

July 15, 2022

MSU Faculty and Staff:

We hope your summer is well and that you took advantage of the several long weekends we have built into the schedule this summer. Below are a few updates as we approach mid-July and begin to see a Fall Semester in sight.

Fall Semester Dates:

- August 10 - Convocation - ADUC Ballrooms
Breakfast, 8:00-8:30 am - Program, 8:30-9:30 am
- August 11-12 – New Student Move-in
- August 12-29 – New Student Days
- August 15 – ADUC Food Court Opens
- August 15 – Classes Begin
- August 17 - Eagle Fest
- Fall Calendar:
<https://www.moreheadstate.edu/MSU/media/Academic-Affairs/Registrar/Fall-2022-Academic-Calendar.pdf>

With the end of one year and beginning of another, it always brings with it associated personnel transitions, retirements, departures, and advancements. The following are a list of several recent personnel moves, hires, advancements, etc. This list is not comprehensive, but notes several that work across campus lines.

- **University Advancement:** With the retirement of Mindy Highley, Allison Caudill will advance to a leadership role as Executive Director of Alumni and Development. Also, Jessi Ferguson will advance to Director of Advancement and Alumni Communications. Within Communications and Marketing, April Nutter will assume the role of Director of Strategic Communications, and Toni Hobbs will assume the role of Director of Digital and Brand Strategy.
- **Director of Human Resources:** Dr. Caroline Atkins has served as Interim Director of Human Resources and has done a great job. I am pleased to relay that she will be dropping the interim title.
- **University General Counsel:** Jane Fitzpatrick has indicated her desire to retire this August after many years of service to MSU. Following a national search, we are pleased to relay that Jessica Stigall will assume the University General Counsel position in August. Jessica holds a J.D. from the Salmon P. Chase School of Law and comes to us from a law practice in Lexington focused on education.
- **University Assessment Director:** Dr. Kim Nettleton has transitioned into the role of University Assessment Director over the prior few months and will be our lead in this area. Dr. Nettleton was a former director in our Volgenau College of Education.

- **Assistant Vice President of Enrollment Management:** Tim Rhodes has served as one of our foundational MSU employees for recruitment and will be retiring later this fall after a distinguished service to MSU. Following a national search, we are pleased to relay that effective August 1, Dr. Heidi Neal will assume Tim's role as Assistant Vice President of Enrollment Management. Heidi is an MSU graduate and has a doctorate from the University of Louisville, where she also worked. Tim will continue to assist us in a transitional role for the next few months.
- **Title IX Coordinators:** For the past few years both Lora Pace and Andrea Stone have been primary and secondary Title IX coordinators, respectively. Effective July 1, 2022 they will trade places with Andrea becoming primary and Lora secondary. Both will remain engaged in the overall Title IX process.
- **Chair of the Department of Agricultural Sciences:** Through a national search, we welcome Dr. Kenneth Andries to the Department Chair role. Dr. Andries comes to us from Kentucky State University where he served as associate dean for agriculture, communities, and the environment. He holds a Ph.D. from Kansas State University.
- **Caudill College Advancements:** The following internal advancements will take place effective July 1, 2022:
 - Dr. Sylvia Henneberg – Advancing from Associate Dean to Interim Dean
 - Dr. David Oyen – Interim Associate Dean of the School of Creative Arts
 - Dr. Katy Carlson –Interim Associate Dean of the School of English, Communication, Media & Languages
- **Military Science:** Periodically the U.S. Army transitions commanding officers from university to university. Beginning June, 2022 Major Stephen Strack has taken command of our program at MSU. Major Strack was formerly stationed in Frankfort, KY.
- **University Budget Office and Accounting:** With the retirement of Teresa Lindgren, Jessica Cooper has assumed the role of Director of Budgets, and Ryan Hill has assumed the lead role of conducting our financial analysis.
- **Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning:** Dr. Allison Hruby from English will assume the role of Director of the Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning.
- **Contracted Auxiliary Services:** Back in the spring Aramark (dining services) transitioned to Amanda Adkins as their new General Manager. Also, in the spring, the University Bookstore transitioned to Barnes and Noble College Bookstore where Jared Ferguson assumed the role of General Manager.
- **QEP:** Megan Robbins is our new coordinator of Undergraduate Research, and Andrew Sexton is our new coordinator of Service Learning.

Employees Doing Great Work:

- New Joint Admissions Agreement – Jen Timmerman has done a great job in getting a new state-wide joint admissions agreement in place between MSU and KCTCS.
- Thank you to Dr. Chris Beckham for leading the charge on a grant, along with Dr. Wayne Miller and others, for \$294,000 for health professions support.
- Congratulations to Dr. Mee-Ryoung Shoun for her grant success.
[Morehead State University :: MSU receives the Families of Young Children with Special Needs Program grant](#)
- Congratulations to Dr. Kouroush Jenab on his work.
[Morehead State University :: Jenab wins innovation competition](#)
- Congratulations to Dr. Dan Connell and the Regional Education Outreach staff for their grant success.
[Morehead State University :: MSU outreach programs receive funding, plan for expansions](#)

Distinguished Service Selections:

Each year MSU selects individuals for Distinguished Service Awards. We are pleased to relay that the selection committee has chosen Craig Dennis as the recipient of the Distinguished Staff Service Award, and Dr. Janet Ratliff as the recipient of the Distinguished Faculty Service Award. Congratulations to both of them! Both will be honored in August at Fall Convocation.

Message from Human Resources:

Along with our counterparts throughout the state, MSU has experienced increased levels of attrition during the recent 12-18 months. Data from the Office of Human Resources indicates that word of mouth and your mention of them in professional and other circles is a powerful tool in recruiting future employees. Please consider sharing current vacancies among your professional networks.

Many thanks,

Jay Morgan
President