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Emerging Artist Student Show to be held Nov. 7

The Emerging Arts Leaders of Eastern Kentucky (EALEK), an MSU student organization within the Department of Art and Design, is sponsoring the student juried exhibit, "Emerging Artist Student Show," which opens Nov. 7 with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Kentucky Folk Art Center (KFAC).

At 5:30 p.m. Dr. Julia Finch, MSU art history professor, will hold a juror's talk. Following the talk, Finch will award two prizes for honorable mention and a best in show prize to students whose works are featured in the exhibit. Refreshments will be served, and many of the pieces in the exhibit will be available for purchase with a portion of the proceeds going to KFAC. The exhibit ends Nov. 26.

Finch juried 18 student works into the exhibit from a pool of MSU graduate and undergraduate submissions.

Dustyn Pruitt, vice president of EALEK, said students learned a lot from putting the show together themselves.

"We learned about the entire idea of organizing a show, deciding the venue and the logistics behind how to work the show," Pruitt said. "[EALEK] President Juanita Dixon and I have a lot of experience hanging shows and working in the Golding-Yang Gallery in Claypool-Young. However, I think organizing the show is a different beast entirely."

Pruitt added he hopes EALEK's efforts to raise funds for KFAC will encourage others to do the same. KFAC is located on First Street in Morehead. It is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

For more information on MSU's Department of Art and Design, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/art or call 606-783-2766.

For more information about KFAC, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/kfac or call 606-783-2044.

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Annual 'Rocky Horror' screening, costume contest held

The Annual MSU Costume Contest & Rocky Horror Picture Show Screening was held Wednesday, Oct. 31, in the Claypool-Young Art Building.

The celebration of the scariest and most anticipated night of the year started with refreshments, “Rocky Horror Picture Show” themed mocktails students could purchase and costume contest sign-ups in the Golding-Yang Art Gallery.

“When I first came to Morehead it was the first college town that I had been to that didn’t play Rocky Horror Picture Show around Halloween and I thought that was a real shame because it’s really fun, tacky and catchy, it’s also very gay friendly,” said Jennifer Reis, Golding-Yang Art Gallery director and host of the event.

The contest and judging followed in the Claypool-Young Art Auditorium. Students competed for first, second and third place University Store gift certificate prizes in the amounts of \$75, \$50 and \$25, respectively, awarded by a panel of local jurors.

After the costume contest, the screening of the Rocky Horror Picture Show began.

Subtitles were turned on, so students could sing along and dance. Even though the film is well over 30 years old, the cult classic still impacts students today.

“The movie at this point has got to be over 30 years old, but people’s dialogue with the movie, what they call the call-outs, evolve with contemporary culture,” said Reis. “Every time that I sit in there with the students and watch the movie I just laugh.”

The event was sponsored by MSU’s Golding-Yang Art Gallery, Department of Art & Design, Spectrum, Emerging Arts Leaders of Eastern Kentucky (EALEK) and the Buckner and Sally S. Hinkle Endowment for Humanities. As a fundraiser, proceeds from the purchased mocktails went to EALEK.

For more information on the annual MSU Costume Contest and Rocky Horror Picture Show screening, contact Jennifer Reis at 606-783-5446 or j.reis@moreheadstate.edu. Visit www.moreheadstate.edu/art for additional information about the Department of Art and Design.

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Cheng Cheng receives NSF EPSCoR Grant

Dr. Cheng Cheng, assistant professor of engineering and technology management, has received a National Science Foundation (NSF) Kentucky Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) Grant in the amount of \$50,000 to conduct research.

His project, “An Alternating Current Electrokinetics Based Low-cost Wireless Sensing Platform for Water Quality Monitoring in the Distribution Network,” aims to create a sensing platform that will realize low-cost and real-time monitoring of water quality. It will be a universal monitor for water quality monitoring and rapid contaminant detection.

Cheng’s project aims to develop an innovative sensing platform for real-time water quality monitoring that is low-cost, reliable and will satisfy the growing need to monitor and rapidly detect contaminants in water. This study will serve as a startup project that aims at initializing biosensor and bioelectronics research at Morehead State University.

This project will integrate research and teaching in the classroom. The research results will benefit the community as well as Undergraduate Research Fellowship and graduate students’ theses by enabling them to develop research skills and advanced technological competencies.

It will also prepare undergraduate and graduate students with the skills required to create future research opportunities in the Department of Engineering and Technology Management.

For more information about the Department of Engineering and Technology Management, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/etm or call 606-783-2418.

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Nearly Naked Mile charity run held

MSU's Student Alumni Ambassadors sponsored the 12th Annual Nearly Naked Mile on Oct. 30.

The event generated nearly 50 coat donations and over \$150 in financial contributions. Additionally, SAA members donated several coats and utilized the money donated to purchase additional coats. In total, nearly 90 coats will be donated to the Rowan County Youth Services Center.

The winner in the Men's Category was Clay Dixon and the winner in the Women's category was Elissa Craig.

Additional information about MSU's Student Alumni Ambassadors, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/ambassadors or call 606-783-2033.

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MSU Opera presents Strauss' "Die Fiedermaus" Nov. 7-10

For the past 25 years, Morehead State University Opera has been providing unique and valuable stage experience for voice majors in MSU's Department of Music, Theatre and Dance. This year, MSU's talented students will provide an evening of waltzes and a few polkas courtesy of the popular operetta "Die Fiedermaus."

The show runs nightly at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7, through Saturday, Nov. 10, at the Duncan Recital Hall in the Baird Music Building. Tickets are \$5 (cash or check only) and MSU students will be admitted free for one night only on Wednesday, Nov. 7.

"Die Fiedermaus" is the most famous operetta from Vienna's famous waltz king Johann Strauss Jr. Also known as "The Revenge of the Bat," it is a story of two fraternity brothers, Falke and Eisenstein, their mischievous pranks, a little bit of harmless flirtation and a lot of champagne. At the center of it all is one of the most familiar and well-loved arias in the operatic literature, Adele's "Laughing Song." It is a tradition for mystery guest artists to appear in the Act Two grand party in the villa of Prince Orlofsky, so audiences should prepare for a few surprises.

The party atmosphere will extend to the audience during the intermission before Act II when there will be a "champagne" reception in the lobby. Audience members are invited to dress in their favorite costumes and to share a glass of imitation bubbly with cast members.

In addition to featuring 21 MSU students in the cast (with many lead roles being double-cast), several successful alumni and special guests will be appearing in the show.

Amanda Balltrip will perform the lead role of Rosalinda. A former student of Dr. Roma Prindle, associate professor of voice and founder of the MSU OperaWorks ensemble, Balltrip is a graduate of the University of Kentucky and a Kentucky District winner of the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions. Earlier this year, she made her solo debut at David Geffen Hall in Lincoln Center singing the role of Elizabeth in Angela Rice's "Thy Will Be Done" with the National Chorale.

Dustin Stevens is double-cast in the role of Alfred. He is a vocal performance graduate of MSU and received the Master of Music at the University of Louisville. He recently performed the role of Don Ottavio in Mozart's "Don Giovanni" with the Akademia Musika of Poland in Katowice.

Also appearing as Alfred is Matt Hammond, a recent MSU graduate. He has recently assumed the position of

director of choirs at his alma mater, Lawrence County High School.

Ryan Wardell will perform the role of Frank. He holds both Bachelor of Music and Master of Music degrees in vocal performance from Morehead State University, and currently sings with the Vocal Arts Ensemble in Cincinnati, Ohio.

MSU music instructor William Murphy will serve as pianist for the show.

MSU Opera received a generous grant from the MSU Arts and Humanities Council and the Hinkle Foundation, which allowed them to contract the guest artists for this production.

To learn more about MSU Opera, contact Dr. Roma Prindle at 606-783-2481 or r.prindle@moreheadstate.edu. For more information on the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance, contact 606-783-2473, mtd@moreheadstate.edu or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/mtd.

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MPATE Day 2018 is Wednesday, Nov. 7

Morehead State's Department of Mathematics and Physics will host its 25th annual Mathematics, Physics and Advanced Technology Exploration (MPATE) Day on Wednesday, Nov. 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The event is a showcase of mathematics, computer science, physics and engineering technology for high school students. The event will be held at locations across campus. The event will begin with registration and a continental breakfast that will be served in the Button Drill Room. Students who attend will work in teams with peers from other schools to complete STEM-related exploration activities. Prizes will be awarded to the highest-scoring teams and teachers will be invited to observe and discuss the explorations with activity leaders.

Registration for MPATE Day 2018 is now closed, but arrangements can be made for groups that wish to attend. Call 606-783-2930 to make arrangements. Cost is \$6 per student which covers continental breakfast and a light lunch. Checks should be made payable to "Morehead State University Math Department" and should be sent to:

Denise Patrick, ADS Mathematics and Physics
Lappin Hall Ste. 105
Morehead State University
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For more information on MPATE Day 2018, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/mpate or call 606-783-2930.

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GEMS Camp comes to MSU

A unique STEM experience for girls will be hosted at Morehead State on Saturday, Nov. 10.

MSU's Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics will host the 14th Annual Girls in Engineering, Mathematics and Science (GEMS) camp is open to all girls in grades 4-12 in the state of Kentucky. The one-day camp will feature workshops led by women in STEM fields and STEM-related activities.

"We believe in encouraging our girls to pursue more advanced STEAM related courses because participation by women in STEAM careers is vital to a successful and well-rounded corporation," said Katie Maudlin, community and events program manager for the Girl Scouts of Kentucky Wilderness Road Chapter, which is co-sponsoring the camp in collaboration with the Craft Academy.

Participants in the camp will engage in four, 45-minute STEM-related workshops, and will have 19 different workshops to choose from. Some of the workshops available include "Movie Making Science," "The Physics of Flight" and "The Rube Goldberg Design Challenge," among others.

"GEMS helps build girls with the courage to explore new adventures, the confidence to enhance their talents and the character to shape their future," Maudlin said.

Parents of camp participants can take workshops, where they will learn ways to prepare their daughter for college and beyond.

For more information, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/gems, email Justice at kjustice@gswrc.org or call 859-293-2621.

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Hutcherson receives Jerry Gore African-American Heritage Scholarship

The Morehead State University Foundation, in partnership with the African-American Alumni Group, has announced the first award recipient of the Jerry Gore African-American Heritage Scholarship. Startus “Starr” Hutcherson II of Fairhope, Alabama, has been selected as the 2018-19 scholarship recipient.

Hutcherson is a sophomore studying pre-veterinarian sciences and is a member of the Morehead State University football team, where he plays defensive back and serves as team captain. When he’s not in the classroom or on the field, Hutcherson spends his free time volunteering for a variety of service organizations, including MSU’s Build-a-Bed initiative, Athletes in Action and as a peer mentor for freshman football players. He plans to continue his education after receiving his degree from MSU by pursuing a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. He said the scholarship will help him accomplish his education at Morehead State University.

“[This] scholarship will help take the pressure off my parents, for paying for my education,” he said.

The scholarship was established by members of the African-American Alumni Affinity Group and is named in honor of MSU Alumnus Jerry Gore (76), a three-time MSU graduate who spent 27 years as a University employee. Gore retired as the minority student affairs director and has been recognized for his outstanding service to African-American heritage and impact at MSU. A total of \$32,000 has been raised to create an endowment to benefit scholarship recipients.

To make a gift to the Jerry Gore African-American Heritage Scholarship, visit fund.moreheadstate.edu.

For more information on the scholarship, contact MSU’s Office of Alumni Relations and Development at 606-783-2033, email giving@moreheadstate.edu or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/giving.

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Eagle alumni receive award recognition during Homecoming Weekend

Whether they are making an impact in their profession, their community or in keeping Eagle pride alive with their friends, MSU alumni take the lessons and experience from their years as Eagle students and positively apply it in their everyday lives. At the annual Decades Brunch held during MSU's Homecoming Weekend, three alumni were honored with new awards for their contributions.

Two Eagle alumni received 2018 Notable Alumni Recognition for their demonstrated success in their career fields and/or communities. This year's recipients were Dorrn Hunter (82) and Denise Taylor (88).

Dorrn Hunter of Cincinnati is a mentor of at-risk youth through the Future Leaders Youth Group. Through his work with the group, he encourages students to steer clear of violence and focus on their education. He directs many of his kids to Morehead State and almost yearly brings a busload of students to visit MSU, attend a football game and experience the campus he knows and loves.

Denise Taylor of Louisville is a special event coordinator, motivational speaker and author. She created the national movement of Wacky Wednesday, a weekly spirit-lifting program that originated when her late daughter, Jonnae, was in the hospital with leukemia. She is the founder of We GET To, a nonprofit organization for cancer patients and survivors started in honor of her daughter's memory. Taylor's award was accepted by her friend and Chi Omega sister, Joyce Stevens (89).

MSU also presented the 2018 Eagle Spirit Award to an alum who is a proud and active Eagle who regularly demonstrates Eagle Pride through attending MSU events, participating in student recruitment, encouraging active support of MSU among peers and/or representing the University in a positive manner. This year's recipient was Ray Magnifico (68).

Ray Magnifico of Point Pleasant, New Jersey, is a retired high school guidance counselor who volunteered to serve as a reunion coordinator for MSU alumni of his era. For more than a decade, Magnifico has organized an annual alumni reunion of classmates at MSU Homecoming. What began as a small group of a dozen Eagles has now grown to include more than 50 returning alumni from states as far away as New Jersey, Texas and Nevada. Magnifico's award was accepted by his long-time friend Stephen Weiss (67).

To nominate fellow Eagles for future awards, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/universityawards.

For more information on MSU alumni and how to become an active alum, contact the Office of Alumni Relations & Development at 606-783-2033, email alumni@moreheadstate.edu or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/alumni.

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Cybersecurity lecture scheduled for Nov. 12

A lecture on the importance of cybersecurity will be held Monday, Nov. 12, at 6 p.m. in room 329 of the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC.)

The lecture is titled, “When Big Brother Meets Lord of the Flies: Fundamentals of Cybersecurity.” The speaker will be Dr. Richard J. Harknett, department head and professor of political science at the University of Cincinnati (UC.) He was an inaugural Fulbright Scholar in Cyber Studies at Oxford University and in 2016 served as the inaugural scholar-in-residence at US Cyber Command and the National Security Agency, where he assisted at the command in examining strategic approaches to cyberspace. He was the principle author of Cyber Command’s new strategy of persistent engagement and continues to advise on it, along with others in government and academia.

Harknett was brought to campus thanks to a grant from the Hinkle Endowment. Dr. James Masterson, MSU associate professor of government and assistant dean for the Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, said cybersecurity is an important issue that affects everyone.

“Nearly everyone on campus is plugged into cyberspace for e-commerce, entertainment, e-finance, and information from around the world,” Masterson said. “As a result, we generally all have some sensitive information that we use to access information in cyberspace. As such, we are all individually vested in the safety and security of our cyberspace activities.”

Harknett will discuss contemporary issues of cybersecurity, theoretical frameworks dealing with cybersecurity issues and strategic frameworks for U.S. national security policies for dealing with cyber-attacks.

“In a nutshell, participants will learn about the fundamentals of cybersecurity, U.S. strategies to deal with cyber threats, and how cyber threats affect us,” Masterson added.

The event is free and open to the public and is sponsored by the Hinkle endowment, the Department of History, Philosophy, Politics, International Studies and Legal Studies, MSU’s Office of International Student Services and the Bluegrass State Intelligence Studies Center.

For more information on MSU’s political science program, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/study/politicalscience or call 606-783-2655.

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Veterans' Luncheon set for Nov. 9

Morehead State University and the Rowan County School District are co-sponsoring a luncheon to honor military veterans in the MSU family and throughout the community on Friday, Nov. 9, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Academic-Athletic Center.

The event will feature a catered lunch from Aramark and live music by performers from the Kentucky Center for Traditional Music. Veterans throughout the community, as well as MSU staff, faculty and student veterans from all branches of military service are welcome at the luncheon, as are Gold Star parents.

For more information about the luncheon, contact MSU Director of Military Initiatives David Litteral at d.litteral@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-9267.

Morehead State was recently ranked among the nation's most veteran-friendly colleges by Military Times magazine. For more information about veteran services at MSU, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/veterans or call 606-783-9267.

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MPATE celebrates 25th anniversary

The Morehead State University Department of Mathematics and Physics hosted its 25th annual Mathematics, Physics, and Advanced Technology Exploration (MPATE) Day Wednesday, Nov. 7, where students explored what the department offers.

About 400 high school students from the local area competed in a variety of activities that highlighted the department during MPATE Day.

During the event, faculty and student volunteers ran competitive activities for students to compete for prizes. Students worked in teams with peers from other schools to compete in STEM-related activities. Each activity had six teams competing for four rounds. At the end, the scores were tallied to see which team won. The top teams chose from a variety of prizes that included graphing calculators that were donated by Texas Instrument and \$1,000 in products from the University Store.

“We divide them up into teams of four students and these four students don’t know each other because they’re all from different schools.” said Dr. Tim O’Brien, MPATE Day coordinator and professor of mathematics. “So, we try to get them to meet some new people.”

O’Brien said the purpose of the event is to show students interested in STEM fields that it is a useful skill and is worth something.

“In high school I feel like athletics is often celebrated, well I think here’s a chance for us to celebrate kids that are more academic.” said O’Brien.

O’Brien, who has hosted the event for 14 years with the help of academic department specialist for the department Denise Patrick as well as other faculty, said his favorite part is seeing the activities that the faculty come up with.

“The physicists have this activity where they put the kids on a rotating reference frame and they try to shoot baskets while they’re spinning.”

For more information on MPATE Day 2018, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/mpate or call 606-783-2930.

Visit www.moreheadstate.edu/maph for additional information about the Department of Mathematics and Physics.

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Regional MAT Sessions Planned

College graduates who are interested in a career as a teacher should attend an upcoming orientation on the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) program at Morehead State University. Students who are currently enrolled in the MAT Program are invited to attend to find answers to advising questions and concerns.

MSU offers three MAT programs in which degree holders with no prior teaching experience may obtain a master's degree and teacher certification, while employed as a teacher. They are: Middle school. Secondary. Interdisciplinary early childhood education.

Orientation and advising sessions for the MAT program at MSU will be held at various locations through December. Topics such as program design, including admission and application processes for middle, secondary and interdisciplinary early childhood education will be discussed. In addition, any questions or concerns related to the Secondary and Middle Grade Program course curriculum will be discussed.

Interested persons should 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. Those attending to advising should bring a current copy of your check sheet/program evaluation or contact Duane Lambert at d.lambert@moreheadstate.edu, Marian Sims at m.sims@moreheadstate.edu or Michelle Roberts at m.roberts@moreheadstate.edu prior to the session you plan to attend.

Sessions will be held on these dates and locations:

- Kentucky State University (by appointment), contact Marian Sims at 859-536-5030.
- Friday, Nov. 16, 3 p.m., U.K. Stuckart Career Center (Lexington, KY).
- Monday, Nov. 26, 4:30 p.m., MSU Main Campus (801 Ginger Hall).
- Tuesday, Nov. 27, 4 p.m., Mason County High School (Maysville, KY).
- Tuesday, Nov. 27, 4:30 p.m., Morgan County Public Library, West Liberty.
- Wednesday, Nov. 28, 3 p.m., Morton Middle School (Lexington, KY).
- Wednesday, Nov. 28, 4 p.m., MSU at Ashland.
- Wednesday, Nov. 28, 4:30 p.m., MSU at Mt. Sterling.

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

For additional information about the MAT Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education (IECE) Program, please contact Dr. Elizabeth McLaren at 606-783-2537 or e.mclaren@moreheadstate.edu.

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MSU hosts #MeToo discussion with Dr. Lisa Huebner

Dr. Lisa Huebner visited Morehead State University to discuss the social movement #MeToo and women's and gender studies theory Thursday, Nov. 8, in Breckinridge Hall.

During the talk Huebner, sociologist of gender and professor in the Department of Women's and Gender Studies at West Chester University of Pennsylvania, discussed pressing and relevant issues such as the #MeToo movement, social inequality, and society's need to make social change that is survivor-based, intersectional, and visible.

"These are not new issues, but because they're not talked about in public life, in our families, in elementary schools, in middle schools, I think college is a place for us to have those conversations," said Huebner. "We need to not sweep things under the rug and we need to break those silences. And I want students to be empowered and break their own silences"

Huebner has studied, taught and published for 20 years in the areas of intersectionality theory and sociology of gender as it relates to the experiences of sexual harassment and other forms of intimate violence.

Dr. Bernadette Barton, professor of sociology and gender studies, said she hopes students have a better understanding of gender studies and take an interest in gender study classes.

"I hope they have a better understanding of social inequality and the structural and intersectional nature of social inequality and I hope they're more loving and connected with each other."

The lecture was sponsored by the [Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences](#), the [Department of Nursing](#), the Interdisciplinary Gender Studies program, the Hinkle Endowment for the Humanities, the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, the Justice Center and the School of Humanities and Social Sciences.

For more information on the gender studies program contact Dr. Ann Andaloro, director of Gender Studies at a.andaloro@moreheadstate.edu or 606-783-2714 or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/study/gender-studies-minor.

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MSU's Winter Session prepares to heat up

Morehead State University is once again about to prove that cold weather and college credit hours make a pretty good pair.

MSU's Winter Session will take place from Dec. 10, 2018, through Jan. 17, 2019. Those interested in registering can do so right up until the first day of classes on Monday, Dec. 10.

Winter Session allows current MSU students, new MSU students or students visiting from another institution to take up to six credit hours in the four weeks during MSU's winter break – and do so entirely online.

MSU first began offering its Winter Session three years ago and the unique opportunity to take classes during this short time frame is growing in popularity. The 2017-18 Winter Session had a total enrollment of 751 students taking 96 courses for a total of 2,820 credit hours, an increase from 544 students, 70 courses and 2,000 hours in the prior 2016-17 session.

For more information about MSU's Winter Session, including application and course information, resources and FAQs, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/winter.

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MSU's Master of Arts in Adult and Higher Education earns second national ranking

Morehead State University's Master of Arts in Adult and Higher Education (MAHE) has already been ranked nationally once this year. Now, the program has made yet another list.

OnlineMasters.com – a nonprofit organization that ranks online degree programs – has selected MSU as having one of the best graduate programs for adult education of 2019.

The program was ranked 21 out of the 26 top-ranked programs in the country and the only Kentucky higher education institution to make the list. MSU also earned the added distinction of being named Best for TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) Careers. For a complete list of rankings, go to www.onlinemasters.com/best-degree-programs/education/adult-education.

OnlineMasters.com uses statistics and qualitative data from current students, noteworthy alumni, hiring managers and independent program rankings to objectively analyze information and present it in the form of user-friendly guides with the goal of personal and social advancement for students.

MSU's MAHE program earned a similar honor earlier this year when it was ranked No. 19 in Best Colleges.com's list of Best Online Master's in Adult Education Programs. It was the highest-ranking Kentucky university to make the list.

For more about MSU's College of Education and its programs, call 606-783-2162, email Dr. Chris Miller, dean of the College of Education, at c.miller@moreheadstate.edu, or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/education.

To learn more about Morehead State's online degree programs, go to www.moreheadstate.edu/online.

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MSU at Prestonsburg to host job fair

Morehead State University at Prestonsburg will partner with Mountain Comprehensive Care Center to host an agency-wide job fair at MSU's regional campus, 6 Bert Combs Drive, in Prestonsburg on Tuesday, Nov. 20, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Mountain Comprehensive Care Center will hire on-site for a variety of positions throughout much of its service area.

Applicants may arrive with resumes and completed employment applications; however, applications will be available at the event.

Positions are available in 21 counties: Bath, Boyd, Carter, Christian, Clark, Fayette, Floyd, Greenup, Harrison, Johnson, Lawrence, Magoffin, Martin, Mason, Montgomery, Perry, Pike, Powell, Rowan and Todd.

Requirements range from high school diploma/GED to fully-licensed Qualified Mental Health Professionals, including LPCA, LPCC, CSW, LCSW, LPA, LPP, LMFT, LMFA, and others; many positions require a bachelor's degree within the human services field.

Interested applicants may view available positions and requirements online at www.mtcomp.org/careers.

Mountain Comprehensive Care Center's mission is to provide quality behavioral healthcare that offers recovery and hope. Our programs have been developed to address the most pressing issues affecting people from all walks of life throughout Kentucky. MCCC offers competitive wages, comprehensive benefits and Professional Liability Insurance.

MSU at Prestonsburg provides educational and training opportunities for Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin and Pike counties.

Additional information on the job fair is available from Kathy Goble Baldrige, MCCC HR director, at 606-886-4335.

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Jenab presents at NASA workshop

Dr. Koroush Jenab, assistant professor of engineering and technology management at MSU, recently presented “Embedded Reliability in Design Thinking Concept for Aerospace,” at the NASA Academy of Aerospace Quality 2018 Workshop in the NASA Safety Center at the Ohio Aerospace Institute on Sept. 7.

His presentation reported a methodology to implement reliability analysis in design thinking (DT) which is an appropriate process for complex problems in Aerospace.

“In aerospace design phases such as landing gear, this process is extremely useful in tackling problems with a lack of clarity in definition resulting from understanding the human needs, re-capturing the problem in human-centric ways, creating many ideas in brainstorming sessions and adopting a hands-on approach in prototyping and testing,” said Jenab. He added the process is useful to students because of the hands-on approach used.

For more information about the Department of Engineering and technology Management, visit www.moreheadstate.edu.etm or call 606-783-2425.

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MSU student gets exposed to Disney magic through internship program

Morehead State University's Office of Career Services assists students as they navigate the "college to career" journey, ensuring that their time is spent developing the knowledge, skills and experiences that will successfully prepare them for life after graduation.

Few things in college prove to be more valuable in obtaining real-world experience than quality internships. Sophomore business management major Connor Tilford recently got to experience going from MSU to the Magic Kingdom thanks to the Disney College Program.

The Disney College Program is one of Morehead State's longstanding and popular internship partners. Since the program's inception in 1981, hundreds of MSU students have participated in the semester-long, paid internship opportunity at the Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, Florida. Tilford, a native of Ballard County, Kentucky, is a fall 2018 college program intern, working as an attractions host and greeter at the Magic Kingdom's Seven Dwarf's Mine Train.

The program's unique "Live, Learn, Earn" model ensures that students enjoy a truly immersive experience that fosters professional development with one of the world's most iconic companies. Interns (or "CPs" as Disney calls them) live in resort-style, Disney-owned housing paid for as part of the intern's compensation; learn via ongoing training and professional development opportunities like seminars, career workshops and speaker series; and earn as paid "cast members" for Walt Disney World Resort. MSU students participating in the Disney College Program enroll in online classes that allow them to earn academic credit for their internship to progress toward graduation.

Among the many advantages to the Disney College Program is access to Disney's professional internship program, where CP alums and recent college graduates work in professional capacities across the company. Roles are available in broadcast journalism, engineering and technology, finance, graphic design, management and marketing. Disney's professional internship program is a talent pipeline for the company and a valuable opportunity to launch a Disney career.

As the Career Center's internship coordinator and formal liaison to the Disney College Program at MSU, Josh Taylor recently had the chance to make a "site-visit" to Orlando to meet Jeff Hickman, college recruitment manager for Disney's Internship Programs, to learn more about the program's newest features and check in on current MSU interns. As a CP alum himself, Taylor wasn't surprised to learn about Tilford's excitement and invaluable experience.

“I’ve had a fantastic time living here and working for the Walt Disney World Company. My confidence in my communication skills, or managing sophisticated technology, has grown tremendously,” Tilford said. “This opportunity has confirmed my desire to work for this company in the future. After returning to MSU and finishing my degree, I hope to receive a professional internship here so that I can continue to grow in my professional career.”

To learn more about the Disney College Program and other experiential learning opportunities, contact the Office of Career Services at 606-783-2233, careerservices@moreheadstate.edu or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/career.

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Ratliff provides her visual flare to country music capital

There are many artists who have become fixtures in Nashville's music scene, but most of them are either holding a microphone or a musical instrument. Stephanie "Stef" Ratliff has managed to do this in an entirely different fashion.

Ratliff, a two-time MSU graduate from Pike County, Kentucky, has achieved success in Nashville by having her artwork pop up in some prestigious places in and around Music City. She has been painting and personalizing the awards that are given to artists at the Americana Music Awards ceremony by hand since 2013, creating awards for Kentucky country stars like Loretta Lynn, Chris Stapleton, Sturgill Simpson and Tyler Childers. Many of her Americana award artworks are on display at various museums around the country, including Nashville's Country Music Hall of Fame in the American Currents Exhibition. You can also find her artwork created for Loretta Lynn at The Coal Miner's Daughter Museum at Loretta Lynn's Ranch in Hurricane Mills, Tennessee.

Ratliff, who goes by the artist name "kyartrat," has been creating these since she graduated from MSU in 2010 with a Bachelor of Arts in Art. She earned her Master of Arts in Art from MSU this year. She ended up working with Grant Alden, one of the founding members of the Americana Music Association, for many years at the Fuzzy Duck Coffee Shop and CoffeeTree Books in Morehead. He initially asked her to design awards for the organization's annual awards ceremony, which later led to commissioned work ranging from personal paintings to album covers.

As Ratliff continues her career as a Nashville visual artist, she credits the MSU Department of Art and Design's faculty and staff for motivating her to further her academic and artistic pursuits.

"I had a very successful undergraduate career and knew I would be successful as a graduate student with the help of the faculty and staff," she said. "The best part of the department would have to be the connections I have made with other artists. They are invaluable."

For more information on MSU's Department of Art and Design, call 606-783-2766, email arde@moreheadstate.edu or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/art.

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Holiday Carnival scheduled for Nov. 27

Morehead State will host a Holiday Carnival on Tuesday, Nov. 27 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC).

“It is really the official start of the holiday season on campus,” said Shannon Colvin, associate director of leadership, programming and inclusion. “This is the opportunity for faculty, staff, students and community members to come and bring their families and begin to celebrate the holiday season.”

The event will feature a variety of activities, including:

- Children’s activities hosted by MSU Student Organizations (During entire event)
- Snowflake Café featuring Hot Chocolate and cookies (During entire event)
- Bookstore Open House featuring pictures with Santa (During entire event)
- ADUC Self-Guided Tours (During entire event)
- A special holiday children’s book reading by MSU First Lady Amber Morgan
- Holiday music in the main event space

The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Colvin at s.colvin@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2886.

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Craft students control Mars rover in collaborative event

Students from the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics at Morehead State University had the once in a lifetime opportunity to remotely control a Mars rover on Tuesday, Nov. 13.

Through a collaboration with Mission Control, a space exploration and robotics company operating out of Carleton University's accelerator for entrepreneurs, eleven students from the Craft Academy who are currently taking classes in robotics, remote sensing, space science, computer programming mathematics and physics had the chance to control the rover, which is located on the Carleton University Campus in Ottawa, Canada.

Craft Academy students were invited to participate in the event as part of a public outreach event aimed at highlighting US-Canadian collaboration in space. The event in Ottawa was attended by U.S. Ambassador to Canada Kelly Craft and NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine, as well as U.S. Energy, Environment, Science, Technology and Health Counselor John Hill and officials from the Canadian Space Agency.

The students were given a simulated mission and navigated the rover around obstacles based on a 2D terrain map. Jen Carter, assistant director of academic services for the Craft Academy, said the mission gave students an opportunity to face some of the challenges real scientists experience.

"The students learned about the challenges scientists and engineers at Mission Control deal with on real Mars and Lunar missions, including lack of high-resolution maps of the environment and lack of precision landing on Mars," she said.

Craft students participating in the event include:

Sydney Winters, Catlettsburg

Haylee Winters, Catlettsburg

Alayna Bennett, Georgetown

Josh Loicano, Burnside

Graham Wilson, Paducah

Austin Adams, Lawrenceburg

Lottie Maynard, Dana

Lily Cate Embury, Lexington

Shelby Fraley, Sandy Hook

Jake Williams, Union

Jeremiah Lowe, Turkey Creek

Chloe Hart, MSU Space Science undergraduate student, served as the mission operations manager for the event. Craft Academy students Loiacono, Bennet and Wilson conducted two successful test drives with Mission Control in preparation for the event and were the primary rover operators.

For more information about the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics at Morehead State University, visit www.moreheadstatet.edu/craft-academy.

For more information about space science at MSU, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/eass.

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Political Science program hosts ‘Meet Your Public Officials’ forum

Morehead State’s Political Science program is co-sponsoring a series of panel discussions organized by The Kentucky Young Democrats on Saturday, Nov.17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in room 325 of the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC).

The “Meet Your Public Officials” event will feature presentations, panel discussions and breakout sessions with local elected officials and candidates from across the region, including:

- Laura White-Brown, Morehead Mayor-elect
- Chad Aull, former Kentucky Young Democrats president
- Denise Gray, former candidate for Kentucky Senate, District 28.
- Ryan Mosley, former candidate for Kentucky House of Representatives, District 92.
- Sarah Kimbler, former candidate for Paintsville City Council.
- Nicole Erwin, Kentucky Democratic Party communications director.

“People should attend because it’s a great opportunity to get to know their public officials,” said Dr. Johnathan Pidluzny, MSU associate professor of government. “While national politics often sucks up all the oxygen, especially in our divided times, many of the decisions that affect us more directly are made at the state and local levels.”

For more information, contact Pidluzny at 606-783-9437 or email j.pidluzny@moreheadstate.edu.

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MSU philosophy intern gains valuable experience for medical school

Morehead State University has a long and respected reputation for helping students gain admittance to pre-professional schools at rates far above both state and national averages. MSU student Cory Grigsby is hoping his current internship experience can set him on the path to similar academic success.

A senior from Prestonsburg, Kentucky, Grigsby is a major in philosophy who is completing a philosophy internship at St. Claire Regional Medical Center in Morehead. He is the fourth MSU philosophy intern at St. Claire.

Riki Watts, director of surgical services at St. Claire and supervisor over Grigsby's internship, said the internship focuses on ethics.

"In all professional healthcare settings, we face ethical challenges that require the application of our code of ethics, which supports patient advocacy," Watts said.

"The study of philosophy gives students a set of highly portable skills, like the ability to analyze complex problems given incomplete evidence," added Dr. Scott Davison, professor of philosophy at MSU. "Students who participate in the philosophy intern program at St. Claire Regional Medical Center are able to use those skills to approach ethical issues in health care, which are some of the most pressing and difficult issues anywhere."

Grigsby had planned to specialize in orthopedics when he attends medical school next year, but he has decided to specialize in general surgery thanks to his internship experiences in surgery.

"The ethics internship at St. Claire allowed me to gain firsthand experiences in the operating room that otherwise would not be available to me, including watching providers face a wide array of moral issues as they attempt to provide adequate health care," he said.

Grigsby will present an ethics seminar later this semester to the St. Claire/MSU community, highlighting a collaboration that continues to be a fruitful partnership.

"We enjoy the mutually beneficial relationship provided by MSU's philosophy internship program," said Sister Judi Lambert, vice president of mission integration at St. Claire. "Continually reflecting on the ethical considerations of all we do is an essential part of our service to our patients and the community."

For more information on MSU's philosophy program, contact Dr. Scott Davison, professor of philosophy, at 606-783-2273, s.davison@moreheadstate.edu, or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/study/philosophy.

To learn more about MSU's 167 academic programs, including 23 professional programs, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/academics.

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MSU's Department of Theatre and Dance presents 'Ghost: The Musical' this month

The month of October and Halloween may have come and gone, but MSU's Department of Theatre and Dance will be presenting a popular Broadway adaptation that will have audiences thinking of supernatural beings.

As the second play in the 2017-18 theatrical season, MSU will present "Ghost: The Musical." Performances take place at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 27, 28 and 29, and at 2 p.m. Nov. 30, at The Lucille Caudill Little Theatre in Breckinridge Hall on campus.

"Ghost: The Musical" is the stage adaptation of the incredibly popular 1990 film "Ghost" starring Patrick Swayze, Demi Moore and Whoopi Goldberg. Adapted by the film's Academy Award-winning screenwriter Bruce Joel Rubin, the story follows Sam and Molly, a young couple whose connection takes a shocking turn after Sam's untimely death. Trapped between two worlds, Sam refuses to leave Molly when he learns she is in grave danger. Desperate to communicate with her, he turns to a storefront psychic, Oda Mae Brown, who helps him protect Molly and avenge his death.

The musical is a collaborative effort of the School of Creative Arts, including representation from the Department of Theatre and Dance, the Department of Music, and the Department of Art & Design.

Natasha Davis, associate professor of dance at MSU, said she is excited for MSU students to tackle this popular love story that has been turned into a "pop-rock-type of musical" along the likes of "Mamma Mia!" or "Rock of Ages." She also said the popularity and nostalgia of the movie "Ghost" has brought a lot of students from other academic departments (English and biology majors, to name a few) to try their hand at performing in on stage, which Davis believes is an encouraging and welcome change for students and the audience.

"I think that is the whole purpose and premise of our department is we are an inviting department," she said. "You do have those students who are across campus sitting in a business class that has the passion for acting and a passion for singing. Just the fact that they know they can do that, that it's not just limited to theatre and dance students, they've been able to make connections with theatre students."

To learn more about MSU's Department of Theatre and Dance, contact 606-783-2473, mtd@moreheadstate.edu or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/theatre.

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Empty Bowls event to be held Nov. 27

The Emerging Arts Leaders of Eastern Kentucky (EALEK) are hosting an Empty Bowls event, "Full Bowls to Fill the Soul" on Tuesday, Nov. 27, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Kentucky Folk Art Center (KFAC).

Admission is \$15, and patrons will receive a handmade bowl, all the soup they can eat and a host of refreshments and side items. All proceeds from the event will be donated to KFAC.

The event will bring multiple student organizations together to raise money for the Kentucky Folk Art Center by selling handmade ceramic bowls made by students and faculty in the Morehead State University Ceramics Guild. The event is co-sponsored by EALEK, the MSU Ceramic Guild and KFAC. Other organizations supporting the event include Chi Mu Delta Co-ed Fraternity, Gamma Phi Beta - Epsilon Sigma Chapter, the MSU Methodist Student Center, the Marshall University Ceramics Area and several other campus groups and local businesses.

"We saw a need in the community for an event like this, and EALEK thought that it is only right to donate this money to KFAC because it is important to us," said Dustyn Pruitt, vice president of EALEK. "I would say the most important reason for people to attend is that we mean well, we are trying to support and save something we love, and something we care about. This money isn't for us, it isn't going into our club accounts to do cool things, it is going to supply the KFAC with the things it needs. We love this town, we love this university, and we love the KFAC."

The event has received more than \$1,500 in outside sponsorship in the form of merchandise and gift cards that will be awarded as door prizes or raffled off at the event to raise funds.

For more information about EALEK, contact Pruitt at dapruitt@moreheadstate.edu.

For more information about KFAC, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/kfac or call 606-783-2204.

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Appalachian Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair takes place Dec. 1

Morehead State University's Kentucky Folk Art Center (KFAC) is once again giving artists, craft specialists and unique vendors the chance to participate in the longest-running craft fair in Kentucky. The Appalachian Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair comes to Morehead from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 1, at the Laughlin Health Building.

The KFAC, in partnership with Downtown Morehead Inc., provides an event where more than 100 artists and craftspeople from Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia will be featured. A wide selection of regional arts and crafts will be available to purchase just in time for the holidays. These include an assortment of hand-crafted jewelry, bath and body lotions, signs, and themed decorations and gifts.

Tammy Stone, administrative coordinator for KFAC, said this one-day event will give shoppers options they won't find at your typical department store or even at similar craft fairs.

"It's a juried event, so that's what makes it unique," she said. "You just get some quality, some hand-crafted items versus a product that someone bought and it trying to resell."

Admission to the fair is \$3 per person; children under 12 are admitted free. The Appalachian Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair will serve as a lead-up event to the evening's 18th Annual Morehead Hometown Holiday, which takes place from 5 to 9 p.m. in downtown Morehead. The event will feature music, theatre and treats from downtown businesses, along with a holiday performance from the Cave Run Symphony Orchestra at 8 p.m.

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.

For more information about the Kentucky Folk Art Center, call 606-783-2204 or visit www.kyfolkart.org.

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Student Craft Bizarre set for Nov. 29-30

The ninth annual Craft Bizarre: MSU Student Art & Craft Sale will be held Nov. 29-30 in the Golding-Yang Gallery of Morehead State University's Claypool-Young Art Building.

Featuring art and crafts 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. The Craft Bizarre will be open in the gallery on Thursday, Nov. 29, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday, Nov. 30, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

The Golding-Yang Art Gallery 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. Like the gallery on Facebook for updates about this and other events.

Students, recent graduates (three years or less) and faculty and staff interested in participating can contact event sponsor Jennifer Reis at j.reis@moreheadstate.edu.

For more information on MSU's Department of Art and Design, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/art or call 606-783-5664.

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MSU closed for Thanksgiving holiday

Administrative offices will be closed and there will be no classes at Morehead State University during the Thanksgiving holiday, Wednesday through Friday, Nov. 21-23.

Offices will reopen and classes will resume on Monday, Nov. 26, at 8 a.m.

The University Post Office will be closed Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 21 and 22. It will be open 8 a.m. to noon on Friday, Nov. 23, and will be closed Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 24 and 25. The post office will resume normal hours on Monday, Nov. 26.

The University Store will be closed Nov. 21-25 for Thanksgiving break and will reopen Monday, Nov. 26 at 8:45 a.m.

The Camden-Carroll Library will be closed Wednesday, Nov. 21, through Saturday, Nov. 24. The library will reopen Sunday, Nov. 25 at 1 p.m.

The Kentucky Folk Art Center will be closed during Thanksgiving break. It will reopen Monday, Nov. 26, under regular hours.

The Recreation and Wellness Center will operate on a modified schedule during the holiday. Hours are listed below:

- Facility: Wednesday, Nov. 21, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Thursday, Nov. 22 through Saturday, Nov. 24, closed; Sunday, Nov. 25, 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.
- Natatorium: Wednesday, Nov. 21, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 22 through Saturday, Nov. 24, closed; Sunday, Nov. 25, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Outdoor Adventures: Wednesday, Nov. 21 through Saturday, Nov. 24, closed; Sunday, Nov. 25, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Any questions or concerns should be directed to the [MSU Police Department](#) at 606-783-2035. They will distribute all calls to the appropriate units.

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Camden-Carroll Library event shines light on Martin Himler's legacy

The late Martin Himler, a Magyar (Hungarian) immigrant who came to Eastern Kentucky, affected the region's economy with the founding of the Himler Coal Company and impacted people's lives by the way he lived his own. Now, an event is being organized on the Morehead State University campus that gives insight into his life and legacy.

Author Cathy Cassady Corbin presents "The Making of an American: The Autobiography of a Hungarian Immigrant, Appalachian Entrepreneur, and OSS Officer, Martin Himler" at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28, at the Athena Room at Camden-Carroll Library.

Cathy Cassady Corbin, retired teacher and lifelong resident of Rowan County, was asked to edit the autobiography of Martin Himler through her connection with the Martin County Historical and Genealogical Society. She will be joined by special guest Doug Cantrell, professor of history at Elizabethtown Community and Technical College and an expert on Appalachian immigrants in the U.S., who wrote the introduction to the book.

"Martin Himler and his legacy are important to the Eastern Kentucky region because Himler is a Hungarian immigrant who brought industry, prosperity and international attention to 1920s Martin County," said Robert Sammons, who works with the Special Collections and Archives in the Camden-Carroll Library. "Presentation attendees will gain a clearer understanding of the life of immigrants in early 20th century Kentucky and of Colonel Himler's service to America, Hungary and the world."

Proceeds of sales of the book go to the Martin County Historical and Genealogical Society to benefit the Himler Project, an ongoing project to reconstruct the home of Mr. Himler in what was once a "coal town," called Himlerville (now called Beauty). The "Himler House" hosted many meals and special events while accommodating several dignitaries from far and wide. The vision of the Himler Project is for the Himler House to become a center for both Hungarian immigrant culture and Kentucky coal mining history.

For more information, go to www.himlerhouse.org. Additional information about MSU's Camden-Carroll Library is available at www.moreheadstate.edu/library or by calling 606-783-2200.

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KCTM season finale concert scheduled for Nov. 27

Morehead State University's Kentucky Center for Traditional Music (KCTM) will hold its annual Songs of Our Heritage Season Finale Concert on Tuesday, Nov. 27, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Morehead Conference Center.

All sections of the Traditional Music Ensemble will perform a variety of bluegrass, old time, country, western swing, blues, gospel and ballad singing at the event, and former students will return to perform as well.

Raymond McLain, KCTM director, said the concert will give those in attendance an opportunity to see what KCTM students can do.

"Folks will want to attend because we have some talented and engaged students, and this concert celebrates and showcases their accomplishments," McLain said, adding the Traditional Music program consistently produces professional musicians.

"At this point, 100 percent of students who have earned the degree in Traditional Music found employment in the music business, most on a full-time basis," he said.

The family-friendly event is free and open to the public.

For more information on the KCTM, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/kctm or call 606-783-9001.

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MSU School of Business Administration to facilitate middle school business competition

Morehead State University's School of Business Administration (SBA) will facilitate a regional middle school entrepreneurial competition on Thursday, Nov. 29, at the Knott County Sportsplex.

Approximately eight schools will bring approximately 111 students in sixth, seventh and eighth grades who won local entrepreneurial competitions. Students in the BBA 350 class will judge the competition based the following criteria:

- Application of science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics skills.
- Application and understanding of business concepts.
- Use of technology in the overall distribution and marketing of the product or service.
- Prototype design and development.
- Display for business.
- Written business plan.
- Overall research.
- Oral presentation.

Students will compete for first, second and third place in the competition, and cash prizes will be awarded at each level. First place will receive \$80, second will receive \$70 and third place will win \$60.

"Students will learn how to create a business and how to make an income from that business," said Dr. Janet Ratliff, associate professor of management and entrepreneurship and instructor of the BBA 350 class. "Being an entrepreneur or small business owner allows one to have the opportunity to create jobs for those around them and to better the communities in which they live through economic development. It is our hope that as young men and women throughout our region begin to think about their future, the exposure to entrepreneurship will spark a desire in each of them to think about entrepreneurship as a viable future occupation regardless of the field they later pursue."

The competition is sponsored by the SBA, MSU's Elmer R. Smith College of Business and Technology, the Booth Entrepreneurship Center, and the Kentucky Valley Education Cooperative.

For more information about the competition, contact Ratliff at j.ratliff@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2390.

For information on MSU's School of Business Administration, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/sba or call 606-783-2090.

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Keith Moore named registrar

Keith Moore, assistant dean of the Elmer R. Smith College of Business and Technology and director of the Master of Business Administration (MBA) program, has been appointed to the position of registrar at Morehead State University following a nationwide search.

Moore will assume the position effective Dec. 1.

“Keith has over 20 years of higher education administrative experience and I am confident he will do outstanding work in this new role,” Dr. Bob Albert, interim provost and vice president of academic affairs, said in an email to the campus community. “He also brings a wealth of institutional knowledge and leadership experience with him that will serve our students and our University well.”

Moore is a two-time graduate of Morehead State University, earning both an undergraduate degree in finance and a Master of Business Administration degree. Prior to assuming the position of registrar, he worked as assistant to the dean, Innovation Launchpad director and MBA program director at Morehead State. He also previously served as district director of the MSU East Kentucky Small Business Development Center. In addition, Moore has more than 25 years of experience teaching finance and entrepreneurship courses at MSU.

Moore is a member of Beta Gamma Sigma Honor’s Society and board member of the Rowan County Community Fund, as well as a former participant in Morehead State University’s President’s Leadership Academy. He lives in Hillsboro with his wife, Amy. The Moores have two children, Emily and Benjamin.

To contact the Office of the Registrar, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/registrar or call 606-783-2008.

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MSU English instructor receives international honors for fiction

As a native of Rosine, Kentucky, MSU instructor of English and author Alex Taylor makes it a point to write what he knows. However, the effectiveness of his writing isn't lost in translation when it makes its way overseas.

Taylor's 2015 fatalistic crime novel "The Marble Orchard" has received a pair of honors in the past couple of years from France.

The book, which was originally published by IG in Brooklyn, New York, was translated into French and published by the Editions Gallmeister publishing company in 2017. Since then, the French translation of "Le Verger de Marbe" was named as a finalist for the 2017 Grand Prix de Littérature Policière, a literary prize for the best crime/detective fiction in the country. He is currently one of five finalists for the 2018 Prix SNCF du Polar, which gives awards in the thriller genre in the categories of novels, comics and short films, and is voted on by French readers.

Taylor has been an instructor at MSU for six years and teaches creative writing and general English composition. This is Taylor's second published book, the first was the 2010 short story collection "The Name of the Nearest River." He writes short stories between novels and his short story "The Gypsy Rib" received the 2017 McGinnis-Ritchie, an annual award given to the best works of fiction and nonfiction published for the year in The Southwest Review.

He is currently working on a new novel centered on the life of a prison worker in Kentucky, but Taylor still feels flattered with the French recognition of his latest work.

"It's quite an honor. Kind of a surreal feeling, because I don't consider myself a very cosmopolitan person, I like small towns and I like Kentucky," he said. "It's nice to see that some of that ethos translates across the ocean."

For more information on MSU's Department of English, call 606-783-9448, email english@moreheadstate.edu or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/english.

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Nursing student receives Dr. Don and Alta Blair Family Scholarship

The Morehead State University Foundation has announced the establishment of the Dr. Don and Alta Blair Family Scholarship Endowment. The 2018-19 scholarship recipient is Benjamin Hutchinson. Hutchinson, a native of Morehead, is a freshman majoring in nursing and the scholarship's first-ever award recipient.

The Blair family has a profound history with Morehead State University and the study of medicine. Dr. Donald Blair (62) attended the Breckinridge Training School and later earned his Bachelor of Science degree from MSU. Alta Blair is a retired member of the nursing faculty. Many other family members have also attended MSU.

The Blair family's affinity for MSU led them to establish an endowment to create scholarships for students from Rowan County. The couple established the scholarship in 2017 and has continued to grow the fund over the past two years, ensuring that the contributions will be invested through the MSU Foundation. This endowment will ensure awards are made annually for years to come.

"I am honored to have been selected as the first recipient of the Blair Family Scholarship. Having this family support me to follow my dreams is a blessing," Hutchinson said. "As I prepare to join the medical field as a nurse, it truly is a great feeling knowing I have financial support behind me. I will forever be grateful for the kindness and generosity of the Blair Family."

This scholarship was established as part of the Soar to New Heights Scholarship Campaign. For more information on this scholarship and how to establish a scholarship of your own, contact MSU's Office of Alumni Relations and Development at 606-783-2033, email giving@moreheadstate.edu or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/giving.

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Fall Commencement set for Dec. 8

Morehead State University will hold its 2018 Fall Commencement ceremony on Saturday, Dec. 8, at the Academic-Athletic Center. The commencement program will start at 10:30 a.m.

Lin-Hsiu Huang of Kaohsiung, Taiwan, is this year's student speaker. She is the daughter of mother Hui-Yen Huang (10) and father Wen-Hung Huang (02) and is a candidate for both a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art with an emphasis in design, and a minor in mathematics.

Huang is a member of MSU's Academic Honors Program. She has served as a tutor in the Tutoring and Learning Center for three years and has been an Undergraduate Research Fellow for two years. Huang is an active member and former public relations chair for Phi Sigma Pi, a gender-inclusive honors fraternity. She holds membership and has served in key leadership positions in the Academic Honors Student Association, the Student Association of Gender Equality and Kentucky Young Democrats. Over the past few years, she has worked for several nonprofit organizations, including Give Her Life in Pasadena, California; the National Human Rights Museum in Taipei City, Taiwan; and as a student advisor for Upward Bound, TRIO at MSU.

As an artist, she has participated in several art exhibitions and competitions throughout the state. She also founded the freelance company LINear Design, where she sells personalized paintings, ink prints and holiday cards. In Spring 2018, she interned as a student blogger for The Washington Center and as The Future of Privacy Forum's first in-house designer, both in Washington, D.C. She currently works as a contract designer for the Association of Career and Technical Education (ACTE) in Alexandria, Virginia.

After graduation, Huang hopes to use her unique cultural and educational background to bridge the gap between identities – East and West, humanities and STEM – to create an impact in the corners of her world.

For the commencement ceremony, the grand marshal and mace bearer will be Dr. Greg J. Detweiler.

Faculty marshals will be Dr. Julia Ann Hypes, associate professor of sports management, and Dr. Kimberlee Sharp, associate professor of education.

Student marshals will be:

- Hunter A. Branham and Christopher D. Coleman, Graduate Programs.
- Nathaniel S. Juniper and Lauren D. Wilson, College of Education.
- Benjamin W. Moore and Courtney B. Rodman, Elmer R. Smith College of Business and Technology.
- Caitlin R. Haggard and Theresa M. Vetter, Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.
- Kasey A. Isaacs and Julie M. Snyder, College of Science.

Noah Bruce will sing the national anthem and Noah D. Colley will lead the alma mater.

ROTC students will be commissioned as part of the program.

Following the ceremony, the newest alumni will be inducted into the MSU Alumni Association Inc. by its president, Dr. Jason Marion (04).

No large bags or backpacks will be permitted in the AAC during the ceremonies and commuter buses will run from the U.S. 60 lot to the AAC.

Family, friends, and supporters unable to attend Morehead State University's Fall Commencement in person will be able to watch the ceremonies live on their computer or mobile device.

MSU will stream live video from the ceremony. The live video feed will be available approximately 10 minutes before the scheduled start time of the ceremonies.

[Watch the Live Stream](#)

Additional information on commencement exercises is available by calling 606-783-2008 or visiting www.moreheadstate.edu/graduation.

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Rites of Passage ceremony to be held

Morehead State University's Office of Student Activities, Inclusion and Leadership Development will sponsor its 36th Rites of Passage recognition ceremony on 5:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, in the Adron Doran University Center Ballroom.

The purpose of the ceremony is to recognize and celebrate the scholastic achievement of minority and international students at MSU. Each student will receive a certificate, a gift and a special Kente stole.

Additional information about the ceremony is available by calling Shannon Colvin, associate director for programming, leadership and inclusion, at 606-783-2071 or emailing s.colvin@moreheadstate.edu.

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Geology students present at national conference

A Morehead State University geology student has won top honors at a professional conference.

The Geobiology and Geomicrobiology (GBGM) Division of the Geological Society of America (GSA) announced winners of its 2018 student presentation awards on Nov. 19. The awards are for best student oral presentation and best student poster presentation at the recent GSA Annual Meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Maggie Stephenson, a sophomore geology major from Sanders, Kentucky, won best poster presentation for her poster, entitled "From Palm Savannahs to Hardwood Hammocks and Back: Palynology of the Paleocene-Eocene Manawianui Drive Section, Bastrop County, Texas."

Stephenson's research has concentrated on a paleoecological study of rocks deposited in a series of coastal and offshore environments preserved in Central Texas. This area is important because the rocks were deposited before, during and after the Paleocene-Eocene Thermal Maximum (PETM), a roughly 100,000-year time period of rapid climate and sea-level change that happened a little more than 55 million years ago. The PETM is often used as a possible analog for current climate change. Stephenson demonstrated that ecosystems can be better identified using a combination of fossil fungal communities and plant pollen and spores than with pollen and spores alone. She has also demonstrated that coastal plant communities in Texas at this time changed in much the same way as similar-aged coastal plant communities preserved in England and the North Sea.

This poster represents Stephenson's work as an MSU Undergraduate Research Fellow in paleoecology (the study of ancient ecosystems) in academic year 2017-2018, which has continued as part of her geology coursework for Fall 2019. An earlier version was presented at the 2018 Celebration of Student Scholarship.

Stephenson was among six MSU students to present posters of their undergraduate research at the GSA Annual Meeting. They included:

Ashton Killen, a sophomore from Proctorville, Ohio. "Palynology of the Hooper Formation (Paleocene), Wilcox Group, Bastrop County, TX: A Preliminary Study."

Kala Brown, a senior from Lexington, and Eli Martin III, a senior from Ashland. "Volcanic Ash in the Hooper Formation (Paleocene), Wilcox Group: A Preliminary Report."

Sara Olmsted, a Craft Academy senior from Madison Count; Lucy Steiner, a Craft Academy senior from Bourbon County; and Maggie Stephenson, a sophomore from Sanders. "Palynology of Pleistocene and Holocene Sediment Core BBL 3, Big Bone Lick, Kentucky."

For more information about the geology program at MSU, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/study/geology or call 606-783-2381.

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MSU receives national ranking for online MBA program

Morehead State University was the first university in the state of Kentucky to develop an online MBA program. Now, that program is getting national recognition for both its quality and value.

Online MBA Page, a website developed to serve as a dedicated resource for potential MBA students, listed MSU's online MBA program in its lists of Top 100% Online MBA Programs and its Best Value, Fully Accredited Online MBA Programs for 2019-20.

To see each full list, go to the following pages:

- <https://onlinembapage.com/best-value-fully-accredited-online-mbas-for-2019-20/>
- <https://onlinembapage.com/top-100-percent-online-mba-programs-with-aacsb-specialty-business-accreditation/>

As one of the country's Best Value, Fully Accredited Online MBA Programs, Online MBA Page stated that MSU's program cost \$2,817 less than the state average for online MBAs at public AACSB-accredited business schools.

In MSU's mention of being home to one of its Top 100% Online MBA Programs, the website commended MSU for its option to complete prerequisite courses while transitioning into upper division courses, its available concentration in health systems management and for offering "an MBA in a truly convenient, fully online format. This flexible course of study will allow you to advance your business leadership skills while still fulfilling your professional responsibilities."

For more information on Morehead State's online MBA and other business programs, contact the Elmer R. Smith College of Business and Technology at 606-783-2183, msu-mba@moreheadstate.edu or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/business.

To learn more about Morehead State's online degree programs, go to www.moreheadstate.edu/online.

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MSU Eagles take home multiple KAS honors

Morehead State University has always been an ideal destination for students interested in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) due to its quality programs, incredible facilities and opportunities for hands-on learning. Some of MSU's current students were rewarded for their scientific knowledge courtesy of the Kentucky Academy of Science (KAS).

KAS held its 2018 Annual Meeting from on Nov. 2 and 3 at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green. Out of the more than 600 scientists and students that attended the meeting, hundreds of students from across the state's regional colleges and universities participated in research competitions.

Among those hundreds of students, 12 Eagle students walked away with awards.

First place winners:

- Hannah Brewer – Oral Presentation – Science Education – Pine Ridge, Ky.
- Jeremiah Halter – Oral Presentation – Mathematics – Benton, Ky.
- Madison Howard – Oral Presentation – Geology – Hazard, Ky.
- Akira King – Oral Presentation – Engineering – Mt. Vernon, Ky.
- Rebecca Mikula – Oral Presentation – Physics & Astronomy – Savannah, Mo.
- Victoria Nash – Poster Presentation – Psychology – Florence, Ky.

Second place winners:

- Ethan Caudill – Oral Presentation - Mathematics – Lexington, Ky.
- Casey Christian – Oral Presentation – Physics & Astronomy – Worthington, Ky.
- Jonathan Eisenhour – Poster Presentation – Zoology – Morehead, Ky.
- Mitchell Grothaus – Oral Presentation - Geology – Taylor Mill, Ky.
- Katerina Winters – Oral Presentation – Engineering – Pleasureville, Ky.

Third place winner:

- Allison Ludwig – Poster Presentation – Psychology – Louisville, Ky.

A listing of winners in all categories, including a photo gallery, can be found at www.kyscience.org/student_research_competitions.php.

The Kentucky Academy of Science is a nonprofit organization. Founded in 1914, its mission is to foster scientific discovery and understanding in Kentucky.

Morehead State University faculty, staff and students may become members of the Kentucky Academy of Science at www.kyscience.org. For more information, contact Amanda Fuller at 859-227-2837 or executivedirector@kyscience.org.

To learn more about MSU's science programs, contact the College of Science at 606-783-2158, dsct@moreheadstate.edu or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/scie

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MSU production of 'Ghost: the Musical' opens

Morehead State University's Department of Music, Theatre, and Dance is presenting the collaborative production "Ghost: The Musical" Tuesday, Nov. 27, at The Lucille Caudill Little Theatre in Breckinridge Hall.

"Musicals are the great ultimate collaboration between music, theatre and dance." said Natasha Davis, associate professor of dance and choreographer. "It's so many pieces to the puzzle where everybody is equal that if one piece falls off the whole thing will not work."

"Ghost the Musical," an adaptation from the hit film written by Academy Award-winning screenwriter Bruce Joel Rubin, follows a young couple, Sam and Molly, whose future takes an uncertain turn after Sam's untimely death. Trapped between two worlds, Sam refuses to leave Molly when he learns she is in danger. Desperate to communicate with her, he turns to a storefront psychic, Oda Mae Brown, who helps him protect Molly and avenge his death.

There's more to the department than teaching the arts, it supplies students of all major's value in all areas of their lives.

"We have so many students that either are not theatre majors or theatre minors who are also a part of our program because they understand the value of getting what they need academically, but also pairing it with something artistic, so it makes them well rounded in every area." said Davis.

Davis, who has been instructing at MSU for 11 years, said whatever the students learn within the department, those skills can be applied to the real world. "It's something in our department that is hitting every student in a way where when they come here they're gaining something."

Travis Clark, visiting associate professor of theatre and former student of Morehead State, said the program gave him a foundation to build his career upon.

"I learned how to be part of this living breathing art form," said Clark. "How to work with people, how to see something through from beginning to end, how to collaborate with different people from all different walks of life, how to take this text and take the director's vision and bring that to life."

Clark said even though everything within the program is a collaboration, "Ghost: The Musical" has more layers and more moving pieces.

"Everything that we do is a huge collaboration over here. Ghost is no different in that regard, the only thing that's different in this one is that you add in different elements," said Clark. "We're all able to put in our own unique spin on things and then meld that together and I think that's my favorite part of the whole process."

The production will continue from Nov. 28-30 at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 2 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$11, \$6 for seniors and non-MSU students and free with ID to MSU students.

For more information on tickets contact the MSU box office at 606-783-2170.

For more information on MSU theatrical productions and the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/mtd or call 606-783-2473.

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MSU Retirees Association to host annual holiday luncheon

Come join your colleagues for a little holiday fellowship as the Morehead State University Retirees Association celebrates the season with its annual noon lunch on Thursday, Dec. 13, at Caproni's on the River, 320 Rosemary Clooney Street, Maysville.

The menu will feature beef tips Marsala, chicken cordon bleu, red potatoes, broccoli

Casserole, rolls, assorted desserts and beverages. The cost per person is \$15 plus gratuity. If there is a sufficient number of attendees, transportation will be available at \$10 per person. Vehicles will depart from Burkes Parking Lot in Morehead at 10:45 a.m.

The deadline for reservations is Monday, Dec. 10. If you need transportation, please indicate that when you make your reservation. Additional information and reservations may be made by emailing events@moreheadstate.edu or by calling 606-783-2033.

All MSU retirees are welcome to attend.

For more information about the MSU Retirees Association, visit <http://www.moreheadstate.edu/retirees>.

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Student projects headed to International Space Station

Several regional students will have exomedicine experiments launched to the International Space Station (ISS) next week.

Emma Grooms from Manchester, Ohio; Raychel Kool, from California, Kentucky; and Emma Stone from Maysville, Kentucky developed an experiment to determine the effects of microgravity on bacterial production of recombinant proteins. This experiment was developed during Blast Off summer camp which was sponsored by Morehead State's Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics.

The experiments will be launched to the ISS aboard the SpaceX CRS 16 Rocket on Tuesday, Dec. 4, at approximately 1:30 p.m. from the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida.

Additionally, Craft Academy senior Kaitlyn Palumbo of Nicholasville is currently working on an exomedicine experiment with Magnitude.io that will also be launched to the ISS.

Dr. Carol Christian, director of the Craft Academy, said the experiments being sent to the ISS represent a big opportunity for the students involved. "This is a huge experience that allows students to truly imagine, invent and impact Kentucky and the people of the world. It's great that such young people can find real solutions to problems here on earth from space," Christian added.

Jen Carter, assistant director of academic services at the Craft Academy, said being involved with the experiments gives the students a unique learning experience.

"It's important for students to have opportunities to explore research options that are not routinely available in the classroom. These experiments represent a creative and entrepreneurial way to solve problems that have yet been solved," Carter said.

The Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics is a dual-credit residential high school for academically exceptional Kentucky students. The Craft Academy's purpose is to meet the unique educational needs of academically gifted and talented high school juniors and seniors in the Commonwealth. The academic rigor of the Craft Academy challenges students to excel at their highest level through project-based STEM+X courses and hands-on learning experiences, with emphasis on innovation, design and creativity, and civic and regional engagement.

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Woodford County High School students visit Eagle Scholars program

Students from Woodford County High School visited Morehead State University's Eagle Scholars program on Friday, Nov. 30.

More than 60 high schools and technical schools are offering MSU Eagle Scholars classes this fall semester with nearly 3,000 high school students participating in the program.

“The Eagle Scholars program allows students to take challenging college courses during high school. The classes are the same classes that are offered on the Morehead campus. They are taught by local teachers who meet the high academic standards that are required of Morehead State faculty. These courses are challenging and allow students to be exposed to the academic rigor that comes with a college course,” said Joel Pace, program director.

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.

Additional information and a list of participating schools is available online at www.moreheadstate.edu/eaglescholars.

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