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Leading the Commonwealth in involvement with the Kentucky Academy of Science

Morehead State University's commitment to quality educational experiences is illustrated by the recent growth of membership in the Kentucky Academy of Science (KAS), whose mission is to foster scientific discovery and understanding in Kentucky.

Morehead State has the largest amount of society members of any institution of higher learning in the Commonwealth, with 475 MSU faculty, staff and student members. Consistently growing their involvement, MSU membership has increased by 7.5 percent over the past year and 91 percent since 2015.

In November, 49 faculty and students participated in the 2018 KAS Annual Meeting at Western Kentucky University, with 12 MSU students winning presentation competitions in their disciplines.

Dr. Michael Henson, associate vice president for research and dean of the Graduate School, said, "For a regional comprehensive institution to lead the Commonwealth in student, faculty and staff involvement in the Kentucky Academy of Science is a great tribute to the excellence of the educational experience enjoyed by our students, both inside and outside of the traditional classroom, at Morehead State."

Morehead State is an Enhanced Institutional Affiliate of KAS, which grants students, faculty and staff the ability to join at no cost. For more information about becoming a member visit https://www.kyscience.org/become_a_member.php

Additional information is available from Dr. Michael Henson by calling 606-783-2010, or by emailing m.henson@moreheadstate.edu.

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MSU celebrates Black History Month

During February, Morehead State University will celebrate Black History Month by offering a variety of educational and enriching activities designed to promote and honor African-American history and heritage.

Sponsored by the Eagle Diversity Education Center, the Campus Activities Board, the Office of Student Activities and the Camden-Carroll Library, Black History Month events are free and open to the public.

Cory Clark, minority academic services coordinator, said "it is important for students to have opportunities inside and outside of the classroom to be exposed to different cultures and experiences. These events are an opportunity for students to learn about the contributions, achievements and history of African-Americans as well as celebrate."

The celebration will begin with the 2nd Annual Soul Food Dinner on Feb. 5 at 6 p.m. in the Adorn Doran University Center (ADUC) Ballroom B & C. Limited seating is available. To reserve a seat, contact the Eagle Diversity Education Center by emailing EDEC@moreheadstate.edu by Feb. 1.

In partnership with AIDS Volunteers, Inc. of Lexington, a mobile outreach vehicle will provide HIV and Hepatitis C testing on Feb. 7 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in ADUC Food Court. HIV testing will be offered free of charge. The HIV test only requires a mouth swab or finger prick.

On Feb. 19, the Camden-Carroll Library and the Eagle Diversity Education Center will host the Annual African-American Read-In from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the first floor of the Camden-Carroll Library. The event will feature public readings of African-American writers.

As part of the Black History Month Film and Discussion Series, "The Green Book" will be shown on Feb. 19 and "Monsters and Men" will be screened on Feb. 26. Both films can be viewed in Breckinridge 002. Doors open at 6 p.m.

To conclude the celebration, the Office of Student Activities (OSA) is sponsoring a free trip to the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center on March 2. All participants will receive transportation and a ticket to the Freedom Center. Space is limited to the first 40 individuals to register. For reservations, visit the OSA office located in 217 ADUC or email Shannon Colvin at s.colvin@moreheadstate.edu.

Additional information about the Black History Month activities is available from Cory Clark by calling 606-783-9051 or by emailing c.clark2@moreheadstate.edu.

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MSU Sophomore Art & Design Exhibition set for February

Eagle students get invaluable education, guidance, studio time and experience through the years they spend in MSU's Department of Art & Design. They also get a chance to exhibit their work to fellow students, faculty, staff and the community...sometimes for the first time ever.

Many times, this takes place thanks to MSU's annual Sophomore Art & Design Exhibition. The 2019 show, "In the Making," will be on display at the Golding-Yang Art Gallery from Feb. 6-20.

Participation in the Sophomore Art & Design Exhibition is mandatory for all art and design students. This year, approximately 30 students will each present a curated selection of four to six pieces they have created at MSU in 100-level and 200-level classes. At the conclusion of the exhibition, they will also meet with MSU faculty from the Department of Art & Design to discuss their experience and their work.

Jennifer Reis, director of the Golding-Yang Art Gallery and art instructor, said preparing for and presenting at this showcase almost always proves to be enlightening and encouraging to these developing student artists.

"This is the first time that many of them have had the opportunity to choose and have a display of their artwork in a professional setting," she said. "The annual MSU Sophomore Art & Design Exhibition gives students an opportunity to prepare work for professional display, as well as reflect with faculty on their college journey thus far and future intentions for the final two years of coursework".

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

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Morehead Writing Project awarded grant

The Morehead Writing Project (MWP) has received a \$10,000 grant from the MacArthur Foundation's Journalism and Media Program to fund the 2019 Power Your Story Journalism Camp. The summer program for high school youth seeks to address the "news desert" that exists for many students living in low-income rural communities and teach young people the value and importance of community journalism.

This award provides the opportunity for each participating individual to spend two weeks on Morehead State University's campus, mentored by featured journalist and MWP teacher leaders. Throughout the program participants will create a multimedia profile, research a locally important journalistic topic, compose a finished journalistic piece on that topic and engage with public response to his or her work. As a model for future programs, insights from the MWP's pilot summer program will contribute to the field's understanding of how to increase civic engagement and news literacy in the context of a strong writing program located in a low-income rural community.

Dr. Deanna Mascle, instructor of English and site director of the Morehead Writing Project, has been funded multiple times by the National Writing Project for programming that benefits educators and students at MSU and its service region. Mascle said, "This camp will be an amazing opportunity for our Eastern Kentucky students to learn more about working as a journalist and the opportunities available to them via convergent media. We hope that this camp will bring many future journalists to study here at MSU and launch some amazing journalism careers, said Mascle."

The camp is being offered in cooperation with WMKY 90.3 FM Morehead State Public Radio, Morehead State's Convergent Media Program and The Trail Blazer. Featured journalists will include: Leeann Akers, WMKY news director; John Flavell, instructor of convergent media at Morehead State and working journalist; and Chuck Mraz, retired WMKY news director.

MWP offers high-quality professional development programs for educators and youth workshops throughout the year. To sign up for the 2019 Power Your Story Journalism Camp, visit http://moreheadwritingproject.org/journalism-camp/.

Additional information is available from Deanna Mascle by calling 606-783-5280 or by emailing d.mascle@moreheadstate.edu.

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Recyclemania Kicks off Feb. 3

Students are invited to help Morehead State win the top spot in a national campus recycling competition.

Recyclemania begins Sunday, Feb.3, and continues through Saturday, March 30. Participating colleges and universities will measure the amount of recyclables and trash collected on their campuses each week, and will be ranked based on the weight of recyclables and trash collected, how much their recycling rates have improved over a two-year period and the amount of food waste reported.

Items that can be recycled include:

- Plastic #1
- Plastic #2
- Cans
- Cardboard
- Paper
- Grocery bags
- Shrink wrap

All recyclables should be clean before they are placed into recycling bins, located in residence halls, classroom buildings and locations across campus.

MSU Sustainability Committee Chair Holly Niehoff said MSU faces some challenges in the competition but stressed the point of Recyclemania is to raise awareness.

"Part of the problem has been the time of year of Recyclemania. During the colder months from February to late March, we have less recycling participation and less pickups. We also have spring break so that always makes our weights a lot lower," she said. "Raising awareness is really our reason for participating because we cannot compete with schools that can go zero waste or that have the capability of recycling more types of plastics and other wastes."

Recyclemania includes colleges and universities in the United States and Canada and was established to raise awareness about recycling and promote waste reduction efforts on college campuses. Competing schools are ranked weekly during the eight-week competition, with the winning schools in each category earning national recognition. Morehead State started participating in the annual competition in 2015.

"Recyclemania offers a great opportunity to practice good stewardship in a fun and exciting way and under a national spotlight," Niehoff said. "We have perfectly good material passing through our hands and into trashcans every day. Recyclemania is a playful reminder to sustainably support our community and to keep things of value out of our local landfill."

For more information about Recyclemania, contact Hannah Tolliver, hall director, at h.tolliver@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2060.

For more information about sustainability, recycling, and environmental efforts on campus, visit the Earthwise Eagles website at www.moreheadstate.edu/earthwise or call 606-783-2584.

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Student orientation dates announced for 2019

Before first-year Morehead State University students can come to campus and get started living the life of a full-time MSU Eagle in Fall 2019, they will get the next best thing this spring and summer.

Morehead State University will host several Student Orientation, Advising and Registration (SOAR) programs in preparation for the 2019 fall semester and students may register online.

To help students excel academically and graduate on time, MSU requires all new, first-time and transferring students to attend SOAR.

During SOAR, students learn about programs, courses and life at MSU, prepare a schedule for the coming semester, meet with faculty and their advisor, and receive assistance with financial aid and paying for college.

Students also learn about campus traditions and opportunities to develop essential leadership skills. The 2019 SOAR dates are:

- Friday, April 19 Eagle Scholars Only (students that participated in early college through MSU).
- Saturday, April 20 New Students
- Wednesday, June 5 New Students
- Thursday, June 6 New Students
- Friday, June 7 Transfer Students
- Thursday, June 20 New Students
- Friday, June 21 New Students
- Thursday, July 11 New Students
- Friday, July 12 Transfer Students

Preregistration for each SOAR program is necessary because of limited space. To register for SOAR, students must be accepted and must have paid their enrollment deposit. Visit www.moreheadstate.edu/confirm to confirm enrollment and pay the enrollment deposit.

To learn more, call the Office of First Year Programs at 606-783-5208 or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/soar.

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MSU SBDC helps launch new bridal boutique

Pikeville has a new upscale bridal boutique thanks to support from Morehead State's Small Business Development Center.

Looking to make a better life for their children, Len Tan and her husband, Dr. Max Tan, traveled from the Philippines to Eastern Kentucky in 2006. After the passing of her husband, in 2015, Len moved to Pikeville with her two children.

The Tans owned multiple businesses in the Philippines. Operating and successfully running a business was not new to Tan but how to do so in America was. Tan was referred to the Morehead State University Small Business Development Center in Prestonsburg by Helena Syck with Community Trust Bank.

In Aug. 2018, she met with Michelle Spriggs, management consultant, to discuss her business idea, what it would entail, funding, licensing, possible locations, business structure and more as it related to her business.

"I did not know where to turn when I wanted to open my boutique in Pikeville. Michelle with the SBDC was there and helped with me with everything. She continues to be there for all my questions and business needs. I'm not sure I could have done this without her. I am grateful that God led me to her," said Tan.

This past summer, Tan attended the School of Fashion and Art (SOFA) in the Philippines for two months. She has always had a talent for and interest in fashion. She spent the past year designing and making children's recital dresses in her home.

When asked why Tan wanted to start this business she replied, "I wanted to start this business for my children. To show them that they should never give up on their dreams. I always want to be the best role model for my kids."

"It has been such a pleasure to work with Len and to see her dream of owning and operating her own boutique come true," Spriggs said. "She is a remarkable woman and her boutique represents this. Her and her business will be a significant asset to downtown Pikeville."

Len Tan's Bridal Boutique held its grand opening and ribbon cutting with a host of family, friends, and community leaders on Nov. 5. Tan's boutique sells upscale bridal gowns, children's clothing, prom dresses, party dresses, women's formal attire, accessories and much more. The shop can special order items and provides in-house alterations.

Len Tan's Bridal Boutique is located at 180 Town Mountain Road in Pikeville. It is opened from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Contact 606-422-6919 to schedule a bridal session.

The Prestonsburg SBDC office serves Breathitt, Floyd, Johnson, Knott, Lee, Magoffin, Martin, Owsley, Pike and Wolfe counties

For further details on SBDC services, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/prestonsburg contact MSU SBDC at Prestonsburg by calling 1-800-648-5372 ext. 2681, 606-783-2681, or emailing m.spriggs@moreheadstate.edu.

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Convergent media student earns KNPA recognitions

Convergent media major and The Trail Blazer managing editor Julianna Leach, of Ewing, Kentucky, received two honorable mentions in the student division at the Kentucky News Photographers Association (KNPA) education seminar and photo contest held Jan. 25-26.

"The honors are significant because she was up against the machines of Western Kentucky University and the University of Kentucky," said John Flavell, faculty advisor for The Trail Blazer and instructor of convergent media. Leach, a junior, won honorable mentions in the student division for the general news and pictorial categories. Leach chose the photos that were entered in the contest, which was judged by a panel of three experienced professional photographers.

Leach said she first became interested in photography while she was a student at Fleming County High School after attending the Washington Youth Summit on the Environment in 2014. While what inspired her to get behind the lens was environmental conservation, she said her motivations have changed since she began taking media classes at MSU.

"I am no longer interested in pursuing photography in hopes of some environmental conservation persuasion technique; instead, I now want to document and tell the real stories of people and places," she said. "Little did I know that I would end up falling in love with the idea of unbiased journalism and completely change my path."

Leach is currently managing editor at The Trail Blazer, MSU's student newspaper. She began working there as a freshman and plans to apply to be editor this fall. She credits her skills as a photographer to her time working at The Trail Blazer and to the mentorship of the paper's faculty advisor, John Flavell.

"When I began, the Trail Blazer I had very little experience working with cameras. After amazing faculty advising from John Flavell and the help of other students in the program, I soon started to see progress," Leach said. "My work has now been featured in the Morehead News, The Daily Independent in Ashland, The Richmond Register, Kentucky Today out of Louisville, Morehead State Public Radio (WMKY FM 90.3), and other newspapers in Kentucky. Producing weekly stories and gaining vital interviewing and leadership skills are all abilities that I have learned and enhanced while at the Trail Blazer." She added her minor in photography helped her hone her skills and find her unique photographic style.

For more information on communications programs at Morehead State, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/cml.

For more information about The Trail Blazer, visit www.thetrailblazeronline.net or call 606-783-2697.

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Ronald and Diane Cartee Family Endowment established

The Morehead State University Foundation has announced the establishment of the Ronald and Diane Cartee Scholarship Endowment, a fund to assist MSU students. This endowment will provide scholarships to incoming students at Morehead State, with preference given to Greenup County residents.

Originally from Greenup County himself, Ronald "Ron" Cartee (65) and his wife Diane have been longtime supporters of MSU. Growing up on his family farm in Eastern Kentucky, he learned early on the significance of hard work. His mother was a teacher and his father was a contractor, and they instilled in him the importance of an education. Their guidance, along with mentorship from then school principal and famous Kentucky author, Jesse Stuart, led him to attend MSU and receive a Bachelor of Science degree. While at Morehead State he made lasting relationships with faculty and staff members, and also met his wife Diane. They married his junior year.

Upon graduating from MSU, they moved to Portsmouth, Ohio, where he began his business in land development. Together they started with renovating homes, eventually having the opportunity to develop forty acres in the city. Once his son Ron completed college, the family entered into the business of building Arby's franchise stores in 1990 and has continued since. The Cartee family has been recognized numerous times at the corporate level for their dedication to the business.

In 2018, Ron was inducted into the Morehead State University Alumni Association's Alumni Hall of Fame. Because of their love for MSU, Ron and Diane decided to make a lasting impact, establishing their scholarship endowment. They hope that the scholarships provided will help future MSU students.

"There's no college that I feel could give you more than what Morehead has given me. Once an Eagle, always an Eagle." said Ron.

To honor their charitable dedication to MSU, the Ronald and Diane Cartee Family Theatre has been named in their honor in the newly renovated Adron Doran University Center. The space will be used to welcome new students to MSU.

Their 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, contact MSU's Office of Alumni Relations and Development at 606-783-2033, email giving@moreheadstate.edu, or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/giving.

Photo Caption: Ron (65) and Diane Cartee were recognized at the Jan. 26 home basketball game. They contributed \$200,000 to create the Ron and Diane Cartee Family Scholarship Endowment. The proceeds from the endowment will support the recruitment, retention and degree completion of current and future Eagles. From left: Jim Shaw, MSU vice president for advancement; MSU President Dr. Jay Morgan; Ron and Diane Cartee; Alicia Parker Webb, senior philanthropy officer; and Mindy Highley, assistant vice president for alumni relations and development.

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MSU Theatre performs classic comedic theatre with Molière's "Tartuffe"

After a theatrical season that has given us a harrowing true-life tale ("Terra Nova") and a musical based on an Oscar-winning classic from the '90s ("Ghost: The Musical"), MSU Theatre is going back to portray a work of classic comedic theatre from one of the art form's greatest playwrights when it performs Molière's "Tartuffe."

"Tartuffe" will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 14, 15, 16, 21, 22 and 23; and at 2 p.m. on Feb. 17 and 24 at The Lucille Caudill Little Theatre in Breckinridge Hall.

The play follows the story of Orgon, a wealthy war hero who falls prey to the charisma and charm of a fraudulent preacher and con man named Tartuffe. Tartuffe intends to work his way into Orgon's circle of trust to gain access to his fortune – no matter what his family suspects about him.

Natasha Davis, associate professor of dance at MSU, said while MSU Theatre enjoys producing more contemporary theatre like the works MSU Theatre has put on earlier this season, she still believes classic works like "Tartuffe" remain valuable to their education.

"Knowing their history. Their theatre history. That's the biggest benefit," she said. "You've got to know where you came from to know what you are doing now."

Davis said what has been simultaneously the biggest highlight and challenge of this production is the requirements that come with a play set in the 16th century. She said everything from costuming and hairstyles to dialect and posture are all being meticulously studied and rehearsed by the MSU student-performers. But Davis said while audiences may be far removed from that time period, there's plenty about "Tartuffe" that is timeless theatre.

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

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MSU professor receives another KHC grant for video project

The "Video Vault-Kentucky Edition" program has been a long-time labor of love for MSU Professor of Mass Communication Jeffrey Hill. Now, he gets to bring it to a close thanks to receiving a prestigious state grant.

Hill was recently awarded a Kentucky Humanities Council grant. This will allow him to complete his seventh and final season of "Video Vault-Kentucky Edition," a program that shows classic Hollywood films with a Kentucky connection through writers, producers, directors and actors, among others. In addition to current and former students working on the show, Dr. Mark Graves, professor of English at MSU, will assist in writing scripts that allows Hill to discuss each film's historical significance and its connection to the Bluegrass State. If time allows, a TV show from the 1950s brings the program to a nostalgic end.

"I am so pleased that the Kentucky Humanities Council is supporting this project," Hill said. "It has been a pleasure documenting the contributions of Kentuckians to film and bringing film history to life for our viewers."

The program is produced with the support of Morehead State University's Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, the Department of Communication, Media and Languages, the Kentucky Humanities Council, and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Any views expressed in this program do not necessarily represent those of the National Endowment for the Humanities or Kentucky Humanities Council.

Previous seasons of the program are rebroadcast every Sunday night at 8 p.m. on KETKY. The seventh season will premiere in the summer of 2019 on KETKY at 8 p.m.

Additional information about "Video Vault-Kentucky Edition," is available by contacting Jeffrey Hill at 606-783-9383 or j.hill@moreheadstate.edu.

For more information on MSU's Department of Communication, Media and Languages, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/cml.

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SSWC to screen "Dinkheller" documentary

The Department of Sociology, Social Work and Criminology will screen the award-winning documentary "Dinkheller" on Monday, Feb. 18, at 6 p.m. in the Adron Doran University Center, Ballroom BC.

The documentary from filmmaker Patrick W. Shaver examines the investigation of the murder of Georgia Deputy Kyle Dinkheller, which was captured on the dash-mounted camera in his police cruiser. Shaver, who directed the film, will attend the screening and will conduct a question and answer session after the film. The event is free and open to the public.

"Dinkheller" won Best Documentary Directing at the Colorado International Film Festival and Best South Carolina Film at the South Carolina Underground Film Festival.

For more information about the film, visit www.dinkhellermovie.com.

If you have questions about the screening and question and answer session, contact Perkins at eb.perkins@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-5386.

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MSU faculty and staff compete in Suit Bank Showdown

Morehead State University's Office of Career Services helps Eagle students and alumni get a leg up in the job market by offering everything from resume guidance to mock job interviews to career counseling. For one of the office's services, MSU faculty and staff across campus took part in a friendly competition to make sure Eagles could suit up.

Career Services organized the Suit Bank Showdown, a friendly competition where teams of faculty and staff compete to see who can contribute the most business professional clothing to the Suit Bank. The Suit Bank provides business apparel to students and alumni at no charge and is maintained by the Office of Career Services. The Graduate School is the winner of the 2018 Suit Bank Showdown.

The competition was held throughout the month of November. MSU faculty and staff donated new or used business attire for the competition and each type of garment was assigned a specific number of points. The Graduate School accumulated the highest point total. Other participants included: Department of Early Childhood, Elementary and Special Education; the Office of Career Services; MSU Volleyball; the Department of Sociology, Social Work and Criminology; the Department of Foundational and Graduate Studies in Education; the Educational Opportunity Center; the Office of Alumni Relations and Development; the Department of Communication, Media and Languages; the Department of History, Philosophy, Politics, Global Studies and Legal Studies; the Department of English; the Elmer R. Smith College of Business and Technology; the Office of Student Housing; the Office of Information Technology; the Division of Student Affairs; and the Office of the President.

from the bank are used for interviews, networking events, internships, presentations and conferences. Interim Director of Career Services Megan Boone was grateful for the donated items and knows they will go a long way to helping Eagles put their best foot forward in their career endeavors.

"Having access to free professional clothing ensures that MSU students and alumni are able to look their best and make a positive impression as they enter the professional world," she said.

Donations are welcome at any time and can be dropped off at the Office of Career Services, located on the ground floor of the Camden-Carroll Library. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Donations to the Suit Bank are tax deductible.

For more information on the Office of Career Services, call 606-783-2233, email careerservices@moreheadstate.edu or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/career.

Caption: Pictured, from left to right: Haley Murphy, career coach for the Office of Career Services, Dr. Susan Maxey, director of graduate programs, Ollie Floyd, graduate advising center coordinator, Gera Jones, graduate programs completion coordinator, and Michelle Emrick, graduate admissions specialist.

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Proc and Bobbie Caudill Scholarship Endowment established

The Morehead State University Foundation has announced the establishment of the Proc and Bobbie Caudill Scholarship Endowment. The Caudills have a rich history in Morehead and have been longtime supporters of Morehead State University.

B. Proctor "Proc" Caudill (72) and Roberta "Bobbie" Hough Caudill (72) both grew up in Morehead and attended the Breckinridge Training School, where they graduated in 1967. They continued their education at MSU where Bobbie received her degree in education and Proc received his degree in business. The two have since influenced Morehead and the surrounding community through their years of service and philanthropy.

Proc is also the former chairman, president and CEO of People's Bank in Morehead and Sandy Hook. Following in his mother's footsteps, he devoted his career to People's Bank serving in several leadership positions. He later served as the director for Kentucky Bank in Paris. For many years, Proc served on the MSU Foundation's Board of Trustees and was recognized for his accomplishments by being inducted into the MSU Alumni Association's Alumni Hall of Fame in 2001.

Bobbie served as a member of the first Spring Gala planning committee in 1993 and remained a longtime volunteer. Most recently, the Caudill Family Heritage Room in the newly renovated Adron Doran University Center was named in honor of the Caudills' generous act of philanthropy.

With this endowment, the Caudills hope to give opportunity to future students.

"So many students need financial assistance to be able to attend college and we want to help," said Proc.

"Students need all the extra help they can get," Bobbie added. "We hope this scholarship will help with the financial burden."

Their endowment was created to benefit students attending Morehead State University who are studying in the Elmer R. Smith College of Business and Technology with preference given to Rowan or Elliott County residents.

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, contact MSU's Office of Alumni Relations and Development at 606-783-2033, email giving@moreheadstate.edu or visit alumni.moreheadstate.edu/give.

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Equestrian Hunt Seat Team takes top honors at competition

On Saturday, Feb. 2, the Morehead State University Hunt Seat Team took reserve high point team for the second time this season, and freshman Jordyn Bagnall of Burlington was reserve high point rider after a close tiebreaker.

Bagnall brought home first place in intermediate fences and novice flat. Other winners include:

Junior Kira Danziger of Mason, Ohio, with second in novice flat.

Senior Lara Schroer of West Chester, Ohio, with second in novice flat and third in novice fences.

Senior Tori Winn of Finchville with second in open flat.

Craft Academy junior Anya Deaton of Alexandria, with third in novice flat.

Senior Lexi Nelko of Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania, with third in novice flat.

Freshman Audrey Reed of Florence, with third in walk-trot-canter.

On Sunday, Bagnall and Danziger brought home firsts in novice flat and novice over fences, respectively. Anya Deaton was second in novice fences, Bagnall was third in intermediate fences, and Schroer was third in novice flat.

"I was really proud of the team's performance. It's really hard to do all the work involved with hosting a show at home and still have the concentration and energy to ride well in the show, and everyone on my team put in great rides both days," said MSU Equestrian Coach Devin Lintzenich. "We also have a hard time as a team because we are a small team, it's harder for us to place well as a team in addition to having individuals succeed, so getting a reserve high point team placing at a home show was extra special."

Bagnall, junior Hannah Eldridge and Nelko are all qualified to represent Morehead at Regionals on Feb. 23. The Hunt Seat team will show again at Midway on Feb. 16-17 for our last regular season show.

For more information about the equestrian teams at MSU, contact Lintzenich at dslintzenich@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2662. To learn more about academic programs in the Department of Agricultural Sciences, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/agriculture.

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Simpson to present at AACTE Conference

Tim Simpson, professor and chair of the Department of Foundational and Graduate Studies in Education (FGSE), recently held a lecture at Louisville's Immaculata Classical Academy and will be among the presenters at the upcoming national conference of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE), which will be held later this month in Louisville.

On Feb. 8, Simpson gave a lecture entitled "Tacit Knowing as a Rationale for Classical Education" at the academy. The lecture was intended to increase understanding and appreciation of classical education and how the concept of tacit learning applies to classical education.

At the AACTE conference, scheduled for Feb. 23, Simpson will discuss whether the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation's (CAEP) assessment of Educator Preparation Providers (EPP) sustains and advances the profession of teaching. Last May, Simpson submitted his abstract, "CAEP and the Decline of Teaching as a Profession: Harry Broudy's Critique of CAEP's Assessment of Educator Preparation Programs" to be considered for presentation at the conference, and it was selected after being reviewed by conference organizers.

"This presentation will offer a careful examination of CAEP's assessment of EPP's to determine its leading assumptions driving its policy and practice," Simpson said. "I hope the audience takes away at least three ideas from my presentation. First, a better understanding of the kind of teacher CAEP produces and how it understands a professional teacher, second, an appreciation for Harry Broudy's thought on professional teaching and his potential criticisms of CAEP, and third, the complexity of identifying what is a 'professional' teacher and what we need to do in teacher education programs to produce a professional teacher. Our schools deserve no less."

For more information about his research, contact Simpson at tl.simpson@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-0909. To learn more about academic programs in the Department of Foundational and Graduate Studies in Education, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/fgse.

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Annual Rogers Gender Studies Contest open for submissions

Submissions are now being accepted for the 15th Annual Judy Rogers Gender Studies Art, Media and Writing Contest, sponsored by Morehead State's Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences and the Gender Studies program.

The contest is open exclusively to current MSU students and must offer original insights or novel approaches to gender studies issues in American culture or the world at large.

Writing submissions must be no longer than 10 pages long and must include a cover sheet with the author's contact information including email. Art submission can be made of any media, must be exhibit ready and must include a label with the artist's name and contact information including email. 3-D art submission must be no larger than 24"x24" and 2-D art submissions must be no larger than 30"x30".

Cash Prizes will be awarded as follows:

- Visual art, \$100.
- Performance/video/music, \$50.
- Poetry, \$50.
- Prose, \$100.

The deadline for submissions is Monday, Feb. 25. Visual artworks, CDs or DVDs should be delivered to Breckinridge Hall Room 111. Written submissions should be emailed to a andoloro@moreheadstate.edu.

For more details, visit www.moreheadtate.edu/rogerscontest.

To learn more about programs in the Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/cahs or call 606-783-2650.

Additional information about MSU's Gender Studies minor is available at www.moreheadstate.edu/study/gender-studies-minor.

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20th Annual Big Sandy Women's Business Symposium slated for Feb. 26

The 20th Annual Big Sandy Women's Business Symposium is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 26, at the Ramada Hotel and Conference Center in Paintsville. Presented by Morehead State University's East Kentucky Small Business Development Center, the theme of this year's event is "She Leads." All women are invited to attend the symposium.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The cost of the event is \$30, which includes all workshops, meals, entertainment and keynotes. Registration is available online at: https://20thwbs.eventbrite.com.

The morning will start with registration, continental breakfast, networking and opening remarks at 9:15 a.m. by Emcee Trish Adams. Then attendees will have their choice of two concurrent breakout sessions. Sessions offered will be, "The Digital World" presented by Amanda Kelly, small business training director for Southeast Kentucky Economic Development Corporation (SKED) and "Speaking with Purpose" presented by Katina Justice, with The Mountain Movers Toastmasters Club in Pikeville.

The morning keynote speaker will be Janice Sword Way, president of Leadership Kentucky. She began her career at WPKE radio while still in college. She was also employed at Kentucky Educational Television (KET) and WKYT-TV in Lexington. She was on the original team launching WYMT-TV in Hazard where she served as news anchor, reporter and producer. Way came to Leadership Kentucky from the St. Elizabeth Healthcare in Northern Kentucky, where she was Assistant Vice President of the health system's Foundation. Before St. Elizabeth and St. Luke hospitals merged, Way served as director of public relations and marketing, supervised community and legislative relations, and led the St. Luke Community Foundation as vice president.

The afternoon keynote will feature Kelly Swanson, an award-winning storyteller, comedian, motivational speaker, Huffington Post contributor and cast member of "The Fashion Hero" on Amazon Prime. She is also author of "Who Hijacked My Fairy Tale," "The Land of If Only," "The Story Formula," and "The Gutsy Girls Pocket Guide to Public Speaking." She was a featured entertainer for Holland America Cruise Lines, keynote speaker for the International Toastmasters Convention and has keynoted major conferences and corporate events from coast to coast.

Lunch time entertainment will be provided by The Local Honeys. The duo is comprised of Linda Jean Stokley (15) and Montana Hobbs (15.) They have dedicated themselves to the preservation of old-time music and the creation of new music. Their debut album, "Little Girls Actin' Like Men," includes traditional and original songs. It showcases the duo's ability to tear into hard driving fiddle tunes, sing the lonesome sound and tell a good story. Stokley and Montana are the first women to receive a Bachelor of Arts in Traditional Music from Morehead State University, have toured Ireland, Jamaica, Europe and the U.S., and were winners of the 2017 Chris Austin Memorial Songwriting Contest at Merlefest in Wilkesboro, North Carolina, for "Cigarette Trees."

Picture Perfect Photo Booth returns for their third year. They will be on hand all day, ready to capture that perfect symposium moment with friends and colleagues.

Sponsors for this year's event are: AAA Real Estate, Appalachian Beauty School, Appalachian Wireless, Be You Medical Spa, Community Trust Bank, Daffodils, First Commonwealth Bank, Floyd County Tourism, Foxy Baubles, Hatfield McCoy Heating & Cooling, MACED, Mountain Apothecary, Mountain Comprehensive Care Center, Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, Picture Perfect Photo Booth, SOAR Innovation, Q95-FM, Toyota, and the Women's Business Center of Kentucky.

The event is funded in part through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration. Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities will be made, if requested at least two weeks in advance.

For more information email Michelle Spriggs at m.spriggs@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2681.

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Celebration of Student Scholarship highlights MSU academic excellence

Throughout the year MSU students and faculty strive for academic excellence, and once a year, Morehead State has an event that highlights research and scholarship.

The 14th Annual Celebration of Student Scholarship will be held on Wednesday, April 24, on the third floor of the Adron Doran University Center. The event will begin at 8 a.m. and conclude with an awards ceremony beginning at 3 p.m.

All undergraduate and graduate students working with faculty on any type of scholarly endeavor within their discipline (research, creative productions, regional engagement, etc.) are encouraged to present their work. High-quality scholarly products from courses (e.g., capstone projects, independent research, research courses, etc.) are also welcome. All Undergraduate Research Fellows are required to present their work.

The deadline for the final submission of abstracts is 8 a.m. Monday, March 18. Abstracts will be submitted this year only through an electronic Abstract Submission form. The form is located at https://coss-submissions.onlinescoringsystem.com/abstracts/new. Document Services (Allie Young 14) will print student PowerPoint posters free of charge if submitted no later than 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 19.

Last year, the event featured 199 student presentations (81 oral presentations and 118 posters) – a 23 percent increase over 2017 – that spotlighted the outstanding efforts of 259 undergraduate and graduate student scholars (28 percent increase over 2017) and their 86 faculty mentors (an increase of eight percent over 2017). Awards were made for presentations of special merit as recommended by a panel of 81 faculty, staff and guest judges.

The Celebration of Student Scholarship showcases the outstanding scholarly work of students involved in the Undergraduate Research Fellowship program to the greater campus community. Initiated in the spring of 2006, the annual celebration has grown into a day-long event of presentations, exhibitions and performances by students from the Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, the College of Education, the College of Science and the Elmer R. Smith College Business and Technology.

The format will feature student oral and poster presentations, followed by an end-of-the-day reception at which students and faculty mentors will be recognized and awards presented for student presentations of exceptional merit.

Over the past two decades, the involvement of students in faculty-mentored research, scholarly and creative work has been rapidly growing into a national phenomenon. Engaging students in these types of scholarly activities at the undergraduate level has been demonstrated to enhance student intellectual development, increase the number of students pursuing advanced degrees, and enhance retention and graduation rates.

At MSU, faculty in all disciplines are engaging students outside the traditional classroom setting in their professional scholarly endeavors. Based upon these collaborations, students are presenting, exhibiting and performing at state, regional and national forums, continuing MSU's reputation for academic excellence.

For more information, please contact the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs at 606-783-2010, email b.dehart@moreheadstate.edu or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/research.

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BTVMA awards scholarships to veterinary technology students

Eight students in Morehead State's veterinary technology program have been awarded scholarships by the Buffalo Trace Veterinary Medical Association (BTVMA.)

Students who received the scholarship were Samantha Anderson, a senior from Somerset; Alexa Nelko, a junior from Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania; Katherine Morris, a post-baccalaureate student from Lexington; Ariel Green, a junior from Seattle, Washington; Julie Snyder, a senior from Cincinnati, Ohio; Melissa Wilson, a senior from Macedonia, Ohio; Hannah Casto, a senior from Washington Court House, Ohio; and Morgan Howard, a senior from Owingsville.

All students enrolled in veterinary technology program at MSU are automatically eligible for the BTVMA scholarships. Recipients are full-time undergraduate students admitted to the veterinary technology program, who have demonstrated outstanding academic and clinical abilities and are continuing in the program.

MSU has an ongoing partnership with BTVMA, hosting the organization's annual Morehead Clinic Days. This event is a two-day regional meeting that hosts more than 125 veterinarians and more than 50 veterinary technicians from across the Commonwealth and surrounding states.

For more information about the veterinary technology program at MSU, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/study/vettech or call 606-783-2328.

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MSU's Upward Bound program seeks applicants to help bring students support and success

Morehead State University makes a life-changing impact on people when they come to campus as college students. However, programs like MSU's Upward Bound helps bring that positive change to students even sooner.

As summer 2019 approaches, Upward Bound, the preparatory academic program for high school students, is currently accepting applications for summer instructors of core courses (math, science, English) and electives, as well as positions for resident supervisors and resident advisors. The priority application deadline is Friday, March 1.

A bachelor's degree is required for instructor and resident supervisor positions. Applicants for resident advisor positions must be currently enrolled college students. Upon hiring, there will be a staff orientation on April 30. Resident supervisors will work from May 20 through July 5 and resident advisors will begin one week later on May 28 and work through July 5. Instructors will report to class to teach from June 10 through July 5.

Matt Hyden, associate director for Upward Bound programs, said whether it is a resident advisor that gets to interact with students from day 1 or an instructor who gets to provide knowledge that will help them through high school, it is amazing to see how this program changes students for the better.

"By the end of the six weeks that they are with us, you will notice that pretty much every student we have has improved in at least one way, but probably 10 or 12 ways," Hyden said. "You get to really see those students grow into functional young adults."

The Upward Bound Programs at Morehead State University are seeking applicants for the following positions: Resident Advisors, Resident Supervisors, and Summer Core & Elective Instructors. More information can be found at http://jobs.moreheadub.org

For more information, call 606-783-2611 or email upwardbound@moreheadstate.edu.

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MSU SBDC helps launch medical clinic in Allen

Eastern Kentuckians now have a new source to turn to for health care thanks to Morehead State's Small Business Development Center (SBDC).

Rural Medical Group in Allen opened its doors Oct. 1. It is owned and operated by Sarah Brown, advanced practice registered nurse (APRN).

Brown had a desire to open a clinic in Eastern Kentucky that would provide quality health care in a friendly, nurturing environment, without significant wait times. She was unsure how to open her own clinic and sought the services of the Morehead State University Small Business Development Center in August 2017. Brown and her husband met with Michelle Spriggs, management consultant, and discussed the feasibility of opening the clinic. After finding a suitable location, Brown and Spriggs worked on her business plan, projections, marketing research and other facets that would make her dream clinic a reality.

"The SBDC was instrumental in the preparation and start-up of our clinic. Michelle has been great to work with and assisted us with everything from legal structure, tax information, feasibility analysis, to the difficult task of completing our business plan and financial projections. She continues to support and lend any assistance needed today. The Prestonsburg SBDC is a wonderful free resource for anyone thinking about starting their own small business," said Brown, on her experience with the MSU SBDC.

Rural Medical Group offers preventive care, lab services, diagnostic treatment, family care, gynecology, minor procedures, adult medicine, chronic health issues and screenings for flu, strep, and RSV, along with other medical services. Brown accepts patients of all ages.

Rural Medical Group is opened Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Friday, 2-8 p.m. by appointment. After hours appointments will be given to those who cannot make it during traditional office hours. It is located at 6450 KY Route 1428, Suite two.

"It has been a pleasure working with Sarah and her husband Carl. They ran into some pretty discouraging obstacles along the way to opening their business but never gave up on their dream. I look forward to their journey as entrepreneur's and their contribution to the health and well-being of the citizens of Eastern Kentucky," said Spriggs.

Brown graduated from Big Sandy Community and Technical College with an associate degree in nursing and obtained her bachelor's degree from Indiana Wesleyan University. Brown went on to graduate with honors from Tennessee State University with her master's degree in advanced practice nursing in 2016.

The Prestonsburg SBDC office serves Breathitt, Floyd, Johnson, Knott, Lee, Magoffin, Martin, Owsley, Pike and Wolfe counties.

For additional information on SBDC services, contact MSU SBDC at Prestonsburg, by calling 1-800-648-5372 ext. 2681, 606-783-2681, liking it on Facebook at www.facebook.com/EKSBDC or emailing m.spriggs@moreheadstate.edu.

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Volpi uses her passion for literature and literacy to benefit the state as Kentucky Book Festival director

Sara Volpi (12) earned a BFA in Creative Writing with a minor in studio art from Morehead State University. If you knew her when she was a kid, this was easy to predict. The writing was on the wall. Actually, that is not really accurate. The writing was on the paper, accompanying appropriate visuals she created.

"I've always drawn since I can remember, making up cartoons since I was a kid," she said. "It seems like the two (writing and art) just go hand-in-hand. I would draw a character and that character needed a story, so you would make a story for them."

Now, the story she hopes to create is one that centers around sparking a passion for reading and an appreciation for authors of the Commonwealth in her newest position as the director/special projects coordinator of the annual Kentucky Book Festival for Kentucky Humanities.

Volpi was born in Louisiana and moved to Somerset when she was five years old. Even though she indulged her visual art talents as a child drawing Disney characters and butterflies she saw outside, she also said she picked up the "editing gene" from her parents. Her father Joe was the associate pastor and principal of a Christian school and her mother Rhonda worked alongside him as an executive assistant.

Volpi graduated from Southwestern High School and was offered the Commonwealth Scholarship to attend MSU but she initially attended Somerset Community College to major in art. While she was there, former MSU English faculty members Crystal Wilkinson and Ron Davis came to her class to talk about how MSU was going to start a BFA program in creative writing.

"I'd always liked writing, but I'd never heard of a degree in creative writing until Crystal showed up and I was like, 'Ok, that sounds fun,'" she said.

Volpi transferred to MSU her sophomore year. She remembers constantly hanging out in the Claypool-Young Art Building, the Bert. T. Combs Building or the Camden-Carroll Library, bringing her computer to "type papers there all hours of the night." She also served as editor of Inscape, MSU's long-standing student-led, juried literary and visual arts journal, in 2012.

She said on the way to earning her undergraduate degree, the faculty instilled in her some much-needed discipline, challenged her as a writer and an artist, and sparked a passion that made her want to continue her education and remain in Kentucky after college.

"They kind of put a fire in me to just stay in Kentucky and just do what I can to make my state as cool as possible as far as a literary scene is concerned, and that's what I've been doing ever since," she said.

Volpi earned a Master of Arts in Rhetoric and Composition from Western Kentucky University in 2014. While in Bowling Green, she worked as a customer service representative for Studio Calico, a subscription-based scrap-booking company. She became the company's marketing and social media coordinator, where she wrote content for the company's website, newsletters and blogs while doing freelance editing for publishing houses and her more creative writing on the side.

Thanks to a fortuitous Facebook message from a friend in 2015, she learned about a job as the literary outreach coordinator and Southern Kentucky Book Fest coordinator at Western Kentucky University. When she applied and was accepted, she found a sense of fulfillment through a position that allowed her to be closely tied to figures from the literary world.

"It's perfect because I love books and meeting authors," she said. "That was the first time I realized authors were accessible and authors would meet with me and talk about their work, which is really cool."

Volpi continues to have access to authors from within the state and beyond, but what she finds most rewarding is organizing events that help stoke enthusiasm in some of the state's youngest readers.

"I love getting books to kids, that's my favorite thing," she said. "My favorite part is to see a kid get to meet an author and get that book signed and tell them, 'I really like this book. When are you going to write your next book?' I hope that continues and authors like that are the reason kids continue to read."

Volpi feels extremely fortunate to have a position where she can use her passion for writing, authors and reading to help get kids excited about reading while introducing more people to the state's talented writers.

"I feel like there is no limit to what we can do and I want to try to build more partnerships across Kentucky to bolster our literary community because there are hundreds of authors that live in the Commonwealth, and people outside of Kentucky don't know that, and I really want them to," she said.

Additional information about MSU's BFA in Creative Writing program is available at www.moreheadstate.edu/study/creativewriting. To learn more about MSU's Department of Art and Design, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/art.

Photo: Sara Volpi, credit - Loren Gifford

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MSU partnership helps provide free college transcripts to students

Morehead State University has plenty of resources available to aide in many aspects of college life and help students achieve success. Through a partnership between MSU's Student Government Association and the Office of the Registrar, many students will have one less thing to worry about.

In alignment with MSU's 2018-19 Strategic Plan, this partnership will provide free college transcripts to the first 150 students that request them. The program goes live on Wednesday, Feb. 20, and vouchers will be available in both the SGA office (Suite 222, ADUC) and in Eagle Essentials (215, ADUC) for students that are in need. Students can then take their vouchers over to the Office of the Registrar (201 Ginger Hall) and receive a free transcript.

This program is designed to support MSU students that are applying for internships, employment, fellowships or other endeavors that may require a college transcript for consideration. The program is open to all current undergraduate and graduate students at MSU.

The vouchers expire July 1, but the program is anticipated to continue next year. Keith Moore, registrar, and SGA President Brandon Bryer collaborated on this project and gained approval from the SGA Senate.

"SGA has been fully invested in making direct and true impacts on the students that we represent," Bryer said. "Providing transcripts free of cost to students will promote their ability to apply for competitive internships, respected fellowships and for employment opportunities after graduation."

For more information on the MSU Student Government Association, call 606-783-2071, email sga@moreheadstate.edu or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/sga.

To learn more about the services of the Office of the Registrar, call 606-783-2008, email registrar@moreheadstate.edu or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/registrar.

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Western and saddle seat teams win big

The Morehead State Equestrian Team western and saddle seat teams recently had big wins at competitions.

On Feb. 9 and 10, the western team hosted a home show at the Derrickson Agricultural Complex, while the saddle seat team traveled to a show at Zubrod Stables in Louisville. On Feb. 9. The western team tied for High Point Team on Sunday in a close competition; the difference between high point and reserve high point teams was a single point.

Individual high placings on the 9th and 10th include Jordyn Bagnall, a freshman from Burlington, with a 3rd and 1st place; Sydnee Barker, a senior from Frankfort, Ohio, with two 2nd place finishes and a 1st; Sara Misura a junior from Wadsworth, Ohio, with a 2nd; Rudy Pohlabeln, a freshman, with two 1st place finishes, Bryahna Pullins, a senior from Piketon, Ohio, with a 2nd place finish; Chelsey Pullins, a freshman from Pomeroy, Ohio, with a 2nd place win; Audrey Reed a freshman from Florence, with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishes and Taylor Wheaton, a senior of Greenfield, Ohio, with a 1st place finish.

Bagnall, Barker, Pohlabeln, B. Pullins, Reed and Emily Shepard, a senior of Marysville, Ohio, are all qualified to compete at regional competition on Feb. 23 for a chance to advance to semi-finals in their divisions.

The saddle seat team also made a strong showing at their show in Louisville. Misura was second in her rail class and Becky Woody, a sophomore from Chattanooga, Tennessee, was 3rd in her rail class and 2nd in her pattern class.

MSU Farm Manager Joe Fraley traveled with the saddle team to Louisville since the rest of the team was at Morehead hosting the western show. They will have one more regular season show on March 23 before their championships in April.

For more information about equestrian teams at MSU, contact Coach Devin Lintzenich at dslintzenich@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2662. To learn more about academic programs in the Department of Agricultural Sciences, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/agriculture.

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MSU Student Government Association rallies for higher education

On Feb. 12, members of Morehead State University's Student Government Association (SGA) traveled to Frankfort in order to let their voices be heard at the 2019 Rally for Higher Education. The rally, which was organized by the Kentucky Board of Student Body Presidents, had roughly 200 college students from eight public universities in attendance.

"The Rally for Higher Education is one of the most important events of the year," said MSU SGA President Brandon Bryer. "Our rally is designed to advocate for the future of higher education from the students themselves and share with state legislators the importance of prioritizing higher education and treating it as an investment for the future, not as an expense of today."

The annual event assembles student government officials from across the Commonwealth and provides them with an opportunity to speak directly with state legislators to share their concerns and personal stories.

Lori Ann Dobson, a junior social work major from Louisville, took to the podium to speak about her personal story and the impact that an education from Morehead State has had on her. Dobson said, "My intent was to let people know higher education has tremendous powers to change the trajectory of one's life. I've battled my own share of adversity, and higher education turned that adversity into opportunity."

MSU involvement was at an all-time high, with 24 SGA members in attendance. This is the largest group that MSU's SGA has ever sponsored to attend the rally.

Additional information is available by calling the Student Government Association Office at 606-783-2071 or by emailing sga@moreheadstate.edu.

Photo: Morehead State Student Government Association Congressional members and club sponsors gather around Beaker, the school mascot, on the Capitol steps.

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Carpenter's legacy gift to MSU supports theatre students

As a theatre major, Nelson Maurice Carpenter (54) did not know what life had in store for him after leaving Morehead State University, then known as Morehead State College. He did know one thing for certain, which was that he loved theatre.

Carpenter came to MSU in 1951 after graduating from Maysville High School in 1950. Pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in English, he spent his free time involving himself in clubs and activities. He was a member of the Wesley Club, a social club for Methodist students, the Coffee Club, the campus literary club, and he was the co-feature editor for the campus news publication, The Trail Blazer.

Most importantly, he was involved in theatre. He was noted as having served in every capacity possible in the Morehead Players – acting, directing, business management, publicity, scenery and lighting, to name a few. Carpenter was so loved by the Morehead Players group that they dedicated a page in MSU's 1954 Raconteur to his service in the theatre organization. His experience at MSU led him to later dedicate his life to education and support of the stage.

Upon graduating from MSU he moved to New York City where he worked in a publishing house and took graduate courses at Columbia University. Deciding publishing was not for him, he enlisted in the United States Army in 1956. Carpenter served for two years in Korea as part of the Eighth Army Headquarters Special Services Group and obtained the rank of sergeant in the United States Army Reserve. When he completed his service, he attained his Master of Arts degree at the University of Mississippi then began his 40-year career in education.

Carpenter was an instructor of English, history, speech and drama at institutions that include Woodleigh School in Maysville, Northwest Junior College and West Georgia College, among others. In 1969, he joined the faculty of Middle Georgia College as an associate professor of speech and drama. Over the course of his career there, Carpenter directed more than 45 theatrical productions, served as the chairman of the speech and drama department and attended the Institute of Arts Administration at Harvard University. He retired in 1988.

After returning home to Mason County to care for his sister, Mary Louise Carpenter, he became a well-known attendee at MSU's theatre productions. Later in life, he suffered a stroke, which required him to be placed in the Maysville Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center. No longer being able to attend shows, students from The Little Company, MSU's touring theatre troupe, frequently performed at Carpenter's nursing home and routinely sent playbills and signed posters, which he would hang in his room.

"Students always know when regulars come," said Denise Watkins (96), professor of theatre at MSU. "Sunday matinees, Nelson always had a seat. Students knew he supported the program financially, but Nelson attending their shows was what really meant so much to them. Passing around a playbill or poster to sign at the end of a show was the students' way of supporting him, after years of supporting them."

As a lifelong supporter of MSU, he officially established the Nelson Maurice Carpenter Theatre Endowment in 2008, a fund that supports theatre students and summer theatre workshops.

"To have consistent support goes a long way, for any student, but especially students in the arts," said Watkins. "In an area that is geographically challenged where some families are skeptical of their kids pursuing a career in the arts, a scholarship goes a long way."

After his passing, Carpenter left an estate gift to be directed towards his theatre endowment. This gift was valued at nearly \$300,000. The proceeds from this endowment will ensure theatre students for years to come benefit from Carpenter's generosity.

The MSU Visionary Society is a recognition society for those who remember MSU through planned gifts.

To learn more about planned gifts or other ways to support your favorite MSU program, contact the Office of Alumni Relations and Development at 606-783-2033, email giving@moreheadstate.edu or visit alumni.moreheadstate.edu/give.

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ETM students excel at national exam

Students from Morehead State's Department of Engineering and Technology Management (ETM) achieved a 92.68% pass rate on the Certified Technology Manager (CTM) Exam, with 38 out of 41 students attaining a passing score in spring 2018.

The CTM Exam national exam is administered through the Association of Technology, Management and Applied Engineering (ATMAE) to certify graduates of ATMAE accredited programs. The Department of Engineering and Technology Management has been accredited by ATMAE since 1998, with reaccreditation achieved through 2020. A minimum score of 95 out of 160 in the categories of leadership, self-management, systems, processes, operations, people, project, quality, risk and safety is required to qualify for certification.

CTM is the initial certification status awarded to applicants who meet ATMAE's requirements for certification. CTM certification holders may report continuing education activity to qualify for Certified Senior Technology Manager (CSTM) status. ATMAE certification recognizes expertise in a specific field, a mark of distinction that sets the certification holder apart. ATMAE certification provides external validation of knowledge and competence in the discipline.

"MSU's Engineering and Technology Management students take the Certified Technology Manager (CTM) exam prior to graduation in their senior year. The chair of the ATMAE Board of Certification reports that the historical average national pass rate for the CTM exam is 67.6% and MSU's ETM students earned a pass rate higher than 92% in Fall 2018. We are proud of ETM faculty and graduating seniors for their success," said ETM Department Chair Associate Dean, Dr. Ahmad Zargari.

For more information about ETM programs at MSU, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/etm or call 606-783-2174.

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MSUTeach celebrates first cohort of graduates

MSUTeach, a program that allows students to pursue secondary school teacher certification within a four-year biology, chemistry, earth science, mathematics or physics degree program, congratulates its first graduating students. Chaise Cremeans of Lexington and Sean-Michael Flynn of Morehead earned Bachelor of Science in Mathematics (MSUTeach Track) degrees. They received their diplomas at the 2018 Fall Commencement ceremony in December.

Master Teacher Kendra Schroeder said, "MSUTeach Faculty and Staff are proud of and thankful for our first graduates. We are proud of their successful completion of challenging STEM degrees with the MSUTeach Track. We are thankful for their willingness to dive into a young program and complete the MSUTeach coursework, including the Apprentice Teaching semester, in six semesters. They have demonstrated persistence, flexibility and leadership in helping us build this program. We wish them well as they embark on the next step in their lives."

Flynn and Cremeans have joined the UTeach Nation as MSUTeach/UTeach alumni, which provides them with a connected network of over 4,500 UTeach alumni across the United States. UTeach alumni have opportunities to engage with the network virtually and at the annual alumni conference, as well become eligible for UTeach alumni awards.

Following graduation, Cremeans is spending a year in Germany, working and traveling before beginning her teaching career. Flynn obtained a mathematics teaching position at Bracken Country High School. His induction mentor is MSUTeach Master Teacher Diane Johnson.

MSUTeach, an affiliate of the UTeach program, allows STEM majors to gain a bachelor's degree in their content area of biology, chemistry, earth science, mathematics or physics while also completing the coursework toward certification in secondary education. The program offers a flexible approach that expands career opportunities such as pursuing a STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) career, graduate school or sharing their successes with students through teaching.

Additional information on MSUTeach is available by calling 606-783-9036 or visiting www.moreheadstate.edu/msuteach.

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Ashland SBDC to host small business awards ceremony

Morehead State's Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Ashland office will host the 2019 Northeast Kentucky Small Business Awards to honor and recognize small business owners, small business champions and young entrepreneurs (under age 40) in Boyd, Carter, Elliott, Greenup, and Lawrence counties on Thursday, May 9.

This year's small business award categories include: New Business (operating less than two years), Emerging Business (operating for two to five years), Retail/Wholesale, Service, Professional, Construction/Contracting, Downtown Business and Family-Owned.

The Young Entrepreneur category includes individuals under the age of 40 (as of May 15) who have owned/operated a successful small business for two or more years. The Small Business Champion category recognizes individuals who assist small businesses through advocacy and support efforts that help improve business, regulatory, and/or financial opportunities for small business owners. Champions may include bankers, attorneys, CPAs, politicians, economic development officials, etc.

The public is encouraged to nominate outstanding small business owners and/or champions. Nominations will be accepted through Friday, March 15. All nominees will be honored during an awards breakfast on Thursday, May 9. One winner will be selected in each category, and an overall Northeast Kentucky Small Business of the Year will take the top award.

To make a nomination or to learn about sponsorship opportunities, call 606-783-2683 or visit www.nekysba.com.

The MSU SBDC is part of the Kentucky SBDC, a network of 12 offices located throughout the Commonwealth that help existing and startup businesses succeed by offering no-cost confidential business consultations, affordable business workshops, seminars and research to help business owners make informed business decisions. Morehead State SBDC offices are located in Ashland, Morehead and Prestonsburg.

For additional information, contact Kayla Keeton, SBDC Ashland management consultant, at 606-783-2683 or visit www.ksbdc.org.

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Lecture on cruel and unusual punishment to be held

A lecture entitled, "Cruel and Unusual Punishment? A Legal Perspective" will be held Tuesday, Feb. 26, at 7 p.m. in 111 Rader Hall.

The event will include a lecture by David Grise, visiting assistant professor of legal studies at MSU. A discussion will follow the lecture.

The event is free and open to the public and is sponsored by the MSU Philosophy and Religion Club.

For more information on the philosophy and legal studies programs at MSU, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/hpil or call 606-783-2655.

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Dr. Frances L. Helphinstine Scholarship Endowment established

The Morehead State University Foundation has announced the establishment of the Frances L. Helphinstine Scholarship Endowment, a fund to assist students studying English at MSU.

Dr. Frances "Fran" Helphinstine (63) came to Morehead State as a student in 1959 to pursue a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics and English and later a Master of Arts in English. After graduating, she held teaching positions at high schools and eventually returned to MSU as an instructor of English.

Later, Helphinstine earned a Ph.D. in Renaissance and Dramatic Literature from Indiana University Bloomington in 1978. She taught undergraduate courses in Shakespeare, the English Renaissance, 17th Century British literature and drama, and graduate courses in Shakespeare, drama and bibliography. She also served as the graduate program coordinator.

Helphinstine served as scholarship advisor for the Epsilon Theta Chapter of Chi Omega for nearly 30 years. In her free time, she enjoys doing research on performance theory, major features and trends in contemporary prize-winning drama, and other related topics. She has received National Humanities Council grants for continued studies with other scholars. After more than five decades as a professor of English at MSU, Helphinstine retired in 2018. The University honored her with the 2018 Founders Award for University Service.

Much like her career has impacted MSU students, Helphinstine hopes that this scholarship endowment will have a lasting impact on students studying English. "Someone else was always looking out for me from the very beginning," she said. "I'm just honored to be able to give back to Morehead State University because it has given so much to me."

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, contact MSU's Office of Alumni Relations and Development at 606-783-2033, email giving@moreheadstate.edu or visit alumni.moreheadstate.edu/give.

PHOTO: Dr. Fran Helphinstine was recognized at a home basketball game on Jan. 19. Jim Shaw, MSU vice president for advancement, accepts a check symbolizing her contribution.

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Upward Bound Math and Science student awarded scholarship

Thomas D. Cole, an Upward Bound Math and Science student from Montgomery County, has been awarded the Dean's Scholar Award from Morehead State University valued at \$10,000 to be distributed at \$1,250 each semester through Spring 2023.

Due to Cole's tenacity and determination he is graduating a year early from Montgomery County High School. During his time at MCHS he has managed to balance his academics and extracurricular activities including 4-H This Land is Our Land. Cole is also a member of Grassy Lick United Methodist Church. He attributes his successes to his main support system, his family: grandmother Oma Johnson, mother Jennifer Cole and brothers Charles and Jacob Cole.

Cole plans to major in biomedical sciences and nursing during his time at Morehead State University.

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For more information about the Upward Bound Programs please contact Amanda Lewis, director at 606-783-2611, email a.lewis@moreheadstate.edu or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/ub.

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MSU students shine at Posters-at-the-Capitol

Students researchers form Morehead State presented their research at Posters-at-the-Capitol on Thursday, Feb. 21, at the Capitol Rotunda in Frankfort.

A total of 15 posters from MSU were displayed with 17 students presenting.

"Our posters represent a wide range of disciplines and I think that, collectively, they represent some of the highest quality of student research that we have ever presented at the event," said Dr. Michael Henson, associate vice president for research and dean of the Graduate School.

Student research presentations include:

- Nathaniel Baker; Dr. Adrian Mandzy, associate professor of history; "The U.S. Army Air Service and the Battle of Blair Mountain."
- Hannah Brewer of Pine Ridge; Dr. Robert D. Boram, professor of physics and science education and Dr. Wilson Gonzalez-Espada, professor of physics and science education; "Factors Associated with Students Leaving Quantitative STEM Majors: A Case Study."
- Susie Chaney of Hazard, Blake Smith of Nicholasville and Andrea Howard of Grayson; Suzie White, associate
 professor of nursing; "An Evidence-based Protocol for Eliminating Errors Associated with Intravenous Medication
 Errors."
- Tessa Collins of Morehead; Dr. Tom Kiffmeyer, associate professor of history; "Feminism in Appalachia: Origins and Evolution."
- Jorden Crowe of Versailles, Emily Lush of Richmond, Vanessa Jones of Olive Hill, Sydney Young of Hawesville and Abigail Mohr of Winchester; Dr. Greg Corso, psychology department chair; "FDA Labeling and Consumer Effects."
- Anna Gdovka of Lexington; Dr. Steve Chen, professor of sport management; "Collegiate Athletic Fans Perception of the Use of Social Media in Marketing."
- Sydney Gordon of Lexington; Dr. Michael Fultz, professor of biology; "Inhibition Efficiency of Lactobacillus acidophilus Bacteria on Candida albicans Growth."
- Caitlyn Haggard of Crittenden; Dr. Bernadette Barton, professor of sociology; "Men's Understanding of Toxic Masculinity."
- Christian Hensley of Magnolia; Dr. Steve Chen, professor of sport management; "Females Serving as the Head Coach of Competitive Elite Male Sports."
- Shelby Hester of Shepherdsville; Dr. Tom Kiffmeyer, associate professor of history; "100 Years of Women's Suffrage: from Laura Clay to Hillary Clinton."
- Miranda Johnson of Falcon; Dr. Michele Paynter Paise, visiting assistant professor of music; "The Effects of Music and Breathing Exercises in Tic Frequency."

- Lori Porter of La Grange; Dr. Thomas Pannuti, professor of astrophysics and space science; "XMM Newton and VLA Observations of the Galactic Supernova Remnants G5.9+3.1 and G32.4+0.1."
- Kelsey Purdum of Gallipolis, Ohio; Dr. Kimberlee Sharp, associate professor of education; "Elementary Teachers Experience Using Informational Texts to Teach Social Studies in Eastern Kentucky."
- Luke Sizemore of Ashland; Dr. Kouroush Jenab, assistant professor of engineering and technology management; "Automatic Catheter Irrigation System (ACIS)."
- Allie Skaggs of Grayson; Dr. Cheng Cheng, assistant professor of engineering and technology management; "A Multi-Variable Sensing Platform for Water Quality Monitoring in the Distribution Network."
- Annuet Soehnlen of Morehead and Ann Wilkinson of Lexington; Dr. Jen O'Keefe, professor of geology and science education; "Toward Fingerprinting Kentucky Honey: Melissopalynology."
- Joshua Webb of Oil Springs; Sherif Rashad, associate professor of computer science; "Design and Implementation
 of an Innovative System for Automatic Recognition of ASL Using Machine Learning."

Posters-at-the-Capitol, an event hosted collaboratively by Eastern Kentucky University, Kentucky Community and Technical College System, Kentucky State University, Morehead State University, Murray State University, Northern Kentucky University of Kentucky, University of Louisville, and Western Kentucky University, is intended to help members of Kentucky's legislature and the governor better understand the importance of involving undergraduates in research, scholarly, and creative work.

It provides undergraduates with the opportunity to engage in scholarship, research, and creative work that is important to their educational experience and professional development.

For more information about research opportunities at MSU, contact the Office of Undergraduate Research at 606-783-2010 or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/Academics/Undergraduate-Research.

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February 22, 2019 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE MOREHEAD, Ky.---

Morehead State's online MA in sociology receives national ranking

Morehead State University has a reputation for academic excellence and student success, including some of the best online programs in the country.

OnlineMasters.com has recognized the online Master of Arts in Sociology as one of the 10 best online programs in the U.S. The program is ranked seventh and recognized as Best in Career Development.

According to OnlineMasters.com, "Morehead State University focuses on its students' career development through a rigorous curriculum that's designed to advance their careers in such areas as social justice, teaching, environmental activism and more. Students in the master's in sociology program also benefit from the school's invaluable career services, which offer everything from career planning to internship placement."

"The success of the sociology master's program is demonstrated by the number of our graduates who are now meaningfully employed in their chosen professions and by those who have gone on to enroll and graduate from various doctoral programs at major research institutions. Their success reflects the expertise and commitment of our graduate faculty to teach and mentor students to be engaged and productive teachers, counselors and researchers to the benefit of our region and to society at large. While our students' success will always be a source of profound mutual gratification, all of us, students and faculty, are thrilled to be a part of an award-winning program," says Dr. Sue Tallichet, professor of sociology and program coordinator.

OnlineMasters.com uses research performed by industry experts, hiring managers, current students and alumni to analyze information and present it in the form of user-friendly guides with the goal of personal and social advancement for students.

View the results at www.onlinemasters.com/best-degree-programs/sociology.

To learn more about MSU's master's degree in sociology visit www.moreheadstate.edu/study/MA-sociology or contact Professor Tallichet at 606-783-2656 or s.tallic@moreheadstate.edu.

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February 25, 2019 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE MOREHEAD, Ky.---

Board of Regents to hold work session

The Morehead State University Board of Regents will hold a work session on Thursday, Feb. 28, at 9:30 a.m. at MSU at Mt. Sterling, located at 3400 Indian Mound Drive in Mt. Sterling.

The work session will include planning for the next fiscal year and reports on facilities and residence halls.

No action will be taken by the board during the work session. The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be Thursday, March 28.

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

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February 26, 2019 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE MOREHEAD, Ky.---

MSU degree in space systems engineering offers students experience and job preparation

Morehead State University is well-known for its space science degree programs and has graduates working for NASA, the U.S. Air Force, Kentucky aerospace technology companies and beyond. To meet the needs of the growing aerospace industry, MSU is now offering a Bachelor of Science in Space Systems Engineering.

This is one of few similar programs nationwide offered at the undergraduate level. The presence of the 21-meter space tracking antenna on campus and facilities in the Space Science Center provide students with the hands-on training needed for this field. Students and staff have built and flown seven small satellite mission to date, with three in development. These represent extraordinary opportunity for hands-on training.

Students in the program will work with excellent faculty with diverse backgrounds in space-related science and technology fields and perform research in, space systems engineering, space mission operations, and satellite ground station technologies. This program will prepare students for professional opportunities in applied technologies such as astronautical engineering, space system development and testing, satellite telemetry, tracking and control (TT&C), and telecommunications electronics. Graduates will be prepared for positions with NASA, aerospace companies, public and private science organizations, research facilities, colleges and in other commercial industries.

"We are excited to have received Council on Postsecondary Education approval for our Bachelor of Science in Space Systems Engineering. This program is designed to prepare graduates for exciting career opportunities in fields such as astronautical engineering and telecommunication electronics. With the growth in Kentucky's aerospace industry, we believe our program is positioned well to provide not only outstanding careers for our graduates but also addresses an important statewide workforce need," said Dr. Bob Albert, interim provost and vice president for academic affairs.

The new degree program was approved by the Council for Postsecondary Education on Feb. 22 and reflects a modification of the current Bachelor of Science in Space Science degree program to better prepare students with the engineering rigor and preparation needed in the aerospace industry.

MSU also offers a Master of Science in Space Systems Engineering that offers students the opportunity to continue their skill development at the graduate level.

To learn more about this and other programs in Earth and Space Sciences, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/eass or call 606-783-2381.

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February 27, 2019 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE MOREHEAD, Ky.---

Ronald and Patty Griffith Scholarship Endowment established

The Morehead State University Foundation has announced the establishment of the Ronald and Patty Griffith Scholarship Endowment. This endowment will provide scholarships to incoming students at Morehead State University, with preference given to Pike County residents.

The Griffiths have always been supporters of higher education, with Ronald "Ron" Griffith (65) dedicating his career to the field. To Ron, his time at MSU helped shape his entire future. He credits the late Dr. C. Nelson Grote, MSU president emeritus, and several other faculty mentors for his successful career. As a student, Ron studied industrial arts and served as the president of the Industrial Arts Club. He went on to complete both a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Arts at MSU, known at the time as Morehead State College.

Following graduation, Ron began working in Helena, Arkansas, where he helped found the first community college in the area and served there as the director of vocational education. Later, he took a position at Florida Junior College in Jacksonville, Florida, and later at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, Michigan, where he worked for 32 years. At Schoolcraft College, he maintained his MSU connection with Dr. Grote, working together there for several years before Grote returned to MSU to become its 11th president. Ron retired in 2003 as the assistant vice president of instruction.

Patty also attended Morehead State and dedicated her life to education, serving as an instructor for the Early Childhood Education Center at Schoolcraft College, where she helped train preschool teachers. She focused much of her attention on raising the couple's two daughters and being a grandmother to three grandsons.

In retirement, the Griffiths have enjoyed volunteer work at their local church and food pantry in Bardstown. Ron also serves as a member of the MSU Foundation's Board of Trustees.

To honor the establishment of their endowment, the library in the newly renovated Adron Doran University Center has been named the Ron and Patty Griffith Alumni Library. The couple hopes that their scholarship can help students from Eastern Kentucky for years to come.

"It was difficult enough to get out of Eastern Kentucky and go to college in the 1960s and it is still a challenge for students today. I have a soft spot for Eastern Kentucky, and especially for Morehead," Ron said. "So many students in Eastern Kentucky struggle and many of them think college is way out of their reach. That is why we created this endowment to help make college possible for future students."

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

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February 28, 2019 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE MOREHEAD, Ky.---

Trumpet Ensemble to perform at national competition

The Morehead State University Trumpet Ensemble, under the direction of Professor of Music Greg Wing, has been accepted to compete in the Large and Small Trumpet Ensemble Divisions during the 2019 National Trumpet Competition (NTC) March 14-16. This year's competition will be held on the campus of the University of Kentucky and is the most prestigious competition of its kind in the world.

The large ensemble of seven students and small ensemble of five students submitted video to NTC preliminary judges in December and were selected to compete in the live quarter final round during the competition. Wing said the ensemble has been preparing for the competition since November. The MSU Trumpet Ensemble B will be competing in the Large Division and will perform Eric Ewazen's "Fantasia for Seven Trumpets." The MSU Trumpet Ensemble A will be competing in the Small Division and will be performing Erik Morales' "Path of Discovery."

MSU has qualified for the NTC competition several times in years past.

"We have not made it into the finals yet, but are hopeful this year will be the year," said Wing. "Both pieces (the ensembles will perform) are quite difficult and appropriate for this national competition."

Approximately 70 trumpet ensembles will compete at the event, and there are also solo divisions at the Junior High, High School, Undergraduate and Graduate levels plus a Jazz Division.

For more information about music programs at Morehead State, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/music or call 606-783-2473.

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Craft Academy students participate in Posters-at-the-Capitol

Students from Morehead State's Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics presented their research to Kentucky lawmakers and education administrators during High School Posters-at-the-Capitol, on Wednesday, Feb. 20, and collegiate Posters-at-the-Capitol, on Thursday, Feb. 21, at the Capitol Rotunda in Frankfort.

Six Craft Academy students presented posters at the high school event, which highlights academic research conducted by high school students from across the Commonwealth. Student presenters included:

Sydney Winters of Catlettsburg, Casey Davis of Lexington, Garrett Flynn of Brooksville and Haylee Winters of Catlettsburg; faculty mentor Dr. Ahmad Hassan, associate professor of management; "Reclamation of Unused Coal Fields through Solar Gardens."

Haylee Winters of Catlettsburg and Ryelle Browning of Richmond; faculty mentor Dr. Timothy Hare, professor of anthropology; "The Effect of Erosion Structures on Triplett Creek from the Fall of 2016, 2017 and 2018."

Vaibhav Vinukonda of Louisville; no faculty mentor; "Creating a Device to Help Blind People Cross the Street."

Presenting research at the collegiate Posters-at-the-Capitol were:

Lori Porter of LaGrange; faculty mentor Dr. Thomas Pannuti, professor of astrophysics and space science; "XMM-Newton and VLA Observations of the Galactic Supernova Remnants G5.9+3.1, and G32.4+0.1."

Sydney Gordon of Lexington; faculty mentors Dr. Michael Fultz, professor of biology and Claudett Edie; "Inhibition Efficiency of Lactobacillus acidophilus Bacteria on Candida albicans Growth."

For more information about the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/craft-academy or call 606-783-2093.

PHOTOS:

- 1. Left to right: Sydney Winters, Cassie Davis, Garrett Flynn and Haylee Winters presented their poster, entitled "Reclamation of Unused Coal Fields through Solar Gardens" at High School Posters-at-the-Capitol.
- 2. Haylee Winters, left, and Ryelle Browning presented their research on the effect of erosion structures on Triplett Creek from the Fall of 2016, 2017 and 2018 at High School Posters-at-the-Capitol.
- 3. Craft Academy student Vaibhav Vinukonda presented his research at High School Posters-at-the-Capitol. Vinukonda has developed a device to help blind people cross the street.

- 4. Craft Academy student Lori Porter presented her research on galactic supernova remnants at the collegiate Posters-at-the-Capitol.
- 5. Craft Academy student Sydney Gordon displayed her research on Inhibition Efficiency of Lactobacillus acidophilus Bacteria on Candida albicans Growth at the collegiate Posters-at-the-Capitol.

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