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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Music Faculty Showcase set for April 17**

Faculty from Morehead State's Department of Music, Theater and Dance will perform "The Wild Called Maxx" at a faculty showcase on Wednesday, April 17, at 7:30 p.m. in Duncan Recital Hall inside Baird Music Hall.

Performers will include:

- Lori Baruth, associate professor of music, bass clarinet.
- Russ Zokaites, visiting assistant professor of music, bass trombone.
- Gina Pezzoli, lecturer, cello.
- Ryan McGillicuddy, visiting assistant professor of music, bass.
- Will Murphy, instructor of music, piano.
- Brian Mason, professor of music, drums.
- Eliza Eaches, a senior music education major from Wheelersburg, Ohio, vocalist.
- DuWayne Dale, assistant professor of music and associate director of bands, conductor.

The 60-minute work is for a mixed chamber ensemble, narrator and storybook and merges music with narration and illustration. The music is a mixture of genres including pop, rock, jazz and original works of new music. The faculty showcase will be the third performance of the piece, and Russ Zokaites said previous performances have been well received.

"Performances of the work have each been an overwhelming success due to the incorporation of visual art elements, multiple musical genres, and a narrative that is appealing to all ages," he said.

The group plans to perform the piece again at the International Trombone Festival, July 10-14 at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana.

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### **MSU Concert Choir and Chamber Singers to perform in Pikeville**

A collection of talented vocalists from Morehead State University's esteemed music program will showcase their abilities in another part of Eastern Kentucky.

The MSU Concert Choir and Chamber Singers will present a concert on Tuesday, April 9, at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 126 Fourth Street, in Pikeville. Admission to the concert is free.

The 35-voice MSU Concert Choir and 12-voice MSU Chamber Singers are conducted by Dr. Greg Detweiler, professor of music at MSU. The program is entitled "Sheltered by a Rock During Life's Storms." The program features an extended composition for organ and choir by Morten Lauridsen featuring MSU staff accompanist William Murphy on organ and two traditional spirituals for baritone and choir featuring Dr. Eric Brown, assistant professor of voice at MSU.

The concert choir will open the program with a classic of American choral composition, Morten Lauridsen's "Lux Aeterna." The chamber singers will begin the second half of the program with an exploration of life with and without the stability of a rock. Its featured pieces include an arrangement of Billy's Joel's "And So It Goes" and the madrigal "It was a lover and his lass" by Thomas Morley. They will also sing a Latin American cha-cha-chá entitled "El Bodeguero," two French chansons by Paul Hindemith, William Hawley's "Vita de la mia vita" and Victoria's "O vos omnes."

The concert choir will conclude the evening with a beautiful Irish ballad, "An Oíche (The Night)," followed by two energetic spirituals that summarize the theme of the program. Dr. Eric Brown will join the choir for Alice Parker and Robert Shaw's "My God is a Rock" and "I Got a Home in-a Dat Rock" by Moses Hogan.

The award-winning MSU Concert Choir and MSU Chamber Singers represent the University on regional, national and international tours. Recent trips have included tours to Spain, Italy, Ireland, Hungary/Austria and Costa Rica.

For more information on the MSU Concert Choir and Chamber Singers, contact MSU's Department of Music, Theatre and Dance at 606-783-2473, email [mtd@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:mtd@moreheadstate.edu) or visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/mtd](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/mtd).

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### **Senior Art Show opens April 3**

“Zenith,” the annual Senior Juried Art Exhibit opens with a reception on April 3 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Golding- Yang Gallery of the Claypool-Young Art Building. Refreshments will be served, and the event is free and open to the public.

The exhibit will showcase the works of seniors in Morehead State’s Department of Art and Design and will be open to the public through April 12. The Golding-Yang Gallery is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and is closed on weekends.

For more information about programs in MSU’s Department of Art and Design, visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/art](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/art), email [arde@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:arde@moreheadstate.edu) or call 606-783-2766.

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### **Former MSU VP and journalist Kappes publishes book**

As someone who started his career in newspaper, former MSU vice president Keith Kappes (70, 73) swore he would get back into the journalism business in some fashion. When he went from being a hard news reporter to a columnist, he had his motivations.

“I felt for a longtime that everybody was entitled to my opinion,” he joked.

Now, Kappes has a collection of columns titled “The View From My Keyboard,” which was published this February through the Jesse Stuart Foundation Inc. In addition to being available for purchase at Amazon and other outlets, he will have a book-signing event and reading of his work from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 13, at CoffeeTree Books in Morehead.

A native of Carter County and resident of Morehead, Kappes spent much of his college career as a reporter. He wrote for the The Daily Independent in Ashland, the Ironton Tribune in Ironton, Ohio, and The Herald-Dispatch in Huntington, West Virginia, and later served as an Associated Press reporter in Ohio.

After attending both Ashland Community College in Ashland and Marshall University in Huntington, Kappes transferred to MSU in 1969 and took a job with the campus news bureau while earning a bachelor’s degree in journalism a year later. He furthered his education at MSU by earning a master’s degree in higher education administration in 1973.

Kappes held 13 different titles with MSU over 40 years and spent two decades as the vice president of university relations.

“They recognized greatness,” he said, laughing. “I’ve been lucky. I’ve worked for some good folks who saw my potential and kept me around.”

Upon his retirement in 2008, Kappes became the publisher of The Morehead News, the Grayson-Journal-Enquirer and the Olive Hill Times, for which he also served as a regular newspaper columnist. He has won national and statewide awards for excellence in personal commentary. Even after he retired from full-time employment in 2016, he continued to write editorials and his personal column for another three years.

For “The View From My Keyboard,” Kappes selected 125 personal columns that received the most reader feedback from approximately 450 he has written over the years. He said the collection is “a smorgasbord of life lessons” broken up into categories like family, humor and military life. In his columns, he touches on everything from his time teaching classes to prison inmates to the time his grandson attempted to name his newest pet frog.

Kappes said some of his columns come from a personal place while others were thrown together to meet a pressing deadline. Regardless of how they materialized, he was consistently surprised about how his words managed to inspire action, change minds and touch hearts for appreciative readers in Eastern Kentucky and Appalachia.

“I had a lot of really fulfilling experiences of people sharing with me what I wrote affected their lives,” he said. “That’s the best kind of ‘attaboy,’ you know.”

To find out more about “The View From My Keyboard” and to purchase it, visit the Jesse Stuart Foundation Bookstore at [www.jsfbooks.com](http://www.jsfbooks.com).

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### **Craft Academy at Morehead State welcomes Class of 2021**

The Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics at Morehead State University is proud to announce the members of the 2021 class.

Sixty students from across the Commonwealth were chosen to attend the Craft Academy, located on the campus of Morehead State University. The students live in Grote-Thompson Hall and earn dual credit as they complete their final two years of high school at the academy while also taking college-level courses.

Students who apply are selected to attend the academy for excelling in science, math and other STEM-related fields. They must also conduct a face-to-face interview and submit recommendations from teachers, coaches and mentors.

Students in the Craft Academy Class of 2021 are (by county):

- Anderson: Ryan Grzynkowicz II, son of Amber Jenkins and G.W. Jenkins II and Ryan Matthew Grzynkowicz I from Anderson County High School.
- Bath: Lydia Saunders, daughter of Marna and Charlie Saunders from Bath County High School.
- Boone: Halle Bittlinger, daughter of Frederick and Lorie Bittlinger from Conner High School.
- Bourbon: Garrett Marshall, son of Russell Marshall and Kimberly Marshall from Bourbon County High School.
- Boyd: Colby Winters, son of Kristie Kelley and Mat Winters from Boyd County High School.
- Boyd: Grace Stubblefield, daughter of Melonie and Walter Stubblefield from Boyd County High School.
- Breathitt: Cameron Snowden, son of Gregory Snowden and Renee Davidson from Jackson Independent School.
- Bullitt: Jamisen McCrary, son of Jeffrey and Jennifer McCrary from Riverview Opportunity Center;
- Carter: Dylan Pennington, son of Rick and Lydia Pennington from East Carter High School.
- Clark: Egypt Frye, daughter of Jennifer Frye and Robert Frye, Darrell Brooks II, Tina Frye from George Rogers Clark High School.
- Clay: William White, son of Joe and Beth White from Manchester.
- Fayette: David Clark, son of LTC William Clark and Cynthia Clark from Paul Lawrence Dunbar High School.
- Fayette: Hannah Botts, daughter of Jeff and Karen Botts from Tates Creek High School.
- Fayette: Kayla Turney, daughter of Steven and Gwynne Turney from Lafayette Senior High School.
- Fayette: Relmond Van Daniker, son of Lesley Van Daniker, Ryan Van Daniker from Paul Laurence Dunbar High School.
- Fayette: William Boone, son of William and Ann Boone from Sphinx Academy.
- Franklin: Jai Joshi, son of Vineet Kumar and Rachil Malhotra from Western Hills High School.
- Franklin: Kavya Vasudevan, daughter of Vasu Vasudevan and Kappu Karpagam from Western Hills High School.
- Franklin: Kyle Reed, son of Natalie Lile and David Reed from Western Hills High School.
- Greenup: Anna Edens, daughter of Neil and Beth Edens from Russell High School.
- Greenup: Cole Murray, son of Ed and Missy Murray from Russell High School.
- Greenup: Isabella (Izzy) McCloud, daughter of Tonja and Brian McCloud from Russell High School.
- Greenup: Katelyn Collins, daughter of Patrick Collins and Amanda Liles from Russell High School.
- Greenup: Kendall Staton, daughter of Kimberly Staton and James Staton from Russell High School.
- Hardin: Cherokee Drake, daughter of Tonya Dixon and Gary Drake from North Hardin High School.
- Hardin: Samuel McAnally, son of Teresa Brunner and Scott McAnally from Elizabethtown High School.
- Henderson: Hunter Hayden, daughter of Shawn and Shannon Hayden from Henderson County High School.
- Henry: Adam Porter, son of John Porter and Brinda Porter from Henry County High School/ iLEAD Academy.

- Jefferson: Leah Nichter, daughter of Jennifer Nichter and Kevin Nichter from Assumption High School.
- Jessamine: Lucas Devole, son of Charles Devole and Linda Devole, homeschooled.
- Kenton: Cassidy Hayes, daughter of Tim Hayes and Teresa Burton from Dixie Heights High School.
- Laurel: Gavin McCoy, son of Shawn and Katherine McCoy from South Laurel High School.
- Laurel: Paizley Stewart, daughter of Paul and Patricia Stewart from North Laurel High School.
- Lawrence: Brock Kessinger, son of Dr. Michael and Leah Kessinger from Lawrence County High School.
- Lawrence: Mark Webb, son of Jesse and Molly Meek, E.R. and Brenda Webb from Lawrence County High School.
- Letcher: Paul Breeding, son of Kevin and Valerie Breeding from Jenkins High School.
- Letcher: Sarah McAuley, daughter of Jim and Carla McAuley from Letcher County Central High School.
- Letcher: Seth McCray, son of Ben McCray and Renee McCray from Letcher County Central High School.
- Lewis: Cyrus Adams, son of Lorie and Marc Adams from Lewis County High School.
- Madison: Zane Zhang, son of Zhe Zhang and Jun Zhao from Model Laboratory High School.
- Mason: Caitlyn Davis, daughter of Tina Jones-Wallace and Rick Wallace from Mason County High School.
- McCracken: Mason Hancock, son of Skip and Dena Hancock from McCracken County High School.
- Meade: Abigail Bodner, daughter of Louis Bodner and Vanessa Bodner from Meade County High School.
- Montgomery: Kaylee Compton, daughter of Robert and Dora Compton from Montgomery County High School.
- Montgomery: Meyrick Barnett, son of Scott and Tara Barnett from Montgomery County High School.
- Nicholas: Anabel Peterman, daughter of Lorri Peterman from Nicholas County High School.
- Perry: Haley Turner, daughter of Shonda Turner and James Turner from Perry County Central High School.
- Perry: Sheridan Combs, daughter of Bradley Combs and Jennifer Kilburn from Perry County Central High School.
- Perry: Taylen Hylton, son of Teressa Hylton and Jeff Hylton from Perry County Central High School.
- Powell: Hannah Campbell, daughter of Otis Campbell and Brandi Campbell, and Ethan Moore and Katie Moore from Powell County High School.
- Robertson: Charlie Cochlin, daughter of Don and Lori Cochlin from Robertson County High School.
- Rowan: Alexa Brunson, daughter of Diane and Craig Brunson from Rowan County Senior High School.
- Rowan: Amy Yang, daughter of Jizhong Yang from Rowan County Senior High School.
- Rowan: Maiqi Qin, daughter of Xiaomin Oney and Phillip Oney from Rowan County Senior High School.
- Rowan: Sara Allen (Allie) Lewis, daughter of William and Amy Lewis from Lakeside Christian Academy.
- Scott: Ethan Norsworthy, son of Amy Norsworthy and Jeffery Norsworthy from Scott County High School.
- Scott: Rachel Poston, daughter of Eric and Rhonda Poston from Scott County High School.
- Spencer: Jonathan Antonelli, son of Tara Antonelli and Michael Antonelli from Spencer County High School.
- Spencer: Matthew Louis, son of Kim Louis from Spencer County High School.
- Washington: Ethan Speer, son of Coy and Stephanie Speer from Washington County High School.

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### **MSU SMP celebrates volunteers with mural**

Morehead State University's Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) recently implemented a new project to bring awareness and recognition to its volunteers and their Kentucky roots.

Kentucky SMP worked with Louisville-based mural artists Often Seen Rarely Spoken (OSRS) to bring together these images and create a series of murals across Kentucky. The goal of the SMP Mural Project was to bring together images of the communities it serves to celebrate them and the volunteers that work to empower seniors in a visual way. OSRS describes their work as "applying their vivid, iconic style to turn unused or neglected place into engaging and inspiring artwork, with the mission to brighten the lives of all that interact with it."

MSU's mural was unveiled at a ceremony on Tuesday, April 2, at the Educational Services Building in conference room 207.

The SMP program is a national program that works to prevent, detect and report Medicare fraud, errors or abuse through outreach, counseling and education. The MSU SMP serves senior citizens in Bath, Boyd, Bracken, Carter, Elliott, Fleming, Greenup, Lawrence, Lewis, Mason, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Robertson and Rowan counties. The program has more than 60 volunteers.

Kentucky SMP Social Service Program Coordinator Michelle List said, "Volunteers have greatly contributed to our program, both here in Morehead and throughout the state. We want to recognize their dedication and say thank you with this mural. It is our pleasure to present this mural that appreciates the work of volunteers, promotes the benefits of volunteerism, acknowledges the partnership of the RSVP program, and inspires us with the natural beauty of this area of the state."

"I'm so happy to see a visual celebration of the way Morehead State University engages with the communities of our service region. This is truly a beautiful work of art," said SMP Program Coordinator Helisha Tuerk.

For more information, visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/smp](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/smp), email Tuerk at [h.tuerk@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:h.tuerk@moreheadstate.edu) or call 606-783-2085.

*PHOTO CAPTION: From left, Dr. Daniel J. Connell, assistant vice president regional education and outreach; Artist Jacob Duncan; Michelle List, Kentucky SMP program coordinator; and Jessica Klein, SMP analyst.*

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### **SGA and Aramark are partnering to provide free meal vouchers**

Morehead State University's Student Government Association (SGA) is partnering with Aramark to help diminish food insecurity among students.

Designed and negotiated by Aramark Director Luke Holbrook and SGA President Brandon Bryer, this partnership will provide 75 free meal vouchers to students in need and students who have run out of meals on their meal plan.

"I've always said since the beginning of my term that when I notice a need among the student body, I will address it," said Bryer. "This time, I am addressing a concern I have seen for students that don't have enough meals to make it through the week."

Students will be able to pick up the vouchers beginning April 5 in the SGA office and at all SGA programs. 15 of the meal vouchers will be placed in the student resource program, Eagle Essentials, so that students with immediate nutritional and food needs will be able to take advantage of this partnership. Eagle Essentials (215 ADUC) is an outlet for students enduring financial hardships to get the necessities they need for free.

Nathan Hall (12), marketing coordinator for Aramark, said, "Aramark is a part of this University and this community and we want to help. We want to show students that we care and strive to make sure our actions benefit them."

Each voucher provides students access to 5 meals. Vouchers can be redeemed at The Rocky Adkins Dining Commons.

For more information about Eagle Essentials, visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/need](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/need).

For additional information about SGA, visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/sga](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/sga) or call 606-783-2071.

For more information about MSU Dining, visit <https://morehead.campusdish.com/en>.

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### **Renowned soloist Ronald Beitel to conduct performance and master class at MSU**

Morehead State University's esteemed music program will welcome a successful professional musician to share his musical experience, knowledge and talent with students and the community.

Horn player Ronald Beitel will visit MSU on Monday, April 15, to conduct both a performance and a master class with students. The performance and ensemble coaching will take place from 1 to 1:50 p.m. in the Duncan Recital Hall and will be followed by a master class from 3 to 3:50 p.m. in Baird Music Hall, Room 208. Both events are free and open to the public

Ronald Beitel is an active soloist, chamber music artist and horn class clinician. As a soloist, he has appeared with The National Arts Chamber Orchestra, The San Antonio Symphony, The Salt Lake Symphony, The Vivaldi by Candlelight Orchestra in Salt Lake City and The Sheboygan Symphony Orchestra. As a chamber musician, Beitel has appeared with numerous friends and colleagues around the country, most recently on the Nova and Intermezzo series in Utah and Manhattan to the Mountains at Snow College and Southern Utah University.

For the last 29 years, his musical career as an orchestral artist has included positions with The La Crosse Symphony, The Utah Symphony for 18 years, The San Antonio Symphony for nine years and single-season stints with both The Memphis Symphony and The Ohio Chamber Orchestra. He has also performed, recorded and toured with both The Cleveland Orchestra and The Houston Symphony. Now a resident of Rochester, Minnesota, his musical activities are varied, including composing and arranging music for horn and teaching private lessons. Recent performances include concerts with The St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, Minnesota Opera and The Minnesota Orchestra.

Dr. L. Curtis Hammond, associate professor of music at MSU, said horn players and other musicians will get the chance to learn from a notable and successful figure in the field.

"Ron is a world-class musician who has performed with some of the greatest musicians in the United States," Hammond said. "I am very excited our students get to hear and interact with someone of this caliber. This is truly an outstanding opportunity for the students at MSU."

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### **MSU Dance to present ‘Viewpoints Redefined’ concert this month**

In an environment where people are affected by a number of important issues, MSU Dance Ensemble is addressing these issues in a creative, kinetic and powerful way.

For its annual dance concert, MSU Dance will present “Viewpoints Redefined.” The show takes place at 7:30 p.m. April 17 through April 20 at the Button Auditorium. Tickets are \$11, \$6 for seniors and non-MSU students, and free to MSU students with student ID. Recommended for ages 14 and older.

“Viewpoints Redefined” will be an evening of complex, intense, yet exquisitely orchestrated pieces of new choreographic works by guest artists that include Monique Haley and Carrie Brueck Morris, MSU faculty and students. Natasha Davis, associate professor of dance and the show’s principal choreographer, said the concert came together when she and MSU Dance students began discussing issues that personally affected them, whether it was molestation, gun violence, racism or bullying, to name a few.

“This is one of the most collaborative (dance concerts) because I think this is the most vocal my students have been with me,” Davis said.

After taking down notes from those conversations, Davis would then review it, run it by her guest artists/choreographers and begin creating movement and finding music that fit the topic for each of the show’s performance pieces. She said the concert’s nine pieces will not only be a team effort between dancers and members of MSU’s theatre and music programs, it will showcase students using their gifts to express issues that resonate with them.

“This is just a different way to view these subjects from an artistic standpoint,” she said. “The highlight has been the willingness and openness of the students and others who have lent their voice to the concert to not hide their truth and speak their truth.”

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### **Fraternity helps Gateway House shelter**

The Morehead State Psi Beta chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity recently helped the Gateway House by holding a food and necessities drive, March 1 through 15.

The MSU chapter of Omega Psi Phi currently has only one member, senior Dallas Bruton from Lexington. He held a successful book drive for the shelter last year and decided to contact the shelter again this year to see if there were other ways he could help. The Gateway House provides temporary shelter and resources to the area's homeless population. Officials at the shelter gave Bruton a list of items they needed, and he launched the drive. Items collected included food items, cleaning and hygiene supplies, bedding and more. Donations were collected at locations including the Eagle Center, the Camden-Carroll Library and the Bert Combs Building.

In addition to collecting items for the drive, Bruton was able to collect donations through a cash app, which he used to purchase items from the list. In addition, graduate brothers from Omega Psi Phi chapters at other schools pitched in to help make the drive a success.

Stace Sievert, MSU coordinator of fraternity and sorority life and student organizations, praised Bruton's efforts to give back to the community.

"Dallas Bruton is a one-man-show who has done a fine job of exemplifying fraternal values, through this effort and in all aspects of fraternity operations. Pretty much every semester, each fraternity and sorority Chapter on campus does some type of philanthropy and/or service project," she said. "This is one of our common Greek values and is very important to all Greeks. Sometimes it's a collection drive, sometimes it's an event with an entrance fee, sometimes its service hours helping in the community, but MSU Greeks do a lot for MSU, Morehead and Rowan County."

For more information about Greek life at MSU, visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/greek](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/greek), email [greek@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:greek@moreheadstate.edu) or call 606-783-2071.

For more information about the Gateway House, visit [www.gatewayhouseky.org](http://www.gatewayhouseky.org).

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### **Earthwise Eagles plan sustainability events**

Morehead State's Earthwise Eagles have several events planned during the month of April to promote sustainability. Scheduled events include:

- Community Pride cleanup at Triplett Creek: Friday, April 12, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Participants will meet at the memorial tree walk pavilion. Bags and gloves will be provided. Dress appropriately and bring your own drinks and snacks.
- Arbor Day community tree planting at Triplett Creek: Tuesday, April 16, 3 p.m. to dusk. Participants will meet up in the splash park parking lot and will plant tree seedlings along the stream bank. Dress appropriately and bring your own drinks and snacks.
- Campus-wide Earth Day Celebration: Friday, April 19, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event will feature a plant and vegetable sale, environmental information booths, demonstrations, eco-friendly games and activities and a free concert featuring Byrd Law, The Kentucky Center for Traditional Music, The Woodsheep and Bedford.
- Community Pride cleanup at Lockegee Rock: Friday, April 26, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Participants will meet at the trailhead to Lockegee Rock. Bags and gloves will be provided. Dress appropriately and bring your own drinks and snacks.

Earthwise Eagles is the official name for the MSU Sustainability Committee. The committee works across campus to engage students, faculty, staff and community members in sustainability events, projects, education and volunteer work to promote a culture of social, economic and environmental responsibility on campus and in the community.

For more information on sustainability efforts at MSU, visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/earthwise](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/earthwise), email Holly Niehoff, director of environmental health and safety, risk management and insurance, at [h.niehoff@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:h.niehoff@moreheadstate.edu) or call 606-783-2179.

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### **MSU employee Jeffery Truesdell passes away**

The Morehead State community mourns the passing of Building Services Technician Jeffery Truesdell, who died Tuesday, April 9, 2018 following an illness.

He was the husband of Malinda Truesdell, who also works as a building services technician for the University.

Arrangements are pending at the Northcutt and Son Home for Funerals in Morehead.

For information on memorial services, visit [www.northcuttandson.com](http://www.northcuttandson.com).

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### **MSU to host NAMI information meeting on April 11**

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) will meet at Morehead State on Thursday, April 11, at 7 p.m. in room 310 of the Adron Doran University Center.

This informational meeting is for people who are struggling with depression, anxiety, or another mental health issue, or friends and family members of those who are. This meeting will explain more about NAMI and support for mental health issues.

For additional information, contact Emily Klotz at 606-207-5617 or [edklotz@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:edklotz@moreheadstate.edu), or Abby Isaacs at 606-571-9302 or [abbyliz316@gmail.com](mailto:abbyliz316@gmail.com).

NAMI is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. Visit [www.nami.org](http://www.nami.org) to learn more.

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### **Run with a Pup to be held April 11**

The second annual Student Government Association (SGA) Run with a Pup will be held Thursday, April 11, at 5 p.m.

The event is open to MSU students, faculty and staff and members of the community, and will start on the lawn of the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC). Sign-ups and registration will be held at the event. Participants are encouraged to bring along their four-legged friends for the race. In addition to the race, there will be a raffle with prizes donated by area businesses.

The race course will go through campus and serves as a fundraiser and donation drive for the Tri-County Animal Shelter. Participants are encouraged to bring items such as leashes, collars, food and dog toys, which will be collected and donated to the shelter. Also, the SGA is holding a Twitter challenge fundraiser. Each time the SGA's tweets about the event are retweeted, the organization will donate \$1 to the shelter.

“This is an event open to all students as well as the community of Morehead to demonstrate the growing relationship between the University and the town as well as giving back to the Tri-County Animal Shelter. Come on out and support the dogs and the people running with them,” said SGA Vice President for Campus Involvement Andrew Sexton.

For more information about the SGA at MSU, visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/sga](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/sga), email [sga@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:sga@moreheadstate.edu) or call 606-783-2071.

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### **Earth Day Celebration set for April 19**

Morehead State's Earthwise Eagles will hold the annual campus Earth Day Celebration on Friday, April 19, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the lawn of the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC.)

The free event will feature booths where patrons can find information about sustainable living measures such as recycling, composting and more green living ideas. Other booths will include:

- MSU Farm plant and herb sale
- MSU Outdoor Adventures
- Forgotten Foods Farm
- Kentuckians for the Commonwealth
- Sustainable Morehead/Friends of Rodburn Hollow Park
- Morehead/Rowan County Recycling Center

During the festival, there will be documentary film screenings in the theater inside ADUC. The schedule is as follows:

- "Vanishing of the Bees," 11 a.m. -12:30 p.m.
- "Before the Flood," 12:45 p.m. – 2:25 p.m.
- "A Plastic Ocean," 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The event will also feature a tree giveaway, the annual Recyclemania poster art contest, a raffle, games, concessions, and a free concert with performances by Byrd Law, the KCTM Mountain Music Ambassadors, The Woodsheep and Bedford.

For more information about the Earthwise Eagles and tips on sustainability, visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/earthwise](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/earthwise), email Sustainability Committee Chair Holly Niehoff at [h.niehoff@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:h.niehoff@moreheadstate.edu) or call 606-783-2179.

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### **Legal Studies students learn about politics in Europe**

Students in the Legal Studies Program at Morehead State University spent 12 days over Spring Break traveling in Belgium and the Netherlands.

Professor Dr. Kelly Collinsworth and Associate Dean Dr. Dianna Murphy planned the study abroad program and accompanied 15 MSU students to Europe as part of their course, PLS 360: Special Legal Topics: Comparative Legal Perspectives. Students in the class have been studying comparative law, government, and policy, including the European Union and the potential effects of Brexit.

While in Europe, the students and faculty toured international governmental institutions such as the European Union Parliament and the Peace Palace in The Hague. They also had the opportunity to see policy differences in the Netherlands through a guided tour of the Red Light District in Amsterdam. Additionally, the students learned about zoning and property restoration requirements through an architectural tour of Rotterdam. The students also visited the Anne Frank House and the Dutch Resistance Museum.

Students participating were:

- Leslie Beyers, a junior from Salt Lick.
- Brandon Bryer, a senior from Scarborough, Maine.
- Brynn Collinsworth, a Craft Academy senior from Owingsville.
- Celene Dorsey, a junior from Ashland.
- Trey Jordan, a junior from Frankfort.
- Gage Grimes, a junior from Owingsville.
- Cody Johnson, a junior from Frenchburg.
- Makenna Lavatori, a senior from Amelia, Ohio,
- Michelle Madrigal, a junior from Paris.
- Christopher Ousley, a senior from Salyersville.
- Chandler Reed, a senior from Greenup.
- Dalton Richards, a junior from Owingsville.
- Adam Rowland, a senior from Morehead.
- Carisa Smallwood, a freshman from Vanceburg.
- Ashley Troy, a sophomore from Bethel, Ohio.

MSU's Legal Studies Program equips students with the legal knowledge and skills to successfully pursue a career in law as a professional paralegal and assist attorneys in providing legal services to clients.

Students gain hands-on experience and contribute to a variety of community projects, including staffing pro se clinics and working with elementary, middle and high school students to conduct mock trials. Students also routinely have the opportunity to participate in special classes providing the opportunity to study abroad.

The program is ranked 12th out of the top 25 legal studies degree programs, according to [thebestschools.org](http://thebestschools.org).

For more information about the programs in the Department of History, Philosophy, Politics, Global Studies and Legal Studies at MSU, visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/hpil](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/hpil), email [hpil@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:hpil@moreheadstate.edu) or call 606-783-2655.

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### **Partnership helps provide academic travel funding**

A partnership between Morehead State University's Student Government Association (SGA) and the Office of Academic Affairs will help provide students with academic travel funding. The Academic Travel Partnership was created by Brandon Bryer, SGA president, and Dr. Bob Albert, interim provost and vice president of academic affairs.

"Academic conferences are a central component to the academic and future successes of MSU students," said Bryer. "Due to budgetary constraints, travel budgets have been reduced and SGA wants to ensure that a depletion of resources does not impede on the ability of our students to gain valuable academic experiences."

In alignment with SGA's 2018-19 Strategic Plan, this financial partnership allocates equal funds to each of MSU's four colleges. From the total program allotment of \$1,000, Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, College of Education, College of Science and Elmer R. Smith College of Business and Technology are each able to access \$250 to aid in academic conferences and endeavors.

Money from the Academic Travel Partnership can be used for hotel costs, registration fees, or any expenses incurred on an academic endeavor.

The application process is currently available. If awarded funds, they must be used by June 30.

To access the application and apply for funds, visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/sga](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/sga) or call 606-783-2071.

For more information about Academic Affairs, visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/Academic-Affairs](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/Academic-Affairs) or call 606-783-2002.

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### **MSU's 2019 Spring Gala, 'An Evening in Madrid,' takes place this month**

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 festivities.

The proceeds from this event, which raises approximately \$100,000 annually, provide educational opportunities for MSU students. Tickets are still available and the registration deadline is fast approaching. Make sure you register to get your tickets by the end of next week (Friday, April 19).

Tickets for the MSU Spring Gala are on sale now. To purchase tickets online, visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/gala](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/gala).

Additional information is available by calling the Office of Alumni Relations and Development at [606-783-2033](tel:606-783-2033) or 1-877-783-ALUM(2586).

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### **Justice named to state tech standards committee**

Dr. Jeannie Justice, assistant professor of education in MSU's Department of Foundational and Graduate Studies in Education, has been named to the Kentucky K-12 Technology Standards Development Team. She will serve on the committee until June 2020.

Justice applied for the committee after learning about it from a former student who works for the Kentucky Department of Education.

"She thought I would make a great addition to committee given her experience as a student in my educational technology courses," Justice said. "I am thrilled to be chosen for such an important committee."

Justice said her primary goal as a member of the committee is to bring the state up to the standards of the International Society for Technology in Education. She said the state is lagging when it comes to technology in education.

"We are behind, but this may be due to geography more than anything else. It is difficult to establish an internet connection for all students due to hills and remote locations," she said. "This causes a 'digital divide' between students who have access and those who do not. If students do not have access, they cannot learn to effectively operate technology. This may be detrimental in the future as our society turns to technology as a gateway for many social requirements. We have to get rid of the 'digital divide' to ensure all students are able to successfully function in our society when they are adults."

For information about programs in MSU's College of Education, visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/education](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/education), email COE Dean Dr. Chris Miller at [c.miller@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:c.miller@moreheadstate.edu) or call 606-783-2162.

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### **LG&E and KU Electric Vehicle Charging Station added to MSU campus**

This week a new Electric Vehicle (EV) charging station was unveiled on Morehead State's campus. As part of an initiative to improve charging infrastructure installed in the state, Louisville Gas and Electric Company and Kentucky Utilities added three new, publicly-accessible EV charging stations, meeting their goal of 20 stations.

The charging stations at MSU is the eastern most one and the only one on a college campus. It's located at the Enrollment Services Building, 121 East Second Street, and is ready for use by the campus, community and visitors.

The stations are equipped with safety features, which include charging plugs that lock in the stand when not in use. They also have digital display screens and quick-pay options for a low effort customer experience. A complete list of charging stations and other resources is available at <https://lge-ku.com/environment/alternate-fuels-road/ev>.

For more information about sustainability efforts at MSU, visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/earthwise](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/earthwise) or call 606-783-2179.

*PHOTO CAPTION: LG&E and KU representatives and MSU leadership and student representatives cut the ribbon on a new EV charging station on campus. From left, Jim Shaw, MSU vice president for university advancement; Gus Thomas, Morehead LGE/KU office; Russell Mast, MSU vice president for student affairs; Liz Pratt, LGE/KU media relations manager; Holly Fielden Niehoff, MSU director of environmental health and safety, risk management and insurance; Lisa Keels, LGE/KU manager of emerging technologies; MSU President Dr. Jay Morgan; Brandon Bryer, MSU Student Government Association (SGA) president; Katie Smith, MSU SGA vice president for administration; Andrew Sexton, MSU SGA vice president for campus involvement; Cameron Faudere, MSU Campus Activities Board coordinator of educational programming; Emily Wiley, MSU SGA freshmen representative and chief of staff; Anna Gdovka, MSU SGA vice president for public relations; Luke Birkes, MSU SGA junior representative; and Summer Westlund, Chi Beta Gamma.*

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### **Service recognition ceremony held**

Morehead Mayor Laura White-Brown and Rowan County Judge Executive Harry Clark joined more than 5,200 elected officials from all 50 states and the District of Columbia, Guam, and Puerto Rico in support of AmeriCorps, Senior Corps and VISTA programs on the National Service Day of Recognition on Friday, April 12.

The annual, nationwide event aims to highlight the impact volunteers have on their communities and to thank individuals who serve. Together, the elected officials represent more than 216 million citizens.

White-Brown and Clark signed proclamations declaring April 12 Service Recognition Day in Morehead and Rowan County.

Members of several volunteer organizations attended the proclamation signing including MSUCorps, The MSU Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), DOVES Domestic Violence Shelter, The Gateway House Homeless Shelter and representatives from area schools. Volunteers from these organizations provide a variety of services to the community, including tutoring and mentoring in the schools, financial counseling for low income families, assistance with transitioning families of violence or homelessness to safe and affordable housing, case management of homeless families and volunteer assistance at local nonprofit agencies.

“I’m very honored to participate in this proclamation signing,” said White-Brown. “Judge Clark and I have really made it a priority to collaborate and recognize people who give back to the community.”

In his remarks to the group, Clark said he’s grateful for all the volunteers do for the community.

“There’s no way we could put all the pieces together without you people. Volunteers truly are the backbone of this country,” he said.

For more information on volunteer opportunities at MSU, visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/msucorps](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/msucorps), email [mc.williams@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:mc.williams@moreheadstate.edu) or call 606-783-2719.

*Front row from left: Andrea Gibson, DOVES; Melissa Justice, DOVES; Harry Clark Rowan County Judge Executive; Laura White-Brown City of Morehead Mayor; Dr. Dan Connell assistant vice president for Regional Education and Outreach; and Mary Claire Williams project director for MSUCorps.*

*Back row from left: Cecilia Armstrong, DOVES; Cassandra Kinney, DOVES; Suzie Steagall, RSVP; Sally Netherly, RSVP; Christa Webb, Gateway Homeless Shelter; Nicole Meade, MSUCorps; Jennifer Andrews, Gateway Homeless Shelter; Rosita Napoleoni-Milan, MSUCorps; Teresa Judd, RSVP; Helisha Tuerk, RSVP; and Vicky Cooper, administrative assistant, Regional Education and Outreach.*

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### **MSU Chi Omega Chapter celebrates 50 Years and establishes scholarship endowment**

Over 200 Chi Omega alumni and active student members gathered to celebrate the Epsilon Theta Chapter's 50th anniversary on Morehead State University's campus. In celebration and honor of this achievement, alumni members established the Chi Omega Founders Scholarship Endowment.

Some of the weekend's events included a welcome reception in the newly renovated Adron Doran University Center, memorial service, campus tour and a banquet. These events provided members the opportunity to learn about the chapter today, as well as opportunities to get involved with alumni chapters. At the banquet, charter members were recognized in addition to recognition of the chapter's longtime advisor, Mary Jo Netherton, who passed away in 2017.

"It was amazing to have so many alumni back on campus for this anniversary celebration," said Allison Caudill, a member of the group's anniversary planning committee. "There were nearly 20 Epsilon Theta Charter members in attendance and sisters traveled from as far as Arizona to attend the event."

The scholarship endowment will support initiated members of the Epsilon Theta Chapter that embody the values of the social fraternity: friendship, high standards of personnel, sincere learning and credible scholarship, participation in campus activities, career development, and community service. The fund was established by an initial gift from the organization's 50th Anniversary Fund and will continue to grow by contributions from alumni members. Currently, over \$29,000 has been contributed to the scholarship. Once their fundraising goal of \$50,000 is met, a space in ADUC will be named "The Chi Omega Founder's Room" to honor their charitable dedication to MSU students.

"This scholarship is going to make a difference in the lives of Chi Omegas for generations to come," said Alicia Parker Webb, senior philanthropy officer for MSU's Office of Alumni Relations and Development and fundraising coordinator for the 50th Anniversary planning committee. "We are so grateful for the generosity of our alumni. Naming a space in ADUC and creating a scholarship is going to provide permanent recognition of the Epsilon Theta Chapter founders."

Chi Omega is a women's fraternity and a member of the National Panhellenic Conference, the umbrella organization of 26 women's fraternities. Founded in 1895 nationally, Chi Omega has 181 collegiate chapters and 246 alumnae chapters. Morehead State University's Epsilon Theta Chapter was chartered in 1969.

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](mailto:giving@moreheadstate.edu) or visit [alumni.moreheadstate.edu/give](http://alumni.moreheadstate.edu/give).

*Photo: Chi Omega Epsilon Theta Charter members gathered at the Chi Omega 50th Anniversary Banquet in the Adron Doran University Center.*

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### **MSU Concert Choir and Chamber Singers present concert and dessert fundraiser**

After showcasing their vocal talents earlier this month in Pikeville, the Morehead State University Concert Choir and Chamber Singers will return to Morehead to give audiences a treat. The vocal groups will present a concert with dessert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 23, at First Baptist Church at 123 East Main Street in Morehead.

The program is entitled “Sheltered by a Rock During Life’s Storms” and is a fundraiser for the choir’s tours. Desserts and coffee will be served at the conclusion of the concert. Admission is \$5 and free for children 6 and under.

The 35-voice MSU Concert Choir and 12-voice MSU Chamber Singers are conducted by Dr. Greg Detweiler, professor of music at MSU. The program features an extended composition for organ and choir by Morten Lauridsen featuring MSU staff accompanist William Murphy on organ and two traditional spirituals for baritone and choir featuring Dr. Eric Brown, assistant professor of voice at MSU.

The concert choir will open the program with a classic of American choral composition, Morten Lauridsen’s “Lux Aeterna.” The chamber singers will begin the second half of the program with an exploration of life with and without the stability of a rock. Its featured pieces include an arrangement of Billy’s Joel’s “And So It Goes” and the madrigal “It was a lover and his lass” by Thomas Morley. They will also sing a Latin American cha-cha-chá entitled “El Bodeguero,” two French chansons by Paul Hindemith, William Hawley’s “Vita de la mia vita” and Victoria’s “O vos omnes.”

The concert choir will conclude the evening with a beautiful Irish ballad, “An Oíche (The Night),” followed by two energetic spirituals that summarize the theme of the program. Dr. Eric Brown will join the choir for Alice Parker and Robert Shaw’s “My God is a Rock” and “I Got a Home in-a Dat Rock” by Moses Hogan.

The award-winning MSU Concert Choir and MSU Chamber Singers represent the University on regional, national and international tours. Recent trips have included tours to Spain, Italy, Ireland, Hungary/Austria and Costa Rica.

For more information on the MSU Concert Choir and Chamber Singers, contact MSU’s Department of Music, Theatre and Dance at 606-783-2473, email [mtd@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:mtd@moreheadstate.edu) or visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/mtd](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/mtd).

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### **KCTM hit the airwaves and legendary stages on recent three-state tour**

The Kentucky Center for Traditional Music (KCTM) at Morehead State University works to keep the tradition of Appalachian music thriving through its bachelor's degree program and with student and faculty ambassadors performing across the country and around the world. This past week, KCTM's Mountain Music Ambassadors hit the road for a three-day, three state tour that included a performance on one of country music's most prestigious stages.

The group, led by KCTM Director Raymond McLain, kicked off the tour on Thursday, April 11, with an interview and performance taping for "Daytime Tri-Cities" on WJHL-TV in Johnson City, Tennessee. This was followed by an evening performance streamed live from the Appalachian Cultural Music Association's (ACMA) Pickin' Porch in Kingsport, Tennessee.

The following day, KCTM players gave a full performance as part of a concert series at the John C. Campbell Folk School in Brasstown, North Carolina. The tour concluded on Saturday, April 13, with a return trip to Hiltons, Virginia. They performed as a featured group at the Carter Family Fold, the venerable venue at the homeplace of the legendary Carter Family.

McLain said he has made it a point to bring KCTM students on tour since he came to MSU to head up the center and its programs. In addition to bringing positive attention and awareness to KCTM and MSU, he said taking students out on the road lets them to gain firsthand experience on everything from live performance to booking and concert promotion and enhances their overall education.

"One of the things we've always tried to do at the Kentucky Center for Traditional Music is help students be involved in the professional community while they're still in school," McLain said. "It's a powerful model if you can help students work in the professional arena and mentor those students at the same time."

KCTM preserves, teaches, helps develop and celebrates our rich mountain heritage. It provides a nationally accredited, quality education in traditional music styles including Bluegrass, Old Time, Country, Ballad Singing, Blues, Celtic, Western Swing and more. It is also home to the only Bachelor of Arts in Traditional Music in the state of Kentucky.

To view photos from the tour, visit [http://bit.ly/kctm\\_springtour](http://bit.ly/kctm_springtour). Photos provided by Kaitlin Ferrell, junior convergent media major from Stopover, Kentucky.

To learn more about the Kentucky Center for Traditional Music, call 606-783-9001, email [kctm@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:kctm@moreheadstate.edu) or visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/kctm](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/kctm).

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### **MSPR wins 11 AP Awards**

Staff and students at Morehead State Public Radio (MSPR), WMKY earned 11 Kentucky Associated Press (AP) Awards during a ceremony held April 13.

News Director Leeann Akers took home six professional awards, including three first-place awards. They were for best short light news story, best short public affairs story and best long newscast. Akers took home second place honors for best sports reporting, best sports feature and best use of sound, an award she shared with MSU Instructor of Journalism John Flavell. She also shared her long newscast award with Logan Pemberton, a senior convergent media major from Paintsville.

“It is always humbling to be recognized by other professional journalists at the Kentucky Associated Press Awards,” Akers said. “Because every day is starting over, sometimes we forget just how many stories we produce in the course of a year. I'm honored to receive six awards this year, but the news team is already thinking about what we need to do to make WMKY even more successful in the future.”

Students also took home awards from the AP, winning two first-place recognitions: Chas Jenkins, a junior convergent media major from Morehead, won first place for best feature; and Jacob Lindberg, a senior convergent media major from Morehead, won first place along with Pemberton and Peyton Stewart, a sophomore music industry major from Richmond, for best newscast. Pemberton also won second place in that category.

Other second place winners were Juliana Leach, a junior convergent media major from Flemingsburg, for best feature; Tildon Johnson, a 2018 graduate in convergent media from Morehead, for best sports coverage and Lindberg for best news story.

“Morehead State University is the only college in the state that has student workers that graduate with hands-on experience in a professional environment. MSPR invites students to begin training as soon as they enroll at Morehead State University,” Akers said.

“We had six students take home awards this year, and they have all worked hard to learn broadcasting and journalism. I know that, when they graduate, they will go on to achieve great things.”

MSPR General Manager Paul Hitchcock said the success of students is at the core of the station’s mission.

“MSPR’s students learn valuable, transferable communication skills through hands-on training from broadcast professionals. WMKY was founded in 1965 as an educational outreach and MSPR continues today to be an

outlet for student opportunities,” Hitchcock said. “This recognition is a testament to their hard work and dedication in providing quality news every day. I’m extremely proud of our staff and students.”

To learn more about Morehead State Public Radio WMKY, visit [www.wmky.org](http://www.wmky.org), email General Manager Paul Hitchcock at [p.hitchc@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:p.hitchc@moreheadstate.edu) or call 606-783-2001.

For information on communication and media programs at MSU, visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/cml](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/cml), email [cml@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:cml@moreheadstate.edu) or call 606-783-2134.

*PHOTO: from left, Nacogdoches Miller, Tildon Johnson, Jacob Lindberg, Chas Jenkins, Leann Akers, Bryan Courtney and Logan Pemberton.*

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### **Appalachian Horse Revival to be held at MSU Farm**

The MSU Equestrian Team and the Department of Agricultural Sciences are hosting the first ever Morehead State Appalachian Horse Revival Thursday, May 23, through Saturday, May 25, at the Derrickson Agricultural Complex. The event will bring together equine enthusiasts from across the nation to show horses that are native to Kentucky and Appalachia, including Kentucky Mountain Saddle, Paso Fino, Smokey Valley, Tennessee Walking, Rocky Mountain and Spotted Saddle horses, among others. Admission is \$5 per day of the event.

“We’ve had horse shows at Morehead State University since 1966, but we’ve never had anything quite like this before,” said MSU Farm Manager Joe Fraley (94). “We wanted to host an event to draw some interest back to the horse industry in Eastern Kentucky. Horse shows used to be a popular family event and we want people who don’t normally go to a horse show on a Saturday night to come out and spend the day with us to see what these breeds are all about.”

The show is unique in that the top winners from the different breed classes will compete against each other for Best of Show awards.

“We wanted to end the show with a bang,” Fraley said. “No show has really thrown out the idea of competing against different breeds.” He said the idea has been well received and so far, competitors from as far away as Missouri and Florida have expressed interest in the event.

Fraley said he was approached by Smokey Valley Farms in Olive Hill about the event. Max Hammond (85), who works at the farm, said he thinks MSU is the ideal location for an event highlighting Appalachian horse breeds.

“Generations of knowledgeable horsemen have come to Eastern Kentucky for gaited horses,” he said. “Morehead is pretty much the cultural and geographical epicenter of Appalachian horses. Many of the gaited breeds were developed within an hour’s drive of Morehead, so MSU is a very fitting place to have an event to revitalize the Appalachian horse industry.” Hammond added he believes the show could become a signature event for MSU.

The show has affiliations with:

- Kentucky Mountain Saddle Horse Association
- Mountain Pleasure Horse Association
- Rocky Mountain Horse Association
- Spotted Saddle Horse Association of Kentucky
- Walking Horse Owners Association
- Kentucky Mule and Donkey Association
- Bluegrass Pleasure and Walking Horse Association

Cash prizes will be awarded to winners in first, second, third and fourth place in breed class, breed championship class, best in show class and king of the mountain class.

The event will also feature a concert by The Wooks on Saturday at 2 p.m., with the horse show beginning at 4 p.m. In addition, there will be a vendor fair throughout the three-day event. The MSU Equestrian Team will sell concessions at the event to raise funds for the team. Team President Taylor Wheaton, a senior from Greenfield, Ohio, said students will be running the horse show and are looking forward to being involved.

“We’re all really excited about it,” she said. “I’ve been here four years, and this is by far the biggest show we’ve ever put on.”

For more information visit <https://alumni.moreheadstate.edu/horserevival>, email [equineevents@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:equineevents@moreheadstate.edu) or call 606-783-2802.

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### **Secretary Grimes to present Military Civic Health Report at MSU**

Secretary of State Alison Lundergan Grimes, Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs, Ashland Middle School “BeneVETS 4 The Brave” app creators, and others will speak to veteran students, faculty, staff, administrators, local elected officials and community members about the first-ever Kentucky Military Civic Health Report centered on veterans’ civic engagement and community involvement. The event is open to the public and will take place Wednesday, April 17, at 11:30 a.m. in Room 329 of the Adron Doran University Center on the campus of Morehead State University.

The report serves as a resource for our veterans in starting businesses, employment, military and overseas voting, civic participation, VSO information, and other government agencies and services available to them here in the Commonwealth. It also covers ways for our civilians to connect with our military community and their families and is available online at [www.sos.ky.gov/Documents/2019-KY-Military-Civic-Health-Report.pdf](http://www.sos.ky.gov/Documents/2019-KY-Military-Civic-Health-Report.pdf).

MSU is nationally recognized as one of the top military- and veteran-friendly schools in the nation.

For more information about the event, contact David Litteral at email [d.litteral@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:d.litteral@moreheadstate.edu) or call 606-783-9267. Additional information about resources for veterans at MSU is available at [www.moreheadstate.edu/veterans](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/veterans).

For more information about the Kentucky Military Civic Health Report, visit the Kentucky Secretary of State website at [www.sos.ky.gov](http://www.sos.ky.gov).

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### **MSU to become first Seizure Smart University in KY**

Colby and Luke Birkes, twin brothers from Winchester, Kentucky, are leading the initiative to make Morehead State the first Seizure Smart University in the state. Through the implementation of training programs provided by the Epilepsy Foundation of Kentuckiana, this initiative will improve awareness and increase access to care for those with epilepsy.

“We want to make Morehead State University a Seizure Smart School not only for the first aid aspect, but also to dispel rumors. Some people still think epilepsy is contagious,” said Colby. “Getting people to understand that people with epilepsy can live full and successful lives is our main goal.”

Over four weeks of training during the Spring 2019 semester, all campus police officers and 50 faculty members were trained in seizure recognition and first aid. Seizure smart trainings will continue during the Fall 2019 semester and will be open to faculty, staff and students. The Seizure Smart curriculum will be included in Resident Advisor training for the new school year.

Beth Stivers, director of education for the Epilepsy Foundation of Kentuckiana, said, “Parents worry when their child with epilepsy goes off to college. It is scary to think that no one will know what to do if a seizure occurs. By becoming a Seizure Smart School, the student as well as the parent will have confidence and know that the child will be safe.”

Individuals who complete Seizure Smart training will be able to recognize common types of seizures, identify the types of impacts that seizures have on students, list first aid steps for helping students having a seizure and describe basic aspects of social and academic support for students with seizures.

“We are creating an environment not only where people with epilepsy feel safe coming to college, they can feel accepted and understood,” said Colby. “We want every student to prosper and find success here.”

For more information, contact Colby Birkes by emailing [clbirkes@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:clbirkes@moreheadstate.edu).

*Photo: Morehead State University faculty and staff attend a one-hour training on how to be Seizure Smart.*

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### **Morehead State TRIO students win regional competitions**

Students from MSU's Educational Talent Search (ETS) and Upward Bound (UB) programs competed in Atlanta at Southeastern Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel (SAEOPP) Regional Student Initiatives Competitions, held Saturday, March 30. During the academic competitions, the students competed in a round robin fashion, answering questions in the fields of mathematics, science, language arts, humanities and current events.

Educational Talent Search students participated in High Q (quick recall) competitions. The team was comprised of four students: Gabbi Hill and Nicholas Frizzell, both from Bath County High school, Marcus Leavitt from Johnson Central High School and Brandon Hampton from Morgan County High School.

The MSU ETS team competed against teams from South Carolina, Tennessee, Florida, Georgia and Mississippi. The team competed in five straight rounds of competition and won with a record of 4-1.

MSU Upward Bound student Gavin Moran from Fleming County High School competed in the Scholar's Bowl as a member of the Kentucky Allstar team. The team was comprised of six students representing different UB programs across the state of Kentucky.

The UB students competed in six straight rounds of competition and were undefeated. None of the other teams came within 100 points of their score.

Educational Talent Search and The Upward Bound Programs are federally funded by the U.S. Department of Education and sponsored by Morehead State University. For more information contact Sharon Williams, director of Educational Talent Search at [s.williams@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:s.williams@moreheadstate.edu) or call 606-783-5487, or Amanda Lewis, director of Upward Bound and Upward Bound Math & Science Programs, at [a.lewis@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:a.lewis@moreheadstate.edu) or 606-783-9329, or visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/trio](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/trio).

*Photo 1: From left: MSU Educational Outreach Center Director and SAEOPP President Tom Rowland, MSU Upward Bound Student Gavin Moran, Berea College UB Student Jon Cain, Silas Morris from Western Kentucky University's UB program, Sheridan Fletcher representing the University of Pikeville and Elizabeth Abreu from the UB program at Murray State University.*

*Photo 2: From left: SAEOPP President and MSU Educational Outreach Center Director Tom Rowland, Nicholas Frizzell, Gabbi Hill, Marcus Leavitt and Brandon Hampton.*

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### **MSU student to compete in state entrepreneur competition**

MSU senior finance major Ransom McCarty from Owingsville, will compete in the state KY Pitch business competition on Saturday, April 27, at Centre College in Danville.

The competition, formerly called Idea State U, is now in its 12th year. The competition has two categories, business plan and business model. First, second and third place will be awarded in each category. First place winners in each category will receive a cash prize and a package of business services, including:

- Branding consultation.
- One year of accounting services.
- One year of legal services.
- One year of membership in local entrepreneurial events.
- One year of office space at a local business incubator or community work space.
- Pitch training.
- Professional mentorship.

McCarty won the regional business plan competition with his company, Avant-Nilla.

Two other MSU students also participated in the competition. They were Brody Eller, a freshman information systems major from Inez, and Asiah Handley, a senior from Louisville majoring in general management.

For more information on KY Pitch, visit [www.kypitch.com](http://www.kypitch.com).

For more information on programs in the Elmer R. Smith College of Business and Technology at MSU, visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/cbt](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/cbt), email [cbt@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:cbt@moreheadstate.edu) or call 606-783-2090.

*Photo 1: Ransom McCarty won the business plan category at the regional KY Pitch business competition and will compete in the state competition on April 27, at Centre College.*

*Photo 2: Brody Eller, left, and Asiah Handley competed in the regional KY Pitch competition, presenting their idea, Eller Essential watchstraps.*

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### **MSU alumnus Dr. Sean Jackson receives prestigious Lee W. Cochran Internship**

Dr. Sean Jackson (07) of Tollesboro has been a leader in and out of the classroom as both a computer science teacher and co-chief information officer at Mason County Schools in Maysville. Now, his education and expertise are being applied in a way that could have an impact far beyond his home state.

Jackson recently was selected as one of the recipients of the Lee W. Cochran Internship, which is part of the Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT).

The internship is named for Lee W. Cochran, a groundbreaking educator in developing audiovisual materials and resources to improve teaching instruction. It is awarded to graduate students or new professionals in the field.

The internship was developed through the AECT Foundation for the AECT Conference Internship Program, which is designed to identify individuals with the significant potential to provide future leadership for AECT and in the broader field.

After graduating with a bachelor's degree in history from Wabash College in Crawfordsville, Indiana, Jackson came to MSU to earn a Master of Arts in Teaching in Secondary Social Studies in 2007, a Master of Arts in Instructional Leadership in 2012 and an Ed.D. in Educational Technology Leadership in 2018. He has been an educator with Mason County Schools since 2005, first serving as a high school social studies teacher before holding his current positions.

Jackson was encouraged to apply for the internship by Dr. John Curry, associate professor of education and doctoral committee chair, in MSU's Department of Foundational and Graduate Studies Education.

Jackson and other interns will be attending the AECT convention this October in Las Vegas. The convention will include coordinated programming that includes various activities, professional development sessions and events featuring leaders from the association and the field. Each intern will also participate as a member of the AECT Leadership Development Committee during the year leading up to and including the organization's 2020 convention.

Through this internship, Jackson will be able to collaborate with experienced researchers and junior faculty at major universities in both the U.S. and overseas. He hopes lending his voice and experience will help further innovate the field of educational technology to benefit classrooms around the world, as well as his own students.

“As technology becomes more incorporated into the ecosystem of education and its institutions, I think it is important to have representation from the P-12 realm when conducting research and backing policy initiatives,” Jackson said. “Being involved in AECT’s leadership structure will help me stay on top of the latest research and trends in the field so I can apply that to my work as our district’s instructional technology leader.”

For more information on MSU’s Doctor of Education program, contact the Department of Foundational and Graduate Studies Education at 606-783-2261, email [fgse@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:fgse@moreheadstate.edu) or visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/fgse](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/fgse).

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*Photo, from left: Dr. Chris Miller, dean of the College of Education, Sean Jackson and Dr. John Curry, associate professor of education. Jackson was recognized as the Outstanding Graduate Student (Ed.D.) in the Educational Technology program in 2017.*

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### **Winchester student receives Gamma Phi Beta Sisterhood Scholarship**

The Morehead State University Foundation, in partnership with alumni of the Epsilon Sigma Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta, has announced that Sarah Little from Winchester has received the Gamma Phi Beta Sisterhood Scholarship. The scholarship was established to benefit members of the Epsilon Sigma Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta at MSU.

Growing up with a mother as a nurse, a career in the medical field has always been an option for Little. She is a double-major student pursuing a degree in biomedical sciences and math. Little is involved with numerous extracurricular activities, such as Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity, Chemistry Club, Biology Club, the American Chemical Society, Cosmopolitan Club and Best Buddies. Due to her academic excellence, she has also been on the Dean's List for six consecutive semesters.

"After graduating Morehead State University, I still have years of education to complete, along with several loans to take out while doing so," Little said. "The smallest of scholarships would be helpful in aiding me to reach these goals and take out the minimal amount of loans possible."

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](mailto:giving@moreheadstate.edu) or visit [alumni.moreheadstate.edu/give](http://alumni.moreheadstate.edu/give).

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*Photo, from left: Mindy Clark Highley (91), assistant vice president for alumni relations and development and a founding member of MSU's Gamma Phi Beta Chapter, and Sarah Little, recipient of the Gamma Phi Beta Sisterhood Scholarship.*

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### **Stand-up comic Ronnie Jordan comes to Button Auditorium this month**

As students get closer to wrapping up the 2018-19 academic year at Morehead State University, they will have even more reason to smile and laugh when notable stand-up comedian Ronnie Jordan comes to MSU to perform at 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 24, in Button Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public.

In addition to opening for comedy superstar and actor Kevin Hart, Jordan recently recorded a stand-up special for Kevin Hart's Laugh Out Loud Network and is currently touring the nation's colleges and universities on his "Kampus Royalty Tour." The Atlanta-based stand-up comic and writer has also shared the stage with comedians like Dave Chappelle, Tom Green and Bill Bellamy. He has been featured on television showcases like BET's "Comic View," "Martin Lawrence Presents the First Amendment Stand-up," "P. Diddy Presents Bad Boys of Comedy" and FOX's "LaughsTV." He is also a cast member on WeTV's "Bossip."

Jane Tenyer is the assistant director for programming and engagement with MSU's Office of Student Activities. She, along with fellow Campus Activities Board (CAB) members and students Cameron Faudere, CAB educational coordinator, and Hunter Collins, CAB entertainment coordinator, discovered Jordan when they attended the National Association for Campus Activities (NACA) conference in Columbus, Ohio.

She said after seeing multiple comedians, speakers and performers over the course of three days, Jordan easily emerged as a favorite she knew would be a hysterical hit with MSU students.

"He had a lot of kind of laidback humor and it's young and he can relate to students. But really, the thing about him is his humor can relate to anybody," Tenyer said. "He talks about things that everybody's been through, but (he's) really laidback and down-to-earth."

Seats for Jordan's performance are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Tenyer recommends those who plan to attend arrive at least 30 minutes prior to showtime to secure a seat.

For more information on this and other events at MSU, contact the Office of Student Activities at 606-783-2071, email [sail@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:sail@moreheadstate.edu) or visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/activities](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/activities).

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### **Panel discussion on masculinity planned**

A panel discussion scheduled for Tuesday will examine masculinity in the 21st Century.

“Dude?” will be held Tuesday, April 23, at 5 p.m. in room 325 of the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC). The panel will include Ravyn Lacey, a senior from Lexington with a double major in biology and philosophy; Ulysses Tackett, a junior English major from Catlettsburg; and Kyland Carreon, a junior philosophy major from Morehead. Each member of the panel will discuss their personal experiences with the male/female gender social construct, whether it's important to be masculine and why, how society's concept of masculinity has changed in our lifetimes and their hopes for the future of masculinity.

The panel will be moderated by MSU Professor of Philosophy Dr. Scott Davison, who said the talk is relevant to the current social climate.

“This is a relevant discussion now because of rapid change in social norms related to sex and gender, leading to changing roles and expectations in society,” he said. “Those present at the panel discussion can expect to learn about masculinity from a diverse set of perspectives.”

In addition to the panel discussion, the winners of the 15th annual Judy Rogers Art/Media and Writing Contest will be announced, and the Gender Studies program's end-of-the-year celebration will be held.

Each year, the Rogers contest accepts submissions of poetry, prose, performance, video, digital artwork, photography, ceramics, sculpture and visual art. The goal is for the submissions to provide insight into gender issues, specifically women's issues, within the context of American culture of the world at large. Cash prizes are awarded for the best performance/video art, poetry, prose and visual arts.

Dr. Ann Andaloro, associate professor of mass communication, said several important gender-related issues were addressed by this year's entries, including gender inequity, the #MeToo movement and masculinity.

“It is great to be able to give students some recognition for their efforts to spread messages about gender issues and gender equity through the arts,” she said.

The events are sponsored by the Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, the Gender Studies program and the Philosophy and Religion Club.

For more information on the panel discussion, contact Davison at [s.davison@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:s.davison@moreheadstate.edu) or call 606-783-2237. For information on the Rogers Awards, contact Andaloro at [a.andaloro@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:a.andaloro@moreheadstate.edu) or call 606-783-2714.

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### **Celebration of Student Scholarship takes place April 24**

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

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

“With 198 presentations, involving 269 student scholars and their 112 faculty mentors, presided over by 112 faculty/staff/guest judges and session moderators, it promises to be a great event,” said Dr. Mike Henson, associate vice president for research and the dean of the Graduate School.

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

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

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

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

The Celebration of Student Scholarship is part of MSU’s Spring Celebration Week. Additional events include the President's Spring Concert on the Lawn from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 25, at the Matthews Outdoor Performance Area of the ADUC, and the annual MSU Spring Gala at 6 p.m. Saturday, April 27, at ADUC. Please plan to help us to continue to grow this exciting event by personally attending, sponsoring student presenters, volunteering to judge and encouraging all our students to attend in 2019. Everyone is welcome.

For a complete list of events, visit [events.moreheadstate.edu](https://events.moreheadstate.edu).

For more information about the Celebration of Student Scholarship, contact the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs at 606-783-2010, email [b.dehart@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:b.dehart@moreheadstate.edu) or visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/research](https://www.moreheadstate.edu/research).

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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Annual Concert on the Lawn set for April 25**

Morehead State President Dr. Jay Morgan and First Lady Amber Morgan invite the campus and community to enjoy an evening of live music on the MSU campus Thursday, April 25, for the annual President's Concert on the Lawn, part of MSU Spring Celebration.

The concert will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Matthews Outdoor Performance Area of the Adron Doran University Center. The concert will feature MSU's commercial music ensembles, jazz combos and percussion groups. Glenn Ginn and, associate professor of music, and Dr. Brian Mason, professor of music, will direct the ensembles.

The concert is part of MSU's annual Spring Celebration, a week-long event featuring the Celebration of Student Scholarship, which highlights the achievements of students in the Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program. The week's events include recitals, sporting events, film screenings and art exhibits, leading up to the annual MSU Spring Gala fundraiser on Saturday, April 27. For a full schedule of the week's activities, visit [events.moreheadstate.edu](http://events.moreheadstate.edu).

For information about programs in MSU's Department of Music, Theatre and Dance, visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/mtd](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/mtd), email [mtd@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:mtd@moreheadstate.edu) or call 606-783-2473.

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### **MSU Space Science Center's small satellite technologies and space mission operations nominated for Via Satellite's 2018 Satellite Technology of the Year**

Morehead State University announces the Space Science Center's small satellite technologies and space mission operations have been nominated for Via Satellite's 2018 Satellite Technology of the Year Award. The nominees are chosen based on innovation, benefit to the industry, and overall disruption to the satellite landscape.

The Space Science Center at MSU has played a role in establishing aerospace as the number one industry in Kentucky through workforce development and through its contributions to research and development (R&D) in small satellite technologies. The center specializes in micro and nanosatellites and has evolved into an internationally-recognized center for research in these "smallsat" technologies. Smallsats are considered "disruptive technology" by the aerospace industry because they can provide some of the same services as conventional satellites at a fraction of the cost and with short development times. Morehead State is at the forefront of this emerging technology.

MSU faculty and students have built and launched seven satellites to Earth orbit since 2006 (KySat-2, CXBN, Eagle-1, Eagle-2, UniSat-5, and CXBN-2) with a major mission currently under development (Lunar IceCube). These missions have ranged from technology demonstrations to astrophysics research and have been very successful, gaining international attention. The technology developed here (smallsat vehicle technology including all associated subsystems- flight computers, attitude control systems, power systems and communication systems) has attracted aerospace and telecommunications companies to spin off subsidiaries in Eastern Kentucky and has also inspired small aerospace start-ups to locate in those regions.

Additionally, the Space Science Center manages a 21-meter ground station that has been funded by NASA's Advanced Exploration Systems to become the first non-NASA affiliated node on the NASA Deep Space Network dedicated to providing ground operation services for interplanetary smallsat missions. Deep Space Station-17 (DSS-17) serves as a test-bed for future NASA mission operations technologies including Delay Tolerant Networking and Opportunistic Multiple Spacecraft per Aperture. Students are intimately involved in the development of the smallsat systems and in the operation of DSS-17.

The winner of the 2018 Satellite Technology of the Year will be determined by a combination of the Via Satellite editorial team, including Editorial Director Mark Holmes and votes that come directly from industry. The public can vote for MSU Space Science Center's small satellite technologies and space mission operations [online](#), or onsite at the [SATELLITE 2019](#) event, which takes place May 6-9 at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C. There will be stations for attendees to vote at the Via Satellite booth (#543 on the show floor).

"Being nominated for via Satellite's Satellite Technology of the Year Award is an extraordinary honor for us," said Dr. Ben Malphrus, executive director of the Space Science Center at MSU. "It is exciting to me that a small university in Appalachian Kentucky has been able to evolve into a world leader in smallsat technologies. We have been fortunate to launch and operate 7 smallsat missions to date and demonstrate enabling smallsat technologies. This has only been possible through outstanding partnerships with NASA Centers including JPL, the Goddard Spaceflight Center and Marshall, with aerospace and defense companies including KBRWyle, Mil-Sat, Honeywell, Rajant, and GAUSS and with partnering universities including MIT, the University of Rome and the Keldysh Institute of Applied Mathematics. These exceptional partners share this honor with us."

From the host of the prestigious "Satellite Executive of the Year Award," Via Satellite has a longstanding history of recognizing the people leading the charge for the satellite industry.

“Via Satellite is dedicated to recognizing the technology breakthrough that has changed the way the satellite and connectivity industry worked in 2018 and for years to come,” said Holmes. “We’re proud to offer this award and recognize the technology as part of our ongoing commitment to the global satellite industry.”

Voting closes at noon EDT, Tuesday, May 7. The winner will be announced at a special awards luncheon, sponsored by Peraton, at SATELLITE 2019, Wednesday, May 8, at noon. Tickets for the luncheon may be purchased through SATELLITE 2019 [registration](#). SATELLITE 2019 will take place at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, located at 801 Mt Vernon Pl NW, Washington, D.C. 20001.

For more information on the award, or to vote for MSU’s Space Science Center’s small satellite technologies and space mission operations, visit <https://www.viasatellite.com/vote>.

Additional information about MSU’s Space Science Center is available at [www.moreheadstate.edu/ssc](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/ssc) or by calling 606-783-2381.

### **About Via Satellite**

Via Satellite, a monthly publication providing essential news and expert business analysis on the global satellite communications marketplace, including current and evolving applications, infrastructure issues, technology, and business and regulatory developments around the world reaches the most engaged community of satellite professionals and qualified industry decision makers.

### **About SATELLITE 2019**

SATELLITE unites 15,000 aerospace and connectivity thought leaders, entrepreneurs, executives, engineers, end-users and enthusiasts from over 100 countries for the largest and most important global satellite technology event of the year. Serving all industries looking to better their business operations or enhance their strategy through connectivity, the SATELLITE Conference and Exhibition will take place on May 6-9, 2019 at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C.

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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Acclaimed guitarist Phil Keaggy performs at MSU next month**

World-renowned guitarist and singer-songwriter Phil Keaggy will perform at MSU with special guest violinist and vocalist Jean Watson on Wednesday, May 1, in Button Auditorium.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and early arrivals will be treated to music provided by MSU Associate Professor of Music Glenn Ginn and his wife Lisa Ginn at 7 p.m., followed by the show's headliners. Tickets are free for MSU students with EagleCard and a suggested donation of \$10 or more per adult from MSU faculty and staff, or the general public will be accepted at the door.

A native of Youngstown, Ohio, Keaggy's solo career has spanned more than four decades and has included more than 60 solo albums and eight recordings with his band Glass Harp. The fingerstyle guitarist gained recognition in the Christian music industry, leading to him winning multiple Dove Awards for his instrumental recordings. He was also voted one of the top fingerstyle guitarists by Guitar Player Magazine readers. This will be a return visit for Keaggy to MSU and Ginn is excited to share the stage with him once again.

"Phil Keaggy is one of the best guitarists in the world," he said. "It was a pleasure to play with him back when he visited the MSU campus in 2015."

Jean Watson is a Michigan native and a fellow Christian artist. The classically trained violinist performs with the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra and is also a national touring singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist who plays a mix of world music and worship music. She recently released her ninth album and her first book titled "Everything Can Change in Forty Days."

The concert is co-sponsored by MSU's Methodist Student Center and the Music Industry Club. For advance ticket sales, please contact Rev. Drew McNeill at 606-784-7293 or [drew@msuwesleyfoundation.org](mailto:drew@msuwesleyfoundation.org); or Glenn Ginn at 606-783-2499 or [g.ginn@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:g.ginn@moreheadstate.edu).

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### **Dr. John Curry named AECT conference co-planner**

The Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT) is arguably the top professional organization in the field of education technology – and one of Morehead State University’s own is responsible for putting on its biggest event.

Dr. John Curry, associate professor of education at MSU, was selected as co-planner of the 2019 AECT International Convention, which takes place October 21 through October 25 in Las Vegas.

Curry first became involved with AECT while earning his doctorate degree in instructional technology at Utah State University. He has been active with the organization for the past 20 years, serving in several leadership positions and currently serving on AECT’s board of directors.

Curry said the convention’s theme, “Inspired. Inspired Professional Learning. Inspired Learning Professionals,” will involve more interactive professional development sessions and activities throughout the duration of the convention than relying on more of a lecture-based, guest speaker format. He said a lot of what he is implementing is what he likes to use when he is teaching students in MSU’s Doctor of Education program.

“I think the real power in professional development in any field, in any education, really, doesn’t come from being talked at. It comes from an exchange of ideas,” he said. “The interactivity, hopefully, will increase their transfer (of knowledge) and engagement in taking the stuff back and implementing it.”

For more information on MSU’s Doctor of Education program, contact the Department of Foundational and Graduate Studies Education at 606-783-2261, email [fgse@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:fgse@moreheadstate.edu) or visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/fgse](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/fgse).

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### **BFA art show opens April 24**

The 2019 MSU Department of Art and Design's Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) exhibition will open with a reception Wednesday, April 24, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Golding-Yang Art Gallery in the Claypool-Young Art Building. The exhibition runs April 24-May 8 and features the works of seniors in the BFA program who will graduate in May or who graduated in December.

There are approximately 75 pieces in the exhibit, representing the work of 10 artists. Artwork featured in the exhibit includes graphic design, digital prints, photography, painting, ceramics and sculpture. Gallery Director Melissa Yungbluth said the exhibit helps students prepare to enter the creative workforce.

"It is a way for them to have a full body of work and all of the parts of a professional artist portfolio in place for when they graduate and have to decide to work or go on to graduate school," she said. "They are working out their ideas with the guidance of the faculty who are working established artists."

The opening reception for the exhibit will feature refreshments and live music and is free and open to the public.

"It's a culmination of all the hard work they have done over the past 4 to 5 years. It's a celebration and a wonderful thing to see," Yungbluth said.

For more information about programs in MSU's Department of Art and Design, visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/art](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/art), email [arde@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:arde@moreheadstate.edu) or call 606-783-2766.

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### **KCTM to hold spring finale concert**

Morehead State University's Kentucky Center for Traditional Music (KCTM) will hold its annual Sounds of Our Heritage Season Finale Concert Tuesday, April 30, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Morehead Conference Center.

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

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

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

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

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

For more information on the KCTM, visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/kctm](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/kctm) or call 606-783-9001.

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### **MSUPD swears in returning officer**

The Morehead State University Police Department (MSUPD) has welcomed one of their own back to the force with the swearing in of Officer Mark Cline.

Cline was sworn in April 17, 2019, by Judge William Lane. Cline has worked in law enforcement in Rowan County for more than 30 years. He began his career at the MSUPD as a parking attendant/building security specialist in 1988 before serving as police officer from 1990 to 1993.

He was then employed at the Morehead Police Department as a patrolman for 10 years and retired as a sergeant in 2009. Cline then came out of retirement and was employed by the Rowan County Sheriff's Department for the 10 years prior to his return to MSU.

Morehead State is consistently ranked as one of the safest college campuses in Kentucky and is ranked as one of the [top 20 safest schools in the nation](#) by the National Council for Home Safety and Security.

For more information about the MSUPD, visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/police](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/police) or call 606-783-2035.

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### **Rogers Award winners announced**

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Each year, the Rogers contest accepts student submissions of poetry, prose, performance, video, digital artwork, photography, ceramics, sculpture and visual art. The goal is for the submissions to provide insight into gender issues, specifically women's issues, within the context of American culture of the world at large. Cash prizes are awarded for the best performance/video art, poetry, prose and visual arts.

The winners are:

- Photography: Bethany Crouch, senior, art education (p-12), Sharpsburg.
- Painting: Alysa Coleman, freshman, strategic communication, Lake Station, Indiana.
- Poetry: Destiny Goins, junior, exercise science, Catlettsburg.
- Prose: Sara Finley, sophomore, convergent media, Pendleton.
- Video: Luke Whitlock, junior, convergent media, Louisville.

The Judy Rogers Award is named in honor of Dr. Judy R. Rogers, a retired professor of English at Morehead State. Rogers also served as chairperson of the MSU Faculty Senate, associate vice president of academic affairs and dean of undergraduate programs from 1967 to 1997.

The award is sponsored by the Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, The Department of History, Philosophy, Politics, Global Studies and Legal Studies and the gender studies program. For more information on programs in the department, visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/hpil](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/hpil), email [hpil@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:hpil@moreheadstate.edu) or call 606-783-2655.

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### **MSU Spring Commencement is May 11**

Morehead State University will hold its 2019 Spring Commencement ceremonies Saturday, May 11, at the Academic-Athletic Center (AAC). During the two programs, President Joseph A. (Jay) Morgan will confer degrees on nearly 1,200 graduate and undergraduate students.

The first commencement program will start at 10 a.m. Students in the Elmer R. Smith College of Business and Technology and the College of Science will participate.

Abby Isaacs of Ashland will be the morning commencement speaker for the College of Science. She is the daughter of Mary Beth Jones and Rick Jones and the wife of Kasey Isaacs.

She is graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences.

Isaacs is a member of MSU's George M. Luckey Jr. Academic Honors Program and its Academic Honors Student Association, where she has served as chairwoman of programming and chairwoman of finance. She has been an Undergraduate Research Fellow since August 2016 and presented her work at MSU's Celebration of Student Scholarship. Isaacs also served as a tutor with MSU's Tutoring and Learning Center for four semesters.

She has completed an internship with King's Daughters Medical Center in Ashland and was a State Registered Nursing Assistant (SRNA) with the Oakmont Manor Nursing Facility in Flatwoods for more than two years.

When she is away from the classroom, Isaacs is an active volunteer. She currently serves as both a hospitality volunteer for the Community Hospice Care Center in Ashland and a helpline volunteer for the National Eating Disorders Association.

Isaacs plans to enroll in medical school at the University of Louisville. She hopes to complete a dual residency in both internal medicine and psychiatry and return to Eastern Kentucky to continue her career in the medical field.

The afternoon commencement program will start at 2 p.m. Candidates from the College of Education and Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences will participate.

Sarah Fink of Hollsopple, Pennsylvania, will be the afternoon commencement speaker for the Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. She is the daughter of Kaye Fink and William Fink.

She is a candidate for both a Bachelor of Arts in Government with a minor in international studies and a Certificate in Intelligence Studies with an emphasis in regional analysis.

Fink was an Undergraduate Research Fellow since Fall 2017. She was a former vice president of the Cicero Society, an organization to promote intellectual diversity through open discourse and debate and represented MSU as an

accomplished D-1 athlete on the Rifle Team for the 2016-17 and 2017-18 seasons, where she earned multiple top scores. She is also a member of Kappa Delta sorority, where she held leadership positions. She was an undergraduate representative for the Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Strategic Planning Committee. She was also a member of MSU's Model European Union, the Political Science Club and the College Republicans.

Fink has presented several papers at state political science and intelligence studies conferences and has published a paper in the peer-reviewed academic journal "The Commonwealth Review of Political Science." She has also completed internships at both the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security and the Canadian Parliamentary Internship Program in Ottawa, Ontario.

Fink is also a member of Daughters of the American Revolution, where she participated in organizational events like Shoeboxes for Soldiers and traveled to participate in the organization's Continental Congress in Washington, D.C.

Fink plans to continue her education by enrolling in the Master of Arts in Intelligence and Securities Studies program at The Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina. She hopes to one day work as an intelligence analyst for the FBI or the Department of Homeland Security.

For the commencement exercises, the grand marshal and mace bearer will be Dr. Greg J. Detweiler, professor of music.

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

Student marshals will be:

- Topaz A. Jordan and Cody J. Mitchell, Graduate Programs
- Catherine A. Bowling and Ashton A. Killen, College of Science
- Natalie K. Hampton and Courtney B. Rodman, Elmer R. Smith College of Business and Technology
- Shawntasia M. Butler and Hannah C. McFarland, College of Education
- Janessa J. Broadhurst and Jonathan A. Elliot, Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

Eliza Grace Eaches will sing the national anthem and Tristan Chandler Hinkle will lead the alma mater.

ROTC students will be commissioned as part of each program.

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

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

Additional information on spring commencement exercises is available by calling 606-783-2008 or visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/graduation](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/graduation).

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### **Inscape reception and release set for May 2**

A reception to celebrate the annual release of Inscape, Morehead State's literary journal, will be held Thursday, May 2, at 6:30 p.m. in the Golding-Yang Gallery in the Claypool-Young Art Building.

The reception will highlight the works of the visual and literary artists featured in Inscape. The journal includes, poetry, prose, non-fiction, fiction, photography, printmaking, painting, sculpture, ceramics, digital art and more.

The event will include refreshments, public readings, and the announcement of the winners in art and literary categories. The event is free and open to the public.

Inscape is the literary and visual arts journal of Morehead State University. It has been published annually since 1957 and is a collaboration between MSU's Department of English and the Department of Art and Design.

The Department of English accepts submissions of poetry, fiction, nonfiction, translations or drama. The works are peer-reviewed by a panel and top selections are included in Inscape.

The Department of Art and Design offers students two opportunities to have their work juried for publication. Jurors review submissions for both the cover design and the visual artwork published.

For more information, visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/inscape](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/inscape) or email Inscape Advisor and Professor of Art Lisa Mesa-Gaido at [e.mesagaido@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:e.mesagaido@moreheadstate.edu) or call 606-783-2763.

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### **Space Systems Engineering students accepted into prestigious summer internships**

Summer Internships are a wonderful way for students to explore career paths, develop core skills, and establish a network of mentors. For three juniors in the space systems engineering program, they will be spending the summer gaining practical experience within their field of interest. Kristen Ammons of Morehead, Sarah Estep from Science Hill, and Katerina Winters of Pleasureville, will be interning at top research institutions across the country.

Ammons will be participating in the summer internship program offered by Massachusetts Institute of Technology's (MIT) Haystack Observatory. Ammons will be working on a small satellite mission called AERO which will be launched in 2022 and will be used to sample low radio frequencies from Earth's auroral zones—the Northern and Southern Lights. She will be involved with the mission from the ground floor as she will be exploring the capabilities of the sensor, the engineering of the satellite itself and aspects of planning for the mission.

“It's still a holy mackerel feeling,” said Ammons. “The MIT, big letters, wants me to come spend time with them over the summer.”

As for Estep, she will be interning at NASA's Armstrong Flight Research Center in Edwards, California. She will be working on the development, design, fabrication, flight testing and data analysis of prototype gliders. These gliders are designed to link up a mesh sensor network to monitor the atmosphere of Mars. Through this internship, Estep's dreams are becoming a reality.

“I'm so excited for this opportunity,” said Estep. “Working for NASA has been a dream of mine since I was little. Growing up, I dressed up as an astronaut every chance I had.”

Winters will be interning at the MIT Lincoln Laboratory this summer, where she will be working on the communications systems for AERO. Her time will be spent either working on the mechanics of the antenna or with the actual transmission of the signal. This is Winters' second internship. Last summer she interned with Pumpkin Space Systems in San Francisco where she worked on testing and characterizing Pumpkins' space grade battery.

All three students agreed that being a space systems engineering student at MSU is what set them apart from the rest of the pool of applicants. It was their experience working on hands on projects that helped them get accepted into their respective internship programs. Ammons and Winters are currently working on the Space Science Center's Lunar IceCube Mission, while Estep is working on the Space Science Center's CXBN-3.

“Being accepted to this internship program is 100% thanks to the fact that I am a student at MSU Space Science Center,” said Winters. “I wouldn’t have been able to get my name out there and network like I have, if I wasn’t.”

Ammons added, “What other engineering students typically don’t have at an undergraduate level is the hands-on experience that MSU students get. I’ve had the opportunity to get in the clean room, to break things and to fix things.

For more information about Morehead State University’s space systems engineering program visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/study/spacesystemsengineering](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/study/spacesystemsengineering) or call 606-783-2381.

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### **Three MSU students earn Order of Omega scholarships**

Students who participate in Greek Life at MSU are often presented with opportunities and circumstances to tap into their potential as leaders. This year, the Order of Omega, a national leadership honor society for Greek student organizations, is rewarding three MSU students who exhibit a combination of leadership qualities and stellar academic performance.

Makayla Arnett, a junior from Winchester; Tessa Collins, a junior from Morehead; and Kara Nicole Hugunin, a senior from Cincinnati, each received a scholarship on behalf of the Order of Omega. All three students are members of both the Gamma Omega Chapter of the Order of Omega and Kappa Delta sorority.

According to Stace Sievert, coordinator of fraternity and sorority life and student organizations, membership in the Order of Omega is limited to the top three percent of fraternity/sorority juniors and seniors on campus. Membership is based on excellence in academics, demonstration of strong character, leadership and service in four areas: service to your fraternity or sorority, service to the Greek community outside of your fraternity or sorority, service to the MSU campus community and service to the surrounding community.

The scholarship program of Order of Omega was established to recognize academic achievements, participation and leadership in campus organizations, citizenship and service to the Order of Omega and the campus community. While normally only two members of each chapter are eligible to apply for scholarships, the MSU chapter's robust membership numbers and consistency with paying dues led to the three MSU students that applied being chosen from a national pool of applicants.

"We at MSU were one of a select few universities across the country able to apply for three scholarships," Sievert said. "Even better, our three applicants won them, which was fabulous news."

For more information on Greek life at MSU, call the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life at 606-783-2071, email [greek@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:greek@moreheadstate.edu) or visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/greek](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/greek).

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### Matthews Outdoor Performance Area named for alumni gift

The terrace outside the newly renovated Adron Doran University Center has been named the Matthews Outdoor Performance Area to recognize the establishment of the Matthews Family Scholarship Endowment fund. The fund, established by alumnus Jack Matthews (74) and his wife Cheryl Matthews, will provide scholarships for Morehead State University students majoring in theatre.

As a student, Jack pursued a degree in business administration at MSU and was a member of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity. He completed his undergraduate degree in 1974, and later joined the insurance business. Jack is a member of the MSU Foundation Board of Trustees and is also a former member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors. He and Cheryl have supported MSU in several areas including annual contributions to the Elmer R. Smith College of Business and Technology, general student scholarships, and are frequent sponsors of the annual Spring Gala celebration.

Now, they have chosen performing arts as an additional area they would like to support. The Matthews Family Endowment will produce an annual scholarship for a full-time undergraduate student pursuing a degree in theatre. Preference will be given to students with a focus on technical support including lighting, sound and stage management, as well as those students with demonstrated community service. For the Matthews, establishing this endowment was personal. The endowment was created in honor of Paul Denayer who served as a theatre faculty member while the Matthews' son Alan was a student.

"Our son Alan graduated from Morehead State with his degree in theatre in 2011, and has never been without work since," said Cheryl Matthews. "We appreciated the attention Morehead gave him before he even made the decision to attend. We're just so thankful."

While the Matthews have been long time supporters of MSU through annual gifts, the creation of this endowment will support MSU students for generations to come.

"We have reached a stage in our lives where making a gift like this is possible. We realized that it was time to give back," said Jack Matthews. "Given that funds are no longer coming to state schools the way they used to, student scholarships are important now more than ever for student success."

This year, the President's Annual Spring Concert on the Lawn will be held at the Matthews Area Performance Area featuring the MSU Commercial Music Ensemble, MSU Jazz Combos, and Percussion Groups. The area will also serve as a gathering place for students.

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

### Photo:

From left, Jim Shaw, MSU vice president for university advancement; Buckner Hinkle Jr., MSU Foundation Board of Trustees chair; Jack Matthews (74); Cheryl Matthews; and MSU President Jay Morgan.

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## MSU Ed.D. candidate named to CK-12 think tank

Morehead State University has roots in training educators to make a positive impact in the Commonwealth and beyond. As technology continues to alter the landscape and possibilities of education, one of MSU's own students will be **leading that transition.**

Dr. Heather Morin (19), media specialist at Pine Grove Middle School in Valdosta, Georgia, who officially graduates this spring semester from MSU with an Ed.D. in educational technology leadership, was asked to participate in the CK-12 Foundation's Future of Learning Summit in Palo Alto, California.

The CK-12 Foundation is a nonprofit organization that provides free and customizable K-12 open educational resources, such as online textbooks, videos, exercises, flashcards and **real-world applications in a variety of subjects.**

Morin has always been interested in Open Educational Resources (OER), or instructional materials that are free to use, store, edit and share with other educators. After Morin used CK-12 to defend her senior capstone in January of this year, she was informed that she was invited to participate in the CK-12 think tank.

"My level of excitement went through the roof when I learned that not only did they want me to attend, but they were willing to pay for all my travel expenses as well," she said. "It was an incredible experience just learning more about their foundation, their new product features and networking with other educators who were integrating OER in place of traditional print textbooks."

Morin said her participation in this think tank only fueled her desire to utilize educational technology to move her students and her state into the future and potentially make traditional textbooks a thing of the past.

"My hope is that I can use my experience and connections to help my school district become a #GoOpen district and eventually to help shape policy that will get the state of Georgia fully on board," she said. "OER offers such wonderful opportunities to personalize instruction and they are definitely a resource worth investigating."

For more information on MSU's Doctor of Education program, contact the Department of Foundational and Graduate Studies Education at 606-783-2261, email [fgse@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:fgse@moreheadstate.edu) or visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/fgse](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/fgse).

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### MSU Farm plant sale opens for season

Morehead State's annual flower and vegetable plant sale will be held April 26-28, May 3-5 and May 10-11, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the greenhouse at the Derrickson Agricultural Complex.

Plants that will be available include:

- Annual Flowers: petunias, geraniums, begonias, impatiens, zinnias, cosmos, snapdragons, Coleus and more.
- Hanging baskets: ferns and flowers
- Vegetables: many varieties of heirloom and hybrid tomatoes, cherry tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, squash, zucchini and okra.
- Herbs: several kinds of basil, cilantro, parsley, thyme, oregano, chives and sage.
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Four-inch potted annuals are \$1, vegetable plants are \$1 and potted herb plants are \$2. Cash or check are the only accepted forms of payment. All proceeds from the sale will help support the University Farm.

The farm is located at 25 MSU Farm Drive in Morehead. From the MSU campus, travel north on KY 32 and turn right onto KY 377 (Cranston Road.) After approximately one mile, the farm will be on the left. To get to the greenhouses, proceed to the second driveway, turn left and proceed to the greenhouse.

For more information, contact Zach Clymer at [zoclymer@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:zoclymer@moreheadstate.edu) or call 859-242-6838.

For more information about programs in the Department of Agricultural Sciences, visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/agriculture](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/agriculture), email [agsi@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:agsi@moreheadstate.edu) or call 606-783-2662.

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## International student Binamrata Sharma found research opportunities and unexpected friends at MSU

In August of 2015, Binamarta Sharma left her home in Nepal and traveled to Kentucky to begin her studies at Morehead State University. Encouraged by her brother's, Biswas Sharma (2015), high praise of the Department of Mathematics and Physics, she enrolled at MSU to pursue a double major in computer science and mathematics. Four years later, Sharma has completed all requirements to graduate and will walk across the stage to receive her diploma on May 11. Her journey to graduation has been filled with research opportunities and unexpected friends.

Sharma currently works as an Undergraduate Research Fellow for the School of Engineering and Information Systems under Dr. Heba Elgazzar, instructor of computer science. She presented her research on content-based image retrieval at the 2018 Celebration of Student Scholarship and was awarded a certificate of merit. She credits her research mentor and department faculty as factors of her success.

"The professors I've had here are phenomenal. They have helped me to pursue so much research and allowed me to take classes that weren't even required by my degree."

The faculty are not the only individuals who have positively shaped Sharma's experience at MSU. The local community members have played an important role in her acclimation to a new environment.

"Morehead is very open about new cultures, new people. I've met local people that generally want to learn more about me. We exchange ideas and they welcome me into their lives," said Sharma. "I wasn't expecting that. Since I am foreign, I thought there would be this gap, this bridge, but it wasn't so."

Her experience as a part of the international student program has led her to make friendships with individuals from all over the world. They share their stories and their cultures with one another. Each weekend, Sharma gathers with friends to cook a new dish to try. Even as friends graduate, she remains in touch with them.

"I wasn't expecting it to be this way," said Sharma. "Even though there are more students from the surrounding regions, I have met international students. I've made lifelong friends from around the world, but Morehead is the common tie."

In describing her experience, Sharma said, "I was determined and excited to be an international student, never scared."

After graduation, Sharma will travel to New York to begin an internship as a software engineer for Bank of America.

Additional information about the mathematics program is available by visiting [www.moreheadstate.edu/study/math](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/study/math), emailing [maph@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:maph@moreheadstate.edu) or calling 606-783-2930.

Additional information about the computer science program is available by visiting [www.moreheadstate.edu/study/computerscience](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/study/computerscience), emailing [csis@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:csis@moreheadstate.edu) or calling 606-783-2418.

For additional information about admission for international students, visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/international](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/international).

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### **MSU freezes housing rates and graduate tuition**

Morehead State University has announced its plans to freeze housing rates and graduate tuition for the upcoming year.

“Even in difficult times in state budgets, Morehead State University has a commitment to retaining its long-held status as the most affordable university east of Frankfort. We understand our service region and the students and communities within it,” said Dr. Jay Morgan, MSU president. “Part of MSU's dedication to student success is not just an experience that combines personalized attention and quality academic programs, but also making that experience affordable to students and families. We will continue to look for ways to make higher education as affordable as possible to as many students as possible at Morehead State.”

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### **Student Choice Awards highlight excellency among faculty, staff and students**

The Student Government Association's (SGA) Student Choice Awards was held Wednesday, April 24, at 6 p.m. in the Adron Doran University Center Ballroom. This annual award banquet honors the work of the faculty, staff and students at Morehead State University.

SGA President, Brandon Bryer said, "The Student Choice Awards has one main purpose and that is to recognize the amazing dedication, hard work and accomplishments of MSU students and MSU organizations. Morehead State is nothing without our students and SGA hosts the Student Choice Awards each year to showcase some of MSU's best and brightest."

Five awards— Faculty of the Year, Female Athlete of the Year, Male Athlete of the Year, Staff of the Year and Student of the Year— were all chosen through a ballot process as voted on by the student body. Voting was open to the student body from Monday, April 22 through Tuesday, April 23. The two awards, Resident Advisor of the Year and Student Director of the Year, were voted on by the campus Resident Advisors.

The remaining awards were selected by a joint-committee of the SGA Student Life Committee and the SGA Campus Involvement Committee. Nomination forms were consulted to determine the winner of each category.

Recipients of the 2019 Student Choice Awards are as follows:

- Campus Ministry of the Year: Baptist Campus Ministry
- Community Service Project of the Year: Delta Tau Delta's Chili Cookoff
- Diversity Program of the Year: Holi Festival organized by Kayla Bowen from Hazard
- Emerging Leader of the Year: Emily Wiley from London
- Faculty of the Year: Dr. Christopher Beckham, instructor in foundational and graduate studies in education
- Female Athlete of the Year: Miranda Crockett from Martinsville, Virginia
- Male Athlete of the Year: Sayyid Kanu from Columbus, Ohio
- Outstanding Large Organization of the Year: Morehead State University 4 Paws
- Outstanding New Organization of the Year: Survivor Morehead
- Outstanding Small Organization of the Year: Morehead State University's Spanish Club
- Outstanding Student Leader of the Year: Sydnee Bradley from Louisville
- Pre-Professional Organization of the Year: Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society
- Resident Advisor of the Year: Lynlea Kiser from Paris
- Staff of the Year: Lora Hardwick Pace, director of first year programs
- Student Director of the Year: Katie Smith from Harlan
- Student of the Year: Madison Wallace from Frankfort

At the event, 33 faculty and staff members were awarded the Apple Award for Educational Excellence. Each of the SGA Senators selected a professor they believe has gone above and beyond in making the student experience the best it can be.

Recipients of the 2019 Apple Awards for Educational Excellence are as follows:

- Elizabeth Ash, instructor of health and wellness
- Dr. Caroline Atkins, assistant to president for strategic initiatives
- Dr. Haiwook Choi, associate professor of CIS
- Becky Davison, instructor of social work
- Lenoard Dunman, assistant professor of legal studies
- Jeff Fannin, associate professor of imaging sciences
- Dr. Julia Finch, assistant professor of art history
- David Flora, director of distance education and instructional design
- Dr. Itza Zavala-Garrett, associate professor of Spanish
- Dr. Morgan Getchell, assistant professor of communication
- Dr. Lynn Geurin, associate professor of social work
- Dr. Kurt Gibbs, associate professor of biology
- Dr. Michael Harford, professor of management
- Paul Hicks, instructor of English
- Dr. Julia Hypes, associate professor of sports management
- Dr. Kouroush Jenab, assistant professor of engineering and technology management
- Wade Kerr, instructor of health and wellness
- Dr. Philip Krummrich, professor of comparative literature
- Dr. Sara Lindsey, associate professor of education
- Dr. James Masterson, associate professor of government
- Dr. Donell Murray, instructor of communications
- Dr. Daniel Nehring, instructor of management
- Dr. David Peyton, professor of biology
- Dr. Johnathan Pidluzny, associate professor of government
- Heather Porter, instructor of animal science
- Dr. Philip Prater, professor of veterinary technology
- David Spinks, lecturer
- Samuel Stapleton, instructor of management
- Dr. Vijay Subramaniam, assistant professor of agribusiness
- Dr. Karen Taylor, associate professor of French
- Jane Tenyer, assistant director of programming and engagement
- Dr. Ilsun White, professor of psychology
- Dr. Wesley White, professor of psychology

For additional information about SGA, visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/sga](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/sga), email [sga@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:sga@moreheadstate.edu) or call 606-783-2071.

**Photo caption:** SGA leadership, from left, back row: Anna Gdovka, vice president for public relations, junior sport management major from Lexington; Colby Birkes, executive vice president, junior political science major and legal studies minor from Winchester; Brandon Bryer, president, senior political science major from Scarborough, Maine; and Andrew Sexton, vice president for campus involvement, junior psychology and Spanish double-major from Morehead. Front row, from left: Katie Smith, vice president for administration, junior business major from Harlan; Shannon Colvin, associate director of leadership, programming and inclusion and SGA advisor; and Santana Spradlin, vice president for finance, junior neuroscience major from Martin.

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### **MSU students' work selected for National Conference for Undergraduate Research**

Morehead State University has always put an emphasis on conducting important and impactful research while giving students invaluable experience through the Undergraduate Research Fellowship program. Recently, two MSU undergraduate students were able to present their work on a national stage.

Hannah Brewer, a senior from Pine Ridge with a double-major in biology and teacher certification through MSUTeach, and Craigory Coppola, a senior from Danville majoring in computer science, were selected to participate in the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR), the largest conference dedicated to undergraduate research in the country.

The conference was held in April at Kennesaw State University. It featured oral and poster presentations, visual art exhibits, performances, workshops, information about graduate school opportunities and career fairs for the thousands of undergraduate students selected to participate.

Brewer was mentored by Dr. Robert Boram and Dr. Wilson González-Espada, both professors of physics and science education. Her research focused on why college students who enroll in college with Q-STEM Majors (physics, chemistry and math) tend to switch their majors later in their college careers. Brewer's plans for her research includes a literature review, interviewing more students and developing concrete recommendations so that universities can help reduce Q-STEM attrition and graduate as many physics, chemistry and mathematics students as possible.

Coppola was mentored by Dr. Heba Elgazzar, instructor of computer science. His research involved using machine learning algorithms to analyze the dynamics of social networks to locate maximal cliques and to find clusters for identifying a target demographic. Coppola plans to expand the work and apply the machine learning algorithms on different social networks datasets to detect events such as outbreaks of epidemic diseases in order to help public health officials determine their presence and if early intervention needs to be planned and put into practice.

González-Espada said Brewer and Coppola's accomplishments and the quality of their research is only going to benefit their future endeavors while highlighting the academic reputation of MSU.

"The fact that students from MSU are being accepted to NCUR reflects on the quality of our academic program and the students' motivation to maximize their college experience," he said. "Presenting at a national conference also enhances their resume and opens the door to higher-quality graduate programs."

For more information about undergraduate research at MSU, contact the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs at 606-783-2010, email [b.dehart@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:b.dehart@moreheadstate.edu) or visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/research](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/research).

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### **Celebration of Student Scholarship showcases student research**

The third floor of the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC) may normally be a quiet place for students to study, but it was filled with academic activity yesterday thanks to the 14th Annual Celebration of Student Scholarship held Wednesday.

The event featured 198 presentations that involved 269 undergraduate and graduate student scholars and their 112 faculty mentors. It was presided over by 112 faculty, staff, guest judges and session moderators.

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

“Morehead State University has a long history of support for undergraduate research and this has resulted in an environment that embraces faculty mentorship as a means of enhancing student engagement, retention and critical thinking skills,” said Dr. Mike Henson, associate vice president for research and the dean of the Graduate School. “Participation in the annual celebration is one of multiple paths to success in research and creative activity.”

Among the 198 presentations, the celebration included 91 oral presentations in the morning and 107 poster presentations in the afternoon, followed by a reception and awards presentation for projects of exceptional merit. Dr. Morgan Getchell, assistant professor of communication at MSU, served as a judge for oral presentations from students in the School of English, Communication, Media and Languages. She said part of what makes the Celebration of Student Scholarship so special is how it serves to honor the students’ effort on their specific projects.

“It’s the culmination of all the hard work that the students put in,” she said.

In the ADUC Ballroom, students presented research through posters that demonstrated their work outlining and displaying their research took up much of the ballroom floor. Cameron Goble, a junior neuroscience major from Prestonsburg, was admittedly “terrified” at the thought of presenting his research project for the first time but he said presenting at the Celebration of Student Scholarship proved to be beneficial and rewarding on multiple levels.

“It gives you the opportunity to give away the knowledge you have learned, but it also gives you the opportunity to get more confidence in yourself,” he said.

A photo gallery for the Celebration of Student Scholarship can be found at [www.flickr.com/photos/msu1887/sets/72157706825722571/show](http://www.flickr.com/photos/msu1887/sets/72157706825722571/show).

For more information about the Celebration of Student Scholarship, contact the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs at 606-783-2010, email [b.dehart@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:b.dehart@moreheadstate.edu) or visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/research](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/research).

***Photo:** MSU student Casey Coomer, nursing major from Danville, discusses her research with mentor Dr. Edward Breschel, associate professor of sociology.*

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### **Porter selected to represent MSU at Mountain Laurel Festival**

Alison Porter, a junior from Oil Springs, will represent Morehead State University at the 2019 Kentucky Mountain Laurel Festival in Pineville.

The daughter of James Porter and Alisa Cyrus, she is pursuing a degree in veterinary sciences with a minor in biology.

Porter is an active member in MSU's Student Government Association, serving as a senator. She is also a tutor on campus, meeting with students nearly every day to ensure they are reaching their academic goals. While in high school, she was crowned Miss Apple Blossom in her hometown's annual pageant competition.

"It means so much to me to be selected as the MSU representative at the Mountain Laurel Festival. The long line of candidates who have come before me are women I look up to and respect highly," said Porter. "I can only hope I live up to their name and I am excited for the opportunity."

The 89th Kentucky Mountain Laurel Festival will be held Thursday, May 23, through Sunday, May 26. The program began in 1931. Each university in the Commonwealth is invited to send a representative to the annual festival.

In 2003, Jamie Nicole Blair (03) of Oil Springs won the crown as she represented MSU. Other MSU winners included Sharon Lue Goldsberry (75) and Kelly Michele Holdren (82).

Additional information about the Kentucky Mountain Laurel Festival is available by calling 606-337-6103 or online at [www.kmlf.org](http://www.kmlf.org).

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### **Alumnus named to Obama Foundation Fellowship**

Morehead State alumnus Dr. Brent Hutchinson (96) has been named a 2019 Obama Foundation Fellow for his work to improve the lives of people in Central Appalachia and Eastern Kentucky.

Hutchinson is the executive director of the Hindman Settlement School, which provides educational courses and programs, cultural enrichment and community service programs to people throughout the region. The school's dyslexia education program specifically addresses the needs of people with the genetic learning challenge, which occurs at higher than average rates in the Appalachian region.

Hutchinson took the position at the Settlement School in 2012 and has overseen the largest renovation in the school's 117-year history. In addition, Hutchinson has worked to expand the programs offered at the school to address persistent and emerging needs and interests of the people it serves.

The Obama Foundation Fellowship was established in 2018 to recognize the work of outstanding civic leaders. As a fellow, Hutchinson will participate in a two-year, nonresidential program designed to increase the effectiveness of the school's efforts and inspire more people to be civically engaged in Eastern Kentucky. He joins 19 other civic leaders from 10 countries in receiving the honor this year. The fellowship will assist members with access to mentors, coaches, resources and opportunities to help them achieve their goals within their respective communities.

Hutchinson lives in Hindman with his wife, Gwen (95) and their two sons. He is a member of the Kentucky Advisory Council for Exceptional Children and the Kentucky 4-H Foundation Board, is a high school academic team coach, a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and co-leader of the Knott County Work Ready Community-in-Progress Task Force. He is also actively involved in his church.

For more information on the Hindman Settlement School, visit [www.hindmansettlement.org](http://www.hindmansettlement.org).

Additional information about the Obama Foundation Fellowship is available at [www.obama.org](http://www.obama.org).

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### **Brothers win accounting scholarships**

Brothers Jacob and Matthew Omohundro from Winchester were recently awarded scholarships from the Kentucky Society of Certified Public Accountants (KyCPA) Educational Foundation.

Jacob and Matthew are two members of a set of triplets. Both are senior accounting majors and said they learned about the scholarship at a family Christmas party from a relative who is a member of KyCPA. They both applied and were notified that they won the scholarships on April 1.

“I was so excited when I won,” Matthew said. “I knew I would find out April 1 so I was waiting months for the news. I expected my brother to win the award. He’s really smart and he deserves it. I’m glad they saw something in me as well.”

“It only makes sense that my brother Matthew also won the award because we were in the same predicament and we do everything together, including taking all the same classes,” Jacob said.

Terry Elliott, associate professor of accounting, said Jacob and Matthew are model students.

“Jacob and Matthew are the type of students you want in class. Their attitude is one where they desire to learn. They do tend to keep you on your toes during class- which I enjoy in that someone is striving to learn the material,” he said. “I look forward to any class with them. I appreciate the effort they put into the class to help make it a learning experience not just for them but to all in the class.”

The Omohundros spent more than 16 months in France doing mission work, and Matthew hopes he can use what he learned on the trip in his career after he graduates in December.

“My goal is to get my CPA and work for an accounting firm. I speak fluent French so I would love to be able to use the language in my field of work.”

Jacob also wants to use his experience in France in his career. But before he does that, he is making another big life decision by getting married on May 11.

“I would like to become an accountant for an international firm and get to use my experience living overseas in my work.”

Jacob and Matthew accepted their scholarships at the KyCPA Educational Foundation Awards Banquet, held Friday, April 26, in Louisville. The organization awarded more than 45 scholarships this year to students across the Commonwealth.

The KyCPA Educational Foundation was established in 1988 and annually awards scholarships of up to \$2,000 to academically exceptional accounting students in Kentucky. For more information, visit [www.kycpa.org/futurecpas/collegestudentresources](http://www.kycpa.org/futurecpas/collegestudentresources).

For information about programs in MSU's School of business administration, visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/business](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/business), email [cbt@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:cbt@moreheadstate.edu) or call 606-783-2090.

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### **MSU student travels to Guatemala for Pi Kappa Phi philanthropy trip**

Students involved in Greek life at MSU prioritize service and take the time to help others in their local community – or in David Clover’s case, in another part of the world.

Clover, a junior music education major from Louisville and a member of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity, traveled to Santiago Atitlán, Guatemala, from March 17 through March 22, as part of his fraternity’s national philanthropy, the Ability Experience. This program helps organize events and camps and conducts community service projects for people with disabilities.

During MSU Spring Break this year, Clover and some of his fellow fraternity brothers from across the nation traveled to the country to a special education school. Once there, they repainted the school and installed a concrete staircase in place of the makeshift ladder it was using to access the second floor.

Clover said this was his first time leaving the country and he was amazed at the culture and the people of Guatemala. He rushed Pi Kappa Phi largely due to how his passion for taking care of people with disabilities (he said his sister is on the autism spectrum) matched up with the fraternity’s philanthropic priorities. He said he believes this will be the first of many adventures he may take to serve others.

“After I got back from Guatemala, I was thinking, what is the next opportunity to do something that will be similar to this,” he said. “It immediately made me want to go back and help more and want to figure out what to do with my life and if I want to revolve my life around this.”

For more information on Greek life at MSU, call the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life at 606-783-2071, email [greek@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:greek@moreheadstate.edu) or visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/greek](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/greek).

*Photo: David Clover (pictured upper left wearing a ball cap and red bandana), a member of Pi Kappa Phi, joined his fraternity brothers from across the country to do a service project at the Special Education School at Adisa in Santiago Atitlán, Guatemala, for the fraternity's national philanthropy, Ability Experience.*

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### **Plymale wins Gallaher competition, scholarship**

Hunter Plymale, a junior music education major from Kimper, won the 32nd annual A. Frank and Bethel C. Gallaher Memorial Music Performance Competition at Morehead State University, earning a scholarship.

Plymale plays the saxophone and performs with groups including the MSU Symphony Band, MSU Jazz Band, the Lockegee Sax Quartet and MORESAX.

“Hunter is one of the most ambitious and dedicated students I have worked with. He practices frequently and has grown tremendously as a musician and performer. As a mentor to many younger music students (and perhaps some older ones as well) he truly leads by example,” said Nathan Mensink, visiting assistant professor of music. “Despite being busy, Hunter still finds the time to hunker down in a practice room and hone his skills. I am thrilled to have him in the studio and am extremely proud of the work he has done both in preparation for the Gallaher competition and for his development as a performer. I can hardly wait to see where his path takes him.”

The award, presented each spring, includes a \$2,000 scholarship and the honor of performing at the Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Academic Honors and Awards Convocation.

The Gallaher competition, endowed in 1987, was named for the late Ashland businessman A. Frank Gallaher and his wife, Bethel, who were the parents of the late Dr. Christopher Gallaher, former chair of MSU’s Department of Music.

All full-time junior music majors with at least a 2.75 grade point average may compete for the Gallaher Scholarship. To participate, a student must perform from memory a work that is eight to 10 minutes in length. Preliminary auditions are held in December with the final competition in April.

Plymale will be performing in a joint recital with fellow saxophonist Caleb Gibson Wednesday, May 1, at 7:30 p.m. in Duncan Recital Hall in the Baird Music Building. The recital is free and open to the public.

Contributions to the A. Frank and Bethel C. Gallaher Memorial Music Performance Competition may be made through the MSU Foundation Inc., by calling 606-783-2033 or visiting [alumni.moreheadstate.edu/giving](http://alumni.moreheadstate.edu/giving).

Additional information about music programs is available by calling the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance at 606-783-2473 or visiting [www.moreheadstate.edu/mtd](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/mtd).

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