Collins Blakeman and the late Jeff Blakeman and is sponsored by Chi Omega Sorority.

Allison Brooke Fletcher is a senior biomedical science, pre-medicine major from Morehead. She is the daughter of Richard and Wendy Fletcher and is sponsored by the Academic Honors Student Association.

Nicole Webber is a junior psychology major from Mt. Washington. She is the daughter of James and Alicia Webber and is sponsored by the Methodist Student Center.

Nominees for Homecoming king are:

Ryan Anderson is a junior biomedical sciences major from Morehead. He is the son of Joe and Jennifer Anderson and is sponsored by Delta Gamma Sorority.

Donovan Cyrus is a senior mathematics major from Ashland. He is the son of Earlene and Richard Cyrus and is sponsored by Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity.

Austin Gilliam is a senior computer and electronic engineer major from Morehead. He is the son of John and Melissa Gilliam and is sponsored by Chi Omega Sorority.

Ryan Springer is a senior marketing major from Lexington. He is the son of Nancy and James Springer and is sponsored by Delta Tau Delta Fraternity.

Harry Ryan Steele is a senior business administration major from West Liberty. He is the son of Tom and Donna Steele and is sponsored by Student Alumni Ambassadors.

For additional information on Homecoming 2017, or to purchase tickets for the event, contact the Office of Alumni Relations and Development, at 606-783-2080 or 800-783-ALUM or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/homecoming.

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Regional MAT sessions planned

Oct. 11, 2017

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---College graduates who are interested in a career as a teacher may want to attend one of the upcoming orientations on the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) program at Morehead State University. Also, those currently enrolled in the MAT Program are invited to attend any of the sessions for advising questions and/or concerns.

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

Orientation/advising sessions for the MAT program at MSU will be held at various locations from October xx through December x. For orientation purposes, items such as program design, including admission and application processes for middle, secondary and interdisciplinary early childhood education will be discussed. In addition any questions/concerns related to the Secondary and Middle Grade Program course curriculum will be discussed.

Interested persons are encouraged to bring transcripts and GRE or Praxis I (PPST, CORE/CASE) scores for evaluation purposes. Registration for the GRE or the Core Academic Skills for Educators (CORE/CASE) exam can be completed through the Educational Testing Service (ETS) website at www.ets.org/praxis. For those attending for advising purposes, please bring a current copy of your check sheet/program evaluation, or contact Duane, Marian, or Michelle prior to the session you plan to attend.

Sessions will be held on these dates and locations:

- Tuesday, Oct. 17, 3 p.m., U.K. Stuckart Career Center;
- Monday, Oct. 23, 4:30 p.m., MSU Main Campus (801 Ginger Hall);
- Tuesday, Oct. 24, 4 p.m., Mason County High School;
- Tuesday, Oct. 24, 4:30 p.m., Morgan County Public Library, West Liberty;
- Wednesday, Oct. 25, 4:00p.m., MSU at Ashland;
- Thursday, Oct. 26, 3 p.m., Morton Middle School in Lexington;
- Thursday, Oct. 26, 4:30 p.m., MSU at Mt. Sterling;
- Tuesday, Dec. 5, 4:00 p.m., MSU at Ashland;
- Monday, Dec. 11, 4:30 p.m., MSU Main Campus (801 Ginger Hall);
- Tuesday, Dec. 12, 4:30 p.m., Morgan County Public Library, West Liberty;

- Thursday, Dec. 14, 4:30 p.m., MSU at Mt. Sterling

For additional information about the MAT Secondary or Middle Grade Programs or to make an appointment, contact Duane Lambert (d.lambert@moreheadstate.edu) or Marian Sims (m.sims@moreheadstate.edu) at 606-783-2079 or 859-536-5030; or Michelle Roberts (m.roberts@moreheadstate.edu) at 606-783-2503.

For additional information about the MAT IECE Program, contact Dr. Elizabeth McLaren at 606-783-2537 or e.mclaren@moreheadstate.edu.

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Six join MSU Halls of Fame; Saxton receives Founder Award

Oct. 20, 2017

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University welcomed six new members into its Alumni and Athletic Halls of Fame and honored an individual with the Founders Award for University Service Friday, Oct. 20, during the Homecoming Banquet.

The Founders Award for University Service was presented to the Dr. David Saxon.

He retired from Morehead State University in 2016 after 49 years of loyal and dedicated service as a professor of biology. A native of Wingo, Saxon received B.S. and M.S. degrees from Morehead State and a Ph.D. degree in physiology from Southern Illinois University.

Awards received include the Morehead State University Distinguished Teaching Award, MSU Student Government Faculty Member of the Year Award, MSU Greek Life Faculty Member of the Year Award, Greek Student Master Teacher Award, and Northeast Area Health Education Center Mentorship of the Year Award.

As director of premedical advising for many years, Saxon developed premedical curriculum paths to guide students in preparation for the Medical College Admission Test and medical school. He has written evaluation letters for hundreds of students applying to medical school. He has been devoted to activities at SOAR, sponsorship of Prae-Medicorum/Premedical Society, and volunteering for enrollment services events.

The Founders Award for University Service was established by the Board of Regents in 1978 and has been presented each year to individuals with records of outstanding service to the University over a sustained period.

Inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame were renowned pediatric neurosurgeon Dr. Gary Mathern (78), longtime MSU Bowling Coach Larry Wilson (65) and music professional Scott Wojahn (79).

Mathern is a professor of pediatric neurosurgery at UCLA and works at the Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA in Los Angeles. A renowned pediatric neurosurgeon and "super specialist," he tends to work on infants and children with intractable epilepsy and performs some of the most radical surgical procedures for some of the rarest brain conditions and diseases. In addition to assisting in the development of epilepsy surgery programs for children in Brazil,

China, India and Taiwan, his research and success stories have been in national news outlets and programs like Nightline and the TODAY show.

Wilson is a retired MSU Bowling coach and faculty member with the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation. Wilson coached the MSU bowling teams from 1972 until his retirement while serving as assistant director of intramurals and recreation and the manager of University Lanes. The lanes were renamed Larry Wilson Bowling Lanes in his honor in 2008. During his career as coach, the women's team won national championships in 1989, 1998, 2000 and 2002, while the men's squad finished runner-up in the national tournament in 2003 and third place in 2005.

Wojahn is a singer, composer, musician, conductor and music producer. In 1990, he co-founded Wojahn Bros. Music in Santa Monica, California, a music production company specializing in producing music for the world's largest advertising brands, including Ford, AT&T and Fruit of the Loom. He also has produced music for notable artists like singer-songwriter Shawn Colvin, country star Vince Gill and blues guitar legend Buddy Guy.

Inductees of the Athletic Hall of Fame were MSU Football Alum Charles Byrd (06), MSU Soccer Alum Rebekah Kendall (07) and another MSU Football alum Nick Nighswander (74).

Byrd was an All-American cornerback and kick returner for the MSU Eagle Football team from 2001-04. He was named to the All-Pioneer Football League following the 2002, 2003 and 2004 seasons. In those same years, he was also named Football Gazette All-American and, in 2003 and 2004, was a Sports Network Football All-American. He helped lead the Eagles to three consecutive Pioneer Football League South division championships. Byrd has spent the last nine years as assistant strength coach for the New Orleans Saints.

Kendall is the all-time leading goal scorer for the Eagle Soccer team and is the first soccer player inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame. While scoring 30 career goals from 2004-07, which tied a program record, she also holds school records with 11 match-winning goals and 284 career shots. She holds multiple single-game program records, recording four assists against Shawnee State in 2004 and racking up eight points in one match on three different occasions.

Nighswander played offensive lineman for MSU from 1970-73, where he was a three-year starter, two-time team captain and Team MVP in 1973. He was an All-OVC selection in 1972 and 1973. He blocked for an offensive unit that scored 34 touchdowns and averaged 331

yards per game in 1973. Following his career at MSU, he played two seasons with the Buffalo Bills. After his football career, he coached high school football in Northern Kentucky for 10 years.

Additional information is available by contacting the Office of Alumni Relations and Development at 606-783-2033, 800-783-ALUM or email alumni@moreheadstate.edu

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SSC to host 'Moon Observing' event

Oct. 20, 2017

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---The public is invited to join Morehead State University's faculty and staff in the Department of Earth and Space Sciences for "International Observe the Moon Night" at the Space Science Center, Saturday, Oct. 28, from 7-10:30 p.m.

The Space Science Center is located at 235 Martindale Drive on the East end of the campus.

"International Observe the Moon Night" 2017 is the eighth internationally-coordinated annual public outreach event dedicated to engaging the general public in an annual lunar observation campaign that shares the excitement of lunar science and exploration.

The observations will be supported by public talks in the Star Theater.

The schedule will be 7:30 p.m., Dr. Eric Jerde, "The Origin of the Moon;" 8:15 p.m., Dr. Ben Malphrus, "Lunar Ice Cube - MSU' mission to the Moon;" 8:45 p.m., Dr. Eric Jerde, "Did We Really Go to the Moon;" and 9:20 p.m., Laser show, Pink Floyd, "Dark Side of the Moon."

Observations of the Moon will begin through telescopes in front of the Space Science Center if the weather permits.

A fun, family event for all ages. This event is free and open to the public.

Parking will be in the MSU lot in front of the SSC.

Additional information is available from Eric Thomas at 606-783-9593.

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Students Logan Green John Harper Deborah Kroth and Jacob Day from MSU help survey property lines.

Students volunteer for Triplett Valley Trail Project

Oct. 10, 2017

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Under the supervision of Morehead State University faculty member and licensed surveyor Joe Curd, students Logan Green of Mt. Sterling, John Harper of Isonville, Deborah Kroth of Newport, and Jacob Day of Ashland volunteered their time to check property lines along the path of the proposed Triplett Valley Trail.

“We really appreciate the efforts of these students to make sure that our site surveys are up to date,” said Dr. Scott Davison, MSU professor of philosophy and president of the local non-profit organization Daniel Boone Rails to Trails. “It illustrates the broad support for this project across the entire community.”

The trail plan would start with the Memorial Tree Walk near the city park, travel along Triplett Creek to the Fazoli's/Morehead Cinema/Buffalo Wild Wings area, and then pass through the Boone Hollan wetlands region to KY 519 along parts of the old railway bed.

A recent survey by the city/county Recreation Commission received a very high number of responses and listed trails as the second priority behind water based recreational facilities.

Financial support for the Triplett Valley Trail project has come from the city, the county, Morehead Tourism, St. Claire Regional Medical Center, MSU, and a number of private individuals. Cost estimates for the trail, obtained from Palmer Engineering in Lexington, were paid by a non-point source pollution water grant administered by April Haight, director of MSU's Environmental Education center, who has been directly involved with rails to trails efforts in Morehead for many years.

In addition, Rowan county fiscal court retained Richard Howerton, an engineer from Greenup, to study the prospects for a trail from the old Sunny Brook Golf Course all the way to the KY 801/US 60 intersection, and to prepare a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant on behalf of the city and county to fund the construction of the Triplett Valley Trail.

Upward Bound receives USDE math and science grant

Oct. 5, 2017

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University has announced that the United States Department of Education awarded funding of \$541,072 annually for two Upward Bound Math Science (UBMS) Program grants during the next five years in addition to the two Upward Bound programs currently awarded at MSU.

“Through these two grants we will be able to expand math and science academic and support services to students at nineteen high schools in the region,” said Dr. Dan Connell, assistant vice president for adult education and college access.

The Upward Bound Programs are an academic program designed to help high school students prepare for college by developing academic, social, and cultural skills needed for success in postsecondary education. The Upward Bound Math and Science program is designed to strengthen the math and science skills of students. The goal of the program is to help students recognize and develop their potential to excel in math and science and to encourage them to pursue postsecondary degrees in math and science, and ultimately careers in the math and science profession.

The MSU Upward Bound Math and Science programs serve high schools in Bath, Boyd, Carter (East and West), Elliott, Fleming, Harrison, Johnson (Central), Lawrence, Lewis, Magoffin, Mason, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Nicholas, Robertson and Rowan counties. Recruitment for the programs is currently going on in these counties.

Curriculum, services, and activities are provided through an integrated academic year and summer academy. Curriculum is intensive, sequential and aligned with the common core standards. Intensive instruction in math and science, research activities and research internships with mathematicians and scientists and STEM mentoring are key components to prepare participants for STEM majors and/or careers. The Summer Academy provides an intensive 6-week instructional program designed to simulate a college-going experience to ensure that students are college ready upon high school graduation.

Additional information is available by contacting Amanda Lewis, interim director, Upward Bound Programs at 606-783-9329 or a.lewis@moreheadstate.edu.

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Wayne Bergeron to perform at MSU

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Los Angeles recording artist Wayne Bergeron will join the MSU's Jazz Ensemble I for a concert Thursday, Nov. 2, at 7:30 p.m. in Button Auditorium.

Earlier that day, Bergeron will teach a Trumpet Masterclass at 3 p.m. in Duncan Recital Hall.

Sponsors for the events include the Buckner and Sally S. Hinkle Endowment for Humanities, Yamaha, Hurst Music and Cincinnati Contemporary Jazz Orchestra (CCJO).

"To have Wayne Bergeron, who is one of the best in the world at what he does, on campus is huge for our students to listen and learn from. We are anticipating a wonderful turn out with many of our regions high school music students coming to campus to take advantage of this rare opportunity," said Greg Wing, professor of music (trumpet).

Bergeron is one of the most sought-after musicians in the world. Studio sessions, film dates, international touring, jazz concerts, guest appearances, and clinics keep him busy not only in his hometown of Los Angeles, but worldwide.

He first caught the ear of many when he landed the lead trumpet chair with Maynard Ferguson's band in 1986. Bergeron can be heard on Maynard's recordings of "Body and Soul," "Big Bop Nouveau," "Brass Attitude," and "The One and Only Maynard Ferguson."

As a sideman, Bergeron's list of recording credits reads like a who's who in contemporary jazz and pop, running the stylistic gamut from Ray Charles to Green Day.

He has worked on more than 400 TV and motion picture soundtracks.

Bergeron's passion for big bands has led to his inclusion in some of Los Angeles' most well-respected bands. He has recorded and played with Quincy Jones, Gordon Goodwin, Arturo Sandoval, Pat Williams, Sammy Nestico, Jack Sheldon, Chris Walden, Tom Kubis, John La Barbara, Bob Florence, Ray Anthony and Bill Watrous.

After being behind the scene for so many years, Bergeron stepped out on his own with his first solo effort, "You Call This a Living?" This debut project earned him a Grammy nomination in 2004 for Best Large Jazz Ensemble.

Bergeron has been principle trumpet at the Pantages Theatre for more than 15 years and is regularly featured with the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra. He has done guest appearances with the L.A. Philharmonic, The New York Philharmonic, and the Cleveland Orchestra.

Bergeron is a National Artist for the Yamaha Corporation of America.

Additional information is available by contacting Wing at 606-783-2401.

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