

Appalachian Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair set for Dec. 2

Nov. 20, 2017

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's Kentucky Folk Art Center will host its annual Appalachian Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair at the Laughlin Health Building, on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

With more than 100 artists and craftspeople from Kentucky and other states, arts and craft fair is the largest and most diverse event of its kind in the region.

The Appalachian Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair offers visitors a wide and varied selection of regional arts and crafts, ranging from the traditional to the cutting edge, including many holiday decorations and gifts.

Admission to the fair is \$3 per person; children under 12 are admitted free.

"There's something for everyone," said Tammy Stone, one of the event coordinators. "Visitors will find traditional crafts, holiday decorations and handmade furniture. It's the best opportunity in the region to find unique, handmade holiday gifts."

"This is certainly one of our most successful and well-attended events," said Matt Collinworth, KFAC director. "After decades in operation, it stands as one of the most significant events in eastern Kentucky. People come from all over the state and across the region. The fair is a special time during the holidays around here."

The 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 from the Center's website at www.kyfolkart.org, or by calling 606-783-2204.

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Career Service hosts first 'Health Care Job Fair'

Nov. 16, 2017

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University held its first Health Care Job Fair with 25 organizations, which included employers and graduate schools, Nov. 1.

Morehead State University's Career Services and the Department of Nursing partnered to host the event.

Around 200 students networked with employers and graduate programs with the hope of landing an interview for graduate school or an internship, part-time or full-time position.

"The event exceeded my expectations in bringing health care related organizations together with students," said Dr. Lynn Parsons, department chair of nursing.

"The Health Care Job Fair is a great way for students to interact with employers and get a look at what jobs are going to be available after graduation," said Carlie Sawyer, career services event planning intern. Attending this event provides information for students about application processes and credentials needed to qualify for various positions in the field."

The next Health Care Job Fair will be Wednesday, April 11, 2018.

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Craft Bizarre slated for Nov. 30 and Dec. 1

Nov. 16, 2017

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.----The eighth annual “Craft Bizarre: MSU Student Art and Craft Sale” will be held Thursday and Friday, Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, in the gallery of Morehead State University’s Claypool-Young Art Building.

The event is free and open to the public.

Featuring art and craft by MSU students, recent graduates, faculty and staff, the event is an opportunity for the campus and community to purchase locally produced jewelry, paintings, prints, knitwear, ceramics, holiday ornaments and more.

"Craft Bizarre" hours will be Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Visit its Facebook page at www.facebook.com/CraftBizarre for updates.

The gallery in Claypool-Young provides cultural and educational programming to the MSU community as well as the University’s service region. The gallery is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or by appointment.

There is no charge for viewing and the public is invited to attend. Parking is available on Main Street during the day, and on the campus after 5 p.m. weekdays, and all day on weekends.

For additional information, contact Jennifer Reis at 606-783-5446 or email j.reis@moreheadstate.edu.

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Ribbon cutting for “The Rock” slated for Nov. 9

Nov. 6, 2017

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University President Dr. Joseph A. (Jay) Morgan and other University, state and local officials will host a ribbon cutting ceremony of the Rocky Adkins Dining Commons, Thursday, Nov. 9, at 1:30 p.m.

The event will be held at the main entrance of the dining commons.

The public is invited.

“The Rock” was built on the site of the former Waterfield Hall. The 25,000 square foot dining commons overlooks the central residential community. The project was designed by EOP Architects, Lexington.

The cost of it and the parking garage and dining complex was \$22.8 million. The parking and dining facility is being funded from private funds and from student fees for housing, parking and dining services.

Rep. Adkins received his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from MSU.

In 1986, he was elected to serve in the Kentucky legislature. The Sandy Hook native served as the House Majority Floor Leader from 2003-16 and is currently serves as Minority Floor Leader.

Rep. Adkins was inducted into the MSU Alumni Hall of Fame in 2004 and named the recipient of the 2012 Founders Award for University Service. Adkins was the starting point guard on the 1982-83 OVC Champion Eagles basketball teams.

Additional information is available by calling 606-783-2033 or email events@morheadstate.edu.

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East Ridge High School students visit Early College Program

Nov. 2, 2017

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Students from East Ridge High School visited the Morehead State University campus, as part of the Early College Program, Tuesday, Oct. 31.

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.

Additional information is available by calling Pace at 606-783-2995 or you can find an application at www.moreheadstate.edu/earlycollege/.

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Rose Hill High School students visit Early College Program

Nov. 7, 2017

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Wolfe County High School students visit Early College Program

Nov. 14, 2017

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Students from Wolfe County High School visited the Morehead State University campus, as part of the Early College Program, Friday, Nov. 3.

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Woodford High School students visit Early College Program

Nov. 27, 2017

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Students from Woodford County High School visited the Morehead State University campus, as part of the Early College Program, Monday, Nov. 27.

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Holiday shows set for Star Theater

Nov. 28, 2017

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's Star Theater will feature "The Star of Bethlehem," "Season of Light," and "Laser Holiday" for the holiday season.

Shows will be Dec. 1, 2, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16. Ticket prices are \$4 for adults, \$3 for students and senior citizens, free for 4-and under.

Show times will be at 6 p.m., Star of Bethlehem and Laser Holiday; and at 8 p.m., Season of Light and Laser Holiday on weekdays. On Saturdays, Star of Bethlehem and Laser Holiday begin at 1 and 3 p.m. while Season of Light and Laser Holiday at 5 and 7 p.m.

"The Star of Bethlehem" is a full dome planetarium show that takes participants back to the little town of Bethlehem where the birth of Jesus was announced to the humble shepherds by "a multitude of the heavenly host" and to the people of Israel by the arrival of the Wise Men. Guided by the light of the "star that they saw in the east" they traveled far from their lands to "come and worship him." In the endeavor to investigate what this "Star" might have been, we present all the historical and scientific facts we have today in order to unravel this 2,000-year old enigma in a special audiovisual show that fills the audience with a sense of wonder and an air of innocence. Accompanied by the music of the best known songs of the season the narration guides the audience through various historical and astronomical information along with the various facts concerning our calendar in order to guide viewers in making their own conclusions as to what this the star was all about.

"Season of Light" will help the audience enjoy a lovely display of the holiday season. In this show, the audience will not only learn the scientific reasoning behind why we have the different seasons, but also will display some of the winter constellations that we can spot. "Season of Light" will provide audiences with a captivating illustration while also exploring some of the possibilities on how the renowned Star of Bethlehem. Noah Adams narrates the show.

For those audiences wanting a different spin on the holiday season, "Laser Holidays" is sure to leave everyone entertained. Filled with vibrant light displays and accompanied by various renowned holiday singles that have been influencing the merry season for years, "Laser Holidays" promises to inspire feelings of joy and cheer, a great way to start the festive season.

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.

Additional information is available by calling the Space Science Center's Star Theater at 606-783-9593 or visiting its website at www.moreheadstate.edu/startheater.

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Inscape accepting submissions (2017)

Nov. 16, 2017

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Inscape, Morehead State University's literary and visual art publication, is accepting submissions in three categories.

Contests are being held for best cover design, and visual art and writing for the interior of the publication. The deadline to submit for the cover design and visual art portion of the competition is Dec. 1 and Jan. 28 for the writing portion.

Prizes are being offered in both of the visual art competitions, with a first place prize of \$100 for the selected cover design. A \$100 award will be given for the best artwork submitted for the interior of the publication, with second, third and honorable mention prizes of \$75, \$50 and \$25, respectively, to be awarded. Participants must be an MSU student to enter the visual art competitions.

Students may submit poetry, fiction, creative nonfiction or drama for inclusion in the interior of the publication. Prizes of \$50 for first place will be awarded in each of the poetry, fiction and creative nonfiction categories. Participants must be an MSU student to be awarded a literary prize, but submissions for inclusion in the magazine are open to non-students as well.

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

The publication is coordinated by the departments of English and Art and Design.

Additional information and the complete list of guidelines on the competitions are available at www.moreheadstate.edu/inscape.

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MEDIA ADVISORY

EVENT: Board of Regents Work Session for Committee Meetings

DATE: Thursday, Nov. 9, 2017

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

**SITE: Center for Health, Education and Research (CHER),
316 W. 2nd St. Morehead (DeMoss Suite, 102 D)**

The Audit Committee will meet at 9:30 a.m.

At 10:30 a.m., Bylaws Review – Bylaws Ad Hoc Committee.

At 1:30 p.m., MSU will a ribbon cutting for the Rocky Adkins Dining Commons.

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Media representatives planning to attend the session should call the Media Relations Office at 606-783-2030.

MSPR has successful fundraiser, membership drive

Nov. 2, 2017

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State Public Radio's 2017 Fall Fundraiser and Membership Drive was held Oct. 16 through 20.

The first live, on-air fundraiser in five years, listeners were asked to support the flagship station WMKY (90.3FM) with a financial gift to support local programming and operations. During the five-day fundraiser, more than \$24,000 was raised from 250 new and renewing members.

"We are extremely pleased with the results of this campaign," said Paul Hitchcock, MSPR general manager. "The community responded in a huge way and we thank everyone who made this fundraiser and membership drive a success."

In addition to several phone volunteers and community guests serving as program co-hosts, many businesses and community organizations supported the fundraiser with a challenge gift.

Among the challenge gift businesses were Bakery on Main, City of Morehead, Coffee Tree Books and Fuzzy Duck Coffee Shop, Community Recycling Center, C. Roger Lewis Insurance, Frontier Housing, Gateway Radio Works – WIVY/WKCA, Harold White Lumber, Innovation Launchpad, Law Office of Chris Ring, Maysville Community and Technical College – Rowan Campus, Morehead Theatre Guild, MSU Athletics, Pasquales Pizza and Pasta, People Bank of Kentucky – Flemingsburg, Ruth Hunt Candy Company and St. Claire Healthcare.

"We have a long history of serving this community," said Hitchcock. "We appreciate the support from the community so we can continue to preserve and promote this region's cultural heritage with programming that is informative and entertaining."

MSPR is still accepting financial gifts. Tax-deductible donations may be made online at www.wmky.org. After completing the online gift, members also will be asked to complete a short survey about WMKY's programming.

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.

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Students answered the phones during the 2017 Fall Fundraiser and Membership Drive From left, Braxton Howard of West Liberty, Logan Pemberton of Paintsville and Jacob Lindberg of Morehead all did their part during the event.

MSU included in ‘Military Times Best: Colleges 2018’

Nov. 20, 2017

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University has been included in “Military Times Best: Colleges 2018” rankings, formerly known as Best for Vets.

“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. “Six years ago, MSU opened the Veterans Resource Center, which assists prospective and current military and student veterans by providing counseling and direction on all educational benefits, enrollment and registration assistance, counseling resources and referrals, academic and career assistance, and provides a place for student veterans to study or relax and reconnect with their fellow student veterans.” In their eighth year, the rankings factor in the results of Military Times’ annual survey, the most comprehensive school-by-school assessment of veteran and military student services and rates of academic achievement.

As with all Military Times rankings, Best Colleges 2018 is an editorially independent news project that evaluates the many factors that help make colleges and universities a good fit for service members, military veterans and their families. More than 600 colleges took part in this year’s detailed survey.

“Of the hundreds of schools that applied, fewer than half received the Military Times Best: Colleges designation this year. Only the best made the cut,” said George Altman, the Military Times editor in charge of the rankings. “For the past eight years, we’ve seen colleges and universities consistently increasing their resources, revising their policies and improving their academic outcomes for military and veteran students. The Military Times Best: Colleges rankings showcase the very best of these efforts.”

Military Times’ annual Best Colleges survey asks colleges and universities to meticulously document a tremendous array of services, special rules, accommodations and financial incentives offered to students with military ties; and to describe many aspects of veteran culture on their campus. Military Times also factors in data from the Veterans Affairs and Defense departments, as well as three Education Department sources: the IPEDS Data Center, College Scorecard data and the Cohort Default Rate Database.

The rankings are published in a Military Times magazine sent to subscribers the week of Nov. 20, as well as online at MilitaryTimes.com, ArmyTimes.com, NavyTimes.com, AirForceTimes.com and MarineCorpsTimes.com.

MSU's Veterans Resource Center was named in honor of Lt. Col. Alan R. Baldwin. A former assistant to the provost, Baldwin joined MSU in 1978 as an assistant professor of military science. After leaving briefly, he returned in 1985 and was named chair of the Department of Military Science. During his tenure, he held numerous titles. He also served on the Morehead City Council for 13 years.

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 or email d.litteral@moreheadstate.edu. He can connect military and veteran students with the services made available for them across campus.

Other ways MSU assists our 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 also has been previously recognized as a military/veteran-friendly university by GI Jobs magazine, Military Advanced Education journal, the Military Times, the U.S. News and World Report and Veterans National Honor Society.

For a complete listing of military-related services, including enrollment, support services and benefits information, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/veterans.

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MSU to host 24th annual MPATE day

Nov. 9, 2017

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Some of the region's best and brightest high school students will participate in the 24th annual Mathematics, Physics and Advanced Technology Exploration (MPATE) Day at Morehead State University on Wednesday, Nov. 15.

Juniors and seniors who excel in sciences will gather at MSU for a day of competition and fun with their peers from other schools, while expanding their educational horizons in those academic disciplines.

The participants, all recommended by their teachers, will be divided into teams of four students. The team members will represent four different schools, to afford the students an opportunity to get to know their peers from other counties or school districts.

"Once the teams are formed, they will have approximately two and one-half hours of problem-solving exploration activities, involving math, physics, computer science or industrial and engineering technology," said Dr. Tim O'Brien, associate professor of mathematics and MPATE Day coordinator.

Some of the activities will be hands-on practical exercises, while others will be completed with pen and paper.

Various MSU faculty and staff members from the College of Science and the College of Business and Technology will lead the explorations.

Each of the different activities is scored, and the team with the highest score at the end of the day's events will be declared the winner.

Following the competitive portion of the day, a luncheon and awards ceremony will be held in Button Auditorium.

Dr. O'Brien said approximately 450 students from MSU's service region and beyond are expected to participate in MPATE Day this year.

Schools that are scheduled for the event include Morgan County, Powell County, West Carter, Floyd Central, Rowan County Senior, Lexington Christian Academy, Pendleton County, Wolfe County, Shelby Valley, Lakeside Christian Academy, Lawrence County, Fleming County and Magoffin County.

Additional information about MPATE Day activities is available by calling Dr. O'Brien at 606-783-9439.

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New leadership institute graduates first cohort

Nov. 7, 2017

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Kentucky's Council on Postsecondary Education's new leadership institute for underrepresented minority faculty graduated its inaugural cohort last week during a Council meeting at Elizabethtown Community and Technical College.

The purpose of the Academic Leadership Development Institute (ALDI) is to develop more campus leaders among early career, underrepresented minority faculty who aspire to leadership positions.

The cohort consisted of 19 faculty representing all eight of the state universities and seven colleges of Kentucky Community and Technical College System.

Morehead State University was represented by Tamera Izlar, assistant professor of theatre.

"We are building a cadre of great higher education leaders who can take us well in the 21st century," said Aaron Thompson, CPE executive vice president and chief academic officer.

Campus provosts nominated candidates for the yearlong initiative based on the following criteria: fewer than seven years' experience in the profession, demonstrated leadership ability, interest in advancement and dedication to their teaching craft.

Thompson said that institutions benefit from developing their own leaders because of their familiarity with the campus climate and knowledge of the institutional mission and strategic plan.

In addition, the program supports campus diversity plans that call for increasing underrepresented minorities in management occupations.

The program, created and facilitated by Dr. Caroline Atkins, a senior associate at the Council, was an eight-month program. During this time, participants acquired a more comprehensive view of postsecondary education from both national and statewide perspectives.

Other graduates and their institutions were:

- Bluegrass Community and Technical College: LaVetta Reliford
- Eastern Kentucky University: Dr. Socorro Zaragoza
- Henderson Community and Technical College: Michelle Chappell
- Jefferson Community and Technical College: Leonard Thomas

- Kentucky State University: Dr. Donovan Ramon
- Madisonville Community College: Dr. Aseem Talukdar
- Murray State University: Dr. Mi-Hwa Park
- Northern Kentucky University: Dr. Francoise Knox Kazimierczuk
- Somerset Community College: Dr. Amanda Waterstrat
- Southeast Kentucky Community and Technical College: Victoria Cloud
- University of Kentucky: Dr. Julie Plasencia, Dr. Jacqueline Couti and Dr. Gabriel Dadi
- University of Louisville: Dr. Delaina Amos, Dr. Dewey Clayton, Dr. Baron Kelly and Dr. Sheri Wallace
- Western Kentucky University: Dr. Kimberly Green

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‘Pirates of Penzance’ slated for Nov. 8-11

Nov. 2, 2017

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---The infamous Pirates of Penzance will sail into Morehead for four performances in Duncan Recital Hall in the Baird Music Hall on the Morehead State University campus, Nov. 8 through 11 at 7:30 p.m. each night.

Morehead State University Opera, directed and conducted by Dr. Roma Prindle, associate professor of music, will present the zany British comedy by Gilbert and Sullivan.

All tickets are \$5, cash or check only, with all MSU students admitted free on Wednesday evening only.

Theatre goers will be familiar with many of the tunes in The Pirates of Penzance, including “Poor wand’ring one” and “I am the very model of a modern Major-General.” Gilbert and Sullivan were the Saturday Night Live of their day. Known for their irreverent pokes at contemporary political figures and situations, their satire is still relevant. Modern audiences will, no doubt, recognize modern day parallels in the characters and their actions in scenes reminiscent of Monty Python sketches.

The show features 22 MSU students with many of the lead roles double cast. The orchestra for the production is comprised of some of MSU’s finest student musicians. MSU Opera also received a generous grant from the MSU Arts and Humanities Council and the Buckner and Sally S. Hinkle Endowment for Humanities to complement the orchestra with string players for the production.

The cast and crew includes:

- Elise Arnold, Florence, Oregon, graduate student, as Ruth;
- Amber Beck, Dover, Delaware, graduate student, as Edith;
- Broderick Beighle, Williamstown senior, as Pirate King;
- Kristan Birchfield, Inez sophomore, as Edith;
- Ryan Blevins, Chilhowie, Virginia, graduate student, as Frederic;
- Janessa Broadhurst, Louisville sophomore, as Mabel;
- Noah Bruce, Louisville freshman, Ensemble;
- Alexander Castle, Westwood sophomore, as Major-General Stanley;

- Noah Colley, Portsmouth, Ohio, senior, as Pirate King;
- Eliza Eaches, Wheelersburg, Ohio, junior, as Ruth;
- Matt Hammond, Louisa senior, as Frederic;
- Ruby Harr, Louisville freshman, Ensemble;
- Ben Hayes, Louisa sophomore, Ensemble;
- Michael Jarman, Lexington, as Sergeant of Police;
- Miranda Justice, Pikeville senior, Ensemble;
- Summer Lighthall, Burlington; as Mabel;
- Brian Moscoe, Lexington; Ensemble;
- Kaitlyn Osborn, Louisa senior, as Kate;
- Bugs Reinhardt, Minford, Ohio; junior, as Samuel;
- Jasmine Wheeler, Morehead senior, as Kate;
- Sarah White, West Union, Ohio, sophomore, as Isabel;
- Nick Wolford, Jackson, Ohio, senior, as Major-General Stanley
- William Murphy, staff accompanist, rehearsal pianist;
- Leslie Robinson, Louisa sophomore; stage manager;
- Eli Weis, Louisville senior; lighting;
- and Roma Prindle, director and conductor.

Additional information is available by calling Prindle at 606-783-2481.

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Regional MAT Sessions Planned

Nov. 13, 2017

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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 through Dec. 14. For orientation purposes, items such as program design, 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 Lambert, Marian Sims, or Michelle Roberts prior to the session you plan to attend.

Sessions will be held on these dates and locations:

- Tuesday, Dec. 5, 4:00 p.m., MSU at Ashland
- Tuesday, Dec. 12, 4:30 p.m., Morgan County Public Library, West Liberty
- Wednesday, Dec. 13, 4:30 p.m., MSU Main Campus (801 Ginger Hall)
- 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), 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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Ribbon cutting ceremony held for ‘The Rock’

Nov. 9, 2017

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.----Officials of Morehead State University along with members of its Board of Regents, local and state legislators Thursday, Nov. 9, held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new dining commons facility “The Rocky Adkins Dining Commons.”

Adkins is humbled, but glad that MSU students will have a chance to take advantage of the new facility.

“This is all about our students. This will give them a place to study, eat and socialize with their classmates and friends. MSU has played a pivotal role in my life and I am very honored to have my name placed on this building. It also adds to the beauty of our campus,” said Adkins.

“Not in my wildest dreams would I have ever thought that I would experience what I have today. It is humbling and I am completely honored.”

“The Rock” was built on the site of the former Waterfield Hall. The 25,000 square foot dining commons overlooks the central residential community. The project was designed by EOP Architects, Lexington.

The new facility offers The Fresh Food Company, which features cutting-edge exhibition cooking, authentic ethnic dishes, a culinary twist on old American favorites and a variety of healthy/vegetarian options prepared to order.

The cost of the parking garage and dining complex was \$22.8 million. It was funded from private funds and student fees for housing, parking and dining services.

“This facility has changed the face of the campus and quickly has become a very popular place,” said Dr. Joseph A. (Jay) Morgan, MSU president. “During my time working with Rocky, I have learned, he is a straight forward individual and he cares a lot about this University.”

Rep. Adkins received his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from MSU.

In 1986, he was elected to serve in the Kentucky legislature. The Sandy Hook native served as the House Majority Floor Leader from 2003-16 and is currently serves as Minority Floor Leader.

During his time in the legislature, he has remained a staunch supporter of education in eastern Kentucky.

A more than 20-year survivor of cancer, he actively raises funds for research by sponsoring an annual golf tournament, “Rocky Adkins Charity Golf Outing – Cure for Cancer” which has raised more than \$2.3 million since its inception in 1995.

Rep. Adkins was inducted into the MSU Alumni Hall of Fame in 2004 and named the recipient of the 2012 Founders Award for University Service.

He has been honored for his public service by many organizations and considered a leader in the field of energy independence and has introduced several groundbreaking pieces of legislation.

Adkins was the starting point guard on the 1982-83 OVC Champion Eagles basketball teams.

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Smith to attend Global Entrepreneurship Summit

Nov. 17, 2017

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---The Kentucky Innovation Network (KIN) has announced that Kevin Smith, co-founder of Rural Up Inc., has been selected to participate in the Global Entrepreneurship Summit as a result of a nomination from the Innovation Network's Morehead State University Office.

The Global Entrepreneurship Summit, which seeks to foster economic growth globally, will be held Nov. 28-30, in Hyderabad, India.

“Kevin Smith is an Eastern Kentucky success story and we are proud to have him represent our region at the premier global summit that encourages entrepreneurship,” said Johnathan Gay, KIN director.

The Kentucky innovation network office at Morehead State University provides free business consulting services to entrepreneurs in eastern Kentucky.

"I am honored to have been nominated by the KIN and selected by the U.S. State Department to attend GES2017. This is an exciting opportunity to network with peers and hear from business leaders from around the world. I hope to continue helping grow our economy in Eastern Kentucky with the knowledge and networks that I will bring back home," said Smith. "I can't thank the Kentucky Innovation Network enough for the support, encouragement, and mentorship they offer entrepreneurs like me."

Rural Up's mission is to bring 21st century educational opportunities to Eastern Kentucky and it believes that the key to economic and community development begins with a strong education foundation for the young people of the Appalachia region. Rural Up operates a Code Academy that creates an exciting and engaging environment in which middle school and high school students are challenged to think about technology in very tangible and applicable ways. By giving them the information and resources needed for success in computer coding, Rural Up hopes that they will become leaders of the high tech workforce right here in Kentucky.

The eighth annual Global Entrepreneurship Summit, which connects promising entrepreneurs to business leaders, investors, and supporters from around the world, is being co-hosted by the United States and India for the first time. The GES will highlight entrepreneurship

as a means to address some of the most intractable global challenges. The agenda features a range of master classes, workshops, and networking sessions designed to give promising entrepreneurs the opportunity to forge international partnerships and engage in many other initiatives aimed at helping their ventures collaborate and grow. Senior political figures and business leaders will attend.

Ivanka Trump, White House advisor, will be leading the U.S. delegation to the Summit. India Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to attend.

GES is an invite-only event that will feature 1,500 entrepreneurs from 140 countries. Participants will be truly global, with representation from every region of the world. Entrepreneurs will represent a diverse range of geographies, industries, business size, and scalability.

For additional information on GES2017, visit www.ges2017.org. For questions about KIN's Morehead State University Office, contact Johnathan Gay at johnathan@kyinnovation.com.

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Star Theater announces November shows

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's Star Theater will feature several of its most popular live programs in November.

The programs will start Thursday, Nov. 9, at 6 p.m. with Dawn of the Space Age, followed by Pink Floyd: Dark Side of the Moon at 7 p.m. and Laser Magic at 8 p.m.

Programs will continue on Friday, Nov. 10, with Cosmic Color at 6 p.m., followed by Laser Vinyl at 7 p.m. and Pink Floyd: The Wall at 8 p.m.

Programs will conclude on Saturday, Nov. 11, with afternoon showings of Dawn of the Space Age at 1 p.m., Cosmic Colors at 2:15 p.m., and Totality at 3:30 p.m. Programs continue with laser shows on Saturday evening at 7 p.m. with Pink Floyd: Dark Side of the Moon and at 8 p.m. Pink Floyd: The Wall.

Selected laser music shows can contain unedited language.

General Public ticket prices are:

Planetarium programs

- \$3 – Adults
- \$2 – Students & Senior Citizens (60+)
- Free – 4 and under

Laser programs

- \$6 – Adults
- \$5 – Students & Senior Citizens (60+)
- Free – 4 and under

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

Additional information is available by calling the Space Science Center's Star Theater at 606-783-9593 or visiting its website at www.moreheadstate.edu/startheater.

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Students shine at KAS meeting

Nov. 28, 2017

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---The Kentucky Academy of Science held its 2017 Annual Meeting at Murray State University. More than 500 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:

Hunter Gatewood, first place, Graduate oral presentation, psychology;

Joseph Reese, second place, Graduate oral presentation, psychology;

Sierra Hauck, first place, Undergraduate oral presentation, physics and astronomy;

Brianna Ward, second place, Undergraduate poster presentation, psychology;

Karina Cole, third place, Graduate oral presentation, psychology.

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 contact Amanda Fuller, Kentucky Academy of Science, at 859-227-2837 or email executivedirector@kyscience.org.

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Thanksgiving specials to air on MSPR (2017)

Nov. 17, 2017

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.----Morehead State Public Radio will offer special programs on Thanksgiving.

At 9 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 23, MSPR will air "The Thankful Heart." Music and the Spoken Word Thanksgiving Special features "Come, Ye Thankful People Come," "Count Your Blessings Instead of Sheep" from White Christmas and "Hymn of Praise."

"Giving Thanks to Music" will follow at 10 a.m. In the true spirit of Thanksgiving, the WFMT Radio Network invited five distinguished individuals to describe something they all share: the profound value classical music has for them. As these outstanding people reveal their experiences, we take a moment to give thanks for the music that has enriched our lives.

Guests in the 2017 edition of Giving Thanks to Music are: Opera singer and four-time Grammy winner Marilyn Horne, Anchor and Executive Producer of the Peabody Award winning news program Latino USA, Maria Hinojosa, Dancer and choreographer Jessica Lang, Principal Clarinet of the New York Philharmonic Anthony McGill and Avery Fisher Career Grant winning flutist Demarre McGill.

MSPR broadcasts 24 hours a day and serves more than 20 counties in Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia. WMKY (90.3 FM) serves as the flagship station for the network, and includes a translator in Inez.

Information is available by calling MSPR at 606-783-2001; or visiting its website at wmky.org.

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Veterans Day celebrated at MSU

Nov 13, 2017

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University values and honors all the men and women who have served in our Armed Forces.

MSU continued to take great pride in recognizing Veterans Day, Friday, Nov. 10, as a celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

At 11 a.m., a wreath ceremony was held next to the Veterans Wall near the Rowan County Arts Center on Main Street.

Morehead State and Rowan County Schools hosted a free lunch for all current and former members of the military in the Button Drill Room. Entertainment was provided by the Kentucky Center for Traditional Music.

Veterans Day is an official United States holiday that honors people who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces, also known as veterans. It is a federal holiday that is observed on Nov. 11. It coincides with other holidays such as Armistice Day and Remembrance Day, which are celebrated in other parts of the world and also mark the anniversary of the end of World War I (major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, when the Armistice with Germany went into effect). The United States also originally observed Armistice Day; it then evolved into the current Veterans Day holiday in 1954.

Additional information is available by contacting David Litteral, Military Initiatives director, at 606-783-9267 or email d.litteral@moreheadstate.edu.

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Veterans Day events planned

Nov 6, 2017

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The official Veterans Day holiday is Saturday, Nov. 11.

At 11 a.m., a wreath ceremony will be held next to the Veterans Wall near the Rowan County Arts Center on Main Street.

Morehead State and Rowan County Schools will host a free lunch for all current and former members of the military starting at 11:30 a.m. in the Button Drill Room. Entertainment will be provided by the Kentucky Center for Traditional Music.

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Veterans Day specials to air on MSPR

Nov. 4, 2017

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky. ---- Morehead State Public Radio will offer special programs Friday, Nov. 10 for the Veterans Day holiday.

At 9:30 a.m., "Noble Peacemakers." This Music and the Spoken Word special features "Who Are the Brave?" "Let There Be Peace on Earth," "A Tribute to the Armed Forces," and more.

"Getting Into Vietnam" will follow at 10 a.m. In the first episode of With Good Reason's new documentary series on the Vietnam War, historians and veterans of the war explore the story of the draft - who it ensnared, who escaped, and the trauma it left on a generation of Americans.

In part one, historians Fred Turner and Wilbur J. Scott explore how the self-image of America was shattered in Vietnam, and hear the first-hand accounts of veterans' return to America after the trauma of conflict.

In part two, the special returns to the living rooms of America at the moment when the draft lottery was broadcast on national television. Vietnam veterans and historian Christan G. Appy walk us through the experience of being plucked from suburban life and set on the road to war.

At 7 p.m., "We Gotta Get Out of this Place" will air. In their highly acclaimed book, Doug Bradley and Craig Werner explore how U.S. troops turned to popular music to cope with the war in Vietnam and how that music became the soundtrack of the war. This show features the music soldiers listened to from that era including, "What's Going On," "These Boots are Made for Walking," "Purple Haze," "I Feel Like I'm Fixing to Die," "The Ballad of the Green Berets," "We Gotta Get Out of this Place" and others.

Later in the show, women journalists who covered the Vietnam War are often not given their proper due when the history of the conflict is told. Joyce Hoffman, author of "On Their Own: Women Journalists in Vietnam," shares stories of women who won esteemed prizes for their reporting and several who broke new ground covering the war.

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