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Annual high school art exhibit set for March 6-13

The annual “Burley-Coal Region High School Exhibition and Competition,” will be held March 6-13 in the Golding-Yang Gallery in the Claypool-Young Art Building.

The show is organized each year in partnership with the Kentucky Art Education Association and features high school artwork from the region.

In association with the exhibition, the Department of Art and Design will host its annual High School Art Day on March 13. There will be a sculpture competition between high school teams with the winners accepting trophies for first, second, third and honorable mention. Students showing artwork in the exhibition will receive ribbons for first, second and third and honorable mention in 13 different categories, including ceramics, digital media, drawing, fashion design, fiber arts and textile design, graphic design, jewelry and metalsmithing, mixed media, painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture and video/film.

All first-place winners will move on to the all-state competition. In addition, activities are planned throughout the building including ceramics and sculpture demonstrations, Indian Rangoli and Jhoti painting, watercolor painting demonstration, drawing demonstrations, work with photography and other demonstrations.

“This event gives students a chance to see what Morehead State University offers in our Art & Design department. They get a chance to talk to our faculty and MSU students to get an idea of what university life is like and what opportunities there are in the field of Art & Design. High School students get to see their work displayed in a gallery and get to socialize with other students who have the same interest,” said Sherri Ward, academic department specialist in the Department of Art and Design. “Appalachia is historically underrepresented in the arts and High School Art Day allows for students and budding artists in the region to professionally exhibit their work in a collegiate environment.”

The list of high schools participating in the event includes: Bath County, Betsy Layne, Boyd County, Fleming County, Floyd Central, Greenup County, Hazard, Johnson Central, Lawrence County, Mason County, Montgomery County, Paintsville, Paul G. Blazer, Perry County Central, Pikeville, Raceland-Worthington, Russell Independent and Sheldon Clark.

The gallery in Claypool-Young features contemporary art for the MSU community as well as the University’s service region. The gallery is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or by appointment. There is no charge for viewing and the public is invited. Parking is available on Main Street during the day and on the MSU campus after 5 p.m.

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

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Conroy organizes philosophy of physics workshop at Dartmouth

MSU faculty excel inside and outside the classroom whether they are giving one-on-one instruction to their students, conducting research or participating in academic presentations. Associate Professor of Philosophy Dr. Christina Conroy's study of quantum indeterminacy has led to her organizing a workshop bringing in a world-class team of philosophers of physics.

"My research is concerned with issues that straddle the line between philosophy and physics," Conroy said. "I investigate questions about what our world is like at the most fundamental level-looking to physics to see what science tells us is true about the world, and then considering how that could inform traditional philosophical debates in metaphysics."

Conroy has previously shared her expertise serving as the program chair for a three-day international conference on the metaphysics of science this past fall in Milan, Italy. She has also organized symposia on the philosophy of physics for a variety of international conferences.

This upcoming workshop will take place this July at Dartmouth College. It will feature a panel of key scholars in the field from the U.S., Mexico, Canada, England, Switzerland and Australia. Conroy said the primary goal of the conference is to bring more attention to the topic of quantum indeterminacy. She hopes a call for submitted papers will result in more scholarly research and writing on the topic being featured at the workshop and within the field.

To learn more about MSU philosophy programs, contact the Department of History, Philosophy, Politics, Global and Legal Studies at 606-783-2655, email hpil@moreheadstate.edu or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/hpil.

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KET honors MSU staff person with O. Leonard Press Award

John Burton (04) was awarded the O. Leonard Press Award from Kentucky Educational Television (KET) for his volunteer work on behalf of the state’s public broadcast channel. The award, which is named in honor of the television network’s founder, is awarded to a dedicated member of KET’s Friend Board who has demonstrated exemplary service.

“I was honored,” said Burton. “Receiving this award, especially on the 50th anniversary of KET, made me excited and feel like I had really done something,”

Burton joined KET’s Friends Board in 2007, representing District 32 which includes the counties of Magoffin, Menifee, Morgan and Wolfe. As a board member, Burton advocates for the station by promoting programs and services, raising money and hosting special events in his own community. Throughout the year, the board meets several times to share ideas for new initiatives.

Burton said, “It’s our job to contact our state representatives, notify individuals about new programming, host promotional events and thank folks for what they have done for the network.”

Burton is a two-time graduate of MSU, graduating in 2004 with a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education with an Area of Concentration Middle Grades and a Master of Arts in Adult and Higher Education in 2014. Burton is a staff member of Morehead State’s Camden-Carroll Library in the Learning Resource Center. As a library associate, he has worked with several individuals to help them obtain their GED diplomas.

“Everything ties back to education,” said Burton. “Life is a process of learning.”

Burton plans to continue volunteering for KET and hopes to one day become a member of the Executive Committee of the Friends Board.

For more information about the Camden-Carroll Library visit www.moreheadstate.edu/library or call 606-783-2200.

Photo: John Burton receiving the O. Leonard Press Award. From left: Shae Hopkins, KET executive director and CEO, John Burton and Julie Schmidt, KET senior director of external affairs.

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History project becomes display with National Park Service

At Morehead State learning extends well beyond the classroom, giving students the opportunity to collaborate with faculty in their chosen field. Dr. Adrian Mandzy, associate professor of history, just completed an ambitious project with the help of several MSU students. This work has become a permanent public display at the National Park Service in Virginia.

Over the last five years, 46 students from Morehead State University’s public history program have worked with Mandzy studying the Battle of the Crater in Petersburg, Virginia. Fought on July 30, 1864, the Battle of the Crater was one of the most important military engagements of the American Civil War. Mandzy started the project in 2014 and in the spring of the following year, six students worked with the National Parks Service and took part in a metal detecting survey of the battlefield to determine the condition of the cultural resources connected with the engagement and to see how far Union troops advanced during the battle.

In total, 776 artifacts were recovered during the week-long survey. Over the next three years under Mandzy’s supervision, public history students cleaned, measured, weighed and analyzed these artifacts at the Camden-Carroll Library. Their fieldwork determined that enough remains of the battlefield to create a National Register Nomination. However, to learn how far Union troops advanced, four students – Anthony Albrecht of Hebron, Nathaniel Baker of Pikeville, Christopher Linneman of Burlington and Daniel A. Meritt of Morehead – worked with Mandzy to build a physical 3D scale model of the topography of the battlefield. The location of each recovered Civil War artifact was then plotted on the model, allowing for identification of several areas of combat. This information, coupled with the existing historical documents, allowed for the recreation of the events of July 30, 1864, and provided an unparalleled understanding of the past.

Mandzy said having students become so heavily involved in a public history research project of this scale only benefits them in the long run.

“They’ve gotten a really good insight into the careers of public history and what all is involved in one of these projects,” he said. “It was a lot of work, but I think for the students, it was worth it.”

The results of this research were presented last year at the 10th Biennial Fields of Conflict Conference, an international conference devoted to battlefield archaeology, held at the Pequot Museum and Research Center in Mashantucket, Connecticut. The scholars and members of the National Park Service (NPS) who viewed the 3D model were extremely impressed and Julia Steele, director of the Petersburg Battlefield National Park, asked Mandzy donate the map to the park. The 3D model created by students from Morehead State University’s public history program will now become a part of America’s historical record.

“We got a little more information that nobody was able to get out there before,” Mandzy said. “I think we have a better understanding because of our research project of what happened there.”
For more information on MSU’s public history program, contact the Department of History, Philosophy, Politics, Global Studies and Legal Studies at 606-783-2655, email hpil@moreheadstate.edu or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/hpil.

**Photo:** MSU students Nathaniel Baker, Christopher Linneman, Anthony Albrecht, along with Dr. Adrian Mandzy, associate professor of history, presenting their public history project on The Battle of Crater at the 10th Biennial Fields of Conflict Conference.

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W.H. Rice Family Scholarship Endowment established

The Rice family has an extensive history with Morehead State University dating back to the 1930s when they first joined the Morehead community. Nearly a century later, those ties to the community still hold strong and to reinforce that relationship, Lucien Rice (56) has pledged $50,000 to establish the W.H. Rice Family Scholarship Endowment with the MSU Foundation Inc.

After moving to Rowan County in 1931, Lucien’s father and mother settled into the community and started their family. His mother, Virginia Rice, was a home economics teacher at the Breckinridge Training School and an associate professor at MSU, then known as Morehead State College. His father, W.H. “Honie” Rice, served as the superintendent for buildings and grounds for nearly 40 years, serving under six University presidents. W.H. Rice worked with many of the individuals whose namesakes are found on various campus buildings and, most notably, with MSU’s seventh president Dr. Adron Doran. Because of Rice’s service during MSU’s most dramatic years of construction and change, he was honored posthumously with the 2015 Founders Award for University Service. The Rice Service Building on MSU’s campus bears his name.

Growing up in Morehead, Lucien Rice attended the Breckinridge Training School and graduated in 1952. He continued his education at MSU, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in English. Following graduation, he began his 37-year-long career as a professional scouter with the Boy Scouts of America. His wife, Monta Carol Rice (61), also attended MSU, majored in music and later taught piano and voice for more than 30 years. She also worked in the public school system as a librarian and computer lab teacher. The two were married for 61 years until Carol’s passing in March of 2018.

Lucien has enjoyed many honors and achievements over the years. During his time with the Boy Scouts of America, he was named Outstanding Professional Scouter of 1964. He also served as the president of the Morehead State University Alumni Association Board of Directors from 1965 through 1969 and was inducted into the MSU Alumni Association’s Alumni Hall of Fame in 1970. In 2010, Lucien was presented the George T. Young Award for his service to the Breckinridge School Society, where he formerly served as chair of the Society’s Board of Governors. He still serves on the board.

Given the nature of the Rice family’s history with MSU, creating this endowment to support students was an easy decision for him. The scholarships provided by this endowment will be awarded to students with a history of dedication to community service, something the Rice family knows well.

“My wife and I have always been Morehead supporters,” said Lucien. “Getting a four-year college degree without any financial help is a hard thing to do, so we thought if we can help students get their education, then that’s what we should do.”
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: Lucien Rice presented a check to establish the W.H. Rice Scholarship Endowment. Pictured from left to right are Jim Shaw, MSU vice president for University Advancement; Mindy Highley, assistant vice president for alumni relations and development; Lucien Rice; Kenna Allen Gauche, alumni relations and development event coordinator; and MSU President Dr. Jay Morgan at the 10th Biennial Fields of Conflict Conference.

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The Citizens Bank Scholarship Endowment established

The Morehead State University Foundation has announced the establishment of The Citizens Bank Scholarship Endowment. This scholarship endowment was created as part of the Soar to New Heights Scholarship Campaign with a generous gift of $50,000.

Founded in 1928 in Morehead, Kentucky, The Citizens Bank has been an integral part of the Morehead community and has consistently made it a priority to support MSU through philanthropic efforts and a long-standing corporate partnership.

The scholarship will be available to freshman students pursuing a degree in business management with preference to those majoring in finance or marketing. Preference will also be given to incoming freshmen from Bath, Morgan or Rowan counties to assist local students in pursuing their degree.

“The University is such an important part of this community and to this region. Citizens Bank is honored to be a part of that,” said Ryan Neff, vice president of Citizens Bank. “We believe in the mission of Morehead State University.”

The Citizens Bank was recognized for their contribution at the MSU Eagles men’s basketball game where the Eagles defeated Eastern Kentucky University 78-72 on Feb. 14 at Johnson Arena.

“Hopefully the Citizens Bank Scholarship Endowment will ensure student success,” Neff said. “No matter where you come from, everyone deserves a chance to receive a college education and we want to help that happen at MSU.”

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: Jim Shaw (left), MSU vice president for University Advancement, and MSU President Jay Morgan (right) accepted a donation of $50,000 to establish The Citizens Bank Scholarship Endowment from Ryan Neff (center), vice president of The Citizens Bank.

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MSU graphic design program ranked best in the state

Morehead State University’s Department of Art and Design offers programs on the undergraduate and graduate levels that makes it one of the best places to receive a comprehensive art, design or art education degree. MSU’s graphic design program has been recognized as the best in the Commonwealth by a national publication.

Animation Career Review, an online resource for careers in animation, game design, graphic design and digital art, named MSU the Top Graphic Design School in Kentucky for 2019. A complete ranking list can be found at https://www.animationcareerreview.com/articles/top-graphic-design-school-programs-kentucky-2019-college-rankings.

For its fifth annual rankings of graphic design, Animation Career Review highlighted MSU’s interdisciplinary approach for its Bachelor of Arts in Art and Bachelor of Fine Arts degrees and the Master of Arts in Art with a Concentration in Graphic Design for allowing students to customize the program with a specific focus while preparing students to pursue post-graduate education, careers in graphic design or independent studio practice.

Dr. Jeanne Petsch, professor or art and the associate dean of the School of Creative Arts, said there are many reasons why MSU’s graphic design program students are well-prepared for career success, including access to state-of-the-art computer labs, opportunities for Adobe certification, being able to become members of the American Institute of Graphic Arts (AIGA) and having impactful instructors.

“The programs are supported by outstanding graphic design faculty who are talented designers that also care deeply about students and preparing them for post-graduation success in the design industry,” Petsch said.

For more information on MSU’s graphic design programs, contact the Department of Art and Design at 606-783-2766, email arde@moreheadstate.edu or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/art.

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Equestrian Teams compete in Midway

The Morehead State University Equestrian Team traveled to Midway University for their last regular season Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) horse show, Feb. 16-17. On Saturday, the team earned High Point Team honors, with freshman Jordyn Bagnall taking High Point Rider and senior Tori Winn tying for Reserve High Point Rider. On Sunday, the team placed 3rd overall.

Some high placings for the weekend include:

- Jordyn Bagnall, freshman from Burlington, first in Intermediate Fences, 3rd in Open Fences, 1st and 3rd in Intermediate Flat.
- Kira Danziger, junior from Mason, Ohio, first in novice fences, third in novice flat.
- Anya Deaton, Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics junior from Alexandria, second in novice flat.
- Lydia Deaton, Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics junior from Alexandria, second in novice flat.
- Hannah Eldridge, junior from Morehead, third in novice fences.
- Audrey Reed, freshman from Florence, first in walk-trot-canter.
- Tori Winn, senior from Finchville, first in open fences, first and second in open flat.

On Feb. 23, the whole team traveled to IHSA regionals. At regionals, the division qualifiers from regular season shows competed for two spots in each division to continue to hunt seat zones or western semifinals. Three students will be continuing in post-season competition. Tori Winn, a senior from Finchville, will be continuing to zones competition on April 6. Sydnee Barker, senior from Frankfurt, Ohio, and Rudy Pohlabeln, freshman from Edgewood, will be competing in semifinals on March 16.

The team finished fourth overall in the region for hunt seat, and fifth overall for western. We also had riders in the running for high point rider in both seats, with Winn placing fourth overall for hunt seat high point rider and Sydnee Barker fifth overall for western high point rider.

Hunt seat regional results:

- Tori Winn qualified for open flat and took champion in her division.
- Jordyn Bagnall qualified for Intermediate fences and placed seventh, as well as placing sixth in novice flat.
- Kira Danziger and Lexi Nelko, senior from Cranberry Township, Penn., qualified for novice fences and placed sixth and eighth, respectively, at regionals.
- Hannah Eldridge and Audrey Reed qualified for walk-trot-canter and Reed placed seventh.
Western regional complete results:

- Sydnee Barker qualified for open horsemanship and took reserve champion.
- Bry Pullins, senior from Piketown, Ohio, qualified for advanced horsemanship and placed fourth.
- Rudy Pohlabeln, Jordyn Bagnall, Emily Shepard, senior from Marysville, Ohio, and Audrey Reed all qualified for intermediate western horsemanship. Pohlabeln took reserve champion of this division, and Bagnall placed fourth.

For more information about MSU equestrian teams, email Equestrian Coach Devin Lintzenich at dslintzenich@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2662.

To learn about programs in MSU’s Department of Agricultural Sciences, call 606-783-2662, email agsi@moreheadstate.edu or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/agriculture.

Photo: MSU's equestrian teams won big at regional competitions in Midway. Front row, left to right: Equestrian Coach Devin Lintzenich, Adelaide Grindle, Audrey Reed, Jordyn Bagnall, Kira Danzinger, Taylor Wheaton, Lydia Deaton and Emily Shepard. Back row, left to right: Sydney Coker, Xandra Woodson, Lexi Nelko, Lara Schroer, Hannah Eldridge and Anya Deaton.

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Students, faculty and staff visit National Underground Railroad Freedom Center

One of the many benefits of the authentic Morehead State experience is the opportunity for students to broaden their experience through a variety of educational and cultural activities. As part of MSU’s celebration of Black History Month, 28 students, faculty and staff visited the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center on March 2 in Cincinnati.

The National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, located near the Ohio River that separated Southern slave states from Northern free states, is a museum and educational facility to help show stories of the Underground Railroad through permanent and special exhibits, public programming and educational resources.

Shannon Colvin, associate director of leadership programming and inclusion, said participation in the event was open to all students and it was an educational experience that broadened attendees’ cultural awareness.

“For some students, we know they probably would not have made that trip on their own and we also had some international students want to learn about the culture we are in, particularly American history,” Colvin said.

During the tour, the group learned the importance of the center’s location and explored unique exhibits that enlightened students on America’s history of slavery and the importance of the Underground Railroad.

“I just want them to understand the historical significance of that part of American history that they may not have been taught in their education prior to campus,” Colvin said. “It’s not just a piece of a history book. This is real people that it happened to and it makes it very real to them.”

For more information on the Office of Student Activities, call 606-783-2071, email sail@moreheadstate.edu or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/activities.

Photo: The Office of Student Activities hosted a group of students, faculty and staff on a trip to the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center.

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Spring Career Fair held March 5 at Morehead State

Employers and graduate programs from across the region were able to connect professionally with Morehead State University students and alumni when MSU held its annual Spring Career Fair on March 5.

With a total of 95 organizations attending, there was representation from a variety of industries. Approximately 325 students and alumni attended to network with employers and graduate programs in hopes of landing an interview for an internship, part-time or full-time position.

The career fair took place at the newly renovated and expanded Adron Doran University Center (ADUC). MSU’s Office of Career Services, which hosted the event, offered several services to enhance attendees experience. These included the Career Fair Plus app, which helped in navigating the event, and a station to get free professional headshots to be used on LinkedIn and other social media networks.

Megan Boone, interim director of the Office of Career Services, said the setting provided a perfect environment for Eagles to have positive career interactions.

“We were excited to host the career fair in the newly renovated Adron Doran University Center,” Boone said. “The career fair is an amazing opportunity for students and alumni to connect with organizations from a variety of disciplines about internships, jobs and graduate school admissions. I heard many good conversations occurring at the event.”

The next MSU career fair will be the Fall Career Fair, which will be held Tuesday, Oct. 1. MSU’s Office of Career Services also offers several additional workshops and events to give students more helpful tools, knowledge and opportunities.

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

Upcoming Events

- Education Career Fair, Tuesday, March 26, 3:30-6 p.m., Kroger Field, Lexington, Kentucky
- Etiquette Networking Dinner, Tuesday, April 23, 4:30-7 p.m., ADUC


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Chaffin Award presentation set for March 12

Appalachian writers have garnered greater attention and support while sharing their experiences with Morehead State students thanks to MSU’s Thomas and Lillie D. Chaffin Award for Appalachian Literature. MSU’s Department of English is pleased to announce the 2018 award recipient is author Michael McFee.

The awards presentation and reading are planned for Tuesday, March 12, from 5 to 6 p.m., at CoffeeTree Books in Morehead.

Michael McFee, a native of Asheville, North Carolina, is a professor of English at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and an author who has previously received several awards for his writing. These include the James Still Award for Writing About the South, the Thomas Wolfe Literary Award, a National Endowment for the Arts Award for Poetry and the 2018 North Carolina Award for Literature, the state’s highest civilian honor. He has published 16 books, 11 volumes of poetry and two essay collections. His latest novel, 2017’s “We Were Once Here,” showcases McFee continuing to write inventive appreciations of often-overlooked subjects, particularly the people and language of his native Appalachia.

Awarded by MSU’s Department of English, the Thomas and Lillie D. Chaffin Award for Appalachian Writing was established in 1994 and has been awarded annually since 1996. It provides students the opportunity to interact with a published writer from the region. The award, which includes a cash prize of $1,000, recognizes outstanding Appalachian writers in all genres. During the award ceremony, writers read from their work and will often present a craft talk, teach a workshop or speak about writing as an Appalachian.

MSU associate professor of English and previous Chaffin Award recipient Chris Holbrook (1996) said this award shines a welcome spotlight on the authors who call Appalachia home.

“The Thomas and Lillie D. Chaffin Award celebrates excellence in contemporary Appalachian writing by recognizing the accomplishments of some of the best fiction writers, poets and essayists the region has to offer,” he said.

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

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MSU Alum Receives TRIO Achiever Award

Morehead State Upward Bound Math and Science and Student Support Services alumnus, Toby Ann Smith Hale (07) of Huntsville, Alabama, was recognized as a TRIO Achiever at the Southeastern Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel Conference (SAEOPP) on last month.

“It is an honor for Toby, her family and Morehead State University for her to receive this prestigious honor that is given to TRIO alumni who have gone on to outstanding achievements in their chosen careers,” said Dan Connell, assistant vice president for Regional Education and Outreach.

Smith Hale participated in both Upward Bound Math and Science (UBMS) and Student Support Services (SSS) at MSU. She also served as a tutor with SSS and as a resident advisor with UBMS. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Morehead State in 2007 with a double major in physics and mathematics. In 2008, Smith Hale earned a Master of Science degree in aerospace engineering at Georgia Tech.

“Toby is one of those students who you will always remember because of the significant impact that she made on the SSS program. She is smart, witty, kind, helpful and determined. I knew she would be successful in whatever she set out to do because of her dedication and love of learning. The SSS staff is so proud of Toby for receiving this award and she will always be our Outstanding TRIO Achiever,” said Shellie Hallock, director of Student Support Services.

Smith Hale is currently employed as the principal data scientist at Science Applications International Corporation in Huntsville. She is currently working on a project for the United States Air Force and credits a trip to space camp in Huntsville while participating in UBMS as her inspiration to enroll in and complete her education in aerospace engineering.

“It is always an honor to have our students recognized for their hard work and dedication, and to share in their successes. We are lucky to have five TRIO programs on this campus that assist disadvantaged students in their pursuit of education,” said Amanda Lewis, director of the Upward Bound Programs.

The Federal TRIO Programs are federal outreach and student services programs designed to identify and provide services for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds. MSU hosts five TRIO programs targeted to serve and assist low-income individuals, first-generation college students and individuals with disabilities to progress through the academic pipeline from middle school to post-baccalaureate programs.

For more information on Commonwealth Educational Opportunity Centers, Educational Talent Search, Student Support Services, Upward Bound, and Upward Bound Math and Science, call 606-783-2614, or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/trio.

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MSU’s 2019 Spring Gala will be 'An Evening in Madrid'

Over the years, Morehead State University’s Annual Spring Gala has become the University’s most glamorous night and one of its biggest fundraisers for student success. This year, MSU faculty, staff, students and friends of the University will be treated to a night of entertainment inspired by one of Europe’s most elegant cities.

The 2019 Spring Gala “An Evening in Madrid” will take place at 6 p.m. on Saturday, April 27, at the newly renovated Adron Doran University Center. Guests will enjoy a reception featuring hors d’oeuvres, wine, cocktails and a silent auction. This will be followed by dinner and a show featuring music from around the world courtesy of the talents of the faculty, staff and students from MSU’s Department of Music, Theatre and Dance. After the show concludes, guests will be able to enjoy dessert and dancing to close out the gala festivities.

The proceeds from this event, which raises approximately $100,000 annually, provide educational opportunities for MSU students. The registration deadline for the 2019 Spring Gala is Friday, April 19.

Tickets for the MSU Spring Gala are on sale now. To purchase tickets online, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/gala.

Additional information is available by calling the Office of Alumni Relations and Development at 606-783-2033 or 1-877-783-ALUM(2586).
Girls STEM club visits Craft Academy and Space Science Center


The girls toured the Space Science Center, participated in an electronic workshop and learned about the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics, the SpaceTrek summer camp program other STEM opportunities at MSU.

For more information about the Craft Academy, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/craft-academy, email craftacademy@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2093.
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MSU instructor’s documentary to air on KET

Steve Middleton, instructor of mass communication at Morehead State, will have his documentary “The Show Starts After Dark” air on Kentucky Educational Television (KET) this summer. The documentary explores the last seven drive-in theaters in Kentucky and the people who operate them.

This is Middleton’s eighth documentary to air on KET and 12th documentary overall. Currently, he has five active documentaries airing on the Kentucky channel.

Middleton said, “When I produce documentaries, I want to find people I was around as a kid, people that are good storytellers and interesting. I like to tell somebody’s story, especially someone we may not think about or know.”

Middleton was assisted by convergent media students Gabe Osborne (18) of Glencoe and Clay Smith, a senior from Hagerhill. Dr. John Madoff, MSU professor of speech, provided some of the music as well as recorded Middleton’s narration at his studio. Additional music was recorded by David Austin Tackett (18), a traditional music major from Flemingsburg.

“One of the amazing things about [the convergent media] major is that we are a major in the arts, but you also learn a trade,” said Middleton. “It’s real. It’s tangible. So, it’s great for students to get outside of the classroom and get that experience.”

Middleton received his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from MSU. He joined the faculty at MSU in 2008.

Additional information on the Department of Communication, Media and Languages is available by calling 606-783-2134, emailing cml@moreheadstate.edu or visiting www.moreheadstate.edu/cml.

For more information about this documentary, contact Middleton at 606-783-9583 or email s.middleton@moreheadstate.edu.

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MSU offices modify hours for Spring Break

Several offices and departments at Morehead State University will modify their hours for Spring Break, March 18-22.

There will be no classes that week, but administrative offices will be open. The Office of Enrollment Services and the University Post Office will operate under normal business hours for the week. The University Store will be closed Saturday, March 16, and Friday and Saturday, March 22 and 23, but will otherwise be open during normal business hours.

The Camden-Carroll Library will be open Monday through Friday but will be closed during the weekends of March 16-17 and March 22-23.

The Recreation and Wellness Center will be open as follows:

- Saturday, March 16, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; natatorium 10 a.m. to noon.
- Sunday March 17, 4-8 p.m.; natatorium 4-6 p.m.
- Monday, March 18 through Friday, March 22, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.; natatorium 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Saturday, March 23, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; natatorium 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Sunday, March 24, 2-10 p.m.; natatorium 4-8 p.m.

The following fitness classes will be offered during Spring Break:

- Monday, March 18, Strong by Zumba with Farrah, noon-1 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 19, Yogafit with Gaylena, noon-1 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 20, Cycling with Gary in room 211, noon-1 p.m.
- Thursday, March 21, Zumba fitness with Michelle, noon-1 p.m.

Dining Services at the Adron Doran University Center will be closed Saturday, March 16, through Saturday, March 23, except for Starbucks, which will be open daily from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Normal hours will resume Sunday, March 24, and the Prefontaine Pub, which will be open that day from 4-10 p.m.

The Rocky Adkins Dining Complex will be closed Saturday, March 17 through Saturday, March 23. On Sunday, March 24, brunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., dinner will be served from 4 to 9 p.m. and late-night hours will be from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The University Police Department will be on duty 24-7 for the duration of Spring Break. For non-emergency issues, call 606-783-2035.

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Russell High School students visit Eagle Scholars program

Students from Russell High School visited Morehead State University’s Eagle Scholars program, Friday, March 15.

More than 60 high schools and area technology centers offered MSU Eagle Scholars classes last fall with nearly 3,000 high school students participating in the program.

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

Qualifying students are given the opportunity to prepare for the future while attending high school. In the program, students may enroll in a course taught in their high school and receive college credit for successful completion. The program allows qualified high school faculty, who meet accreditation standards, to teach the University courses.

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

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MSU Retirees Association plans spring trips

Morehead State University Retirees Association members will take a walk on the wild side on Thursday, March 21, with a tour of the Salato Wildlife Center in Frankfort. Preceding the tour will be a Dutch treat lunch at the Heirloom Restaurant in Midway at 11 a.m.

Transportation will leave from Burke’s parking lot (Kroger Center, Morehead) at 9:30 a.m. and advance reservations are required by Wednesday, March 20. Reservations may be made by calling 606-783-2033 or emailing events@moreheadstate.edu.

All retired employees, whether staff or faculty, are considered retirees association members.

Other upcoming events include:

- April 7: Keeneland outing
- April 27: Spring Gala
- May 14: Retiree spring brunch and business meeting

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MSU's Rowland elected president of SAEOPP

Morehead State's mission has always been to provide students in Eastern Kentucky an affordable, quality education. Tom Rowland, director of MSU's Commonwealth Educational Opportunity Center, has helped to serve this mission for years in his career and was recently given the opportunity to serve even more students when he was elected to be the newest president of the Southeastern Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel (SAEOPP).

"Morehead State is proud of the recognition that Tom received from his colleagues throughout the eight southeastern states by being elected president," said Dan Connell, assistant vice president for MSU Regional Education and Outreach. Rowland is the third president of SAEOPP from Morehead State University. Dr. Wanda Bigham (1983-85) and Dr. Dan Connell (1995-97) served previously as SAEOPP presidents.

Rowland has served for 14 years in his current position with MSU's Commonwealth Educational Opportunity Center, which is dedicated to increasing the educational attainment level and college attendance rate of adults in our 36-county Eastern Kentucky target area. Prior to being elected as SAEOPP's 21st president this past February, Rowland served as both vice president and treasurer. He is also the past president of the Kentucky Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel (KAEOPP) and a member of the board of directors of the Council for Opportunity in Education, where he is co-chair of the International Access Committee.

Rowland said in his two-year term, he wants to establish a foundation for SAEOPP to expand opportunities or scholarships and other awards. He said the organization is also in the initial stages of creating a rewards-based program for members. But more than anything, Rowland wants to advance what he feels like is the notable and rewarding mission of the organization he now leads.

"Serving low-income, first-generation people, a lot of them don't have the necessary knowledge to navigate to college and through college," he said. "It was always gratifying when you met someone on campus that was about to graduate and how thankful they were for the help. You're not only changing that person's life - you're changing the trajectory of that person's whole family's life for generations to come."

SAEOPP is a nonprofit organization of eight states (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, South Carolina, North Carolina and Tennessee) whose members are involved in equal educational opportunity while advancing the ideals of student access, persistence and completion of postsecondary education. SAEOPP is dedicated to supporting college access and success professionals (TRiO), which offers professional development, education and activism for students who are low-income, first-generation or those with disabilities.

For more information on MSU's Commonwealth Educational Opportunity Center, call 606-783-2063, email ceoc@moreheadstate.edu or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/ceoc.

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MSU original theatrical production ‘The Snipe Hunter’s Circus’ debuts this month

Morehead State University’s theatrical productions regularly showcase the talents of MSU students, whether they are performing on stage or working behind the scenes. For MSU’s next theatrical production, students played an even greater role in the creative process.

MSU’s School of Creative Arts will present an original production, “The Snipe Hunter’s Circus,” from Friday, March 28, through Sunday, March 30, at the Lucille Caudill Little Theatre. Show time for each show is at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $7.

“The Snipe Hunter’s Circus” is an original play from Will Murphy, a senior theatre major minoring in both creative writing and philosophy from Alexandria. Through a series of more than a dozen vignettes featuring a variety of circus-style performances, it tells the story of a group of clowns who are on a fruitless mission hunting for the illusive fictional creatures known as snipes.

Murphy said he was inspired by a combination of both his love of the circus and the frustration of being sent on snipe hunts by his older brother when he was a child. While the play is entertaining on a surface level, Murphy said it manages to have a deeper meaning.

“A lot of things we do (in life) are snake hunts and we can try to find the thing we’re looking for but we’re not going to,” he said. “It’s about the moment more than it’s about the goals.”

Tasked with bringing Murphy’s play to life is costume shop supervisor and first-time director Becky Scott. She said it is a rare thing for MSU Theatre to produce a full-length play written by a student, but the caliber of Murphy’s writing made a convincing case to include it in the theatrical season.

“We read it and thought it was good enough quality and, of course, we want to encourage our students to do their work and continue with their interests specifically,” Scott said.

As a former costume supervisor for Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey (RBBB) Circus and the RBBB Clown College, Scott finds herself in familiar territory. The production, which takes place in the round, will feature a mix of experienced students and first-time MSU performers showcasing a story where the circus setting and performance elements are over-the-top but where the clowns are given a bit of humanity and relatability.

“I am really excited about it because everyone is really talented and they have risen to the occasion and they are definitely taking the work as seriously as if it was a well-known playwright or a classical piece,” Murphy said. “I’m really excited to see it come together.”

To learn more about MSU’s Department of Music, Theatre and Dance, call 606-783-2473, email mtd@moreheadstate.edu or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/theatre.
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Students show cattle at KFB Expo

Students from Morehead State's Department of Agricultural Sciences got some real-world livestock experience recently at the Kentucky Farm Bureau Beef Expo Cattle Show, held in Louisville earlier this month.

Joe Fraley, manager of the MSU farm who helps select students to show cattle, said many people don’t realize how much work goes into showing cattle, and he’s proud of the students who competed.

“The students worked out a daily schedule for daily care such as feeding, cleaning out stalls, and keeping records for weight gained and mixing customized diets for each animal. The students put in many long nights and weekends prepping the cattle to make sure the team was as prepared for competition as we could be,” Fraley said.

“In the end, the results for our livestock were as good as we could have hoped them to be with each of our customers being happy with their new purchases and the team taking home a Grand Champion banner.” Fraley added work has already begun for next year’s expo and cattle sales season.

One of MSU’s bulls won its age division, and two spring-bred heifers also won grand champion. A total of eight students showed cattle at the expo. They were:

- Cody Clyburn, senior, Washington Court House, Ohio.
- Zach Ault, a senior from Washington Court House, Ohio.
- Chelsea Shell, senior, Midland, Ohio.
- Johnna Scott, senior, Winchester.
- Shannon Carey, junior, Independence.
- Randi Hensley, junior, Alexandria.
- Chase Dreyer, sophomore, Holland, Michigan.

MSU owns approximately 100 head of registered Black Angus cattle.

“Next year’s show cattle and Beef Expo consignments are now being considered, even at just a few months of age. 2019 was successful for our agriculture department, and we look forward to what the summer has in store for the Derrickson Agriculture Complex,” he said.

For more information about programs in MSU’s Department of Agricultural Sciences, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/agriculture, email agsi@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2662.

PHOTO CAPTION: Front row, left to right: Chelsea Shell, Loralie Harrelson, Randi Hensley, Shannon Carey, Johnna Scott and Dr. Patricia Harrelson. Back row, left to right: Dr. Flint Harrelson, Joe Fraley, Chase Dreyer, Zach Ault, and Cody Clyburn. Not pictured is Luke Trapp.

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Students from across Eastern Kentucky attend High School Art Day at MSU

Morehead State’s Department of Art and Design is well-known throughout the Commonwealth for its academic excellence as well as the success of its students. Students from more than a dozen high schools in Eastern Kentucky had the opportunity to see what MSU has to offer on Wednesday, March 13, when they attended High School Art Day.

The annual event is held in conjunction with the Kentucky Arts Education Association’s Burley-Coal Region High School Exhibition and Competition. Students showing artwork in the exhibition received ribbons for first, second, third and honorable mention in 13 different categories. First-place winners are qualified for the all-state competition. A total of 23 schools participated in the event, which included the juried exhibit, art demonstrations, a newspaper sculpture contest and more.

Best-of-show winners were:

- 2D: Anthony Spence, Sheldon Clark High School.
- 3D: Austin Ratliff, Lawrence County High School.

First place winners were:

- Ceramics: Sequora Kolios, Perry County High School.
- Digital Media: Kaylee Fusher, Greenup County High School.
- Drawing: Payton Scott, Paul Blazer High School.
- Fashion Design: Emma Rice, Paul Blazer High School.
- Fiber Arts and Textile Design: Payton Waskey, Russell High School.
- Graphic Design: Kastin Hoffmann, Paul Blazer High School.
- Mixed Media: Meredith Carpenter, Mason County High School.
- Painting: Kali Leadingham, Russell High School.
- Photography: Abigail Wood, Mason County High School.
- Printmaking: Travis Nelson, Mason County High School.
- Sculpture: Kiersten Dotson, Belfrey High School.
- Video/Film: Heidi Litteral, Raceland Worthington High School.

Not only does the competition give students a chance to showcase their talents, it also gives them the opportunity to interact with faculty from MSU’s Department of Art and Design and learn more about programs offered at the University. In addition, the exhibit gives students an opportunity that simply isn’t available in much of the region.

"It gives them a professional experience displaying work, allows their peers to see their work, gives them confidence in what they do and sharing it with others, and they can potentially move forward to compete at the state level with other regional HS students,” said Lisa Mesa-Gaido, MSU professor of art. She added High School Art Day gives participants a glimpse of what MSU has to offer.

“Our programs offer so many opportunities for our students, for example, on and off campus exhibits (with possible award recognition as well), publishing in Inscape, field trips, community forming activities, conference travel, sales events and experience,
multiple club opportunities and internship/practicum connections.”

“Students in Eastern Kentucky don’t have access to many art galleries, so this gives the students an opportunity to have their work displayed in a professional, gallery setting,” said Sandra Coleman, high school art teacher at Paintsville High School.

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

High school art teachers who would like to participate in next year’s show can contact Sherri Ward, academic department specialist for the Department of Art and Design, at s.ward@moreheadstate.edu or by calling 606-783-2766.

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MSU veterinary science program boasts 100 percent vet school acceptance rate

Morehead State’s veterinary science program is preparing students for future success, with 100 percent of students who applied to veterinary schools being accepted this semester.

Students accepted to the Auburn University School of Veterinary Medicine were:

- Ben Cornett, Whitesburg.
- Kendra Lynch, Pikeville.
- Mercedes Jordan, Olive Hill.
- Rachel Bixler, Lexington.
- Kaitlyn Spalding, Lebanon.

Students accepted to the Lincoln Memorial University School of Veterinary Medicine were:

- Alexis Scarlett, Pikeville.
- Dannah Diedrick, Beaver, Ohio.

“Students in our vet science program take a heavy load of biology, chemistry, animal science and physics,” said Dr. Philip Prater, professor of veterinary technology. “The instructors in these programs provide challenging classroom interaction and our students are very well prepared for the rigor of a professional veterinary school program.”

Prater said only 15 to 20 percent of pre-vet students meet the requirements to go on to veterinary school and he’s proud of the hard work these students have put in.

“I cannot put into words how proud I am of all of our veterinary college students that have graduated from MSU. I understand the road that they have taken because I walked that same road four decades ago and I completely understand what sacrifices they have made to achieve this goal,” Prater said. “To have a year where we had eight students apply and all eight were accepted is a testament to the sheer will power of these students. I am honored and humbled to be a small part of their training and thank all my colleagues in the MSU community for their outstanding level of instruction they provide for our vet science students.”
Prater added the past two years have seen a high rate of veterinary school acceptance from MSU. Last year, 18 students applied to veterinary schools and 16 were accepted.

To learn more about MSU’s veterinary science program, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/study/vet_science.

For more information on programs in MSU’s Department of Agriculture, call 606-783-2662, email agsi@moreheadstate.edu or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/agriculture.

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MSUPD adds officer

Morehead State is consistently ranked as one of the safest college campuses in Kentucky. The Morehead State University Police Department (MSUPD) has welcomed one of their own back to the force.

Officer David James has returned to the department after retiring from the Kentucky State Police (KSP.) He has more than 24 years of experience in law enforcement, including the KSP, Morehead Police Department and 11 years as a sergeant and lieutenant with the MSUPD.

For more information about the MSU PD, visit http://www.moreheadstate.edu/police or call 606-783-2035.

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MSU Opera presents ‘Sun, Moon, and Stars’ at the Star Theater

Morehead State University’s Space Science Center is usually where students study the cosmos, but it will soon play host to a shining showcase of student vocal performers.

MSU Opera will present “Sun, Moon, and Stars” at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 3, at the Star Theater in the Space Science Center. The event is free and open to the public and seating is limited.

The event is a collaboration between MSU Opera and Space Science Center. The musical and vocal talent will be accompanied by a laser show presented by Star Theater student artists. All music is centered on celestial themes and includes a variety of musical styles. Featured selections include solos and small ensembles from several operas, popular musical theatre selections and pieces from notable classical composers. The show will also include the world premiere of “Stardust,” a song composed by Tristan Hinkle, an MSU senior from Barbourville.

William Murphy serves as pianist and guest soloists are baritone Dr. Eric Brown, assistant professor of music and soprano Amanda Balltrip, a professional singer and former student of director of MSU Opera Dr. Roma Prindle. MSU Space Science Center students working the program are Savanna Booten, senior from Huntington, West Virginia; Alanna Cavins, junior from Morehead; and Sarah Norris, graduate student from Morehead.

Student performers appearing in “Sun, Moon, and Stars” include:

- Micaiah Bishop – freshman, Mt. Sterling
- Ryan Blevins – graduate student, Chilhowie, Virginia
- Noah Bruce – sophomore, Louisville
- Aarika Castle – sophomore, Taylorsville
- Kendyll Clark – freshman, Paris
- Sarah Hamilton – freshman, Pikeville
- Bailey Hobbs – sophomore, Shepherdsville
- Kyrsten Humphrey – sophomore, Louisville
- Brooklyn Ison – sophomore, Lexington
- Everett Quiggins – freshman, Louisville
- Bugs Reinhardt – senior, Portsmouth, Ohio
- Jacob Thacker – senior, Shelbiana
- Jasmine Wheeler – graduate student, Morehead
To learn more about MSU Opera, contact Dr. Roma Prindle, director of MSU Opera, at 606-783-2481 or r.prindle@moreheadstate.edu.

For more information on the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance, contact 606-783-2473, email mtd@moreheadstate.edu or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/mtd.

Find out more about the Star Theater’s entertainment offerings and educational opportunities by calling 606-783-9306, emailing star.theater@moreheadstate.edu or visiting www.moreheadstate.edu/startheater.

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Craft Academy students compete in robotics competition

The Craft Robotics Team of the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics at Morehead State University recently traveled to Huntsville, Alabama to participate in the Rocket City Regional robotics competition, hosted at the Von Braun Center.

First Robotics competitions pit teams and their robots against each other in a fun and competitive game. The game changes every year, adding new levels of complexity and elements of surprise that challenge students.

The Rocket City Regional competition was the first event the Craft Academy team has attended. Craft Robotics coaches, Dr. Jorge Ortega-Moody and Jason Stepp of the Department of Engineering and Technology Management, accompanied Craft Academy students on the trip. Students who participated in the competition were:

- Chase Ballard, senior, Crittenden.
- Cole Bell, junior, Monticello.
- Clay Berryman, senior, Winchester.
- Cole Danzer, senior, Crittenden.
- Emma Humphress, senior, Lebanon.
- Lottie Maynard, senior, Dana.
- William McIntosh, senior, Jackson.
- Sara Olmsted, senior, Richmond.
- Michael White, senior, Quincy.
- Sydney Winters, junior, Cattletsburg.
- Jake Williams, senior, Union.

Fifty-five teams from 12 states, including six teams from Kentucky, and one team from Brazil attended the Rocket City Regional competition. The qualifying round of competition began on Friday, March 15, and continued Saturday, March 16, with each team competing in 10 qualifying matches. Each match consists of two three-team alliances competing against each other with the winning alliance gaining ranking points. The Craft Robotics Team was on the victorious alliance in three of their ten qualification matches. The Craft Robotics Team finished 45th in their first competitive experience.

The First Robotics Competition gives high school students and their adult mentors the opportunity to work and create together to solve a common problem. Challenged to design and build a robot using a standard kit of parts and within a common set of rules to play a sophisticated field game, all in just six weeks brings out the best in students and adults alike. The robot “game” changes every season and can be quite exciting.
“This was a great learning opportunity for the Craft Robotics team, as they were able to compete with and against teams with years of experience in First Robotics events,” said Jason Stepp, laboratory and facilities manager for the Department of Engineering and Technology Management who serves as an assistant coach. “The experience gained will be valuable for the team as they prepare for their next competition.”

For more information on the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics at Morehead State University, visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/craft-academy](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/craft-academy), email [craftacademy@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:craftacademy@moreheadstate.edu) or call 606-783-2093.

**Photo caption:**
Group photo: The Craft Academy Robotics Team.

Pictured in the front row, left to right: Lottie Maynard and Chase Ballard.

Back row, left to right: Dr. Jorge Ortega-Moody, Jason Stepp, Clay Berryman, Sydney Winters, Michael White, Will McIntosh, Emma Humphress, David Cole Bell, Jake Williams, Sara Olmsted, Caleb Klenda (University of Louisville student) and Cole Danzer.

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MSPR holds annual spring fund drive

Morehead State Public Radio (MSPR), 90.3 FM, WMKY, will hold its annual spring fund drive the week of Saturday, March 30 through Friday, April 5.

“This is our annual spring fundraiser and membership drive when we directly seek financial support from our listeners,” said Paul Hitchcock, MSPR general manager. “We’ll be asking MSPR listeners to step-forward with a financial gift to support our programming and student work studies.”

The station serves more than 20 counties throughout Eastern Kentucky with regional news and cultural programming from the campus of Morehead State University. Programming is locally-hosted and produced and MSPR’s website provides regional news, live web stream, archived audio and community events.

“The money we raise helps us maintain our grant funding through the Corporation for Public Broadcasting,” added Hitchcock. “Our ability to raise local funds helps us meet criteria for grants to purchase national programming, such as Morning Edition, The World and All Things Considered.”

An emphasis on local, regional and state news continues to be a key aspect of MSPR’s programming, with more than two hours of local news each weekday including Mountain Edition, a half-hour roundup of the day’s news.

MSPR not only provides the community with local news and entertainment programming, it also provides professional opportunities to students. It was recently announced that MSPR has earned 13 nominations for Kentucky Associated Press awards in the college and professional divisions. Winners will be announced at an awards banquet on Saturday, April 13.

Businesses or individuals wishing to offer a Challenge Pledge for the fundraiser should contact Paul Hitchcock at 606-783-2334 or e-mail at p.hitchc@moreheadstate.edu

For more information or to make a pledge, visit www.wmky.org or call 606-783-2001.

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NEWS RELEASE

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MSU mourns the passing of Jeff Lykins

Morehead State mourns the loss of employee Jeff Lykins, who passed away Saturday, March 23, at St. Claire HealthCare in Morehead.

Lykins, 48, was a vending technician at MSU where he’s worked since 2011. He was a 1988 graduate of Rowan County Senior High School and served as a deacon at Slaty Point Baptist Church. He is survived by his parents, Larry Lykins (and stepmother Myra) of Blairs Mill and Mary Holbrook Howard (and stepfather John) of Morehead; his wife, Hope Howard Lykins; one daughter, Hayle Marie Lykins; two brothers, Chad (Beth) Carpenter of Florence and Trevor Lykins of Huntington Beach, California; one sister, Robin (Terry) Robbins of Blairs Mill; mother- and father-in-law, Doug and Zourdah Howard of Morehead, and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 27, at Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals Memorial Chapel with Pastor Rusty Hedrick officiating. Burial will follow at Slaty Point Cemetery. Visitation is Tuesday, March 26, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals, 400 Fraley Drive, Morehead.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Slaty Point Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 863, Morehead, KY 40351.

For more information, visit the Northcutt & Sons website.

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Regents to meet March 28

The Morehead State University Board of Regents will meet Thursday, March 28, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 329 of the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC).

At the meeting, the board will vote for chair, vice chair and secretary positions and will appoint a treasurer. Currently, Kathy Walker serves as chair, Wayne Martin is vice chair, Sharon Reynolds is secretary and Teresa Lindgren is treasurer. Officers of the board are elected to a one-year term.

In addition, the board will:

- Approve faculty phased retirements and sabbatical leaves.
- Approve personnel policy PAC-27 Tenure and Reappointment Review.
- Approve tuition, mandatory fees and student housing rental rates for the 2019-20 academic year.
- Approve coaching contracts for Head Women’s Golf Coach Stephanie Baker and Head Women’s Volleyball Coach Jaime Gordon.
- Approve the naming of a space inside the Adron Doran University Center.
- Ratify the Staff Congress and Student Government Association constitutions.
- Ratify the 2020-2026 capital plan.

The next Board of Regents meeting will be Thursday, June 6.

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

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MSU’s Graduate School holds online open house this week

Morehead State’s Graduate School has consistently offered quality, flexible and affordable programs for students to advance their education, earn additional credentials and expand their career opportunities. The Graduate School is offering an online open house for prospective students this spring.

The Graduate School Online Open House takes place from 2 to 5 p.m. Thursday, March 28. The event will provide information for students interested in graduate programs and MSU’s Early Graduate School program. Graduate school advisors will be online to provide information about graduate degree and certification options, admission, application process and deadlines.

“The Graduate School Online Open House is an opportunity to discuss career goals and employment progressions,” said Dr. Susan Maxey, director of graduate programs. “The online modality allows potential students to make contact at a time that is convenient for them.”

The $30 application fee will be waived for participants.

To sign in, visit https://samba.live/live/ww/openhouse.

For more information about MSU’s Graduate School, call 606-783-2039, email graduate@moreheadstate.edu or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/gradschool.

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SGA hosts Iron Eagle Challenge

The Iron Eagle Challenge, sponsored by the Student Government Association (SGA) of Morehead State University, is a community service event that challenges the student body to complete 24 hours of consecutive service. The event is scheduled to begin on March 29 at 9 a.m. and run until 9 a.m. of the following day.

Andrew Sexton, SGA vice president of campus involvement, said, “The ultimate goal of this event is to have individuals that volunteer and participate fall in love with service so that they can exercise the lifestyle in their future and lead others into doing community service as well.”

The event is split up into three, eight-hour portions. During the first eight hours, volunteers will be out in the community completing projects at several local non-profits. The locations will include Frontier Housing, Life Care Center of Morehead and the Morehead-Rowan County Community Recycling Center.

The second and third portions of the event will take place in Button Drill Room starting at 6 p.m. on March 29. During the last 16 hours, students will complete projects that benefit individuals outside of the local community. These projects will include writing letters to military-service men and women and making tie blankets for the Lexington Children's Hospital.

Students that contribute 18 hours of service will receive a medal, recognition at SGA’s Student Choice Awards on April 24 and induction into the Order of the Iron Eagle. Those that contribute 24 hours get the same accolades and induction into the Order of the Golden Eagle.

Students can register to volunteer by contacting Andrew Sexton at atsexton@moreheadstate.edu. Alternatively, students can stop by the SGA booth in the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the week of March 25 and register.

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

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Sounds of Our Heritage Concert set for March 27

The Kentucky Center for Traditional Music (KCTM) will host its Sounds of Our Heritage concert on Wednesday, March 27, at 7 p.m. at the Rowan County Arts Center.

The event will feature performances by KCTM students and will feature bluegrass, old time, country, western swing, blues, gospel and ballads.

Raymond McLain, KCTM director, said the Sounds of Our Heritage concerts are held several times a year to not only let KCTM students gain experience performing in public, but to also highlight the skills of talented musicians.

“Everyone should come because they will hear Morehead State University Traditional Music Students at their best,” McLain said. “Some of the students who will be performing have represented Morehead State and mountain music and culture regionally and internationally at concerts, festivals and have been broadcast on television and radio.”

The event is free and open to the public.

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

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MSU’s Ed.D. program garners national ranking

Morehead State University was founded more than 130 years ago as an institution with the goal of preparing educators and has since garnered an esteemed reputation for its education programs. Now, one of its post-graduate programs continues to reinforce that reputation.

OnlineCollegePlan.com, a website created to assist students and parents with exploring and planning for online college education, recently ranked MSU’s online Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) as one of the Top 30 Online Ph.D. Programs in Curriculum and Instruction. The program ranked 19th in a list of universities across the country and was the only university from the state of Kentucky that made the list.

The MSU Ed.D. program was first created in 2010 and includes three specialization areas: Adult and Higher Education Leadership; P-12 Administrative Leadership; and Educational Technology Leadership. The doctorate is designed to provide advanced training for P-16 and technology leaders on the job while improving educational attainment of residents in Eastern Kentucky.

Dr. John Curry, associate professor of education and Ed.D. program coordinator, said MSU “found a niche that wasn’t being filled in academia” by creating one of the first practitioner-based programs to enhance the skill sets and abilities of those ranging from kindergarten instructors to administrative officials in the hopes of positively impacting education on all levels.

“We try to help them be better equipped within their sphere of influence and we see that happening,” Curry said. “Our graduates are out there having a positive influence.”

For more information on the Ed.D. program, contact Foundational and Graduate Studies in Education at 606-783-2261, email fgse@moreheadstate.edu or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/study/edd.
Film screening and panel to examine the image of hillbillies in media and culture

Morehead State was founded as a “light to the mountains” and has historically educated people in Eastern Kentucky. An event this spring will examine how others look at the people of Eastern Kentucky, often described as “hillbillies.”

On Tuesday, April 9, MSU will host a screening of two films: “Stranger with a Camera” and “hillbilly” in the Adron Doran University Center Theater. A panel discussion will examine the image of the hillbilly in media and culture historically and currently. The event begins at 4 p.m. with music from the Kentucky Center for Traditional Music’s Traditional Music Ensemble.

“Stranger with a Camera” will show at 4:30 p.m., followed by the panel discussion at 5:30 p.m. “hillbilly” will show at 6:30 p.m. and will be followed by a question-and-answer session.

The panel discussion includes Dr. Thomas Kiffmeyer, MSU associate professor of history; Dr. Sue Tallichet, MSU professor of sociology; and Ashley York, co-director of “hillbilly” and lecturer at the University of Southern California School of Cinematic Arts. Steve Middleton, instructor of mass communication and documentary filmmaker, will serve as moderator for the panel and emcee for the event.

Dr. Thomas Kiffmeyer is an Appalachian historian and author of “Reformers to Radicals: The Appalachian Volunteers and the War on Poverty.” His research interests include social movements and popular culture, Kentucky and Appalachian history and the War on Poverty. He is a graduate of Miami University-Oxford (Ohio), Eastern Kentucky University and holds a Ph.D. from the University of Kentucky.

Dr. Suzanne Tallichet is a sociologist and author of “Daughters of the Mountain: Women Coal Miners in Appalachia.” Her research interests include rural sociology, gender inequality and animals in society. She has a Ph.D. from Pennsylvania State University.

Ashley York is a Kentucky-born mediamaker and film producer. She has worked on Academy Award® nominated teams and as a director and producer on projects that have premiered at the Sundance, Berlin, Los Angeles, and SXSW film festivals as well as on Netflix, HBO, Oprah Winfrey's Network, A&E, National Geographic, and the Sundance Channel. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism from the University of Kentucky and a Master of Fine Arts from the University of Southern California's School of Cinematic Arts' Interactive Media Division. She is the co-director, writer, and producer of “hillbilly.”

“Stranger with a Camera” is a documentary film that examines the shooting of Canadian filmmaker Hugh O’Connor who came to the region to document conditions of poverty. He was shot by Kentuckian Hobart Ison
in 1967 when tensions between the media and community reached a fever pitch. The film is directed by Elizabeth Barret and produced by Appalshop. Visit www.appalshop.org for more information.

“hillbilly” is a documentary film that features bell hooks, Ronny Cox and Billy Redden from “Deliverance,” director Michael Apted, activists and writers Frank X Walker, Crystal Good and Silas House, and musicians Sam Gleaves and Amythyst Kiah. “hillbilly” confronts depictions of Appalachian and other rural people on a broad, national level. The film is directed and produced by Sally Rubin and Ashley York and was awarded the Documentary Award from the LA Film Festival in 2018 and the Special Award for Documentary Filmmaking by the Traverse City Film Festival. It was also selected for the Beloit International Film Festival, DOC NYC, Rocky Mountain Women’s Film Festival, the Heartland International Film Festival and many others. It also won the Jack Spadaro Documentary Award from the Appalachian Studies Association. Visit www.hillbillymovie.com for more information.

This event is presented by the Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, the Office of Diversity and Inclusion and CoffeeTree Books.

To learn more about arts, humanities and social sciences programs at Morehead State, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/caudillcollege or call 606-783-5046.

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Morehead recognized as one of Kentucky’s safest cities

Morehead State University is consistently ranked as one of the safest campuses in the Commonwealth and the nation, and is located in one of Kentucky’s safest cities.

SafeWise, a security company that creates home security products and provides resources for automobile, home and family safety, recently released its fifth annual Safest Cities report and named Morehead to its list of the 20 Safest Cities in Kentucky for 2019.

To see a complete list, visit https://www.safewise.com/blog/safest-cities-kentucky/.

Morehead Mayor Laura White-Brown said she is honored for the city to be recognized and said the city’s increased level of safety has come through increased effort.

“The Morehead Police Department (MPD) has focused on an initiative to educate the public on reporting crime along with increased patrol,” she said. “The MPD has created a sense of omnipresence, which helps ensure safety for our entire community.”

The city of Morehead is home to MSU, which was recently ranked 18th in the 2018 Safest College Campuses in the U.S. list compiled by the National Council for Home Safety and Security. The University is dedicated to the safety of its students. The MSU Police Department is available 24 hours a day and offers additional security through the LiveSafe App and Eagle Alerts safety and weather notifications by text message and email.

For more information about MSU campus safety, contact the MSU Police Department at 606-783-2035, email police@moreheadstate.edu or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/police.

To learn more about the city of Morehead, visit https://morehead-ky.gov.

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International Student Feature: Minh Ngoc Tran

Morehead State University sophomore Minh Tran’s first visit to the University was marked by a special occasion: her older sister, Yen Tran’s (15), graduation. Traveling from Vietnam to Kentucky, her first impression of MSU was that it was “cozy.” She remembers visiting some of her sister’s professors and being invited over to dinner at their house.

“They were super friendly, which is different than what I knew from Vietnam,” said Tran. “There is generally a huge gap between professors and students. But here, that’s not the case.”

When it came time for Tran to apply to college, she followed in her sister’s footsteps and not only applied for admittance to Morehead State, but also to the George M. Luckey Jr. Academic Honors Program. Tran was selected to join the Honors Program and was awarded the Honors Scholarship.

Tran is studying biomedical science with a pre-med track. As an Undergraduate Research Fellow, she works under Dr. Geoff Gearner, professor of biology, to investigate the antibiotic-resistant genes in Triplett Creek watershed. Tran has been an Undergraduate Research Fellow for three semesters.

“I am lucky to have Dr. Gearner as my biology professor. His way of teaching really helps me succeed,” said Tran.

During her time at Morehead State, Tran has been involved with Pre-Med club, the biology club known as Beta Beta Beta, and the Academic Honors Student Association, where she serves as a member of the programming committee.

While Tran said that there was a transition period for her to acclimate to a new culture, she credits the experience as one that made her stronger.

“I understood more about how to be independent, take care of myself and be myself,” Tran said. “It helped me grow.”

Additional information about biomedical sciences programs is available by visiting www.moreheadstate.edu/study/biomedical or calling 606-783-2945.

For additional information about admission for international students, visit https://www.moreheadstate.edu/international or email admissions@moreheadstate.edu.

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MSU students to represent Austria at model EU

On March 28, 2019, seven political science students from Morehead State are heading to Indiana University Bloomington to compete in the Midwest Model European Union (EU).

Sarah Fink of Hollsopple, Pennsylvania; Alex Quillen of Greenup; Katie Gabbard of West Liberty; Zach Rice of Jackson; Colby Birkes of Winchester; Nick Anderson of Morehead; and Brandon Bryer of Scarborough, Maine, will be representing Morehead State University as the country of Austria during the event.

These students, with the guidance of their faculty advisors Dr. James Masterson, associate professor of government and Dr. Daniel Betti, visiting assistant professor of political science, have worked for the last five months learning about the European Union and its law-making processes. Additionally, these students have drafted policy proposals in the areas of foreign affairs, justice and home affairs, environmental policy, and economic policy.

“This is a great opportunity for students to combine content knowledge of Europe in general, and Austria in particular, with research, negotiating and diplomacy skills, skills they have developed throughout their political science curriculum, in an effort to pass any of their five submitted resolutions,” said Masterson.

This is the first time in recent history MSU has fielded a Midwest Model European Union team. Schools from across the South and Midwest will participate in the event.

Alex Quillen, a junior government major, expressed her desire to be on the team, stating, “This is great opportunity to put to test the many comparative issues I have discussed in my courses while being a part of the political science program.”

For more information on the Bachelor of Arts in Political Science at MSU, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/study/politicalscience, email politicalscience@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2655.

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Fleming County High School students visit Eagle Scholars program

Students from Fleming County High School visited Morehead State University's Eagle Scholars program, on Thursday, March 28.

More than 60 high schools and area technology centers offered MSU Eagle Scholars classes last fall with nearly 3,000 high school students participating in the program.

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

Qualifying students are given the opportunity to prepare for the future while attending high school. In the program, students may enroll in a course taught in their high school and receive college credit for successful completion. The program allows qualified high school faculty, who meet accreditation standards, to teach the University courses.

Additional information and a list of participating schools is available online at
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MSU hosts Lt. Governor's Entrepreneurship Challenge regional competition

Morehead State hosted high school students from Eastern Kentucky on Thursday, March 28, for a regional competition of the Lt. Governor's Entrepreneurship Challenge.

Other regional competitions were held this week in Madisonville and Louisville. Regional winners will compete in the finals next month.

Lt. Gov. Jenean Hampton was on campus to interact with students participating in the competition.

The Lieutenant Governor’s Entrepreneurship Challenge (LGEC) is a pitch competition for all Kentucky high school students grades 9-12. The goal is to introduce students to a realistic business environment, highlight entrepreneurial values, promote business ownership, and encourage lifelong learning. For more information, visit www.kylgec.com.

View photo gallery

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Board of Regents holds quarterly meeting

The Morehead State University Board of Regents held its quarterly meeting today (Thursday, March 28) in the Adron Doran University Center.

President Jay Morgan and the board recognized Dr. Gina Blunt Gonzalez, professor of kinesiology; Kelsey Ulery, undergraduate student employee in the Office of Alumni Relations and Development; Jacob Miller, graduate fellow and student employee in the Office of Alumni Relations and Development; and Cameron Faudere, student coordinator of educational programming for the Campus Activities Board, for their outstanding leadership, service and dedication to the University. Also recognized were the coaches and players of the Eagle Women’s Basketball team who defeated The Ohio State University Buckeyes in the first round of the 2019 Women’s National Invitational Tournament.

The board also acknowledged the generosity of Ron and Patty Griffith and Ronald and Diane Cartee and their financial contributions to the ongoing Soar to New Heights Scholarship Campaign.

The Board of Regents elected Kathy Walker as chair and Wayne Martin as vice chair. Teresa Lindgren was appointed as treasurer, and Jane Fitzpatrick was appointed secretary on an interim basis. Officers of the board are elected to a one-year term.

In other business, the board voted to approve faculty phased retirements and sabbatical leaves and personnel policy PAc-27 Tenure and Reappointment Review. The Board of Regents also approved a maximum tuition increase not to exceed 2.5%, below the state threshold of 4%, and froze housing rates and mandatory student fees for the upcoming year. They also ratified the 2020-2026 capital plan and constitutions of the Staff Congress and Student Government Association.

The next quarterly Board of Regents meeting will be Thursday, June 6.

For more information, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/bor.
Aquila Club Scholarship Endowment established

The Morehead State University Foundation has announced the Aquila Club Scholarship Endowment, a fund to provide scholarships to Morehead State University students.

The Aquila Club was founded in 1962 at Morehead State College as a men's social club with a goal of fostering fellowship, comradery and social service among male students with a common purpose. In 1971, the Aquila Club became a chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity making the original Aquila Club members a unique "Band of Brothers."

Together, these alumni collectively raised $50,000 to create the endowment to assist MSU students.

“The inspiration to create a scholarship to memorialize the legacy of The Aquila Club came following my meeting with Alicia Parker, MSU Alumni Relations. It just seemed like a great way to remember our brotherhood while making a meaningful contribution to our University,” commented Robert Rasor (68).

All students are eligible for the scholarship with a preference for students who are graduates of Kentucky high schools. The scholarship will be awarded annually.

In recognition of the club’s charitable action, the Aquila Club Lounge in the Adron Doran University Center has been named in their honor. This area welcomes students as they enter through the newly renovated portion of the student building and is adorned with a plaque that describes the Aquila Club’s legacy at MSU.

“We wanted to create a scholarship that could help students for generations to come,” said Andy Prefontaine (71). Andy was the last president of the Aquila Club.

This scholarship 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 to make a contribution today.

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MSU’s Adult Learning Center receives grant from Rowan365

Morehead State’s Adult Learning Center (ALC) was recently awarded a $1,000 grant from Rowan365 to help pay for test fees. The grant was funded by Rowan365, a local nonprofit program that asks young philanthropists aged 22-40 to pledge to donate $1 a day, 365 days a year. Half of the funds are put in an endowment for the future sustainability of the program, the other half is given away at the end of the year to local nonprofits who apply for the grants. Rowan365 is overseen by the Bluegrass Community Foundation and was started last year.

“The program was established to promote philanthropic giving, and to try and demonstrate the importance of fiscal giving from members in order to help the community grow in various areas,” said Rowan365 Steering Committee Member Beth Reynolds.

Jennifer McKinney, director of the ALC, said the money will help students in all stages of completing their GED. While some assistance is available to help offset the costs from the Commonwealth Educational Opportunity Center, McKinney said that often isn’t enough to help the most at-need students.

“Most of our students are struggling to make ends meet and working in low paying jobs if at all. This sounds like a small amount of money but means all the difference. The GED is considered equal to a high school diploma with employers and post-secondary education. Most of our students go on to receive some other type of training after they get their GED,” she said. “We are striving to make sure no one has to miss out on their education because they don't have a high school diploma or cannot afford to take the GED.”

For more information about MSU’s Adult Learning Center, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/alc, email j.mckinney@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-9531.

Photo: Opal Fannin, left, and Jennifer McKinney accepted a grant from the Rowan 365 group during an awards banquet held earlier this month.

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MSU named School of the Year, earns additional honors from Kentucky Association of Residence Halls

The authentic Morehead State University experience wouldn’t be possible without providing an incredible living experience for its on-campus residents. Now, the housing experience, along with the people that make it possible, is award-winning.

MSU was named the 2019 School of the Year by the Kentucky Association of Residence Halls (KARH), an organization tasked with representing student leaders in a residential setting throughout the state of Kentucky. The housing staff and students were honored at the 2019 Annual Conference hosted on campus at MSU’s newly renovated Adron Doran University Center. It was the fifth time KARH’s annual conference was hosted by MSU and it was attended by eight institutions and over 60 representatives.

“We are incredibly proud to see our institution recognized as the School of the Year and our staff and students get some well-earned recognition from their peers throughout the state for their accomplishments and service,” said Alan Rucker, director of housing. “Residential communities at MSU are the best way for a student to live, learn and thrive, and these awards showcase the people and groups that make that happen, as well as the incredible institution itself.”

MSU was honored institutionally as the KARH School of the Year. This is the organization’s highest honor for institutional achievement and contributions to student leadership and engagement within the residence halls on their campus.

The KARH Student of the Year award was presented to MSU senior and Student Government Association President Brandon Bryer. This award recognizes the top student in and around the residence halls throughout the state that contributes to learning, engagement and connection for the residential operation and residential students on their home campus.

The KARH Resident Assistant of the Year award was presented to MSU junior Micayla Gabrie. This award is given annually to the top resident assistant in the state of Kentucky in recognition of their commitment and contributions to the residential living operation from a staff position.

The KARH Advisor of the Year was awarded to John Michael Haky, assistant director for student housing at MSU. This award is presented annually to the top advisor of a residential-focused student organization in the state, recognizing leadership initiatives, student engagement and membership development. Haky also co-advises MSU’s Residence Hall Association.
The Program of the Year award was presented to MSU’s “Fall Festival.” Awarded to the top residential program in the state, this award recognizes a high-impact activity sponsored by an institution’s housing program that demonstrates student engagement, social connection and positive learning outcomes.

For more information about living on campus at MSU, contact the Office of Student Housing at 606-783-2060, email housing@moreheadstate.edu or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/housing.

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Equestrian team members compete in Utah

Two members of the Morehead State Western Saddle Equestrian Team traveled to Utah State University March 16 for the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) semifinals, the last step for western riders in qualifying for nationals.

Rudy Pohlbeln, a freshman from Edgewood, won Reserve Champion in Individual Intermediate Horsemanship, and is qualified for the IHSA Nationals, May 2-5 in Syracuse, New York. Pohlbeln said he is proud to be representing the Eagles at nationals.

“It feels odd representing my team at such a high level because as a freshman I wasn’t expecting to make it this far, but it also makes it feel like a bigger deal being a freshman,” he said.

Sydnee Barker, a junior from Frankfurt, Ohio, competed in the Individual Open Horsemanship class. Her first ride earned her a second ride in the finals, where she placed ninth overall.

To learn more about the MSU Equestrian Team, contact Coach Devin Lintzenich at dslintzenich@moreheadstate.edu.

For information about programs in the Department of Agricultural Sciences at MSU, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/agriculture, email agsi@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2662.