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Board of Regents to meet Dec. 6

The Morehead State University Board of Regents will meet on Thursday, Dec. 6, at 9 a.m. in room 329 of the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC).

The board will:

- Hear an audit report and vote on an amendment to the University's operating budget.
- Hear a report about performance metrics.
- Vote on the establishment of a new program, the Bachelor of Science in Space Science Engineering.

The board will also vote on the approval of a personnel policy regarding acceptable use of technology resources and hear a report on employee health insurance benefits for 2019.

For more information, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/bor or call 606-783-2022.

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Andy and Debbie Prefontaine Scholarship Endowment established

The Morehead State University Foundation has announced the establishment of the Andy and Debbie Prefontaine Scholarship Endowment. The endowment will provide scholarships to assist in the recruitment and retention of students beginning in the 2019-20 academic year.

Andy Prefontaine (71) and his wife, Debbie, have been avid supporters of MSU for years, donating resources and volunteering their time to encourage other alumni to give back and support the University. As a student, Andy was a member of the MSU ROTC program's first commissioned graduating class and served as the last president of the Aquila club before the social organization became the national fraternal organization Pi Kappa Alpha. After graduating from MSU, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army and went on to become a successful entrepreneur, founding a number of home, property and advertising businesses. A 2016 MSU Alumni Hall of Fame inductee, Andy has also served as a member of the MSU Foundation Board of Trustees.

Andy and Debbie hope that this general scholarship endowment fund will change many lives at Morehead State.

"Some students would not even be able to attend MSU without a scholarship, and that's why it's important," Andy said. "I've been very fortunate and if life gives you good fortune, you really should pay it back. It should be a part of your life."

In honor of Andy and Debbie's charitable commitment, two spaces in the newly renovated Adron Doran University Center (ADUC) are adorned with their name: the Prefontaine Tower and the Prefontaine Pub. Prefontaine Tower is located at the northernmost entrance of the ADUC expansion and the Prefontaine Pub is located on the first floor just past the tower entrance.

This scholarship endowment was established as part of the Soar to New Heights Scholarship Campaign. For more information on this scholarship, or to establish your own scholarship endowment, 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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Students attend legal studies conference

The legal studies program at Morehead State University recently participated in the 37th National Conference of the American Association for Paralegal Education in Newport, Rhode Island, on Oct. 31 through Nov. 3.

Dr. Kelly Collinsworth, professor, and Dr. Dianna Murphy, associate dean, participated in a panel presentation with their students titled, "Traveling Beyond the Classroom: Integrating Travel Into Your Curriculum."

Collinsworth and Murphy brought 15 MSU students who presented at the conference as part of their course, PLS 360: Special Legal Topics: Wealth and Poverty. Students in the class have been studying law and policy related to wealth and poverty. While in Newport, the students and faculty had guided tours of several of the robber baron mansions including the Breakers and Rosecliff. They also participated in a Servant Life Tour at The Elms Mansion.

At the conference, they shared their experiences in the class, how traveling in the class enhanced the curriculum, and discussed overcoming barriers for students to participate in a class that travels either domestically or internationally.

Students participating were:

- Taylor Cornwell, Catlettsburg, Sophomore
- Lauren Cruse, Lexington, Junior
- Rachel Davis, Circleville, Ohio, Sophomore
- Benjamin Hayes, Louisa, Junior
- Michaela Hood, Versailles, Junior
- McKayla Jones, Mt. Sterling, Junior
- Emily King, Flemingsburg, Senior
- Amethyst Muncy, Louisa, Junior
- Courtney Peters, Morehead, Junior
- Dalton Rakestraw, Morehead, Junior
- Alissa Rookard, Somerset, Junior
- Michael Ruark, Flemingsburg, Senior
- Duane Sassi, Morehead, Senior
- Robert Stiens, Bethel, Ohio, Junior
- Sarah Young, Lynchburg, Ohio, Senior

MSU's legal studies program equips students with the legal knowledge and skills to successfully pursue a career in law as a professional paralegal or assist attorneys in providing legal services to clients. Students gain hands-on experience and contribute to a variety of community engagement projects, including staffing pro se clinics and working with elementary, middle, and high school students to conduct mock trials. The program is ranked 12th out of the top 25 legal studies degree program according to thebestschools.org.

For more information about MSU's legal studies program, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/study/legalstudies or call 606-783-2655.

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Craft experiments launched to ISS

Experiments developed by students from the Blast Off! Summer STEM Camp and the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics were launched to the International Space Station on Wednesday, Dec. 5, from Cape Canaveral, Florida.

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. Craft Academy seniors Kaitlyn Palumbo of Nicholasville and Kimberly Bosh from Paducah are currently working on an exomedicine experiment with Magnitude.io that was also sent to the ISS.

The experiments were launched aboard the SpaceX Falcon-9 spacecraft, which is expected to reach the ISS on Saturday, Dec. 8, at approximately 12 a.m. SpaceX will live stream the spacecraft's arrival and the ISS' capture of it at www.spacex.com/webcast.

For more information about the Craft Academy at Morehead State, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/craft-academy or call 606-783-2093.

Photo captions:

From left to right are Blast Off! camp participants Emma Stone, Emma Grooms and Raychel Kool.

Craft Academy Seniors Kaitlyn Palumbo and Kimberly Bosh.

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MSU student's documentary project a hit with coin collectors

For senior MSU student and Louisville native Lianna Spurrier, she has found several interesting opportunities outside of the classroom to utilize the knowledge she's gained as a convergent media major with a minor in both Spanish and visual communications...and it all started with an Instagram giveaway.

Spurrier, an off-and-on coin collector, entered a contest hosted by the account of esteemed coin expert David McCarthy. After submitting her entry and not hearing anything for a month, she was declared the winner and was sent a replica of what she describes as "this weird-looking coin" that she later found out was part of the Nova Constellatio Set.

"I really had no idea what it was when I won it. So, I had to find out," she said.

Spurrier soon found an excuse thanks to her CVM 320 Feature & Documentary course, which assigned students the chance to pick a historical topic, research, write a script, record narration and utilize still images, newspaper and short historic video clips to produce a 5-6-minute, Ken Burns-documentary-style video. She chose trying to find the first American coin and what eventually happened to it.

"Here's an excuse to learn more about this thing and do school," she said. "I went way overboard on the project and did way more work than I wanted to."

Spurrier said she found herself researching everything from books from the late 1880s to auction catalogues from the 1990s while learning new video production and animation techniques to make a video that was packed with concise information that was easily digestible for the viewer. That hard work ended up paying off in more than just a good grade.

After she posted the video to her YouTube page, a "like" or kind word from David McCarthy was all she was hoping for. She received that, but McCarthy helped Spurrier's video be seen by a host of numismatic historians, fans and publications. Spurrier's class assignment was picked up and posted on sites like Coin Week, the E-sylum Newsletter, and Washington University in St. Louis asked her to post the video on their online numismatic archive.

Getting praise from notable publications is one thing. Being asked to create content for them is something else.

Spurrier's video on the Nova Constellatio also led to her becoming a freelance journalist for Coin Week. She

was given sponsorship to produce six additional coin videos in a similar style for both the Newman Numismatic Portal and the Colonial Coin Collectors Club (C4).

“It’s a media form that is not common in the coin-collecting community,” Spurrier said. “I stumbled upon a niche that I didn’t know was there.”

While Spurrier may have stumbled upon some unexpected opportunities, she knows the preparation and variety MSU’s convergent media program gave her was what prepared her when these opportunities presented themselves.

“I do appreciate the convergent media program has given me the skill set to do this when this fell in my lap,” she said.

[Watch Spurrier’s YouTube video on The Nova Constellatios Set.](#)

To learn more about MSU’s convergent media program, contact MSU’s Department of Communication, Media and Languages at 606-783-2134, cml@moreheadstate.edu or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/cml.

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Board of Regents holds quarterly meeting

The Morehead State University Board of Regents held its quarterly meeting today (Thursday, Dec. 6) in the Adron Doran University Center.

President Jay Morgan and the board recognized Dr. Melinda Willis, professor of English; John Haky, assistant director of housing; and Svea Carter, graduate assistant with the Campus Activities Board, for their outstanding leadership, service and dedication to the University.

The Board of Regents retired into executive session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c) to discuss pending litigation and pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(b) to discuss matters relating to the future acquisition or sale of real property where publicity would be likely to affect the value of a specific piece of property to be acquired or sold. No action was taken while in closed session.

After returning to business, the board approved a revision to the graduation fee, authorized an inter-local agreement with Bluegrass and Central Kentucky Unified Police Protection System (BACKUPPS) and confirmed the membership of the Friends of the Kentucky Folk Art Center, Inc.

The board also authorized the closure of the following programs/academic offerings:

- Educational Specialist in Counseling: Licensed Professional Counseling Associate
- Bachelor of Arts Health Education Major with Teacher Certification (P-12) program
- Bachelor of Arts Health and Physical Education Area with Teacher Certification (P-12) program
- Physical Education Major with Teacher Certification (P-12) program
- Astronomy Minor

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Blakeman Memorial Scholarship awarded to four recipients

The Fall 2018 recipients of the J.B. Blakeman Memorial Scholarship were awarded at the eighth annual J.B. Blakeman Golf Scramble. The event was held this past September at the Eagle Trace Golf Course in Morehead and raised over \$10,000 to support the scholarship.

The recipients were Noah Damron of Pikeville, Trent Liles of Mt. Sterling and Nick Smith of Sandy Hook. In addition, the New Flyer Award recipient is Conner Barker of Clearfield.

Damron is a sophomore majoring in space science. He was recognized for his community service, including the Helping Hands backpack snack program and the Sterling Community Food Coalition in Mt. Sterling. Damron attended the Carlson Leadership Academy in Atlanta last spring and currently serves as Sigma Phi Epsilon (SigEp) vice president of recruitment, where he has been instrumental in bringing in one of the chapter's largest new member classes.

Liles is a sophomore majoring in computer information systems. He also attended the Carlson Leadership Academy and currently serves as the SigEp's house manager. He participated in both intramural softball and basketball, and volunteered at both Helping Hands and the Cram the Cruiser event. Liles volunteers to maintain the computer database for Sterling Community Food Coalition in Mt. Sterling, keeping track of 10,000 visits from more than 2,000 individuals.

Smith is a junior majoring in computer science. He attended SigEp's summer planning retreat in Tennessee this year and currently serves on the standards board. Smith has been a supporter of Love Your Melon, which donates 50 percent of its profits to benefit children with pediatric cancer in the U.S. He has also assisted with setup and teardown of First Friday Market in Mt. Sterling, along with service to the Gateway Regional Arts Center and Sterling Community Food Coalition.

Barker is a freshman in the BSN program. He was recognized for his accomplishments in academics, sports, volunteering and work, representing the Balanced Man ideal that fraternity member strive to exhibit. Barker is a new member of Sigma Phi Epsilon this fall.

The scholarship was established in 2012 in memory of Jeffery Scott "J.B." Blakeman. A graduate of Morehead State University with an industrial technology degree, he was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and a Chi Omega sorority big brother. As an avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed hunting, fishing and photographing wildlife. Blakeman loved golfing, was a member of the Eagle Trace Men's Golf Association and was a proud supporter of Rowan County and Morehead State athletics. He passed away in September 2011 at the age of

52.

With these awards, more than \$17,000 in scholarship funds have been awarded through the J.B. Blakeman Memorial Scholarship fund. Even with the amount of scholarship awards that have been made, the MSU Foundation announced this year that enough funds have been raised to establish a scholarship endowment, where the return on the funds will provide scholarship resources indefinitely.

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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45 MSU students earn Adobe national certification

Several Morehead State University students that are gaining knowledge inside the classroom have just increased their skill sets for when they leave the classroom. MSU students have earned 45 Adobe Certified Associate national certifications during the Fall 2018 term.

“Digital Media and Technology Certifications are key assets to helping our students be more competitive in today’s fast-paced, highly demanding, technology-driven work environment,” said Tony Glover, technology advisor to the Adobe Certification Program at MSU.

The semester’s results are as follows:

- Visual Design using Adobe Photoshop - 19 students passed their certification exam. Highest score belongs to Lianna Spurrier (senior, Louisville) and Matthew Bryant (senior, Nicholasville).
- Graphic Design and Illustration using Adobe Illustrator - 17 students passed their certification exam. Highest score belongs to Emma Christine Humphress (junior, Lebanon).
- Print and Digital Publication using Adobe InDesign - 2 students passed their certification exam (only 2 exams were taken). Highest score belongs to Lianna Spurrier (senior, Louisville).
- Digital Video using Adobe Premiere Pro - 5 students passed their certification exam (only 5 exams were taken). Highest score belongs to Grant Daniel Johnson (junior, Fishers, Indiana).
- Graphic Design Specialist – 2 certifications earned by students who has passed the Illustrator, InDesign, and Photoshop exams. Awarded to Lianna Spurrier (senior, Louisville) and Brian Tyler Leming (senior, Flemingsburg).

For more information on the Digital Media and Technology Certification program, please contact Tony Glover at 606-783-9338 or c.glover@moreheadstate.edu.

To learn more about MSU’s Department of Art & Design, call 606-783-2766, email arde@moreheadstate.edu or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/art.

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Educational Talent Search charts path to student success

Morehead State's Educational Talent Search (ETS) program is preparing students for college and career success, and that is evidenced by a recent project to track long-term student success.

The program tracked ETS students who graduated high school in 2012 for the past six years and found that 95 percent of them received a college degree within six years of graduating high school. The 2012 affiliated counties included: Bath, Carter, Elliott, Greenup, Johnson, Lewis, Magoffin, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Powell and Rowan.

The mission of MSU Talent Search Programs is to assist qualified youth, who have the desire and potential to complete secondary school and attain post-secondary education through academic support, personal enrichment and college and career exploration. The program works with over 1,800 middle and high school students in grades six through 12 within a 12-county area. One of the main objectives of ETS is that at least 50 percent of seniors served by the program will graduate from college within six years of their senior year of high school.

Below are some examples of ETS success stories listed by name, high school, college and current occupation:

- Robert Bowen, Powell County High School, Morehead State University (17), teacher at Powell County Middle School.
- Micheala (Wallingford) Bradshaw, Lewis County High School, University of Kentucky, currently in Law School at Northern Kentucky University Chase College of Law.
- Haley Campbell, Magoffin County High School, University of Kentucky, currently enrolled at George Washington University in Washington, D.C., where she is working toward a Master of Science in Public Health Microbiology and Emerging Infectious Diseases.
- Carl Craft, Greenup County High School, Berea College, National Public Radio.
- Timothy Fannin, Elliott County High School, Ashland Community and Technical College, Atlas Machine.
- Shane Flanagan, Rowan County High School, Morehead State University (18).
- Caleb Johnson, Bath County High School, Morehead State University (17), assistant men's basketball coach at Quincy University.
- Megan Lane, Menifee County High School, Morehead State University (16), fourth grade teacher at Menifee County K-8.
- Jordan Potts, Montgomery County High School, University of Louisville, assistant project manager for Whittenberg Construction.
- Tracey Standafer, Morgan County High School, Morehead State University (17), now in her second year at University of Kentucky's Medical School.

Anyone who has completed five years of elementary education or is at least 11 years of age and demonstrates potential for success in education at the postsecondary level can apply for ETS. We offer an array of services to help our students achieve their educational goals:

- Educational counseling: critical thinking exercises, financial literacy, learning skills exploration, needs assessments, study skills inventory, secondary and post-secondary orientation, test taking strategies and ACT preparation.
- Personal counseling: personal inventories, anger management, goal setting, social skills enhancement, stress management, values clarification, one-on-one academic guidance and tutoring.
- Career counseling: career interest inventory, business and industry tours, college campus visits, career exploration planning activities, mock interviews and mentoring.
- Financial aid counseling: scholarship information, how to get a job, budget management, assistance with post-secondary admission, assistance with financial aid search and completion of FAFSA application.
- Technology activities: financial aid and scholarship inquiries and KEES inquiries. Additional Activities: cultural and academic field trips and free ACT fee waivers.
- Tutoring: Morehead State University Talent Search offers reading tutoring for 8th grade talent search participants in designated schools in the talent search service region. Reading tutoring sessions will be 30-40 minutes weekly for 6-7 months. Talent search students will be offered homework assistance and individual academic advising.
- Mentoring: Morehead State University Talent search conducts a summer mentoring program for graduating seniors. The summer intervention will consist of texting all graduating seniors periodically during the summer to inform and remind them about starting college in the fall.

For more information about Talent Search at Morehead State University, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/ets or call 606-783-9023.

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Fall Commencement celebrates newest MSU graduates

Morehead State University honored nearly 600 degree candidates at the 2018 Fall Commencement ceremonies on Saturday, Dec. 8, at the Academic-Athletic Center.

There event was filled with joy, applause and plenty of pictures taken as the newest alumni took the ceremonial walk across the stage, signifying the completion of their college degrees. They were greeted by MSU President Dr. Joseph A. (Jay) Morgan, who offered a congratulatory handshake to each of those completing graduate and undergraduate degree requirements.

Lin-Hsiu Huang of Kaohsiung, Taiwan, was 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. During her commencement speech, she touched on the privilege it is for her and her fellow graduates to receive a college education from MSU and the importance to use it for the greater good.

“With 14 percent of this world's population illiterate today, I, too, often take my ability to read and write for granted. As college graduates, we, really, are the lucky ones, and it is up to us to go write our own stories...literally,” she said. “We are able to use the well-rounded education we received from Morehead State University as a tool for positive impacts in our lives.”

ROTC students were commissioned as part of the program. ROTC Commissioned Officers are Martin Davalos, Lovely; Nicholas Gage Thompson Holloway, Taylorsville; Ted William Moore, Morehead; Aaron Eziekiel Stone, Vanceburg; Madison Kimberly Witzleb, Rock Falls, Illinois; and Tyler Matthew Zaborowsky, Medina, Ohio.

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

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 celebrated

Morehead State University's Office of Student Activities, Inclusion and Leadership Development held its 36th Rites of Passage recognition ceremony on Friday 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 received a certificate, a gift and a special Kente stole.

The Rites of Passage ceremony guest speaker was Dr. Daryl Privott.

Dr. Daryl R. Privott is an assistant professor in the Department of Foundational & Graduate Studies in Education (FGSE) and teaches in MSU's adult and higher education program. He also serves as director of MSU's Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning.

He holds a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership with an emphasis in Higher Education Administration from the University of Nevada-Las Vegas (UNLV), an MPA from UNLV and a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy in Industrial Technology from East Carolina University.

Dr. Privott's research focuses on higher education administration, leadership, law and first-generation college student/graduates. He has presented at state, regional, national and international conferences and published articles in peer-reviewed journals. His chapter, "Getting Outside of My 'Six Blocks' with Bloom," was recently published in the book *Leaps of Faith – Stories from Working-Class Scholars*.

Fall graduates who participated in the ceremony were:

Tray Ashby-Phan (health promotion), Minneapolis, Minnesota; Patience Nichole Cannon-Warren (business management), Louisville; Jarrin Trey Higginbotham (exercise science), Liberty Township, Ohio; Rachel Pearl Jacobs (philosophy major, sociology minor), Hebron, Virginia; Jamie Alyce Phipps (psychology major, chemical dependency minor), Cincinnati; Darius DeShon Pritchett (sports management), Cincinnati; and Jumell Shaphan Wilson (technology management major, area of concentration in information systems), Valley Stream, New York.

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.

Photo Caption

Pictured above in the front row, from left to right, are: Tray Ashby-Phan, Patience Nicole Cannon-Warren, Rachel Pearl Jacobs and Jamie Alice Phipps. Back row, left to right: Jarin Trey Higginbotham, Darius Deshon Pritchett and Jummel Shaphan Wilson.

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Zargari earns KACE outstanding faculty award

Dr. Ahmad Zargari, professor and associate dean of the School of Engineering and Information Systems (SEIS) at Morehead State University, recently received the Outstanding Faculty Award at the Kentucky Association of Colleges and Employers Fall Conference, an honor for which he was nominated by MSU's Office of Career Services. The award is designed to recognize outstanding effort and achievement by a faculty member in the promotion and development of experiential education programs and/or support of Career Services' mission.

"Dr. Zargari champions the importance of experiential education to all students with whom he works and has secured strong relationships with employers in our region. As a result, our engineering students have opportunities to gain hands-on skills by interning at organizations including Mazak, Toyota, KDMK, Cooper Standard, GE, SRG Global, Hitachi, Mitsubishi, and Regal Beloit, among others," said Megan Boone, interim director of Career Services. "Moreover, Dr. Zargari enthusiastically engages in MSU Career Center events, including attending annual fall and spring career fairs to network with recruiters. We are grateful for his impact at Morehead State University and were proud to nominate him for the Outstanding Faculty Award."

During his time at MSU, Zargari has established an SEIS advisory board made up of industry leaders who gather to share opinions, suggestions and feedback to ensure MSU's programs are meeting the needs of employers. This also allows employers involved with the advisory board to promote their own organizations and experiential education opportunities.

"It is thanks to these ongoing efforts that Dr. Zargari has established strong opportunity pipelines for both students and employers. He has mentored hundreds of co-op students who are presently holding high-level engineering and management positions around the country, which is a reflection of his impact," Boone said. "In short, Dr. Zargari contributes to a 'college to career' culture wherein students understand the extent to which establishing a record of professional field experience before graduation is critical to success in a competitive marketplace."

"During the past 25 years, I have been pleased to facilitate co-op and internship experiences for students who pursue graduate and undergraduate programs in the School of Engineering and Information Systems," Zargari said. "Internships with leading companies have provided an excellent opportunity for our students to gain hands-on competencies that are required to build a rewarding career. Employers are a key partner in this process, because their participation ensures that students receive a well-rounded education in both the classroom and the workforce. I am very pleased and honored to accept this award, and sincerely thank the Kentucky Association of Colleges and Employers."

For information about programs in the School of Engineering and Information Systems, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/seis, email seis@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2418.

Photo Caption: Dr. Ahmad Zargari, left, was the recipient of the 2018 KACE Outstanding Faculty Award. He is pictured with Megan Boone.

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Lydeard co-edits book on mollusks

Dr. Charles Lydeard, chair and professor of biology in Morehead State's Department of Biology and Chemistry, recently completed a book he co-edited with Kevin Cummings a senior researcher for the Biological Surveys and Assessment Program from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign entitled "Freshwater Mollusks of the World - A Distribution Atlas."

Lydeard has been studying freshwater mollusks since 1992, and said he got involved in the project to provide a research resource for others who study the creatures.

"Since working on freshwater mollusks since 1992, I have long felt there was a need for a single, definitive source of information on freshwater mollusks," he said. "After working on various studies over the years, I finally put together a proposal with my colleague, Kevin Cummings, to do it." Lydeard added he and Cummings began working on the project in 2014.

The book brings together over two dozen world-renowned experts to contribute chapters on the 43 families of freshwater mollusks to synthesize the latest information on the diversity, evolutionary relationships, conservation and role freshwater mollusks play as disease vectors.

"The book is sure to be invaluable to students, professionals and conchologists interested in this fascinating group of animals," Lydeard said. "And, it was fun working with friends and colleagues from around the world assembling this volume."

The book will be published by Johns Hopkins University Press and is now available for pre-order at <https://jhupbooks.press.jhu.edu/content/freshwater-mollusks-world>.

For more information about programs in the Department of Biology and Chemistry at MSU, email Lydeard at c.lydeard@moreheadstate.edu, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/biochem or call 606-783-2945.

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MSU music professor meddles in metal music on new album

At Morehead State University, students of every major are given opportunities outside the classroom where they can apply what they learned in the real world. As it turns out, getting a bit of applied learning doesn't just apply to Eagle students.

Dr. Paul Taylor, associate professor of music, makes sure that on an occasional weekend and in the summer months, he is still getting a chance to teach and be creative even if he isn't in an MSU classroom. Taylor takes his knowledge as a pianist to Cincinnati to instruct young musicians at the School of Rock in keyboards and electronic sounds.

"I've become more aware as I've been teaching here that just playing piano and teaching theory is not enough," he said. "The students need somebody that's doing something like that to keep them on top of the profession. Otherwise, our profession gets frozen in time." During his many stints instructing at the School of Rock and doing shows, Taylor made connections with staff at the school and other professional musicians and got connected with the five-piece metal band Black Tractor. The group recruited Taylor's abilities to enhance the recording of its upcoming album "The Wonders of the Invisible World" on Shotgun Casserole Records. The recording session led to Taylor using a synthesizer to create keyboard and string parts, along with doing everything from plucking piano strings to rolling rocks around inside the instrument to create surreal, unusual sonic elements.

"That's the only thing I haven't done in my life is that, so I figured, what the heck," Taylor said on recording metal music. "It was a challenge, believe me, to come up with some kind of music, a keyboard part, for some sort of off-the-wall-type of music is not easy." Taylor said opportunities away from the classroom, whether he is teaching young musicians or recording metal albums, helps him grow as a player, a performer and an instructor.

"It's a connection with the industry," he said. "You can't learn that from a book. You've got to be in there doing it."

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

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MSU closed Dec. 19-Jan. 1

Morehead State University will be closed Dec. 19 through Jan. 1 for winter break.

There will be no classes, dining and residence halls will be closed, and administrative offices will be closed during the break.

The University will reopen on Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2019. Students return to class for the spring semester on Monday, Jan. 14.

Some facilities will be open on modified schedules during they break. They include:

Recreation and Wellness Center: Outdoor Adventures and the bowling lanes will be closed for the entire break. The Center will be close on Saturday, Dec. 22 and will reopen Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2019. Visit <http://www.moreheadstate.edu/recreation> for hours from Dec. 10-21.

Camden-Carroll Library: The library will be closed Dec. 8-9, Dec. 15-16 and Dec. 19 to Jan. 2, 2019. It will be open Dec. 10-14 and Dec. 17-18 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Kentucky Folk Art Center (KFAC): KFAC will be closed Saturday, Dec. 8 and Dec. 24-Jan. 2. It will be open Dec. 10-14 and Dec. 17-22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It will be open on Saturday, Dec. 15 and Saturday, Dec. 22 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

University Post Office: The post office will operate under normal business hours Dec. 10-18. The service window will be open from 9 a.m. to noon on Dec. 21, Dec. 26 and Dec. 28 for mail and package pickups only.

University Store: The University Store will be open regular hours from Dec. 10-17 and will have limited hours on Dec. 18. The store will be closed Dec. 19 to Jan. 2, 2019. Call 606-783-2081 for more information.

The MSU Police Department will be available at 606-783-2035 to answer questions and address campus concerns throughout the break.

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