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MSU Employees:

The following are a few quick updates to our University community as we get the Fall semester going:

Dates:

- Monday, September 5 - Labor Day - University Closed
- September 16-17 - Family Weekend
- October 1 and 29 - MSU Open House Days
- October 21-22 - Homecoming

Student Move-In and Classes:

- Thank you to everyone who assisted with student move-in. It seems everything went very smooth.
- Other than the normal back-to-school items to contend with, the first few days of the Fall semester have gone well.

Employee Health Care:

- Calendar Year 2023 Health Care Open Enrollment is planned for October 17 – 28. More information will be forthcoming on email from the Office of Human Resources.
- I am pleased to relay that through the good work of many, there will be no increase of employee health care premiums for calendar year 2023 (January 1 – December 31, 2023).

E-Sports Gaming Lounge:

- A week ago, we officially opened our new E-Sports Gaming Lounge in ADUC for students. If you get a chance, pop in and see it, as it should be a nice addition to our campus. Thanks to the units of Student Affairs, Information Technology, Facilities Management, SGA, and the MSU Gaming Club who all partnered to get it completed on time.

Large Grant:

- The U.S. Department of Education released the slate of Upward Bound grants awarded. MSU received two classic grants and two Math Science grants and the total dollar amount is \$1,655,440 per year or \$8,277,200 for the five years of the grants. The counties served are: Bath, Bracken, Boyd, Carter, Elliott, Fleming, Harrison, Johnson, Lawrence, Lewis, Magoffin, Mason, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Nicholas, Robertson, and Rowan. The high schools served are: Bath, Bracken, Boyd, East Carter, Elliott, Fleming,

Harrison, Johnson Central, Lawrence, Lewis, Magoffin, Mason, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Nicholas, Paul Blazer, Robertson, Rowan, and West Carter. Our Upward Bound program and Regional Outreach staff have done a great job over the years.

Thanks to everyone!

Jay Morgan
President