

## **5K race-walk to support Backpacks for Kids program is March 31**

March 21, 2018

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's Human Resource and Payroll office will host a 5K run/walk Saturday, March 31, to support the for Rowan County Middle School's Backpacks for Kids program.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. in the Academic-Athletic Center (AAC) parking lot. The race will begin at 9:30 a.m.

The cost of the race is \$5 pre-registration and \$10 the day of the race. The first 50 people to pre-register (by March 22) will receive a free T-shirt.

MSU's employees can sign up by visiting <https://livewell.mycernerwellness.com>.

Participants also can bring granola bars, ramen noodles, fruit snacks (gummy), macaroni and cheese cups and pop tarts.

Additional information is available is available by calling 606-783-2097.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University held its annual Spring Career Fair March 6.

With a total of 87 organizations attending including employers and graduate schools, there was representation from a variety of industries. Nearly 400 students, alumni and community members attended to network with employers and graduate programs in hopes of landing an interview for an internship, part-time or full-time position.

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

“Attendees were able to see a list of employers and graduate programs attending the career fair, research those organizations, mark their favorites and then locate them on an interactive map directly from their phones,” said Megan Boone, interim director of the Office of Career Services.

The next career fair will be Tuesday, Oct. 2.

“Organizations who take the time to attend a career fair are targeting MSU students and alumni which increases an attendees odds of landing an interview. Plus, recruiters enjoy the opportunity to meet candidates in person. Building relevant skills through experiential education is becoming increasingly important in this job market so current students need to attend to explore internships and co-ops. We encourage all job seekers to take advantage of the next career fair,” said Boone.

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

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## **High school art exhibition and competition set for March 7-14**

March 1, 2018

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---The main gallery of Morehead State University's Claypool-Young Art Building will be the site of the "Burley-Coal Region High School Exhibition and Competition," March 7 through 14. The annual show is organized in partnership with the Kentucky Art Education Association, and features high school artwork from the region.

The exhibition will be open for special Saturday hours on March 10 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

In association with the exhibition the Department of Art and Design hosts its annual High School Art Day scheduled on Wednesday, March 14. Schools from Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia have participated in this exciting event through demonstrations and hands-on art activities including an annual newspaper sculpture competition.

High schools participating include: Bath County, Betsy Layne, Boyd County, Fleming County, Floyd County, Greenup County, Hazard, Johnson Central, Lawrence County, Mason County, Montgomery County, Paintsville, Paul Blazer, Perry County, Pikeville, Raceland-Worthington, Russell Independent and Sheldon Clark.

The gallery in the Claypool-Young features contemporary art for the MSU community as well as the university's service region. The gallery is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or by appointment. There is no charge for viewing and the public is invited. Parking is available on Main Street, during the day, and on the MSU campus after 5 p.m. weekdays, and all day on weekends.

Information is available by calling Jennifer Reis, gallery director, at 606-783-5446.

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## **TLC accepting nominations for McBride tutoring award**

March 14, 2018

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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

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

Nominations will be accepted through April 1. The winner will be named and recognized at the Wednesday, April 25, Celebration of Student Scholarship.

MSU students, staff and faculty are welcome to nominate TLC tutors who have demonstrated the highest level of excellence in tutoring skill and caring for MSU students. Nomination forms are available at the TLC in the Camden-Carroll Library and TLC in 220 Allie Young. Completed nomination forms can be submitted at either TLC location or 215 Allie Young.

Additional information is available by contacting Madden-Grider at 606-783-5181 or email [a.madden@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:a.madden@moreheadstate.edu).

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## **Walker elected new chair; lecture series to start in fall 2018**

March 29, 2018

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's Board of Regents elected a new chair, created a lecture series and honored several individuals during its quarterly meeting on Thursday, March 29, in the DeMoss Suite at the Center for Health, Education and Research.

Kathy Walker of Paintsville was elected Board of Regents chair. The board also elected Wayne Martin as vice chair. Sharon S. Reynolds, assistant to the president, was re-elected board secretary and Teresa Lindgren, interim chief financial officer, was appointed treasurer.

The board approved the creation of the W. Terry McBrayer Presidential Lecture Series in Government and Leadership. The series will begin in the fall. The regents also approved the naming of the Claypool-Young main gallery as the Golding-Yang Art Gallery in honor of Deeno Golding, a long-time art professor who died in December 2017, and his wife, Yanya Yang, and brother-in-law, Neng Yang. The official ceremony will take place Friday, May 4.

The board approved tenure with promotion to Greg Carlisle, assistant professor of theatre; Dr. Kurt Gibbs, assistant professor of biology; Dr. Patricia Harrelson, assistant professor of animal science; Dr. Sherry Stulz, assistant professor of education; and Dr. Fujuan Tan, assistant professor of adult and high education.

The members heard reports on preliminary spring enrollment (total preliminary enrollment for Spring 2018 was 9,318) and the naming of facilities in the Adron Doran University Center. Jim Shaw, vice president of advancement, announced the naming rights to the outdoor volleyball facility. It will be called the Fazoli's Breadstick Beach.

The group approved personnel actions, the second quarter financial report and amended the operating budget. They approved the MSU 2018-22 Strategic Plan; and approved a change in the mandatory student fees.

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

Dr. George M. Luckey and Dr. Sue Luckey spoke to the regents on their years at MSU.

After the meeting concluded, President Jay Morgan and the regents visited the new location of the renovated home of Luckey Academic Honors Program in Fields Hall.

In March of 2003, MSU's Honors Program was renamed The George M. Luckey, Jr. Academic Honors Program. This naming was in honor of Dr. Luckey, a dedicated director of the program from 1990 until he retired in 2003. Dr. Luckey taught for more than 40 years as a

professor of philosophy at MSU, where he was recipient of the Distinguished Teacher of the Year Award.

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 7.

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## **Bryant named Talent Search associate director**

March 5, 2018

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's Talent Search Program has named Summer Fawn Bryant as associate director.

"We are excited that Summer Bryant has accepted the position of associate director for Morehead State University's Talent Search Program. Summer brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to this position. Her professionalism and expertise will assist us in providing exceptional services to our Talent Search students," said Sharon Williams, program director.

Bryant attended Morehead State University and earned a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees. This fall will mark her 10<sup>th</sup> year of service with MSU, having spent the past eight years as the TRIO academic coordinator for educational talent search. She is a member of the Kentucky Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel (KAEOPP) and serves on the board of the Southern Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel (SAEOPP).

A native of Elkhorn City, she resides in Morehead, with her husband, Benji, and their son Myles.

"I have had a long relationship with TRiO and am thrilled with the opportunity to continue my passion for empowering TRiO students," said Bryant.

MSU's Talent Search is program to encourage students to develop academic skills to assure their success in post-secondary education. The program works with more than 1,600 middle and high school students in grades 6 through 12 within an 11 county area. The counties include: Bath, Carter, Elliott, Greenup, Johnson, Lewis, Magoffin, Menifee, Morgan, Powell and Rowan. Those who participate in this program receive services in four major program areas: Academic Counseling, Career Counseling, Financial Counseling and Personal Counseling to ensure graduation from high school and successful placement in the postsecondary institution of their choice.

Additional information is available by calling Williams at 606-783-5487 or visit <http://www.moreheadstate.edu/trio>.

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From left, Victoria Kelly Brunson, Anna Frances Baskin, Secretary of State Alison Lundergan Grimes, Chloe Morgan Watkins and Nevaeh Hope Dearmond.

## **Craft Academy student wins Secretary of State essay contest**

March 21, 2018

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Kentucky Secretary of State Alison Lundergan Grimes recognized four Kentucky high school students for winning her office's 29th annual essay contest. She held a ceremony at Rupp Arena during the Whitaker Bank/KHSAA Boys' Sweet 16 Basketball Tournament.

Among the winners was Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics at Morehead State University's Victoria Kelly Brunson of Somerset. Brunson, a senior, is in her second year at the Craft Academy.

Other winners were 9th Grade, Nevaeh Hope Dearmond, Logan County High School, Russellville; 10th Grade, Chloe Morgan Watkins, Logan County High School, Russellville; and 11th Grade, Anna Frances Baskin, Henry Clay High School, Lexington.

"Just yesterday, I stood hand in hand with students as they let their voices be heard about gun violence and safety in schools. Everywhere you turn, young people are driving engagement in their schools, their communities, and in Kentucky," said Grimes. "These four young women are incredible representatives of all the young people who getting up, getting out, and getting loud right now. I know Kentucky's future is very bright."

Created in 1988, the Secretary of State's essay contest serves to inspire students to be active and informed citizens, with particular emphasis on election-related issues. High school students are invited to write essays regarding the First Amendment and elections. Entries were judged on research and understanding of voting and the First Amendment, idea development, organization, language and correctness. The University of Kentucky Scripps Howard First Amendment Center judges the anonymous contest entries.

Each winner received a \$1,000 cash scholarship made possible by the Office of Secretary of State and its partners, KEA and KEA Retired, the University of Kentucky Scripps Howard First Amendment Center and the Kentucky Department of Education.

For more information about the Secretary's annual contests, visit [sos.ky.gov](http://sos.ky.gov).



Additional information on the Craft Academy is available at 606-783-2093 or visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/Craft-Academy](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/Craft-Academy).

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March 5, 2018

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's Dr. Amy Johnson Staton, assistant professor of veterinary technology, and Dr. Christine Boyd, physical education/health teacher for Warsaw Community School, had an article published in the Journal of the Association of Veterinary Technician Educators.

JAVTE is one of the most prominent publication of veterinary technician education in the United States.

The article titled, "Haptic Technology in an Academic Setting," describes haptic technology and the advantages of implementing such technology in a veterinary technology program. The use of haptic technology provides an opportunity for students to obtain a new understanding through tactile and kinesthetic experiences. With the utilization of haptic technology, students can achieve a complete training experience without the use of live patients. Haptics allow students to experiment, make mistakes, improve techniques, and practice indefinitely until they reach and exceed an appropriate level of clinical competency.

The exploration and creation of life-like simulations using haptic technology could be a great benefit to veterinary technology programs around the globe. It is hoped that with further research and investigation veterinary educators around the globe can come together, collaborate, and create different forms of haptic technology to provide an educational experience like no other.

Dr. Staton and Dr. Boyd were members of the first Ed.D. cohort at MSU. It was during this time they found an interest in haptics and the impact it could have on training programs such as veterinary technology.

Dr. Staton is a member of the Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners, which was appointed by Gov. Matt Bevin.

In addition to being a licensed veterinary technologist, she also holds a doctorate of education, and her research interests include applying interactive virtual simulation to the

classroom, and implementing low-stress handling into academia and veterinary facilities. She teaches on courses related to animal husbandry, radiology and surgical nursing.

Dr. Staton has been with MSU since 2008.

In 2016, she was named as one of the top 40 veterinary technology professors in the U.S. by the educational blog Vet Tech Colleges.com.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Staton at 606-783-2328.

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## **Dr. Paul McGhee passes away**

March 26, 2018

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Dr. Paul Ralph McGhee, a retired education professor at Morehead State University, died on Wednesday, March 21, 2018, in Santa Maria, California. He was 78.

Dr. McGhee, born in Kensington, Ohio, was the youngest of three children born to Curtis L. McGhee and Erma O. (Wright) McGhee. He graduated valedictorian of his class at Augusta High School in 1957, where he also played basketball and served as senior class president. He married Connie L. (George) McGhee in 1963 at First Presbyterian Church in Carrollton, Ohio. He earned Bachelor of Science and Masters' degrees in Education at Miami University (Oxford, Ohio). At Miami, he was student senate president, a leader in campus organizations, and a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity.

He began his teaching career in Rich Township, Park Forest, Illinois, and his administration career as an assistant principal in Massillon, Ohio. He obtained his doctorate from Syracuse University. In 1969, Dr. McGhee moved to Morgantown, West Virginia, to become principal of University High School, with an appointment to West Virginia University as assistant professor. In 1973, he moved to full-time teaching duties as an associate professor at WVU. He lived in Morgantown, where he taught and raised his family, until 1983 when he moved to Morehead State University. For much of his career at MSU, Dr. McGhee divided his time between teaching and administrative duties. While living in Morehead, he was a volunteer and community leader who served as president of the Kiwanis and member of Faith Presbyterian Church.

Dr. McGhee is survived by his son, Lt. Col. Michael C. McGhee (Ret.) and wife Marianne, of Villa Hills; his son, Mark J. McGhee Esq. and wife Rita, of Charleston, West Virginia; his daughter, Melissa E. Clay and husband Charles T., of Barboursville, West Virginia; and four grandchildren, Caroline M. McGhee, Craig J. McGhee, Lilith M. McGhee, and Maura S. McGhee.

Visitation will be on Thursday, March 29, from 4 until 6 p.m. at Northcutt and Son Home for Funerals in Morehead, with a service to follow directly after visitation at 6 p.m.

A graveside ceremony will be held at the Westview Cemetery in Carrollton, Ohio, on Saturday, March 31, at 1 p.m.

View memorial tribute or sign guestbook at [www.northcuttandson.com](http://www.northcuttandson.com)

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## **Dr. Morrison has essay published**

March 8, 2018

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's Dr. Ronald D. Morrison, professor of English, has published an essay that explores connections between the country-rock band Blackberry Smoke and the poetry of William Wordsworth.

The essay titled "Wordsworth's 'Michael,' the Georgic, and Blackberry Smoke" appears in the volume *Rock and Romanticism: Blake, Wordsworth, and Rock from Dylan to U2*, edited by James Rovira and published by Lexington Books, an imprint of Rowman and Littlefield.

In the essay, Morrison focuses on the formal features of the georgic, a poem focused on agriculture, and he draws connections between William Wordsworth's famous poem and various songs in the catalog of Blackberry Smoke. While critical treatments of Romantic poetry tend to focus on the pastoral, which presents an idealized view of nature and rural values, contemporary critics have begun to examine the form of the georgic, which tends to describe in relatively realistic fashion the joys and hardships of rural life and rural culture. Morrison believes that his article tells us something about both Romantic poetry and contemporary music, particularly the genre of Southern Rock.

Morrison notes that rock music has many parallels to Romantic-era poetry. In fact, the Doors were named after a line in William Blake's "The Marriage of Heaven and Hell," and the last two U2 albums were named after collections of poetry by Blake as well: *Songs of Innocence* and *Songs of Experience*.

"I had a lot of fun with this project. I think it is important to show students that poetry from earlier ages can have a great deal in common with the contemporary world and contemporary art forms," said Morrison.

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

Additional information is available by contacting Morrison at 606-783-2608 or email [r.morris@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:r.morris@moreheadstate.edu).

For more information about MSU's English program, visit  
[www.moreheadstate.edu/english](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/english).

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Cutline: Students answered the phones during the 2017 Fall Fundraiser and Membership Drive.

## **MSPR fundraiser, membership drive April 9-13**

March 21, 2018

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State Public Radio's 2018 Spring Fundraiser and Membership Drive will be held during the week of April 9 through 13.

"We hope to build on the success of our fall fundraiser by returning to a telethon-style event," 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. The station continues to be a voice for the community with programming that is locally hosted and produced.

"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.

A recent addition to WMKY's programming is Latino USA, a weekly, one-hour program providing a platform for Latino voices and perspectives in the radio news landscape. Distributed by NPR, Latino USA airs Saturday mornings at 7 a.m.

"We have a long history of serving this community, but we need support from our listeners to maintain our operations," said Hitchcock. "Financial gifts to MSPR will help cover daily operating expenses, such as student work-studies and programming fees."

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."

WMKY has set a goal of \$12,000 and 200 members (contributors) during the week-long fundraiser.

Financial gifts to Morehead State Public Radio (WMKY) are tax deductible and may be made online at [www.wmky.org](http://www.wmky.org). Listeners also may make a pledge from April 9-13 by calling 606-783-2001 during the fundraiser.

Businesses or individuals wishing to offer a Challenge Pledge should contact Hitchcock at 606-783-2334 or email at [p.hitchc@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:p.hitchc@moreheadstate.edu).



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## **Graduation Fair set for March 14 and 15**

March 8, 2018

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University will hold the Class of 2018 Graduation Fair Wednesday and Thursday, March 14-15.

The Graduation Fair will be held from 10 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 May should attend the event.

Those in attendance receive a free gift 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 Unlimited 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](http://www.bookstore.moreheadstate.edu).

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From left, front row, Aaron Curnutte, Dr. William Green and Sarah Fink. Back row, from left, William Razor, Thomas Little and Brandon Bryer.

## **Dr. William Green receives Distinguished Political Scientist Award**

March 30, 2018

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's Dr. William C. Green, professor of government, received the Distinguished Political Scientist Award at the annual meeting of the Kentucky Political Science Association (KPSA).

Green becomes one of only 17 Kentucky political science faculty to receive the honor since its creation in 1987.

An MSU faculty member for the past 34 years, Green has received MSU's Distinguished Teaching Award, Distinguished Research Award and Internship Faculty of the Year Award for his recruitment and preparation of 66 MSU students, who have participated in the five-week Canadian Parliamentary Internship Program.

Green holds the J.D. degree from the University of Kentucky College of Law, a Ph.D. degree in Political Science from the State University of New York at Buffalo, and a Master of Arts degree in Political Science, a Bachelor of Science degree in Education and a Bachelor of Arts degree in History, cum laude, all from Kent State University.

Green's research explores constitutional and civil liberties issues and the legal dimensions of economic development, labor relations, language rights, and pharmaceutical drug policies. His publications include four books, five book chapters, 25 journal articles, and 44 encyclopedia essays. His most recent book, *Contraceptive Risk: The FDA, Depo-Provera, and the Politics of Experimental Medicine*, was published by New York University Press in 2017. He now has a contract with Lexington Books to write *Free the Grapes: Granholm v. Heald, Boutique Wineries, and State Alcohol Beverage Regulation*.

According to Dr. Jonathan Pidluzny, associate professor of government, students in Green's courses on Constitutional Law, Courts and Civil Liberties, Environmental Law and Policy, European Parliamentary Democracies, and Human Rights Law and Politics are active learners whom he challenges to think, write, and speak, necessary skills for success in law and graduate school. Outside the classroom, his best students develop their research skills as

participants in MSU's Undergraduate Research Fellowship program. Pidluzny also noted that students that have taken Green's law and policy courses have told him that his courses have provided them with the skills essential for success in law school. As the Government program's law school advisor, throughout his tenure, he created Societas Pro Legibus, MSU's campus-based society for the study of law, authored the question-based How to Take the LSAT and Go to Law School, and advised students who have been admitted to nation's top ten percent of law schools and to the University of Vermont, the nation's top environmental law school.

Four 2017 Canadian Parliamentary Interns presented papers at the KPSA's meeting. They were Aaron Curnutte of Prestonsburg, Sarah Fink of Hollsopple, Pennsylvania, Thomas Little of Virgie, and William Razor of Mt. Sterling. Brandon Bryer of Scarborough, Maine, Byer, Undergraduate Research Fellow, also presented at the KPSA.

In Ottawa, the students work in the office of a Member of Parliament, attend committee meetings and House of Commons debates, and participate in the political life of the nation's capital city.

Students who become Canadian Parliamentary Interns begin their preparation with his course on North American Politics during which they write Canadian-focused research proposals. In Ottawa, the students conduct research for their papers and, upon their return, write and present papers at MSU's Celebration of Student Scholarship and the Kentucky Political Science Association's annual meetings.

Since 2004, the interns have received an MSU Canadian Studies Scholarship, which he created, to provide them with a total of \$50,000 in financial support.

Additional information is available by contacting Green at 606-783-2128.

More information on the Department of History, Philosophy, Politics, International Studies and Legal Studies is available by visiting [www.moreheadstate.edu/hpil](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/hpil).

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## **Li's work selected for anniversary edition of 'Watercolor Artist'**

March 8, 2018

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.--- "Watercolor Artist" selected a watercolor painting titled "Girls on a Date" by Morehead State University's Dongfeng Li, associate professor of art and design, as one of 25 exceptional watercolors during the last 25 years for the magazine's 25th anniversary.

A nationally acclaimed artist in Oriental brush, watercolors, pastel portraits and figure painting, Li joined MSU in 2007. He began his art career in his native China. He graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the Tianjin College of Fine Arts College in Tianjin, China. He earned a master degree in of fine arts from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville and a master of art education degree from the University of South Alabama.

He previously taught at Webster University in St. Louis.

Li's watercolor painting titled "Out of the Darkness and Into the Light" was accepted by the exhibition jurors for inclusion in the 147th American Watercolor Society Annual International Exhibition in New York. With his inclusion in the exhibition, Li became a signature member of the American Watercolor Society.

He has won many national awards including the "IDE Memorial Award" American Watercolor Society Annual International Exhibition, New York, 2008; First Place Award for Kentucky Watercolor Society Annual Aqueous Exhibition in 2012, 2015 and 2016; First Place Award for Missouri Watercolor Society Annual International Exhibition in 2016; First Place Award for Georgia Watercolor Society Annual Exhibition in 2016; and First Place Award for Illinois Watercolor Society Annual Exhibition in 2014.

Li was honored in 2015 with an MSU Distinguished Creative Productions award and in 2017 was a recipient of an Al Smith Individual Artist Fellowship from the Kentucky Arts Council.

Additional information is available by contacting Li at 606-783-2764.

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## **Huang working hard at internship The Washington Center**

March 1, 2018

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University senior art/design and mathematics double-major Lin-hsiu Huang, of Kaohsiung, Taiwan, understands a fundamental concept central to the mission of the Office of Career Services – that it is essential for students to gain professional experience in their field before graduation.

As graduating students enter a competitive job market tied to the global economy, experience and diversified skills matter.

To that end, Lin has been both dedicated and successful, as evidenced by the range of opportunities she has taken advantage of as an Academic Honors Program student.

Lin is currently in Washington D.C., pursuing an internship through The Washington Center, one of MSU’s most established experiential education partners. In addition to securing a placement as a design-intern with The Future of Privacy Forum – a nonprofit concerned with the intersections of privacy and emerging technologies – she has recently been named a blogger for The Washington Center.

“Our team at Career Services is tremendously proud of Lin. When I began working with her last September, as she prepared her application to intern through The Washington Center, not only was I confident that she’d be accepted, I knew that she’d accomplish great things,” said Josh Taylor, career counselor and internship coordinator. “To see her flourishing as both a design-intern with The Future of Privacy Forum and as a blogger for TWC is a testament to her talent and drive. We’re looking forward to following her journey through her blog.”

Follow her blog at <http://www.twc.edu/people/lin-hsiu-huang>.

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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

**EVENT: Board of Regents Meeting**

**DATE: Thursday, March 29, 2018**

**TIME: 9 a.m.**

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

The Regents will discuss item(s) on the agenda (agenda included).

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

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## **Preliminary results announced for Kentucky Associated Press Awards**

March 13, 2018

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State Public Radio has finalists in multiple categories in preliminary results from the Kentucky Associated Press Broadcast Contest.

"I think the number of AP Awards that MSPR News is being considered for demonstrates our commitment to producing a quality broadcast news product for our listeners," said Chuck Mraz, news director. "The number of student reporters up for awards is also a testament to their valued contribution to that product and our station's continuing efforts to provide them with real world experience in the field of broadcast journalism...experience that can translate into professional jobs after they graduate."

College Broadcast finalists include: Chas Jenkins of Morehead for Feature Story; Arlo Barnette of Owingsville for Public Affairs and Newscast; Braxton Howard of West Liberty and Tildon Johnson of Jenkins for Sports Coverage; Sean Delaney of Florence for News Story, Jacob Lindberg of Morehead for Radio Reporter, Lindberg and Bryan Courtney of Lawrenceburg for Newscast; and Samantha Morrill, a 2017 graduate, of Morehead for Public Affairs.

In the Professional Broadcast division, Mraz is a finalist in the Long Public Affairs, Sports Reporting, Radio Announcer and Long Newscast categories.

Assistant News Director Leeann Akers is a finalist in the Feature Use of Sound and Political Coverage categories. Akers and Barnette are co-finalists in the Long Newscast Category.

The KAPB awards competition is designed to recognize Kentucky AP members and staffers for outstanding performance in broadcast journalism. The competition is open to all AP members in Kentucky and outside Kentucky with designated market areas that extend into Kentucky. To be eligible to enter, entries must be about news, features or sports that occurred solely in Kentucky. Entries must have been broadcast in calendar year 2017.

The KAPB college competition is designed to recognize Kentucky student broadcasters for outstanding performance in college broadcast journalism. The contest is open to any college in Kentucky. Entries must have been broadcast in calendar year 2017.

Winners will be announced April 15.

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

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

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## **MSU hours of operation for spring break**

March 16, 2018

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University will observe “spring break” March 19-23 for students; however, MSU offices will remain open.

The Office of Enrollment Services will be open Monday-Friday, and may be reached at 606-783-2000 for additional information.

Camden-Carroll Library will be closed March 17, 18 and 24. The library will be open from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., March 19-23.

The Wellness Center will be open from 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 17 and 24; 4-7 p.m. Sunday March 18; Monday, March 19, through Friday, March 23, open from 6 a.m. – 8 p.m.; 2-10 p.m., Sunday, March 25.

The center will return to its regular hours of operation on Monday, March 26.

The University Post Office and the Kentucky Folk Art Center will be open normal business hours during the week.

Due to construction work at the Adron Doran University Center, the University Bookstore will be closed during the break.

Throughout the week, the MSU Police Department will be available to address campus concerns. It can be reached by calling 606-783-2035.

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## **MSU Alumni Association announces Nationwide Insurance as affinity partner**

March 9, 2018

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's Alumni Association continues to serve Eagle Alumni in many ways. An agreement between the MSU Foundation Inc., and Nationwide Insurance will provide a new alumni affinity insurance program available to all alumni of MSU.

"We're so excited about this new partnership. We believe Nationwide will offer a valuable benefit to our alumni," said Mindy Highley, assistant vice president for alumni relations and development. "Nationwide has local offices all throughout the country, allowing our alumni to take advantage of this benefit no matter where they are."

Through this partnership, MSU alumni will be able to receive discounts on insurance policies through Nationwide, including home, auto, boat, RV, pet and more. Through Nationwide, you can protect what matters for less with a member-only discount when enrolled in an auto or power sports policy and receive an additional discount when you bundle auto and home policies.

The Alumni Association serves more than 65,000 MSU alumni. With its primary goal to keep alumni connected to their alma mater and their fellow classmates, the Alumni Association maintains regular communication with alumni, hosts gatherings across the country and provides Eagles with a long-lasting relationship to the University.

Visit [nationwide.com/msualumni](http://nationwide.com/msualumni) for more information on this partnership.

Additional information is available at 606-783-2033 or online at [www.moreheadstate.edu/Alumni-and-Giving/Alumni-Association](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/Alumni-and-Giving/Alumni-Association).

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## **Nominations sought for distinguished service awards**

March 28, 2018

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's Service Committee is seeking nominations for two of its most prestigious honors: the 2017-18 Distinguished Faculty and Distinguished Staff service awards.

Full-time faculty members whose primary responsibility is teaching and staff members whose major duties do not include teaching are eligible for nomination for the faculty and staff awards, respectively. Information on employee status is available in the University Personnel Policy Manual.

The nomination packet should include the name and address of the nominee along with a brief one-page letter explaining how the individual meets the criteria. The supporting materials should detail the individual's service to the University, including service as an official representative of MSU; serving as sponsor or adviser of an extracurricular activity; participating in ad hoc or standing committees at the department, college or university level; coordination of and participation in workshops, conferences, clinics, in-service and special events; development of non-research proposals; development of relations/partnerships with external groups, such as business, civic, education and government; and volunteer roles in the community, such as coach for Little League, American Cancer Society or American Heart Association.

The name of the nominator and the nominee will remain anonymous. Materials must be mailed to Service Committee, Morehead State University, 150 University Boulevard, Morehead, KY 40351, by 4 p.m. on Monday, April 13.

The recipients of the distinguished service awards will receive a \$2,500 award. Nominations will be accepted from University faculty, staff, retirees and students as well as members of the community.

The award presentations will be during the Fall Convocation.

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From left to right, Ahmad Zargari, Kouroush Jenab, Randy Norwood, Qingzhou Xu, Caleb Grimes, Ernie Robinson, Randy Bumgardner and Victoria Pang. Sitting around the wall to the left are graduate students Sareh Ahmadi, Asim Chaudhry, Jinming Wan, Lindsay Childs and Jared Hunt.

## **MSETM student helps Regal Beloit increase production efficiency**

March 7, 2018

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Xiaotong (Victoria) Pang, a graduate student in the Department of Engineering and Technology Management, has been working as an intern in Regal Beloit in Morehead where she has been assisting the Quality Team with continuous improvement of the production efficiency.

The Regal Facility in Morehead achieved the Regal Beloit Compass Star I certification during her internship last November.

Last month, senior managers of Regal Beloit and faculty members comprising Pang's thesis committee attended her thesis proposal presentation in the Lloyd Cassity Building. The faculty members of her thesis committee included Dr. Ahmad Zargari, associate dean of School of Engineer and Information Systems and ETM professors Dr. Kouroush Jenab, Dr. Nilesh Joshi and Dr. Qingzhou Xu.

The Regal Beloit senior management team that attended the presentation included Plant Manager Randy Norwood, who has been elected as the Kentucky Association of Manufacturers (KAM) vice president for two years and will assume the duties of KAM president after his VP term expires. The other members of the Regal Beloit management team that attended the presentation included Randy Bumgardner, Manufacturing Manager; Ernie Robinson, Quality Supervisor/Lean Champion; and Caleb Grimes, Manufacturing Engineer II.

Pang's presentation covered the topic of quality improvement with Process Failure Mode and Effects Analysis (PFMEA) in a manufacturing system. She used Pareto Chart, Cause-and-Effect Diagram and Statistical Process Control Chart interlinking with the PFMEA in order to explore the potential failure mode and potential effect(s) of failure in performance bearing production. Victoria received positive feedback from the presentation and the Regal Beloit management professionals agreed that her presentation was outstanding.

Additional information on the Engineering and Technology Management program is available by calling 606-783-2418 or visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/etm/](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/etm/).

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## Regional MAT sessions planned

March 9, 2018

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](http://www.ets.org/praxis).

For those attending for advising purposes, 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, April 10, Monday, May 28 and Monday, June 4, 4:30 p.m., MSU Main Campus (801 Ginger Hall);
- Wednesday, April 11, 4 p.m., MSU at Ashland;
- Wednesday, April 11, 4:30 p.m., Morgan County Public Library, West Liberty;
- Thursday, March 15, 3 p.m., at Morton Middle School (Lexington);
- Friday, March 23, 3 p.m., at U.K. Stuckart Career Center (Lexington);
- Thursday, April 12, 4:30 p.m., MSU at Mt. Sterling;
- Tuesday, April 10, 4 p.m., Mason County High School (Maysville);
- Kentucky State University (by appointment), contact Marian Sims at 859-536-5030

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

For those attending for advising purposes, bring a current copy of your check sheet/program evaluation, or contact Lambert, Sims or Roberts prior to the session you plan to attend.

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

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## **Retirees to hold annual luncheon April 12**

March 28, 2018

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's Retirees Association will hold its annual luncheon and business meeting Thursday, April 12, at noon at Morehead Conference Center.

Those who have retired during the past year will be recognized and association officers will be elected and installed. Dr. Jay Morgan, MSU president, will provide comments and updates on the campus.

All former University employees, whether staff or faculty, and their guests are welcome.

The reservation deadline is Friday, April 6.

Entertainment for the luncheon will feature students from the MSU Jazz Ensemble.

Advance registrations is required and may be made by email to [events@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:events@moreheadstate.edu) or by calling toll-free 1-877-690-4483 or 606-783-2033.

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## **Retirees plan March trip**

March 7, 2018

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Members of the Morehead State University Retirees Association will visit the world renown Blenko Glass Factory in Milton, West Virginia, for members and their guests Thursday, March 15.

In addition to viewing the glass-making process, members will have lunch at Olive Garden in the Huntington Mall and pay a visit to the Huntington Museum of Art. There will be a \$5 admission fee for the museum.

The group will depart at 9:30 a.m. in Burkes Outlet (Kroger Center) parking lot and return at approximately 4:30 p.m. The reservation deadline is Tuesday, March 13.

Reservations may be made by calling 606-783-2033 or online at [events@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:events@moreheadstate.edu).

Upcoming events include MSU Alumni Day at Keeneland, Sunday, April 8; Retirees Association Annual Spring Luncheon and business meeting, Thursday, April 12, at the Morehead Conference Center.

All retirees of MSU are considered members of the association.

Additional information and reservations may be obtained by calling 606-783-2033; 877-690-4483 or email to [events@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:events@moreheadstate.edu).

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## **Rieffer named WDKY general manager**

March 30, 2018

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Sinclair Broadcast Group Inc. has announced that Morehead State University alumnus Jennifer Rieffer has been promoted to general manager for WDKY (FOX) in Lexington. The announcement was made by Steve Marks, EVP and chief operating officer, of Sinclair's television group.

"We are pleased to promote Jennifer to General Manager of WDKY. She has been part of the Sinclair team for over 20 years and started her television broadcast career at this very station. We believe that her long history at the station and deep connection with the community, advertisers and viewers make her a natural fit to head WDKY," said Marks.

Rieffer has served as local sales manager at WDKY since 2013. Prior to that, she was an account executive at the same station since 1998. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree from MSU.

"I am very honored to be leading WDKY-TV here in the Lexington community," commented Rieffer. "I started with this station in 1995; it's my family and my home. It's a very exciting time not only to be with WDKY, but with Sinclair."

Sinclair is one of the largest and most diversified television broadcasting companies in the country. Pro forma for the Tribune acquisition (before any related divestitures), the Company will own, operate and/or provide services to 233 television stations in 108 markets. The Company has multiple emerging networks as well as stations affiliated with all the major networks. Sinclair is a leading local news provider in the country and a producer of live sports content. Sinclair's content is delivered via multiple-platforms, including over-the-air, multichannel video program distributors, and digital platforms.

Additional information is available by calling the Alumni Association at 606-783-2033 or 800-783-ALUM (2586) or emailing [alumni@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:alumni@moreheadstate.edu).

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## **Saudi Students Club gives back to campus and community**

March 15, 2018

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's Saudi Students Club has three primary goals. The first is to serve as a resource for Saudi students studying at MSU. The second is to share their country's values, culture, and traditions with non-Saudis. The third is to give back to the community in which they live and learn.

"We want to show people our true selves and represent our values as a Saudi society, not just what they may see on the news or in movies," said Nawaf Al Saudah, president of the club. "We are here to be good students, first, and to be respectful of our teachers, the University and the community."

Al Saudah is pursuing a Master of Science in Engineering and Technology Management (MSETM) degree and will graduate in May. Thinking about his own first weeks in the United States, he said, "Many Saudis are afraid of talking with Americans when they first arrive. It can be intimidating to be in a very different place with a new culture. The club can help connect students to their peers and to MSU resources."

The club's busy calendar includes academic, social, philanthropic and cultural events. According to Mutlaq Alammaj, the club's social affairs representative, the students stay focused on their academic performance but also emphasize campus and community involvement.

"In the fall, we honored our faculty – teachers are very important in our culture. We wanted them to know we appreciate the knowledge they impart to us," said Alammaj. He will graduate in May with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Computer Information Systems and plans to pursue the MSETM.

The club sponsored a Free Donut Day during Fall 2017 Finals Week, handing out free donuts to students, only asking for a smile in return.

"We wanted them not to feel so worried that week – to feel peaceful. Peace is who we are," said Alammaj.

Dr. Ahmad Zargari, associate dean for the School of Engineering and Information systems, serves as the club's advisor. "It is an honor for me to serve as an advisor to these students. They strive for excellence in all that they do."

Al Saudah said he certainly still identifies with his home country, but now also see himself as a Kentuckian and an Eagle as well. “It is a powerful opportunity to learn here,” he said. “We want to make sure other students know that – not just Saudi students. “We want to leave here knowing we did something good for this place. It has become home, too,” added Alammaj.

The Saudi Students Club at MSU was established in Fall 2017. There are seven members who serve on their student leadership board. Total membership from which they draw participation and volunteers is about 120 students.

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## Senior art exhibition opens April 4

March 30, 2018

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---The main gallery of Morehead State University's Claypool-Young Art Building will present “Endgame: 2018 Annual MSU Senior Juried Art and Design Exhibition,” April 4-13.

The annual show is an opportunity for MSU Department of Art and Design B.A. and B.F.A. students to exhibit as emerging artists in a professional setting. The exhibitions open with a reception featuring live music by The Woodsheep and complimentary refreshments on Wednesday, April 4, from 5-7 p.m., where awards including Best in Show, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd will be announced at 6 p.m.

The 18 participating artists include: Kassi Brewer, Morehead; Dallas Braden Banks, Pewee Valley; Kaitlyn Campbell, Prestonsburg; Preston Carpenter, Wittensville; Brittany S. Centers, Pikeville; Meghan Courtney, Florence; Trey Davis, Maysville; Dylan Evans, West Liberty;

Sarah Farmer, Morehead; Maggie Flanagan, Edgewood; Alyssa M. Johnson, Big Creek; Sarah Lunsford, Morehead; Simon Maness, Louisville; Haley Mullins, Salyersville; Jerica Overall, Georgetown; Sean Porter, Morehead; Dustin J. Saunders, Mt. Sterling; and Elizabeth Watkins, Hueysville.

The gallery, within Claypool-Young, features contemporary art for the MSU community as well as the University’s service region.

The gallery is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or by appointment, and is free and open to the public. Parking is available on Main Street and across campus after 5 p.m.

Additional information is available by contacting Jennifer Reis, gallery director, at 606-783-5446.

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## **Star Theater announces March shows**

March 9, 2018

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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

The programs will start Friday, March. 16, at 6 p.m. with Sunstruck, followed by Hypnotica Laser program at 7 p.m. and Electrolaze Laser program at 8 p.m.

Programs will continue on Saturday, March 17, with afternoon showings of One World, One Sky and They Might Be Giants at 1 p.m., Night Sky Tour at 2:15 p.m., and Cosmic Colors at 3:30 p.m. Programs continue with laser shows on Saturday evening at 7 p.m. with iPop Laser program and at 8 p.m. Electrolaze Laser program.

Selected laser music shows can contain unedited language.

MSU students, faculty, staff and immediate family are admitted free.

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](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/startheater).

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## **Big Sandy Women's Business Symposium a success**

March 7, 2018

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---The 19th Annual Big Sandy Women's Business Symposium was held Tuesday, Feb. 27, at the Ramada Hotel and Conference Center in Paintsville, presented by Morehead State University's East Kentucky Small Business Development Center. This year's theme was "Making Connections."

Nearly 100 attended the event.

"This is a day we celebrate women and their success in the business world," said Michelle Spriggs, coordinator of the event and SBDC management consultant. "Attendees leave the event motivated and return to their place of business and utilize what they have learned."

Sessions were offered, "QuickBooks and You" presented by Regina Becknell, project specialist for MACED and, "Finding Balance and Staying Connected on Social Media" presented by Sarah Frank Bowark, with CEDIK. The afternoon keynote speaker was Amelia "Mimi" Brown with entertainment was provided by the Pike Central Jazz Band.

Sponsors for the event were AAA Real Estate, Appalachian Wireless, First Commonwealth Bank, MACED, Mountain Apothecary in Paintsville, Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, Pop's Chevrolet, Toyota Motor Manufacturing of Kentucky and Pikeville Walmart. Student sponsor was Community Trust bank, media sponsor was Q95FM and East Kentucky Business Exchange was the entertainment sponsor.

The event was funded in part through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration.

For additional information contact the Pikeville SBDC at 606-432-5848 or visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/sbdc](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/sbdc).

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## **Presidential Lecture Series named for McBrayer**

March 30, 2018

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University President Jay Morgan has announced the creation of the W. Terry McBrayer Presidential Lecture Series in Government and Leadership. The announcement was made at the March 29 Board of Regents meeting.

“This is a great day in the history of Morehead State University,” said Dr. Morgan. “Terry is a legend in his own right in the Commonwealth. He’s a very proud alumnus and with this scholarship and lecture series will help many students here at MSU.”

McBrayer graduated from MSU with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree in 1959.

“I am very proud of the education that Morehead State University provided me,” said McBrayer. “I wanted to pay MSU and the students back. With the lecture series and scholarship, I think we will do just that.”

“We want this series to concentrate on Appalachian and bring in speakers that can address the issues of our region. We want to engage the students the best way we can.”

The Greenup native is the senior partner for the McBrayer, McGinnis, Leslie and Kirkland law firm.

McBrayer has held numerous leadership positions in state government: he was an elected member of the Kentucky House of Representatives, serving in leadership roles as House Speaker Pro Tempore and Majority Floor Leader; and he also served as chief executive officer for a former governor. He has served as chair of the Kentucky Democratic Party, and is still heavily involved in the party, having been elected to four consecutive four-year terms as the Democratic National Committeeman from Kentucky and as a super delegate at the 2008 Democratic National Convention. He is past chair of the State Capital Global Law Firm Group and was named an Outstanding Alumnus of the University of Louisville School of Law.

McBrayer has served in numerous public service roles, including as a member of the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees, the Chandler Medical Center Board, eight years on the Kentucky Council on Higher Education, seven years as chairman of Kentucky Educational Television, Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Commerce, chairman of

the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals, and chairman of the Greater Lexington Chamber of Commerce.

In honor of McBrayer's generous gift to the Presidential Scholarship Endowment, the annual lecture series will be created. The fund will be invested with the proceeds used to provide scholarships to MSU students. Each year, the University president, in consultation with the MSU Foundation CEO, will provide direction to the University scholarship committee as to the use of the funds for the priorities of aiding in recruitment, retention and degree completion.

More information about giving opportunities is available by calling the MSU Foundation at 606-783-2033 or visiting [www.moreheadstate.edu/giving](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/giving).

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## **Winter Choral Showcase concert, chili completion slated for March 6**

Feb. 28, 2018

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's Concert Choir and Chamber Singers will host a chili competition, an all you can eat dinner, and a concert Tuesday, March 6, at First Baptist Church, 123 East Main Street, Morehead.

Contestants will receive a free ticket for the dinner and the winner will receive a \$50 gift certificate. The dinner will feature chili of all sorts. Tortilla chips, crackers, iced tea, lemonade and desserts will be provided.

Contact Eliza Eaches, choir president, at 740-981-7376 to compete or to reserve your tickets. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults, \$8 for students and children 6 and under are free.

The proceeds will go to support the choirs' concert trip to Spain in May. In Spain, they will sing in Madrid, Granada, Valencia, Barcelona, and at the Ubeda International Festival of Music and Dance.

The annual Morehead State University Winter Choral Showcase Concert will follow. Jazz Vocal Ensemble, University Chorus and Black Gospel Ensemble will join Concert Choir and Chamber Singers for the concert.

Concert Choir and Chamber Singers will feature songs and poems from Kentucky. "Bright Morning Star" a tune from Harlan County will open the concert and both groups will sing pieces from the poetry of Wendell Berry, a native of Henry County. The settings of his poetry are from a collection of choral pieces entitled "In Song and Shade" by Andrew Maxfield.

Chamber Singers also will feature pieces in Spanish. Included will be "'Suite' de Lorca" by Einojuhani Rautavaara and "Esto Les Digo" by Kinley Lange. University Chorus will sing Daniel Gawthrop's "Sing a Mighty Song" and Jazz Vocal Ensemble will sing "Lil' Darlin'" arranged by David Nokes and "Splanky" arranged Margareta Jalkeus.

The evening will conclude with Black Gospel Ensemble singing "Sold Out" by Hezekiah Walker, "We're Gonna Make It" by Timothy Wright, "I Shall Wear a Crown" arranged by Trey McLaughlin and "Dancing in the Spirit" by Ronald Winans.

The concert is free and open to the public.  
Additional information is available by calling Dr. Greg Detweiler at 606-783-  
2480.

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