

August 5, 2022

MSU Faculty and Staff:

The Fall Semester is here and we are scheduled to begin welcoming early students this weekend, with the majority arriving next week. You will likely see residential hall staff, the Craft Academy, and a few other early arrivals beginning to circulate campus this coming Sunday and Monday.

The following are a few informational items that may help as you plan forward:

Dates:

- Monday, August 8 – New Faculty Orientation
- Wednesday, August 10 – Fall Convocation – ADUC Ballrooms – Breakfast begins at 8 am and a short program at 8:30 am.
- Thursday/Friday, August 11-12 – New Student Move-In – Employees are encouraged to assist.
- Sunday, August 14 – Student Ice Cream Social – ADUC Quad Area - 7 pm – Employees are welcome.
- Monday, August 15 – Classes Begin
- Wednesday, August 17 – Eagle Fest – Across Campus – 7 pm – Employees are welcome.
- Monday, September 5 – Labor Day – University Closed
- September 16-17 – Family Weekend

Begin Communications With Students:

As part of our back-to-school transition, we would ask course instructors to begin communicating with students in their classes as soon as possible to help guide them into campus and into your courses.

This Week in History (August 4):

Thank you to our University Archivist, Dieter Ullrich, for the historical account and significance of August 4 this year to our campus – particularly as we celebrate our Centennial Celebration as a state supported institution this year. On this day 100 years ago (1922) the state selection committee was at work to identify the location of several new colleges for Kentucky.

On August 4, 1922, the State Normal School Selection Committee visited Morehead to view the campus that was present at the time and meet community leaders. The members of the state committee received a royal reception where they were met by over a few thousand people at the old Rowan County Courthouse and the music of bands from Morehead and Owingsville. Before they departed the next day, the committee heard speeches from leaders from both Morehead and Rowan County, toured the town and nearby countryside by car, and were given a grand banquet by the Morehead Woman's Club. It was a pivotal point in the history of the college as the Committee was so impressed by their visit that it later selected Morehead as the site for a new State normal school.

An article of the event in the Mt. Sterling newspaper can be viewed here
- https://scholarworks.moreheadstate.edu/college_histories/324/

Congratulations:

Congratulations to Susan Hawkins (Art) for being named a Crayola Creativity Ambassador [Morehead State University :: Hawkins named Crayola Creativity Ambassador](#)

Congratulations to Dr. Ben Fitzpatrick (History) for being named a member of the KY Humanities Board of Directors. It is always good when we have employees lend their expertise to state boards. <https://www.kyhumanities.org/news/articles/dr--benjamin-fitzpatrick-joins-kentucky-humanities-board-of-directors>

Grant and Contract Summary:

Thanks to everyone who has been instrumental in our grant and contract obtainment over the years. The following is a very quick 5-year summary.

Fiscal Year	2021-2022	\$15,391,315
Fiscal Year	2020-2021	\$14,574,589
Fiscal Year	2019-2020	\$15,313,883
Fiscal Year	2018-2019	\$13,245,693
Fiscal Year	2017-2018	\$13,225,716

Other Updates:

Our Board of Regents met to hear a report on University Initiatives for 2022-23, a variety of contracts and reports, revisions to the Police/Emergency Operations manual, a new Student Code of Conduct, two tenure proposals, campus maintenance funding for network and wi/fi infrastructure replacements, a new roof for Mignon Tower, and replacement of exterior steps on Alumni Tower. I am also pleased to relay to campus that our Board heard our presentation on 2023 Employee Health Insurance Plans in which we do not anticipate any increase of costs for employee premiums for calendar year 2023. Open enrollment will be later this fall.

Flood Assistance to MSU Students:

We are continuing to collect items to take by truck to flooded areas, but several have asked about direct donations to assist with the needs of MSU students. If anyone would like to contribute to a fund to assist MSU students disadvantaged by the flooding, we have process for that and proceeds will go directly to the emergency needs of our students.

The emergency resources are available to students via the MSU Foundation. The NEST Fund - Needs for Eagle Support in Trying Times - supports student emergency needs including food support, school supplies, transportation costs and more. If you know of an MSU student who

could benefit from these programs, click the following link and scroll to Financial Resources. [Learn more.](#)

Thanks to everyone – a new year is here.

Jay Morgan
President