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## **MSU renews Bee Campus status**

Bee City USA has renewed Morehead State University's certification as a Bee Campus for 2019 following a rigorous renewal application process.

MSU's Earthwise Eagles spearheaded the recertification process, reiterating its commitment to engage the campus in promoting pollinator friendliness.

Director of Environmental Health and Safety and Insurance Holly Niehoff, who is chair of the Earthwise Eagles campus sustainability committee, said MSU seeks to use the program to educate people about the importance of bees to the ecosystem.

"Our goal is to bring awareness, educate and engage the campus community in pollinator friendly practices that help support our local pollinators, which are vitally important to a healthy ecosystem for everyone" Niehoff said. "Our pollinator protection plan is one way that we seek to set an example and model good practices in our operations.

"The Earthwise Eagles invites all members of Morehead State University and our community to offer their ideas for pollinator-friendly initiatives. The more people involved; the sooner pollinator declines will be reversed."

Bee City USA is an initiative of the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation, the largest pollinator protection organization in the world. The Bee Campus USA certification program galvanizes campuses and communities to sustain pollinators by providing them with a healthy habitat, rich in a variety of native plants and free or nearly free of pesticides. Imperiled pollinators like wild bees, honey bees, butterflies, moths, wasps, bats, hummingbirds and others are responsible for the reproduction of nearly 90 percent of the world's wild flowering plant species and one in every three bites of food we consume.

To see Morehead State University's annual report as well as other Bee City USA affiliates' annual reports visit [www.beecityusa.org/annual-reports-campus.html](http://www.beecityusa.org/annual-reports-campus.html).

For more information about Bee City USA, visit [www.beecityusa.org](http://www.beecityusa.org).

To learn more about the Xerces Society, visit [xerces.org](http://xerces.org)

For four simple ways to help pollinators, visit <https://xerces.org/bringbackthepollinators/>

Learn more about the MSU Bee Campus USA program by contacting Niehoff at 606-783-2179, email [h.niehoff@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:h.niehoff@moreheadstate.edu) or visiting [www.moreheadstate.edu/earthwise](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/earthwise).

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### **Nursing program ranked 4th in the state**

Morehead State's Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program has been ranked as one of the top BSN programs in Kentucky by RNCareers.org.

MSU ranked number four in Kentucky and is one of the best nursing schools in the nation. To view the full list of rankings visit [www.rncareers.org/rn-programs/kentucky/](http://www.rncareers.org/rn-programs/kentucky/).

Schools were evaluated on several factors, including first-time NCLEX passing rates, accreditation, program offerings and more.

Dr. Lynn Parsons, chair of MSU Department of Nursing, said what makes MSU's program stand out is its focus on hands-on learning based on current, practice-based curriculum.

"Students are in clinical courses the very first semester of the program," Parsons said, adding students in the program also receive individualized advising.

The program also gives students a chance to serve the community, both locally and abroad. Students and faculty make an annual trip to Haiti to administer health services, and students also participate in Camp Smile, a summer camp program aimed at helping children who are grieving the loss of a parent or guardian.

For more information about MSU's award-winning nursing programs, visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/nursing](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/nursing), email [nursingdept@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:nursingdept@moreheadstate.edu) or call 606-783-2296.

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### **MSU Career Center names winners of Experiential Education Awards**

Morehead State University's Office of Career Services named the winners of its annual Experiential Education Awards in conjunction with the campus' Celebration of Student Scholarship last week. The awards honored a student, an employer and a faculty member whose contributions to and investments in career development via experiential education were truly exceptional. All students, employers and faculty engaged in experiential education – internships, co-ops, clinicals, practicums and student teaching – during 2018 were eligible for nomination.

“Experiential education allows students to gain professional experience outside of the classroom prior to graduation,” said Megan Boone, interim director for MSU's Office of Career Services. “These experiences are often what sets one candidate apart from others so experiences like these allow MSU students to be more competitive in the job market. Our office is proud to recognize the hard work and dedication of not only Morehead State students and faculty, but also the employers who invest in them.”

#### **Student Intern of the Year Award: Lucy Steele**

Lucy Steele from Lexington is a senior marketing major in the School of Business Administration. As an intern with the Appalachian Studies Association, Steele designed and implemented a system to review over 600 conference proposals while also spearheading an initiative to increase conference participation through a strategic social media campaign. Her supervisor Dr. Joy Gritton, professor of art at MSU, touted that "the quality and quantity of her work were unsurpassed" and spoke highly of her leadership, communication and problem solving abilities.

#### **Internship Employer of the Year Award: Regal Beloit**

Regal Beloit, located in Morehead, is a leading manufacturer of electric motors, mechanical and electrical motion controls, and power generation products serving markets throughout the world. Lindsay Childs, a senior from Huntington, West Virginia, and a former intern at Regal Beloit, recognized the mentorship of the management team as being crucial in allowing her to develop skills outside the classroom while increasing her confidence and leadership abilities. The award recognized Randy Norwood, plant manager; Randy Bumgardner, manufacturing manager; Ernie Robinson, quality/lean coordinator; and Caleb Grimes, manufacturing engineer II. This is the second consecutive year Regal Beloit has received this award.

## Faculty Supervisor of the Year Award: Connie Grimes

Connie Grimes, an instructor of computer information systems, was recognized for her dedication in assisting students learn about, secure and complete experiential education opportunities within the School of Business Administration. Additionally, she works with local businesses to develop internship opportunities.

“Internship experience provides students with the opportunity to transform theory into practice,” Grimes said. “These experiences are invaluable, giving students insight into their chosen field, allowing them to gain self-confidence and advancing their career competencies. As a result, students who intern often have amazing employment and career advancement opportunities.”

To learn more about experiential education opportunities at MSU, contact the Office of Career Services at 606-783-2233, email [careerservices@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:careerservices@moreheadstate.edu) or visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/career](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/career).

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### **KFAC wins Main Street Award**

Morehead State's Kentucky Folk Art Center (KFAC) recently won the Main Street Partner Award from the Kentucky Main Street Program (KMSP).

KFAC won the award for hosting Morehead's annual Appalachian Holiday Arts and Craft Fair, an event that provides much-needed financial support to both the KFAC and downtown businesses. The city provides support staff for the event.

"The Kentucky Folk Art Center began the Appalachian Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair 34 years ago, making this event one of the longest running of its type in the state," said Tammy Stone, administrative coordinator of the KFAC. "It was certainly a thrill to be recognized on the state level for our partnership with Downtown Morehead Inc. The Kentucky Folk Art Center has long been a vital component of downtown Morehead by drawing 3,000 plus visitors to visit the community throughout the year. Our commitment to Morehead's Main Street and Downtown Morehead, Inc.'s commitment to the Kentucky Folk Art Center creates a synergy of enthusiasm and vitality for the city."

Kentucky Main Street was created in 1979 to reverse economic decline in central business districts through historic preservation and redevelopment of commercial buildings. For more information, visit [www.heritage.ky.gov](http://www.heritage.ky.gov).

The KFAC houses a permanent collection of nearly 1,400 pieces of self-taught art and is the only art museum in Eastern Kentucky. To learn more, visit [www.kyfolkart.org](http://www.kyfolkart.org), email [kfac@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:kfac@moreheadstate.edu) or call 606-783-2204.

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## **Delta Tau Delta honored for excellence**

Morehead State's Zeta Zeta Chapter of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity was awarded its fifth Court of Honor Award at the fraternity's Southern Division Leadership Conference, held in February in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The Court of Honor Award is presented to the top 20 Delta Tau Delta chapters each year. Chapters were graded on excellence in chapter finance, recruitment, membership education, academics, alumni relations and community service. The southern division of the fraternity also recognized the chapter with its award for member education.

Founded in 1858 at Bethany College, in Bethany, West Virginia, Delta Tau Delta is actively affiliated with 131 colleges and universities in 39 states and the District of Columbia. It has a membership of more than 9,000 undergraduates and 120,000 living alumni.

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

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### **MSU art students accept year-long residency at Cub Creek Foundation**

Morehead State University is home to one of the most comprehensive schools of art, design and education in the state of Kentucky. This year, two students from the Department of Art and Design will go on to continue their education and hone their craft through a unique opportunity.

Garrett Baldrige, a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Studio Art student from Elliottville, and Dallas Banks, a Bachelor of Arts in Studio Art student from Pewee Valley, have both received and accepted offers to take part in a year-long residency focusing on clay at the Cub Creek Foundation in Appomattox, Virginia.

The primary focus of the Cub Creek residency is to assist emerging clay artists with the development and advancement of their careers. While attending the residency, artists learn information regarding materials, the firing process, glaze and slip formulas along with issues of historical and technical importance.

“This is a great accomplishment for both Dallas and Garrett. Being awarded these residency positions will go a long way in helping to establish and define what their lives and careers will be as artists,” said Adam Yungbluth, visiting assistant professor of art and design at MSU. “Their shared time at MSU spoke volumes to their passion for ceramics and dedication to their practice. Their presence in the ceramics studio will be missed, but this opportunity will be well worth it.”

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

*Photo: from left: Dallas Banks and Garrett Baldrige have both accepted offers to take part in a year-long residency focusing on clay at the Cub Creek Foundation in Appomattox, Virginia.*

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### **Changes coming to MSU campus cable network**

Morehead State University's commitment to a great campus living experience will soon be reflected when students turn on their televisions.

Beginning July 1, students in the residence halls will notice changes to their campus cable. Through a partnership between the Office of Student Housing, the Office of Information Technology and College Cable Services, the cable lineup is being changed to reflect student-requested additions and a more organized lineup for consuming the high definition digital cable provided at no charge to residential students.

New for Fall 2019 includes the inclusion of the oft-requested SEC Network, as well as the launch of a streaming service and cloud-based DVR through Philo EDU. This will provide 80 channels of high definition (720p) live television with 20 hours of DVR service and a social experience showing what's trending on campus. Numerous options exist for leveraging these features and students on campus will still have the option to connect their television through coaxial cords provided upon check-in by the Office of Student Housing to view the over 100 channels provided.

"These changes are going to dramatically increase the student satisfaction with our provided entertainment options on campus," said Alan Rucker, director of the Office of Student Housing at MSU. "Students requested these changes and additional services and offerings, and we are so pleased to be able to deliver."

For more information on living on campus at MSU, contact the Office of Student Housing at 606-783-2060, email [housing@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:housing@moreheadstate.edu) or visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/housing](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/housing).

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### **Trees planted to commemorate Arbor Day**

The Gamma Upsilon Chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota (SAI) music sorority held a tree planting to commemorate Arbor Day Wednesday, May 1, at the former site of Butler Hall.

Members of the sorority planted a red maple tree, dogwood trees and decorative shrubs on the site, and the University donated a commemorative bench that was placed at the site.

EmaLee Copeland, a junior from Milton and the SAI service committee chair, said the tree planting fulfilled the sorority's commitment to community service and improving the environment.

"We try to do a couple of service projects each year," Copeland said. "I was walking back to my dorm and noticed this space wasn't being used, so I decided to see if we could do something with it."

Copeland added SAI considers Baird Hall its home base since members spend so much time in the building, which was another reason the former site of Butler was chosen.

The sorority raised funds to buy the tree, which Copeland said was chosen to match the sorority's colors, red and white.

"Since it's a shade tree, we figured the music students could come out here and sit on the bench under the tree and just relax after a long day," Copeland said. "We wanted to make this an SAI spot on campus, which is something we haven't had before. When people see this place, we hope they can find some peace and tranquility on campus, especially during finals and other stressful times of the year."

Sigma Alpha Iota is the International Music Fraternity founded on June 12, 1903, at the University School of Music in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Their motto is "vita brevis, ars longa" which translates to "life is short; art is long."

Visit [EagleLink](http://EagleLink) for more information about this organization.

For information about programs in the 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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### **SGA and Document Services partner to offer more printing locations**

Morehead State University's Student Government Association (SGA) and Document Services have been working together to provide new locations for students to print. Three new printing locations have been added to the residential side of campus.

The new printers are located in the Rocky Adkins Dining Commons and in the lobbies of Andrews Hall and Cartmell Hall.

“SGA moved forward with this initiative when recognizing that after 11:30 p.m., there are no printing options available to students on campus,” said Brandon Bryer, SGA president. “The library closes and academic buildings are locked. Adding three printers on the residential side of campus, now gives 24/7 access to printing in our largest capacity buildings, Andrews and Cartmell, and access until 1 a.m. for all students in the Rock.”

The new printers operate in the same manner as the Student Pay for Print (PFP) machines currently located across campus. Student PFP services allow students to print, copy and scan on campus using BeakerBUCKs. The machines offer mobile printing, the ability to print from a flash drive and scan a document to email.

Director of EagleCard and Document Services, Douglas Snedegar said, “With SGA support and our service provider, Commonwealth Technology, donating two full function units we were able to place student PFP at the Rock, Andrews Hall, and Cartmell Hall. We will be assessing and analyzing the use of the units over the next year, and with student feedback, determine if the locations are beneficial to student success.”

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

To learn more about Document Services, call 606-783-2032, email [printing@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:printing@moreheadstate.edu) or visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/printing](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/printing).

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### **The 2019 Larry Stephenson Scholarship recipients named**

The Larry Stephenson Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a student who demonstrates outstanding achievement in extracurricular activities in high school or at Morehead State University and who is dedicated to community service. This year, four students have been chosen as recipients: incoming freshmen, Josie Howard from Martin and Lincoln Rose from Louisa, and current Morehead State University students, Cameron Cook, a political science major from Stanton, and Alison Porter, veterinary science major from Oil Springs.

Larry Stephenson had a passion for MSU students and their involvement in student activities and organizations. He embodied every aspect of student involvement as he himself was a student-athlete, fraternity member, and worked as the director of student housing, SGA advisor and dean of students during his career at MSU. The Larry Stephenson Memorial Scholarship was established in his memory.

“The Larry Stephenson Scholarship is an important way to carry on the legacy of Larry’s dedication to MSU,” said Shannon Colvin, associate director of leadership, programming and inclusion. “In choosing the recipients of the award, the selection committee is intentional in choosing students that embody the spirit of service and dedication, particularly among students from the service region. Larry served MSU with a servant heart and we are happy to carry on the legacy with the scholarship recipients.”

Four scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 are awarded each year. Students can apply online at [www.moreheadstate.edu/scholarships](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/scholarships). The application opens in the fall and closes around April 15.

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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### **Craft Academy graduation set for Saturday, May 11**

Morehead State University's Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics will host its third graduation Saturday, May 11, at 5 p.m. in Button Auditorium.

A total of 50 students representing 33 counties from across the Commonwealth of Kentucky will be recognized at the ceremony.

The Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics opened in August 2015. Joseph and Kelly Craft of Lexington initially pledged \$4 million in support of the Academy, which was the single largest cash gift in the history of the University. Joseph Craft will be the special guest speaker at this year's graduation ceremony.

The Craft Academy offers unique, project-based STEM+X courses that enrich the educational experience and develop competencies in entrepreneurship and innovation, design and creativity, and civic and regional engagement.

Students are selected based on ACT and SAT scores, academic grades from their first two years of high school, interest in advanced STEM careers, responses to application essay questions, interviews by the academy selection committee and recommendations from teachers and others who could attest to the student's need and preparedness for the program.

Lori Porter will be the student speaker. She is the daughter of John and Brinda Porter. Prior to attending the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics, she was a student at both Henry County High School and the iLead Academy.

In fall 2019, students from the graduating class will attend 17 different colleges and universities across the United States, including six students who will enroll at MSU.

For more information on the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics, call 606-783-9025, email [craftacademy@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:craftacademy@moreheadstate.edu) or visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/Craft-Academy](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/Craft-Academy).

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### **International student Dang Dam pursues degree to help family business and experience American culture**

Every student that attends Morehead State University has their own distinct motivation for pursuing a college degree. For Dang Dam, an international student from Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, it is a desire to better himself and his family that brought him to MSU. By being an international student, Dam hopes to improve his English skills, gain a deeper understanding of American culture and apply his newly acquired knowledge to help his family.

Dam is currently studying accounting. With this degree, he hopes to help his family analyze and prepare financial records for their small business.

“I want to go back and work for my parents,” said Dam. “From my studies, I will be able to help them improve their small business.”

Dam splits his time between studying for his accounting classes, lifting weights at the Recreation and Wellness Center and being involved with the Baptist Campus Ministry (BCM).

“I go to the Recreation and Wellness Center every day, except on the weekends. It is a great resource that MSU offers,” said Dam. “I also spend a lot of time at the BCM. They have potlucks for international students and American students. The first time I went, I made new friends. That day I cooked food from my home country to share with others.”

As part of the international student program, Dam was assigned a student mentor. This mentor functions as a friendly face and resource to help international students get acclimated. Dam’s favorite memory with his student mentor was when they traveled to Cincinnati.

“We went to a mall for shopping, the zoo and then went to an art museum. It was a lot of fun.”

From all his experiences at MSU so far, seeing snow for the first time was his most memorable. Dam is from a hot and humid climate where snow is only visible on the peaks of the mountains.

“The first time I saw snow here it was amazing. I can see the complete four seasons which is something I haven’t gotten to experience before.”

Additional information about the accounting program in the Elmer R. Smith College of Business and Technology, is available by visiting [www.moreheadstate.edu/study/accounting](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/study/accounting), emailing [cbt@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:cbt@moreheadstate.edu) or calling 606-783-2090.

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

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### **Sarah Young wins McBride tutoring award**

Sarah Young, a junior from Fayetteville, Ohio, was the recipient of this year's Molly McBride Tutoring Excellence Award.

The award is given annually to a tutor who demonstrates a superior level of tutoring skills and caring for MSU students. It is named in honor of Molly McBride, a Tutoring and Learning Center (TLC) tutor who was killed in a car crash in May 2013.

The TLC tutors are undergraduates who help their fellow students through tutoring mathematics, business, sciences, writing, foreign languages and other subjects.

"I really love the community I work with. The Tutoring and Learning Center takes such great care of its employees, it has easily been the best job I have ever had," Young said. "I started tutoring as a freshman and I often looked up to the tutors that I knew who have also won this award, Taylor Cash and Shelby Price. I am so thankful that the students I have worked with thought to nominate me."

Young is a psychology and legal studies double-major. She tutors her fellow students in subjects such as writing, math, speech, statistics, praxis core, psychology and logic. She first began working as a tutor in October 2016 and was promoted to tutor specialist in January of last year.

Additional information on the TLC is available by calling 606-783-5105 or at [www.moreheadstate.edu/tutoring](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/tutoring).

*Photo: Michelle Barber, MSU director of academic advising and retention, presented Sarah Young, right, with the Molly McBride Tutoring Excellence Award.*

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### **MSU's Spring Gala was "An Evening in Madrid"**

Morehead State University faculty, staff, students and friends of the University were treated to an "An Evening in Madrid" at the 2019 Spring Gala, which was held at the newly renovated Adron Doran University Center on April 27.

Guests were treated to incredible food and drinks, a silent auction and a performance by current students, faculty and alumni from the School of Creative Arts. The fundraising event raised nearly \$100,000 to advance academic programs and improve the University.

"The Spring Gala is our biggest one-night fundraiser of the year and has been for 26 years now," MSU President Dr. Jay Morgan said. "Alumni, friends and supporters from the broader community come together to celebrate our student and faculty talents, as well as raising funds for much-needed student scholarships."

The date for the 2020 MSU Spring Gala is set for Saturday, April 25, 2020. Additional information is available by calling the Office of Alumni Relations and Development at [606-783-2033](tel:6067832033) or 1-877-783-ALUM.

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### **48 students inducted into the Orders of the Iron and Golden Eagle**

The Iron Eagle Challenge, sponsored by Morehead State University's Student Government Association (SGA), is a community service event that challenges the student body to complete 24 hours of consecutive service.

By the end of the event, 20 tie blankets were made and donated to the Lexington Children's Hospital; 50 letters of appreciation were written to military service men and woman; over 100 sheets of coloring book pages with puffy paint outlines were made for visually impaired children so they can color inside the lines and over 105,000 grains of rice were raised through freerice.com. Collectively, the efforts of every student equaled 1,422 hours and 45 minutes of service.

Students that contributed 18 hours of service received a medal, recognition at SGA's Student Choice Awards and induction into the Order of the Iron Eagle. Those that contributed 24 hours received the same accolades and induction into the Order of the Golden Eagle.

Inductees into the Order of the Iron Eagle are as follows:

- Hunter Brown, freshman psychology major from Somerset.
- Jarrod Bullock, junior computer engineering major from Carlisle.
- Rebekah Burnett, junior marketing major from Stanton.
- Gillian Coburn, from Louisa.
- William Davis, sophomore space science major from Mt. Washington.
- Amy Heflin, sophomore animal sciences major from Lexington.
- Olivia Jackson, junior social work major from Louisa.
- Colton Kendall, freshman biology major from Cynthiana.
- Carter McIntire, Craft Academy student from Union.
- Makayla McMurtrey, from Winchester.
- Brent Parsons, junior international studies major from Ashland.
- Sierra Potts, Craft Academy student from Stanford.
- Jennifer Roberts, junior public history major from Stanton.
- Elizabeth Skeans, junior university studies major from Paintsville.
- Carisa Smallwood, freshman legal studies major from Vanceburg.
- Jeremy Spencer, from Louisville.
- Madison Spencer, sophomore nursing major from Mount Sterling.
- Santana Spradlin, junior neuroscience major from Martin.
- Caden Tuel, Craft Academy student from Maysville.

Inductees into the Order of the Golden Eagle are as follows:

- Alaina Back, freshman psychology major from Morehead.
- Olivia Blout, freshman special education major from London.
- Rachel Branham, junior nursing major from East Point.
- Abby Bray, sophomore nursing major from Rockcastle.
- Catrina Craig, freshman nursing major from West Liberty.
- Alec Dickerson, junior biomedical sciences major from Louisville.
- Connor Finley, junior nursing major from Pendleton.
- Zachary Fissler, freshman finance major from Lawrence County.
- Katelyn Ginn, junior psychology major from Mount Sterling.
- Lexie Grayson, junior animal science major from Louisa.
- Samantha Helton, freshman nursing major from West Liberty.
- Joe Hill, junior psychology major from West Liberty.
- William Host, junior political science major from Fairfax, Virginia.
- Ariana Jackson, junior nursing major from Logan, West Virginia.
- Chelsea Lewis, junior social work major from Elliott County.
- Samantha Maniscalco, junior strategic communication major from Ashland.
- Kent Mason, freshman strategic communication major from Paris.
- Amanda McKinney, freshman social work major from Harrodsburg.
- Charlie Miller, sophomore convergent media major from Winchester.
- Wendell Mitchell, freshman business administration major from Sandy Hook.
- Timothy Morehead, engineering and technology graduate student from Independence.
- Griffin Newell, freshman psychology major from Richmond.
- Ashley Nolan, freshman agriculture major from Harrodsburg.
- Olivia Ritchie, junior nursing major from Irvine.
- Andrea Rosario, sophomore animal science major from Shepherdsville.
- Taylor Ruark, junior radiologic sciences from Vanceburg.
- Andrew Sexton, junior psychology and Spanish double-major from Morehead.
- Santana St. Clair, freshman nursing major from South Point, Ohio.
- Cheyanne Wells, junior nursing major from Bath County.

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

*Photo: Order of the Iron Eagle inductees from left, back row: William Davis, Hunter Brown, Rebekah Burnett, Jeremy Spencer and Jennifer Roberts. Front row, from left: Carisa Smallwood, Amy Heflin and Santana Spradlin.*

*Photo: Order of the Golden Eagle inductees from left, back row: William Host, Kent Mason, Zachary Fissler, Samantha Helton, Charlie Miller, Ashley Nolan, Amanda McKinney and Samantha Maniscalco. Middle row, from left: Wendell Mitchell, Joe Hill, Catrina Craig, Chelsea Lewis, Taylor Ruark, Olivia Blout, Abby Bray and Tim Morehead. Front row, from left: Andrea Rosario, Katelyn Ginn, Alaina Back and Ariana Jackson.*

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### **Blakeman Memorial Scholarship awarded to four recipients**

Morehead State University's Office of Alumni Relations and Development has announced four spring 2019 recipients of the J.B. Blakeman Memorial Scholarship: Brian Carter of Morehead; Alex Entsminger of Melbourne, Florida; Ben McCarty of Lexington; and Jimmy Ray of Varney.

Carter is a freshman biomedical sciences major. He was recognized for his community service, including volunteering at St. Claire Regional Medical Center. Carter attended the Carlson Leadership Academy in Atlanta in February and currently serves as Sigma Phi Epsilon's (SigEp) vice president of finance. He was on the dean's list his first semester, participates in intramural sports and serves as vice president for recruitment for the Interfraternity Council (IFC).

Entsminger is a junior general business major. He attended the Carlson Leadership Academy and currently serves as secretary for SigEp's executive board. He is a Dean's List student and serves as vice president of judicial and academic affairs for IFC at MSU.

McCarty is a sophomore criminology/military science major. He attended the Carlson Leadership Academy and serves as SigEp's vice president of member development. He is an ROTC Cadet, Dean's List student and volunteers for both Gateway Helping Hands and the Mt. Sterling Community Food Coalition. McCarty is also a member of Phi Sigma Pi, an academic and service organization at MSU.

Ray is a freshman nursing major. He attended the Carlson Leadership Academy in Atlanta and currently serves as SigEp's vice president of communications. He and his family have been active supporters of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society; he has participated in the fundraising walk in Lexington for more than 10 years. Ray serves locally at Gateway Helping Hands by packing backpack snacks for area schoolchildren.

The scholarship was established in 2012 in memory of Jeffery Scott "J.B." Blakeman. A graduate of Morehead State University with an industrial technology degree, he was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and a Chi Omega sorority big brother. As an avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed hunting, fishing and photographing wildlife. Blakeman loved golfing and was a member of the Eagle Trace Men's Golf Association. He was also a proud supporter of Rowan County and MSU athletics. He passed away in September 2011 at the age of 52.

With these awards, nearly \$20,000 in scholarship funds have been awarded through the J.B. Blakeman Memorial Scholarship fund. MSU announced last year that enough funds have been raised to establish a scholarship endowment, where the return on the funds will provide scholarship resources into the future.

For more information on the scholarship or to make a donation, contact MSU's Office of Alumni Relations and Development at 606-783-2033, email [alumni@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:alumni@moreheadstate.edu) or visit [alumni.moreheadstate.edu](http://alumni.moreheadstate.edu).

*Photo: Spring 2019 Scholarship Recipients, Scholarship Committee Members and Blakeman Family: Jeffrey Liles, Brian Carter, Kennedy Bryce Blakeman (18), Ben McCarty, Vicki Collins Blakeman (81), Jimmy Ray, Taylor Blakeman Barney (11), Alex Entsminger and Bill Redwine (79).*

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### **MSU Career Services hosts Etiquette Networking Dinner**

Morehead State University's Office of Career Services hosted its ninth annual Etiquette Networking Dinner in the newly renovated Adron Doran University Center (ADUC) on April 23. Over 40 students took advantage of this opportunity.

The evening began with the employer sponsors, as well as individuals from Mt. Folly Farms, mingling with students as tips were shared to prepare students to be successful networkers. During the three-course meal, Terri Thompson, Etiquette Institute graduate, served as the guest speaker guiding participants in the proper way to navigate a formal meal, handle napkins and tableware, as well as how to excuse oneself from the table. This formal training is designed to make students feel more confident in professional social situations.

"Etiquette is about helping students develop professional poise, confident communication skills and personal polish," Thompson said, "Practicing the three bedrock principles of etiquette – kindness, consideration and honesty – is always the right thing to do and will help any student's success."

The National Association of Colleges and Employers finds that employers want to hire candidates with transferable skills, such as communication. This event allows students to practice this in a professional setting.

"I enjoyed networking with the organizations. However, the best part of the event is learning new skills to better impress employers, including how to handle myself in a professional dining situation like a job interview," said Kiandra Jenkins, an elementary education major from Cincinnati.

Additionally, employers attending the dinner share that it is often the ability to introduce oneself, portray a professional image and showcase basic etiquette that sets a candidate apart during the hiring process.

"Facilitating the professional development of MSU students is the focus of this dinner," said Megan Boone, interim director of the Office of Career Services. "Providing students with an opportunity to practice networking and learn dining etiquette is just one of the many ways that our University is working to ensure our students have the skills they need to excel in the workplace."

For more information about the Office of Career Services, call 606-783-2233, email [careerservices@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:careerservices@moreheadstate.edu) or visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/career](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/career).

*Photo: MSU alumna Deion Stapleton (17) networks with a current student at the ninth annual Etiquette Networking Dinner hosted by the Office of Career Services.*

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### **MSU Spring Commencement takes place Saturday, 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 graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences.

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 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.

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.

If you can't attend the MSU Spring Commencement, you can stream the ceremonies online.

The morning commencement ceremonies can be streamed at 10 a.m. at <https://ovcdigitalnetwork.com/watch/?Live=6930>.

The afternoon commencement program can be streamed at 2 p.m. at <https://ovcdigitalnetwork.com/watch/?Live=6931>.

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

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### **MSU's Cory Clark elected president of KABHE, receives multiple honors**

As the minority academic service coordinator at the Eagle Diversity Education Center at Morehead State University, Cory Clark is always aiming to improve the academic and social environment for the underrepresented student population at MSU. Now, he will be tasked with trying to help African American students succeed in higher education across the state.

Clark was recently elected president of the Kentucky Association of Blacks in Higher Education (KABHE) at the 36th Annual Conference "Staying Focused During Challenging Times" in Louisville this past month. During this event, he was also given the Wendall Thomas Award, presented in recognition of his endeavors to promote equal opportunity and the cause of African Americans in higher education, and the President's Award, which is given to a member for their outstanding contributions and commitment to the organization.

KABHE, which was founded in 1983 at the University of Kentucky, promotes the advancement of African Americans in higher education by articulating needs and concerns, promoting unity and cooperation, and enhancing the personal and professional growth of its membership. The organization works to assist Kentucky colleges and universities with the recruitment, retention and development of diverse faculty, staff and students while focusing on leadership, access and vital issues impacting higher education. It maintains its membership and participation as an affiliate with the American Association of Blacks in Higher Education. KABHE was patterned after the Kentucky Negro Educational Association, which was dissolved during the era of desegregation, to maintain and uphold the goals as the needs remain.

Clark has been a member of KABHE since 2010 when he was a graduate student at Eastern Kentucky University on the way to earning his Master of Arts in Student Personnel Services in Higher Education. He said when he attended his first conference, it had a positive impact on him and helped him expand his own aspirations.

"Going to a conference where you see all of these professionals of color and these administrators and these vice presidents and all these people in higher positions that look like me," Clark said. "It was so eye-opening. It really, genuinely was."

Clark has held several positions with the organization, including northwest regional representative and vice president and believes his election as KABHE president is largely due to its members seeing his commitment to the organization's mission and believing he can help lead them to a new level of success.

"I think that people know I have a passion for this organization, and I think they see my hard work and involvement," he said. "One of the biggest things is utilizing our platform and utilizing it for the greater good not just for blacks in higher education, but in higher education as a whole."

To learn more about MSU's Eagle Diversity Education Center, call 606-783-9569, email [edec@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:edec@moreheadstate.edu) or visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/edec](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/edec).

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### **Morehead State joins University Center of Southern Kentucky partnership**

U. S. Rep. Harold "Hal" Rogers and Governor Matt Bevin joined state and local officials, and leaders of Somerset Community College (SCC) to announce four university partnerships that will allow local students to earn a bachelor's degree through the new University Center of Southern Kentucky in Somerset. The university partners include: Morehead State University (MSU), Western Kentucky University (WKU), Eastern Kentucky University (EKU), and the University of Kentucky (UK).

The new University Center of Southern Kentucky (UCSK) will open with the Fall 2019 semester on the campus of Somerset Community College (SCC), allowing third and fourth-year students to continue pursuing their degrees close to home.

"I believe that if we can keep just one generation of our brightest students here at home to earn a college degree and make a good living, we could transform the future of Southern and Eastern Kentucky," said Congressman Rogers. "The average college student graduates with a debt of \$29,800, the highest in U.S. history. In addition to providing a great college education, UCSK will help drastically reduce student debt right out of the gate."

"This is an exciting day for students in the Lake Cumberland region, who will now have an opportunity to obtain a bachelor's degree while continuing to live and work in the communities they love," said Gov. Bevin. "I applaud the ingenuity and vision of Congressman Rogers and Dr. Castle, and I am grateful for the program's public university partners for coming alongside Somerset Community College to make this program a reality."

The University Center of Southern Kentucky is one of only a handful of collaborative institutions of its kind nationwide. Serving as an important link for community development and individual opportunities, the University Center provides partnerships, educational programs, an interactive "hub" for student use and student learning resource support services.

"Part of Morehead State University's dedication to student success is not just an experience that combines personalized attention and quality academic programs, but also making that experience accessible and affordable to students and families," said Morehead State President Dr. Jay Morgan. "This partnership with Somerset Community College and the other partnering universities is yet another way MSU is demonstrating our continued commitment to access and affordability for the citizens of southern Kentucky."

Students will be eligible for enrollment in the Fall 2019 semester for MSU, ECU, and WKU. Degrees through UK will be available in the Spring 2020 semester. Program details will be announced by each university as they continue working in coordination with the University Center of Southern Kentucky.

After completing a two-year degree at SCC, students will be able to choose from the partnering university of their choice and have access to student support services to complete a four-year degree at the Somerset campus.

"SCC is proud to partner with ECU, Morehead, WKU and UK at the University Center of Southern Kentucky, which will extend our reach and better serve the residents of the Southern Kentucky region," said Dr. Carey Castle, president and CEO of SCC. "Our goal is to provide access to education that leads to careers and continued education, and the University Center of Southern Kentucky is an excellent way to do just that. SCC students in the surrounding counties will benefit from convenient access to an excellent education while they travel a seamless pathway to a bachelor's degree and beyond. It's a win-win-win for SCC, the four-year universities, and students."

For more information, contact Dr. Dan Connell, MSU assistant vice president for regional education and outreach at 606-783-2612 or [d.connell@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:d.connell@moreheadstate.edu) or Trent Pool, director of the University Center of Southern Kentucky at [trent.pool@kctcs.edu](mailto:trent.pool@kctcs.edu).

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### **Students apply physics to real world**

Students in one Elementary Physics class were recently tasked with applying some of the concepts they learned in class to the real world through an interesting activity.

Each semester, Dr. Kent Price, associate professor of physics at Morehead State, has his students calculate the cost and energy savings of using a high-efficiency lightbulb instead of a regular incandescent bulb. Approximately 100 students per semester participate in the activity.

“The students have to know the power (wattage) of the bulb they are replacing and the new one they are replacing it with. They must estimate how many hours per day the bulb is used. They also need to know how much they pay for electricity by the kilowatt-hour,” Price said. “Finally, they need to know how much the bulb itself cost and what the manufacturer claims its expected lifetime is.”

By using these variables, the students can calculate the difference, which Price said teaches them about the relationship between power, energy and time as they relate to physics.

“They learn making a relatively small change in the power rating of an electrical device or appliance can add up to significant savings in the long run,” he said.

Price added many of his students already use high-efficiency bulbs, and so they replace a bulb at a relative or neighbor’s house. Often, Price said once they are shown the savings, many of those people switch to high-efficiency bulbs.

“If you just go by the cost on the shelf at the store, it looks like the high-efficiency bulbs are more expensive, so many cost-conscious consumers buy the cheap bulbs on the shelf, not realizing they are paying more in the long run,” he said. “In fact, even if you ignored the electricity savings of the high-efficiency bulbs, they last five or 10 times as long as the old low-efficiency ones, so even the total purchase cost is lower for the high-efficiency bulbs.”

Price said his students have saved thousands of dollars over the 15 years he’s used the activity in his class.

To learn more about physics programs at MSU, visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/study/physics](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/study/physics), email [maph@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:maph@moreheadstate.edu) or call 606-783-2930.

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### **Freeland Education Scholarship established**

The Morehead State University Foundation has announced the establishment of the Freeland Education Scholarship, as well as the award's first recipient. Mckensie Fielding of Rowan County has been chosen to receive the Freeland Education Scholarship.

The scholarship was created by Drs. Kent and Kay Freeland, two lifelong teachers and administrators in public schools and higher education institutions across Kentucky, Iowa, Wisconsin and Illinois. Kent Freeland is a professor emeritus of education at Morehead State University and Kay was superintendent of Rowan County Schools from 1993 to 2005.

The awardee, Mckensie Fielding, is a freshman pursuing her degree in education. Specifically, the degree she is working towards will be in moderate/severe disabilities for grades kindergarten through 12th and fifth grade through seventh grade social studies. In her free time, she volunteers as an assistant girls' basketball coach for Rowan County Middle School and as the statistics keeper for the Rowan County Senior High School girls' basketball team. After graduating, she plans on staying in the Rowan County area to become a special education teacher.

"I'm very appreciative of the Freelands' generosity," said Fielding. "The Freeland Education Scholarship is helping me reach my goals and I am truly thankful. I encourage all donors to invest in MSU. It really does make a difference in students' lives."

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).

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### **Senior Celebration held at MSU Prestonsburg**

Morehead State University at Prestonsburg Bachelor of Social Work Program hosted its annual Senior Celebration Monday, May 6. Students were recognized for their hard work and dedication. Graduates were recognized, along with the Student Association of Social Workers-Prestonsburg (SASW) officers, students who were inducted into the Social Work Honor Society, and the Public Child Welfare Certification Program graduating students.

The ceremony culminated with the students taking the Social Work Oath.

“I am very proud of this group,” said Deirdra Robinson, MSU at Prestonsburg social work program facilitator. “Each one of these students has overcome many obstacles in their life to reach this point. I have no doubt that will be making a difference in the lives of many.”

Missy Baker was named the Outstanding Student for the MSU Prestonsburg Bachelor of Social Work Program.

Among MSU personnel attending were: Angela Blankenship, social work faculty; Jason Blanton, MSU Prestonsburg campus coordinator; Dr. Dan Connell, assistant vice president regional education and outreach; Becky Davison, social work program director; Dr. Lynn Geurin, associate professor of social work; Dr. Monica Himes, assistant professor of social work; and Deidra Robinson, social work program facilitator.

Members of the senior class are: Cassandra Allen of Louisa; Melissa Baker of Martin; Amy Combs of Wayland; Meghan Dotson of Pikeville; Sidney Hale of Royalton; Kimberly Michelle Hayden of Thelma; Johnna Brooke Little of East Point; Timothy Maynard of Pilgrim; Tara Lynn Rowland of Wittensville; Lindsay Diana Stidham of Hindman; Morgan Shae Taylor of Prestonsburg; Hannelore Urban of Pikeville; and Gabrielle Waddles of David.

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

For additional information on the social work program, contact Robinson at 606-783-9226 or visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/study/socialwork](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/study/socialwork).

*Photo: Front row from left: Andrea Davis, Amy Combs, Tim Maynard, Gabby Waddles, Missy Baker, and Kim Hayden. Back row from left: Sidney Hale, Lindsay Stidham, Hannelore Urban, Johnna Little, Cassandra Allen, Morgan Taylor, Meghan Dotson and Tara Rowland.*

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### **Equestrian Team member competes in nationals**

A member of Morehead State's Equestrian Team recently competed in the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association's (IHSA) national competition, held May 2-5 in Syracuse, New York.

Freshman Rudy Pohlbeln, a veterinary science major from Edgewood, competed in the individual intermediate western horsemanship class, finishing seventh. He rode Trigger, a horse provided by State University of New York Morrisville.

"It feels good to be representing the school at such a high level especially being my first year on the team," he said. "As a freshman, I wasn't expecting to make it this far, but it also makes it feel like a bigger deal being a freshman."

The IHSA has more than 10,000 riders nationwide. Of that number, only 380 qualified for nationals. Pohlbeln has had a successful first year on the team, winning reserve champion at a competition held in February in Midway and qualifying for nationals after winning reserve champion at the semifinal competition held in Utah in March.

To learn more about the MSU Equestrian Team, contact Coach Devin Lintzenich at [dslintzenich@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:dslintzenich@moreheadstate.edu).

For information about programs in the Department of Agricultural Sciences at MSU, 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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### **MSU Phi Beta Lambda members earn awards, elected office at state conference**

Morehead State University students gain the tools, knowledge and experience for future success in business through the Elmer R. Smith College of Business and Technology and through student organizations like Phi Beta Lambda (PBL). This year, three students have already found success through PBL beyond MSU.

Two PBL members competed at the PBL State Leadership Conference this past spring at Eastern Kentucky University. Lawrence Fraction, a computer and information sciences major from West Liberty, and Ben Moore, an accounting major from Huntington, West Virginia, participated in four competitive business events and earned first place awards in Computer Concepts and Networking Concepts, respectively.

Samuel Stapleton, instructor of management with MSU's School of Business Administration, said the PBL State Leadership Conference included competitors from higher education institutions across the state. He took pride in the students' accomplishments and thought it was well-earned.

"They are both hard-working and dedicated students who invested the time to prepare and study for their competitions," he said.

In addition to PBL members earning awards, Gabe Rogers, an accounting and finance major from Mt. Sterling and treasurer for PBL at MSU, successfully campaigned and won election to the office of PBL state vice president for the 2019-20 academic year.

"Gabe Rogers' leadership ability, personality and dedication to Phi Beta Lambda allowed him to stand out among the other candidates running for election," Stapleton said. "There is no doubt that Gabe will certainly represent Morehead State University and Phi Beta Lambda with the highest degree of professionalism."

For more information on MSU's business programs, contact the Elmer R. Smith College of Business and Technology at 606-783-2174, email [cbt@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:cbt@moreheadstate.edu) or visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/cbt](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/cbt).

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### **Wu accepted to UMass Ph.D. program**

Cuibing Wu, MSU graduate student in the School of Engineering and Information Systems (SEIS), has been accepted to the Ph.D. program in business administration at the University of Massachusetts Lowell this fall.

Cuibing has received three Ph.D. offers with several fellowships and teaching and research assistantships. Based on his interests and career goals, he chose to attend UMass Lowell to pursue a Ph.D. in business administration.

Cuibing is from Wei County, Xingtai City, Hebei Province in China and earned a bachelor's degree in finance from Hebei University and a master's degree in accounting from Renmin University of China. Before being admitted to the Master of Science in Engineering and Technology Management program in August 2017, he worked for five years in accounting in China. He will graduate from the program on May 11, 2019.

Cuibing has published three research papers in national journals and was awarded a certificate of exceptional merit for the oral presentation of his thesis research at MSU's 2019 Celebration of Student Scholarship.

For more information about programs in the School of Engineering and Information Systems, visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/seis](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/seis), email [seis@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:seis@moreheadstate.edu) or call 606-783-2418.

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### **SGA elects new officers for 2019-20 academic year**

Morehead State University's Student Government Association (SGA) recently elected new officers for the 2019-20 academic year to continue the organization's mission of improving the lives on campus of both current and future students.

The students below were elected to SGA offices:

#### President: Colby Birkes

Colby Birkes is a political science and legal studies major from Winchester. He is a member of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity, and International Scholar Award recipient and served as the SGA executive vice president for 2018-19. Birkes will be serving on the MSU Board of Regents as the student regent for the upcoming year.

#### Executive Vice President: Waco Denham Bays IV

Waco Denham Bays IV is a biomedical science major from Pikeville. He is a member of College Republicans, CAB Crew, served as an SGA senator for two years and currently serves as an orientation leader for Student Orientation Advising and Retention (SOAR) programs. Bays is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, where he has served as the recruitment chair, member educator and ritual chair.

#### Vice President of Administration: Emily Wiley

Emily Wiley is a double major in agriculture and political science from London. She is a resident advisor (RA), Student Alumni Ambassador, served as an SGA senator, as well as chief of staff this past year. She is a member of Delta Zeta Sorority, where she serves as the risk management chair.

#### Vice President of Finance: Santana Spradlin

Santana Spradlin is a neuroscience major from Martin. She is a member of the Gamma Phi Beta Sorority and was an SGA senator for 2017-18 and served as the vice president of finance for 2018-19.

#### Vice President of Public Relations: Emma Li Mathews

Emma Li Mathews is a biomedical science major from Morehead. She is a member of Kappa Delta Sorority and has served on SGA for two years as a senator.

#### Vice President of Campus Involvement: Connor Tilford

Connor Tilford is a business management major from Paducah. He is an orientation leader for SOAR programs and a member of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, where he serves as the secretary and ritual guide.

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

*Photo: Morehead State University's Student Government Association (SGA) recently elected new officers for the 2019-20 academic year. Front row: Santana Spradlin, vice president of finance, Emily Wiley, vice president of administration, and Emma Li Mathews, vice president of public relations. Back row: Waco Denham Bays IV, executive vice president, Colby Birks, president, and Connor Tilford, vice president of campus involvement.*

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### **38 students earn Adobe certification**

A total of 38 Morehead State students earned Adobe certification this semester, bringing the total number of certifications earned for the academic year to 80.

“These numbers continue to speak to the outstanding quality of our instructors in the Department of Art and Design and convergent media. This is truly a point of pride and achievement that should be celebrated. I am very proud of all the hard work that went into this process by our students, faculty, and staff,” said Tony Glover, instructor and Adobe certification program coordinator.

Ten students earned certification in Photoshop, 10 were certified in Illustrator, nine earned InDesign certifications, five were certified in After effects and one was certified in Premiere Pro. In addition, two students were certified as graphic design specialists for passing certification exams for Photoshop, Illustrator and InDesign, and one student was certified as a video design specialist for passing certification exams in Photoshop, After Effects and Premiere Pro.

Students who earned high scores were:

- Photoshop: Angel Reffett, a junior art and design major from Clearfield, 861.
- Illustrator: Adeline Fish, a Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics junior from Walton, 860.
- Premiere Pro: Matthew Bryant, a senior convergent media major from Nicholasville, 871.
- After Effects: Brian Leming, a senior from Flemingsburg majoring in computer science, 904.

MSU boasts a certification exam pass rate of 87 percent for the spring semester.

“Our college’s instructors do a great job of teaching our students the skill sets needed to be competitive in today’s digital media job landscape,” Glover said. “Our Adobe Certified Instructors are responsible for delivering course content that teaches students through a series of in-class tutorials, design projects, lectures, and quizzes -- all done in a very hands-on learning environment. This approach ensures that our students are receiving detailed skills/knowledge of the software, core design principles, and industry standards/practices.” Glover added that the program also provides students with resources such as tutorials, practice exams and other resources to help them earn certification.

Glover said earning Adobe Certified Associate (ACA) status validates a student’s skills, giving them an advantage when they enter the workforce.

“In today’s extremely competitive job market having a certification in addition to your degree will help your resume stand out,” he said. “It is a proven fact that digital media and technology certifications help hiring professionals choose whom to interview and increases your chance to land the job.”

To find out more about MSU’s Adobe certification programs, visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/adobe](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/adobe), email glover at [c.glover@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:c.glover@moreheadstate.edu) or call 606-783-9338.

For 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.

To learn more about MSU’s convergent media program, visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/study/communication](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/study/communication), email [cml@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:cml@moreheadstate.edu) or call 606-783-2134.

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## **Rec Center to host summer camps**

Morehead State's Recreation and Wellness Center will host a nine-week summer day camp program for children ages 5-12 Beginning Tuesday, May 28.

The camp will be open weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and there are before and after care options for campers who need to be dropped off early or picked up late. Before care begins at 6:30 a.m. and after care ends at 5:30 p.m. Before and after care fees are in addition to camp fees.

The camp will be closed the week of July 4.

Fees for the camp are as follows:

- MSU students: \$90 per week.
- MSU faculty, staff and recreation and wellness center members: \$110 per week.
- General public: \$125 per week.

There is a \$35 deposit for each week due at registration. All camp fees are due Monday, May 20.

Before and after care fees are:

- \$5 per day or \$25 per week for either before or aftercare.
- Combo package (includes before and aftercare, \$40 per week).

For more information and to register, visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/recreation](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/recreation), or contact Zach Martin at 606-783-5284 or email [zmartin@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:zmartin@moreheadstate.edu).

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### **Rites of Passage celebrated**

Morehead State University's Office of Student Activities, Inclusion and Leadership Development sponsored its 36th Rites of Passage recognition ceremony on Friday, May 10, in the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC).

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

Spring graduates who participated in the ceremony were:

- Nekko Beal, Cincinnati
- Darius Jordan Boykin, Ironton, Ohio
- McKenzie Calvert, Schertz, Texas
- Georgia Crystal Campbell; Brampton, Ontario, Canada
- Miranda Dianne Crockett, Martinsville, Virginia
- Landie La'Mont Davis, Detroit, Michigan
- Jeremiah S. Draper, Fort Knox
- Brandyn Martin Duncan, Lexington
- Nicholas Flores, West New York, New Jersey
- Kiana Gilbert, Louisville
- Hannah Marie Gipson, Louisville
- Joshua Isaiah Hall, Hampton, Virginia
- Kellie Jernise Harris, Shelbyville
- Lamont S. Harris, Louisville
- Sayyid Kanu, Columbus, Ohio
- Aliyah Jeune, Mount Holly, New Jersey
- Brittany Nicole McCoy, Louisville
- Logan Seth Wolfgang McLane, Georgetown
- Tierra McGowan, Chicago, Illinois
- Leighann S. Neal, Frankfort
- Robert De'Andre Sparks, Shelby, Mississippi
- Hassan Abdalla Suleiman, Louisville
- Christian DeAndre Thomas, Mt. Sterling
- Aaron T'Sai D'Jon Turk, Atlanta Georgia

- Johna Chanel Becknell Walker, Beattyville
- Stephon Terrell Williams, Paris
- Cierra Shapprell Wilson, Lexington
- Cuibing Wu, Wei County, Xingtai City, Hebei Province, China

The keynote speaker for the spring celebration was Dr. Caroline Atkins. She is a visiting assistant professor of criminology and assistant to the president for strategic initiatives. She has been at MSU since July 2018 and serves as MSU's chief diversity officer. Prior to this position, she served as a senior associate in academic affairs at the Council on Postsecondary Education.

To view a photo gallery of the Rites of Passage ceremony, go to [www.flickr.com/photos/msu1887/sets/72157691413655683/show](http://www.flickr.com/photos/msu1887/sets/72157691413655683/show).

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

*Photo: Morehead State University's Office of Student Activities, Inclusion and Leadership Development sponsored its 36th Rites of Passage recognition ceremony on Friday, May 10, in the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC).*

*Front Row, from left: Leighann S. Neal, Frankfort; Kelli Jernise Harris, Shelbyville; Hannah Marie Gipson, Louisville; Ceirra Shapprell Wilson, Lexington; Brittany Nicole McCoy, Louisville; Miranda Dianne Crockett, Martinsville, Virginia; McKenzie Calvert, Schertz, Texas; Johna Chanel Becknell Walker, Beattyville; Nekko Beal, Cincinnati.*

*Second Row, from left: Christian DeAndre Thomas, Mt. Sterling; Logan Seth Wolfgang McClane, Georgetown; Hassan Abdalla Suleiman, Louisville; Nicholas Flores, West New York, New Jersey; Landie La'Mont Davis, Detroit, Michigan; Aaron T'Sai D'Jon Turk, Roswell, Georgia; Sayyid Kanu, Columbus, Ohio; Georgia Crystal Campbell, Brampton, Ontario, Canada.*

*Back Row, from left: Stephon Terrell Williams, Paris; Cuibing Wu, Wei County, Xingtai City, Hebei Province, China; Jeremiah S. Draper, Fort Knox; Brandyn Martin Duncan, Lexington; Lamont S. Harris, Louisville; Joshua Isaiah Hall, Hampton, Virginia; Robert De'Andre Sparks, Shelby, Mississippi; Tierra McGowan, Chicago, Illinois.*

*Not pictured: Aliyah Jeune, Mount Holly, New Jersey.*

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## **Craft Academy recognizes graduating class of 2019**

Morehead State University's Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics hosted its third graduation Saturday, May 11, in Button Auditorium.

A total of 50 students representing 33 counties from across the Commonwealth of Kentucky were recognized at the ceremony.

Joseph W. Craft III of Lexington, president and CEO of Alliance Resource Partners LP, was the guest speaker at this year's graduation ceremony. He and his wife Kelly are co-founders of the Craft Academy, initially pledging \$4 million, the single largest cash gift in the history of the University. The Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics opened in August 2015.

Lori Porter was the student speaker. She is the daughter of John and Brinda Porter. Prior to attending the Craft Academy, she was a student at both Henry County High School and the iLead Academy.

"Together, we've learned what it means to be part of something bigger than yourself. We've worked to give our time to the community, pass classes that are harder than anything we've ever done before, and supported each other along the way," Porter said. "Whether you survived civics, SSE, calculus or chemistry, you survived. Words can never encompass the difficulty of the challenges we've overcome. But we did it. Together."

Craft Academy graduates will attend 17 different colleges and universities across the United States, including six students who will enroll at MSU.

The Craft Academy offers unique, project-based STEM+X courses that enrich the educational experience and develop competencies in entrepreneurship and innovation, design and creativity, and civic and regional engagement.

Students are selected based on ACT and SAT scores, academic grades from their first two years of high school, interest in advanced STEM careers, responses to application essay questions, interviews by the academy selection committee and recommendations from teachers and others who could attest to the student's need and preparedness for the program.

For more information on the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics, call 606-783-9025, email [craftacademy@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:craftacademy@moreheadstate.edu) or visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/Craft-Academy](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/Craft-Academy).

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## **MSU Spring Commencement recognizes more than 1,200 graduates**

Friends, family, faculty, staff and students gathered to celebrate the completion of college degrees for the newest MSU graduates. More than 1,200 graduates were honored at spring commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 11, at the Academic-Athletic Center (AAC).

Graduates were congratulated by MSU President Dr. Joseph A. (Jay) Morgan, as they crossed the stage.

Abby Isaacs of Ashland was 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 earned a Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences.

At Morehead State, Isaacs was 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 was an Undergraduate Research Fellow and served as a tutor with MSU's Tutoring and Learning Center for four semesters.

"Today, we celebrate each of one of us. Both the efforts we have put forth in achieving this great accomplishment and the personal characteristics that enabled us to do so," Isaacs said. "By graduating today, we show that these efforts were not in vain. All of our journeys here have been unique but today, we come together as one – Morehead State University's graduating class of 2019."

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.

Sarah Fink of Hollsopple, Pennsylvania, was 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 received 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 and vice president of the Cicero Society, an organization to promote intellectual diversity through open discourse and debate. She is an accomplished D-1 athlete on the MSU Rifle Team and a member of Kappa Delta sorority. She was an undergraduate representative for the Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Strategic Planning Committee and was a member of MSU's Model European Union, the Political Science Club and the College Republicans.

"As we head out into future, we have a new role. We are the generation who will instill virtue into those who come after us. We will no longer be the student but, now, we will become the teacher," Fink said. "The example we set and the decisions we make will be on display for younger generations. It is in these moments when we will make the most impact on the world."

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.

ROTC students were commissioned as 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenants in the U.S. Army.

They are: Cameron A. Back of Nicholasville, Kylee Anne Hearne of Sparta, and Justin A. Sturgill of Killeen, Texas.

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

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### **MSU's Kiffmeyer receives recognition from ECU history department**

For more than two decades, Dr. Tom Kiffmeyer, associate professor of history at Morehead State University, has hoped his own enthusiasm for the subject matter would be passed on to and be appreciated by his students.

“I think sometimes, I just kind of go off in my own little world and it’s exciting for me and that’s enough,” he said. “Just because it happened in 1836 doesn’t mean the history is over because there’s always a way of looking at it.”

Recently, one of Kiffmeyer’s college alma maters showed its own appreciation for Kiffmeyer’s contributions to the field. Eastern Kentucky University’s (EKU) Department of History, Philosophy, and Religious Studies recognized Kiffmeyer as a distinguished alumnus.

Kiffmeyer grew up in Cincinnati and said what sparked his passion for history may have been the stories his grandfather told him about the area as a child. He went on to graduate with a bachelor’s degree in both political science and history from nearby Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, in 1985 before heading to the Bluegrass State to earn his master’s degree from ECU in 1987 and eventually his Ph.D. in history from the University of Kentucky in 1998.

As an author, Kiffmeyer’s published work largely focuses on capturing the history of Appalachia and, more specifically, areas of Eastern Kentucky. His 1998 article “From Self-Help to Seditious: The Appalachian Volunteers in Eastern Kentucky, 1964-1970” published in “The Journal of Southern History” was the first published work to write a local history on the War on Poverty. He has authored several articles, reviews and the 2008 book “Reformers to Radicals: The Appalachian Volunteers and the War on Poverty.”

Kiffmeyer said his detailed dives into Appalachian history often stem from a place of basic curiosity but almost always end up revealing something bigger.

“You start to see beyond the surface of so many things,” he said. “You can look at Floyd County and talk about the United States, if you pay attention.”

As he wraps up his 22nd year of teaching as a history professor at MSU, Kiffmeyer said he will continue to write and make contributions to the field of history while finding new and exciting ways to examine it for himself and present it to others.

“There’s always new history to teach and there’s always new history to learn, so I’m not done yet,” he said.

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

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

The Morehead State University Equestrian Team and the Department of Agricultural Sciences are hosting the first-ever MSU Appalachian Horse Revival May 23-25 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.

The event schedule will include:

- Thursday, May 24 - 5 p.m. Horse Show and Vendor Fair
- Friday, May 24 - 5 p.m. Horse Show and Vendor Fair
- Saturday, May 25 - 2 p.m. Horse Show Championship Day Kick-off Concert by The Weeks and Vendor Fair; 4 p.m. Horse Show Championship Day Begins and Vendor Fair

Admission to the event is \$5 per person, per day. Children 12 and under receive free admission.

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.”

“We’ve had horse shows at Morehead State University since 1966, but we’ve never had anything quite like this before,” said Joe Fraley, MSU farm manager. “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.

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.

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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### **Arnett named board member of Order of Omega**

Earlier this year, Makayla Arnett became one of only three MSU Greek organization students to receive a scholarship on behalf of the Order of Omega (OOO). Now, Arnett will serve and promote OOO in an even greater capacity.

Arnett, a senior biomedical science/pre-med major from Winchester, has been appointed as the student member of the Order of Omega Board of Directors. She will be the only undergraduate student in the country to serve on the OOO board.

The Order of Omega is a national leadership honor society for Greek student organizations. Membership in the OOO is limited to the top three percent of fraternity and 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 the student's fraternity or sorority, service to the Greek community outside of the student's fraternity or sorority, service to the student's campus community and service to the student's surrounding community.

Arnett is a member of the Gamma Omega Chapter of the Order of Omega, where she recently served as chapter president for the 2018-19 academic year and will serve as vice president for the 2019-20 academic year. She is also a member of Kappa Delta sorority.

“Makayla is high achieving both inside and outside the classroom. She very much deserves the distinction,” said Stace Sievert, coordinator of fraternity and sorority life and student organizations. “She is articulate and knows the value of investing in the people around her, be they Best Buddies participants, her lab partners, her co-workers on the Campus Activities Board or Kappa Delta sisters.”

Arnett said serving in her new position, she not only wants to help MSU stand out and get recognition, she wants to use her passion for what OOO represents to help advance Greek life everywhere.

“It’s all about scholarship, leadership and service, which is something I’ve always been passionate about,” she said. “On a personal level, I really want to make a difference in Greek life. I want to hopefully influence Greek life in a positive way.”

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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### **Craft Academy named to Public Elites List**

The Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics has been selected to the Jay Matthews Public Elites List for 2019, distinguishing it as one of the top performing high schools in the nation.

Twenty-seven schools from across the country made the list, including schools in New Jersey, New York, Nevada, North Carolina, South Carolina, Illinois, Michigan, Texas, Louisiana, Virginia, Oklahoma, Kentucky and California. Schools on the Public Elites List are considered schools of exceptional quality which specifically recruit exceptional students.

“Being on the Public Elites recognizes the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics in a national ranking status among other high performing schools,” said Craft Academy Director Dr. Carol Christian. “To be included on this list of 27 premier high schools from different states across the country demonstrates a high standard of learning and performing. Whether it be high ACT scores, high GPAs and or high Advanced Placement scores, the Craft academy excels to reaching this honor. In addition, our students are involved in high caliber research opportunities where are students present their work on a local, state and national forum.”

The Jay Matthews Challenge Index is the oldest high school ranking system in the country, beginning in 1998 in both Newsweek and The Washington Post. It was created by Jay Matthews, an education columnist with the Washington Post for more than 50 years. Schools that are on the Elites list are unique from schools ranked on the Challenge Index because, based on ACT, SAT and standardized test scores, they have few to no average students.

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

For more information on the Craft Academy, visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/craft-academy](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/craft-academy), email [craftacademy@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:craftacademy@moreheadstate.edu) or call 606-783-2093.

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### Quarter horse breeding program launched at MSU

The Morehead State University Equine program, Dr. Katelyn Kaufman, visiting assistant professor of equine science, and Randy Gauche, equine technician, are establishing a quarter horse breeding program with the support of the Department of Agricultural Sciences.

The program partnered with Virginia Tech University and leased two quarter horse broodmares to foal out this semester as part of Kaufman's Equine Breeding and Reproduction course. Dr. Sally Johnson and Dr. Caroline Leeth with the Virginia Tech Equine Program collaborated with MSU's equine program to offer MSU students first-hand experience with the management, care and foaling of these two mares.

“It is important for our equine science students who are wanting to enter the breeding and reproduction side of the horse industry to have hands on experience with foaling pregnant mares and handling newborn foals,” Kaufman said.

This new aspect of the equine program will not only directly benefit equine science students, but it will also benefit students majoring in animal sciences, veterinary science and veterinary technology.

The mares have been housed at the Derrickson Agricultural Complex since January. Krymsuns Kiss N Keep, a dark bay, foaled a filly named Kacy, also dark bay, on Tuesday, March 5. Don't Sass Me Bert foaled a palomino colt on Saturday, March 30. The goal of the program is to breed MSU quarter horse mares in hopes of producing several foals each year.

Kaufman said quarter horses were chosen because of the breed's temperament.

“Quarter horses are a very docile and forgiving breed of horse and are excellent teachers,” she said. “They are also very versatile and can be used in both our western and hunt seat disciplines of our program. They make very patient and calm riding horses, which is essential for teaching beginner riding students and children when we give community riding lessons.”

For more information on the program, contact Kaufman at [kkaufman@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:kkaufman@moreheadstate.edu) or call 606-783-2665.

For more information on programs in MSU's 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.

*Photo, left to right: Alayna Collett, Alyssa Barrett and Bailey Stamps, all students in MSU's Department of Agricultural Sciences, with a foal born on the University farm and mare leased to MSU for the quarter horse breeding program.*

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### **KFAC to host poetry workshop**

The Kentucky Folk Art Center will host the “Getting Started with Poetry” workshop, Saturday, May 25 from 1 to 3 p.m.

The instructor for the class is Tasha Cotter of Lexington, where she works in higher education and serves as the president of the Kentucky State Poetry Society. She is the author of several books of poetry, including “Some Churches,” “The Aqua Notebook” and three chapbooks. Her work has appeared in journals such as *Contrary Magazine*, *NANO* fiction and *Thrush*.

Participants in the class will read poetry, do free writing, develop new works of poetry and discuss aspects of poetic structure such as word choice and poetic forms. The class will also discuss poetry reading lists, literary journals and video poetry.

Participants must be 18 or older and should bring writing materials to the class. There is no fee for the class, but registration is required.

To register for the workshop, contact KFAC administrative coordinator Tammy Stone at [t.stone@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:t.stone@moreheadstate.edu) or call 606-783-2204.

For more information about KFAC, visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/kfac](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/kfac), email [kfac@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:kfac@moreheadstate.edu) or call 606-783-2204.

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### **Ballard Cup Golf Scramble continues to raise money for scholarship**

The Eta Eta Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity and its alumni group hosted the 14th Annual Ballard Cup Golf Scramble at Eagle Trace Golf Course this past April. The yearly golf outing was named for the late Morehead State University student Matthew Kenneth Ballard and serves as a yearly fundraiser for the Matthew K. Ballard Memorial Scholarship Fund at MSU, which was created in his honor.

Ballard was a senior pursuing a degree in sports management when he died from injuries sustained from a motorcycle accident in July 2005. He was 21. Prior to his death, the Clearfield native served as both a student assistant for the MSU Football team and a member of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity. He was a graduate of Rowan County High Senior High School, where he was a member of both the school's football and baseball teams.

"This event is meant to honor a young man who was taken too soon. Matthew was an individual who was extremely upstanding in the Morehead community. He was known to always selflessly lend a helping hand," said MSU alumnus Brad Hagen (06). "This event was created to keep his legacy going and give back by providing scholarships to young men so those individuals too can carry on and pave their own avenues for success."

The Matthew K. Ballard Memorial Scholarship Fund, managed by the MSU Foundation, is awarded to active members of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity. Nicholas Kessinger was awarded the scholarship for the 2019-20 school year. The Louisa native is graduate of the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science in Mathematics and is entering his senior year as a biomedical sciences major. For the past two years, he served as the president of the Eta Eta Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha. Upon graduation, he plans to attend physical therapy school.

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) or [www.moreheadstate.edu/scholarships](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/scholarships).

*Photo, from left: Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity members Danny Gulley of Hillsboro; Brandon Gulley (03) of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Mike Heap of Conroe, Texas; and Brad Hagen (06) of Huntsville, Texas, participated in the 14th annual Ballard Cup Golf Scramble at Eagle Trace Golf Course.*

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### **Morehead Writing Project to hold Summer Journalism Camp**

The Morehead Writing Project (MWP) will hold a summer journalism camp June 9-15 at Morehead State University.

The camp is designed for high school students and is aimed at teaching them about the different aspects of modern journalism. Twelve students will participate in the residential camp this year. The camp will feature several professional mentors, including:

- Leeann Akers, news director at Morehead State Public Radio.
- John Flavell, instructor of convergent media at MSU and a working journalist.
- Chuck Mraz, retired news director of Morehead State Public Radio.
- Stephanie Ockerman, editor of The Morehead News.

“The goal of the camp is to give high school students hands-on convergent media experience to encourage and support the next generation of journalists and to draw attention to the important work of journalists and how areas that are news deserts can provide rich opportunity for journalists to explore,” said MWP Director and Instructor of English Dr. Deanna Mascle.

Participants in the camp will learn about video and audio production for broadcast, news gathering and writing. They will work on assignments from their mentors and will also work to create a news package about a local topic of their choosing, with the guidance of the professional mentors in the camp along with MSU student mentors.

“Journalism is an exciting field with a wide range of opportunities even in our current challenging media climate,” Mascle said. “Many people are not aware of the variety of career paths open to today's journalists. In addition, even if students eventually change professions the skills they learn through this camp and a journalism degree are very beneficial across many fields.”

The camp is sponsored by a grant from the MacArthur Foundation Journalism and Media Program offered through the National Writing Project. It is a collaboration of the MWP, MSU's Department of English, MSU's convergent media program, WMKY 90.3 FM Morehead State Public Radio and The Trail Blazer.

For information about programs in the Department of English, visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/english](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/english), email [english@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:english@moreheadstate.edu) or call 606-783-9448.

To learn more about MSU's convergent media program, visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/study/communication](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/study/communication), email [cml@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:cml@moreheadstate.edu) or call 606-783-2134.

Learn about the Morehead Writing Project by visiting [www.moreheadwritingproject.org](http://www.moreheadwritingproject.org), by contacting Mascle at [d.mascle@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:d.mascle@moreheadstate.edu) or by calling 606-783-5280.

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### **Beth Price overcame extraordinary injury to walk as a Craft Academy graduate**

When Beth Price of Morehead was walking onto the stage at Button Auditorium during the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics 2019 graduation ceremony, she was having a thought almost anyone taking the stage in front of hundreds of people may have.

“I was just thinking, like, please don’t trip,” Price said with a laugh.

The mere fact that Price was thinking this shows just how far she has come because when she was at her Craft Academy induction ceremony, she couldn’t walk at all.

She and her father Dr. Kent Price, associate professor of physics at MSU, recall that day quite vividly.

“I remember being a little bit embarrassed, especially since they called my name and nobody came up,” Beth said.

“At first, they’re wondering, where is this Elizabeth Price? Did she not show up? Because they called her name and nothing happened,” Kent said.

The reason nothing happened was that Beth was sitting in an enclosed wheelchair lift being elevated to the stage. When she finally emerged after having some trouble with the door, she was in a wheelchair and neck brace, to the surprise of some in attendance.

What many people in that audience may have seen when they looked at Beth Price were her physical limitations at the time. What they may have missed were the academic abilities that got her to the Craft Academy in the first place or the resolve and determination that would bring her back to walk across that stage and accept her diploma.

Price was homeschooled by her mother, Kim, for most of her childhood and adolescence, minus one year in a public school that didn’t provide the intellectual challenges and engagement she was seeking. At one point, Kim was going to Kent to tag him in to teach her math and science since Beth was learning so quickly.

She remembers being extremely excited when she got the email that she was accepted into the Craft Academy. She and her family soon started shopping for a bedspread and sheets for her room on the MSU campus.

On May 10, 2017, the Wednesday of finals week of her sophomore year of high school, the accident happened.

Beth and Kent were taking turns driving their minivan to Shelby Valley High School so Kent could give an Early College physics presentation. Unexplainably, the vehicle lost control, rolling several times in the air before coming to a stop against a parked car carrier on the side of U.S. Highway 23.

“When I woke up, his (Kent’s) neck was in a very unnatural position on my shoulder. He wasn’t breathing. There was blood on his face,” Beth said.

“My neck was bent in a way that cut my airway off, so I wasn’t breathing,” Kent added.

As they lay there in the wreckage, a former EMT happened to come across the accident and used Beth’s backpack to stabilize Kent’s neck so he could breathe (Beth still has that backpack and kept it in her room at Craft for both years). Both Beth and Kent were rushed to the emergency room and suffered devastating injuries.

Kent had a traumatic brain injury (TBI), blood on his brain and fractured discs C-5 and C-6 in his back. He was in a coma for a week and spent another six weeks in the hospital.

Beth had seven broken ribs (one of which punctured her lung), a concussion, a crushed spleen that had to be removed and an ankle that needed to be surgically repaired with metal and screws. She also had a broken back, with fractures in thoracic vertebrae T-2 through T-7.

She spent almost a month in the hospital before she left in that wheelchair and neck brace. Her father said he can’t remember the first five-and-a-half weeks he was in the hospital, but he remembers one of the first conversations he had was with Beth talking about whether she would attend Craft Academy in a few months.

“I said, ‘You know Beth, everybody says what a wonderful opportunity Craft is and how you might think people would be upset with you for turning that down, but you’ve had a hard summer. You almost died. I almost died. You’re in a wheelchair. You’re in a neck brace. If you said, ‘You know dad, I’ve had a hard summer. I want to go back to easy school.’ I’m OK with that. I’ll support you as your dad,’” Kent said. “And she said, ‘No, Dad. I’m going to do it.’ And she did.”

“I knew it was the best option,” Beth said. “Even if it was going to be hard, I knew it was going to be the best option.”

During the two years at the Craft Academy, Beth completed her coursework while recovering from both the physical and mental stress of her accident. She was out of the wheelchair by Thanksgiving of 2017 and went from using a walker to crutches to walking on her own. She found herself getting exhausted quickly, but she said the attentive staff at the Craft Academy made accommodations to allow her to sleep during required study time and miss 10 p.m. hall meetings. There was even one instance when the elevator was broken in her residence hall and Craft staff carried her and her wheelchair down so she could make it to class. She is still dealing with the after-effects of the accident. She still gets severe migraines from the concussion and is on medication for night terrors after she began waking up drenched in sweat and smelling smoke. Juggling her responsibilities with Craft and having to make physical therapy appointments, along with the physical and mental exhaustion that took time away from her studies, caused Beth to receive a few B’s and C’s in her classes that she believes she wouldn’t have made under normal circumstances. Even though her dad encouraged her to take a gap year from Craft to focus on herself and her recovery – she would have maintained her scholarships and academic standing – Beth pushed through. She even cut back her physical therapy appointments to focus on her schoolwork. She was determined to share the stage with her graduating class.

Now that she has graduated from the Craft Academy, Beth is taking her dad up on that gap year. She wants to be able to rest and not stress about class and get the necessary surgeries and therapy she had been putting off while she was in school. She’s looking forward to coming back 100 percent healthy to MSU, where she plans to

pursue a double major in theatre education and elementary education with a minor in English. She one day hopes to become like the teachers that inspired her to come out of her shell.

“I really love theatre and really love kids, so I’m really happy I get to major in theatre education,” she said. “Kentucky really needs good teachers who care about the students and I want to be that.”

Beth’s Craft Academy graduation meant a lot more to her family than it would have before the accident. It meant a lot to her dad who shared in both the trauma of the accident and the triumph of seeing her walk across the stage she was unable to walk onto just a few years ago. It meant a lot to her mother, who went from thinking she could lose her husband and first-born child to watching her first-born child graduate with her husband by her side. It meant a lot to Beth’s youngest sister, Laura, who is looking forward to getting a bit more attention and fewer chores to do around the house.

The accident changed Beth and her family’s lives forever...and for the better.

“I said one time that if I could push a button and make it to where the accident didn’t happen, I would push it. And she (Beth) said, ‘Oh, I wouldn’t.’ And I’m at that point now, where I wouldn’t push it now, but she was the first person in the family who said she wouldn’t push it,” Kent said. “This has made us stronger. It has made us closer as a family.”

“I didn’t know I could do all of this,” Beth said. “I wouldn’t be the person that I was if it weren’t for the accident. I’m glad it happened. It changed me. It made me a better person.”

For more information on the Craft Academy, visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/craft-academy](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/craft-academy), email [craftacademy@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:craftacademy@moreheadstate.edu) or call 606-783-2093.

*Photo 1: Beth Price (center) is pictured with MSU President Dr. Jay Morgan (left) and Dr. Carol Christian (right), director of the Craft Academy for Excellence Science and Mathematics, at her induction ceremony into the Craft Academy in 2017.*

*Photo 2: Dr. Kent Price (right), associate professor of physics at MSU, and his daughter Beth Price (left). Both were involved in a serious car accident two years ago and have both have bounced back to continue their respective work in the classroom.*

*Photo 3: President Jay Morgan (far left), Dr. Joseph Craft (center right), co-founder of the Craft Academy, and Craft Academy Director Dr. Carol Christian (far right) pose for a photo with Beth Price (center left) as she stands and accepts her Craft Academy diploma at the 2019 Craft Academy graduation ceremony.*

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### **MSU once again makes USVM's top Veteran-Friendly schools list**

Morehead State University serves those who served our nation through military service by offering them a welcoming campus environment and quality academic programs opportunities. U.S. Veterans Magazine (USVM) has consistently recognized these qualities about the University.

MSU has once again made USVM's Best of the Best Top Veteran-Friendly school rankings for 2019.

"We are pleased to be recognized as the campus community continues to build on MSU's tradition of providing the help veterans and their families need to transition from soldier to student and ultimately to college graduate," said David Litteral, MSU's director of military initiatives. "It is equally important that we recognize the military-friendly community of Morehead and the surrounding counties. It's a great team-effort."

USVM polled hundreds of Fortune 1,000 companies for the Best of the Best evaluations. The annual review is an evaluation of the nation's employers, initiatives, government agencies and educational institutions that serves as a valuable resource for job-seekers, business owners, students, consumers, senior management, business associations, employment agencies and consumer groups.

MSU also has been previously recognized as a military/veteran-friendly university by GI Jobs magazine, Victory Media, the Military Times, U.S. News and World Report and Veterans National Honor Society.

MSU is home to the Lt. Col. Alan R. Baldwin Veterans Center. The center opened in 2012 and provides a place for student veterans to study, relax and reconnect with their fellow student veterans. It also assists prospective military, current military and student-veterans by providing counseling and direction on all educational benefits, enrollment and registration assistance, counseling resources and referrals, and academic and career assistance.

MSU assists military and veteran students through the following benefits:

- Application fee waived.
- Priority registration.
- Credit for military training and service.
- No academic penalty upon documented deployment.
- Participation in the Yellow Ribbon Program.
- Student Veteran Association.

If you are a veteran, national guardsmen and/or reservist, or a member of a military family and want to learn more about becoming a student at MSU, call David Litteral at 606-783-9267, email [d.litteral@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:d.litteral@moreheadstate.edu) or visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/veterans](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/veterans).

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## Summer Arts Academy runs June 9 - 15

Morehead State University's Summer Arts Academy (SAA) will take place June 9-15 on campus.

This year's Academy will host nearly 50 students from Kentucky, Ohio, West Virginia and Indiana. Open to incoming freshmen through graduating seniors in high school, SAA is a six-day residential arts camp.

The Academy exists to nurture students' development in the arts in a setting which allows interaction with expert faculty and the opportunity to work with other students who share specific interests in music, theatre, and art and design. Recreational activities will include an "Art Hop" night, movie night, bowling night and academy picnic. Other evening activities scheduled include performances and presentations by SAA faculty.

"We are excited to have these students on campus. What makes the Summer Arts Academy unique from other camps of this type is an individually centered approach to ensuring the quality of instruction that cannot be matched elsewhere. Our students will spend up to six hours a day with SAA faculty who are leaders in their fields," said SAA Director and Professor of Music Greg Wing.

SAA is partially funded through the Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences and the School of Creative Arts (Department of Music, Theatre and Dance and Department of Art and Design).

Students will have an opportunity to share in their mediums during the final Celebration Festival on Saturday, June 15, at 1 p.m. The performance is free and open to the public.

Tuition for SAA is \$525, and scholarships are available. Applications will be accepted through June 1.

For more information or to apply for SAA, visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/saa](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/saa) or contact Wing at [g.wing@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:g.wing@moreheadstate.edu) or call 606-783-2401.

To explore 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.

To learn more about programs in the 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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### **Innovation LaunchPad, Morehead State SBDC to partner with SOAR and SOAR Innovation to host CO.STARTERS program in Morehead**

The Innovation LaunchPad and Morehead State's Small Business Development Center (MSU SBDC) has announced a partnership with Shaping Our Appalachian Region, Inc. (SOAR), SOAR Innovation and the Cabinet for Economic Development's KY Innovation Office to host a nationally recognized entrepreneurship program.

CO.STARTERS is a nine-week, cohort-based program that equips aspiring entrepreneurs with the insights, relationships and tools needed to turn business ideas into action and turn a passion into a sustainable and thriving endeavor. CO.STARTERS is facilitated by local entrepreneurs and is catered for start-ups or existing small businesses aspiring for scalability.

Mark Murphy, director of the LaunchPad and MSU SBDC, will assist in facilitating the training, which is scheduled to begin June 13 at the LaunchPad, located at 149 East Main Street in Morehead. The Innovation Launchpad is a 5,500 square foot business incubator and co-working space formed through the collaboration of Morehead State University, the City of Morehead, Rowan County Court, Morehead-Rowan County Economic Development Council and Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development.

"We are thrilled to be hosting a CO.STARTERS cohort in Morehead," said Murphy. "This program is truly all about those participating and building a responsive and thorough ecosystem of support for start-ups and small businesses. Through this collaboration with SOAR and SOAR Innovation, we truly believe this will be the start of a movement to support those wishing to start a business or growing their existing businesses."

SOAR Innovation, a partnership with the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development's KY Innovation Office, works in 44 Appalachian Kentucky counties to provide services to innovation-led or innovation capable small businesses, start-ups and entrepreneurs. SOAR and SOAR Innovation will launch other CO.STARTERS cohorts this summer in Hazard and Pikeville.

"The CO.STARTERS model is one that empowers communities to collaborate and own the vast opportunities that come with being a thriving ecosystem for start-ups and small businesses," said Ryan Jones, director of SOAR Innovation. "This is a program that is engaging and we believe this can have a ripple effect in providing support and networking opportunities for Morehead, Rowan County and surrounding counties."

Brandy Esham, a business and innovation champion with SOAR, will provide support to those participating in the CO.STARTERS cohort. Esham, a Morehead State University graduate, is based out of the LaunchPad and supports small businesses, startups and entrepreneurs in Lee, Powell, Wolfe, Menifee, Morgan, Elliott, Bath, Nicholas, Robertson, Fleming and Lewis counties in addition to Rowan County.

MSU has been a partner of SOAR since its inception five years ago. Jared Arnett, executive director of SOAR, said the SOAR Innovation model is one built on a collaborative approach that supports and nurtures clients while deploying the organization's more than 200 partners including MSU, the LaunchPad and the MSU SBDC.

"The Small Business Development Center provides so many important resources for entrepreneurs, start-ups, and existing small businesses," said Arnett. "They represent an important part of the ecosystem of services and we are thrilled to partner with them on launching the CO.STARTERS program in Morehead."

"We're excited to build on our existing partnership with SOAR to offer this exciting opportunity to support our local start-up community," said Dr. Jay Morgan, president of MSU. "With our work in aerospace and related technology, this is a great avenue to test innovative business models and help our start-ups scale their business."

"We're excited to see this type of collaboration as a direct result of our efforts at the Kentucky Office of Entrepreneurship to reinvigorate innovation and start-up activity across the state," said Jason Rainey, deputy executive director of the Kentucky Office of Entrepreneurship. "Real momentum grows when we can partner at this level with local partners who are leading the way."

To register for the Morehead CO.STARTERS class, visit <https://www.soarinnovation.tech/costarters>.

For more information on the CO.STARTERS cohort in Morehead, contact Brandy Esham at 859-749-2010 or by email at [brandy@soar-ky.org](mailto:brandy@soar-ky.org). For more information on SOAR Innovation, contact Ryan Jones at 606-766-1160 or by email at [ryan@soar-ky.org](mailto:ryan@soar-ky.org).

For more information about the MSU SBDC, visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/sbdc](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/sbdc), email [sbdc@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:sbdc@moreheadstate.edu) or call 606-783-2895.

*PHOTO CAPTION: The Innovation LaunchPad and Morehead State University Small Business Development Center (MSU SBDC) has announced a partnership with Shaping Our Appalachian Region, Inc. (SOAR), SOAR Innovation and the Cabinet for Economic Development's KY Innovation Office to host a CO.STARTERS cohort in Morehead beginning June 13. From left: Jared Arnett, executive director of SOAR; Ryan Jones, director of SOAR Innovation; Mark Murphy, director of the Innovation Launchpad and Morehead State University's Small Business Development Center; Dr. Dan Connell, assistant vice president for regional education and outreach; and Jason Rainey, deputy executive director of the Kentucky Office of Entrepreneurship.*

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### **MSU Spring 2019 Dean's List announced**

Morehead State University's Spring 2019 Dean's List is now available online.

To qualify for the Dean's List, students must have completed at least 12 undergraduate credit hours and earned at least a 3.5 GPA for the current semester. Students are listed by college and their hometown is identified.

To view the list, visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/deanslist](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/deanslist).

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### **Morrison releases new book**

Morehead State Professor of English Dr. Ron Morrison recently published a new book that explores how environmental issues were discussed in Victorian literature.

With co-editor Laurence W. Mazzeno (president emeritus, Alvernia University), Morrison has published “Victorian Environmental Nightmares” from Palgrave/Macmillan.

The book includes essays by 12 scholars from the U.S., England and Australia that focus on the ways in which Victorian writers portrayed actual and imagined environmental catastrophes in the 19th Century. The volume’s essays focus on a range of well-known Victorian writers, such as Elizabeth Barrett Browning, Charles Dickens, John Ruskin, H. G. Wells and Oscar Wilde, as well as a number of lesser-known Victorian writers.

Included in the collection is Morrison’s essay on Frances Trollope, a Victorian novelist and travel writer who lived in America for over three years in the late 1820s and early 1830s and who describes her experiences in the Cincinnati area (including Northern Kentucky). Morrison and Mazzeno also co-authored the introduction to the volume.

“This project is a natural extension of our earlier work in Victorian ecocriticism and animal studies,” Morrison explained. “As we completed the other projects, we were struck by the wide variety of ways in which Victorian writers responded to what they considered to be environmental crises. In particular, many of these writers turned to what might loosely be called fantastic literature—the Gothic, early science fiction, fairy tales—as well as more traditional genres. In 2019, these literary works and the critical analyses of these works by our contributors seem incredibly relevant. Larry and I are very pleased with the collection and are looking forward to reading the reviews in the coming months.”

Morrison has taught at MSU since 1988. He was awarded the University’s Distinguished Researcher Award in 2004. He served as the University’s Faculty Regent from 2008 to 2014, and he is a former chair of the Faculty Senate. He is currently at work on a student-oriented handbook to the novels of Thomas Hardy, scheduled to appear next year from McFarland publishers.

For more information on MSU’s Department of English, visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/english](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/english), email [english@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:english@moreheadstate.edu) or call 606-783-9448.

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### **Jenkins named recipient of Thomas Raymond Curtis Scholarship**

Madison Jenkins, of Flat Gap, daughter of Elizabeth and Jeremy Jenkins, has been named as the recipient of this year's Thomas Raymond Curtis Memorial Scholarship.

Each year, at least one Curtis Scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior from Johnson Central High School. These scholars are awarded \$10,000 annually to be applied to their studies at Morehead State University.

This scholarship support is possible because of the generosity of Thomas Raymond Curtis. In 1997, Curtis, an unassuming teacher of 30 years from Flat Gap, chose to leave a lasting legacy for the education of Johnson County students. When he passed away, he left the largest bequest in the MSU Foundation's history, \$1.3 million, to fund the Thomas Raymond Curtis Memorial Scholarship.

Students from Johnson Central High School who plan to further their education at Morehead State University are eligible to apply for the award. Preference is given to students from Flat Gap who plan to pursue a degree in education. The award is renewable for three years if academic eligibility requirements are maintained.

"I will be majoring in secondary English education and I plan to return to Johnson County after graduation from MSU. I am proud to be from Flat Gap and Johnson Central and I will be proud to obtain my education and return home and work as an educator," said Jenkins. "This scholarship will allow me to attend MSU and pursue my dreams and I am very thankful."

Visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/scholarships](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/scholarships) to learn more about scholarship opportunities and apply for scholarships.

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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### **MSU Closed for Memorial Day**

Morehead State University will be closed Monday, May 27, in observance of Memorial Day. All administrative offices will be closed and Maymester classes will not meet.

The University Post Office will be closed and there will be no mail delivery on Monday, May 27. Services will resume Tuesday, May 28.

The University Store will also be closed Monday, as will the Kentucky Folk Art Center (KFAC).

The Camden-Carroll Library will be closed Saturday, May 25, through Monday, May 27, and will reopen Tuesday, May 28.

The Recreation and Wellness Center will be open for modified hours during Memorial Day Weekend. They are as follows:

- Saturday, May 25, facility hours, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., natatorium hours, 10 a.m. to noon.
- Sunday, May 26, facility hours 3 to 8 p.m., natatorium hours 4 to 7 p.m.
- Monday, May 27, facility hours, 3 to 8 p.m., natatorium hours 4 to 7 p.m.

The Rocky Adkins Dining Complex is closed and will reopen Monday, June 3.

Dining options at the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC) except for Starbucks and Chick-Fil-A are closed for the summer and will reopen in August. Starbucks is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Chick-Fil-A is open Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Both locations will be closed for Memorial Day.

The MSU Police Department will be on duty 24-7 for the duration of the holiday weekend. To contact the MSUPD, call 606-783-2035 or visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/police](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/police). For emergencies, always call 911.

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### **MSU Police Department to participate in ‘Click It or Ticket’ enforcement campaign**

As the Memorial Day holiday approaches, Morehead State University Police Department is reminding motorists to Click It or Ticket.

The annual campaign is part of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s (NHTSA) high-visibility enforcement effort that began May 20 and goes through June 2, 2019. Aimed at increasing seat belt use, the campaign runs concurrent with one of the busiest travel seasons of the year.

“Our law enforcement personnel see firsthand severe injuries or loss of life when people do not buckle up,” said Chief Merrell J. Harrison. “It’s such a simple act, and hope it becomes the automatic next step for all motorists after sitting down in a vehicle.”

“If the enforcement crackdown wakes people up to the dangers of unrestrained driving and gets them to buckle up, we’ll consider it a success.”

Of the 725 highway fatalities last year in Kentucky, 52.8 percent were not wearing a seat belt.

“Please, help us spread this life-saving message before one more friend or family member is killed as a result of this senseless inaction,” said Chief Harrison. “Seat belts save lives, and everyone—front seat and back, child and adult—needs to remember to buckle up...every trip, every time.”

According to NHTSA, when worn correctly, seat belts reduce the risk of fatalities by 45 percent for front-seat vehicle occupants and by 60 percent for pickup truck, SUV and minivan occupants.

For more on the national Click It or Ticket mobilization, please visit [www.nhtsa.gov/ciot](http://www.nhtsa.gov/ciot).

To contact the MSU PD, visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/police](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/police) or call 606-783-2035.

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### **Davis receives The Citizens Bank Scholarship**

The Morehead State University Foundation has announced the recipient of The Citizens Bank Scholarship, a fund to benefit students at Morehead State University pursuing degrees in business for the 2019-20 academic year. The student receiving the award is Justin Davis, a freshman majoring in business with an emphasis in marketing from Morehead.

Davis has worked for his family's recycling business, Steve and Sons' Recycling in Salt Lick, since he was in the sixth grade and has assisted with the business's bookkeeping while attending Rowan County Senior High School. He said he intends to graduate and help run the business after college and is grateful for the extra financial help this scholarship provides.

"Receiving this scholarship makes a big difference," Davis said. "I am very thankful for The Citizens Bank's support of my education."

The Citizens Bank Scholarship was established in July 2018 and is available to incoming freshman from Rowan, Morgan or Bath counties majoring in business with preference given to students focusing on finance or marketing. The scholarship is renewable annually if the student maintains a minimum 3.0 GPA in their major.

"We don't see a lot of young folks today thinking about business or the area of finance," said Paul Goodpaster (89), executive vice president and chief operating officer at The Citizens Bank and former chair of the MSU Board of Regents. "We feel an obligation because obviously, that's what we do here, and we like to be a good corporate citizen and partner. That's one way we thought we could have a positive impact to our communities, not just to the Morehead community but to the other communities we serve as well."

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) to make a contribution today.

*Photo: Paul Goodpaster (89, left), executive vice president and chief operating officer for The Citizens Bank in Morehead, and Ryan Neff (right), vice president of The Citizens Bank, present The Citizens Bank Scholarship to Justin Davis (center), an incoming freshman business major from Morehead.*

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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **“Food for Thought” Scholarship established**

The Morehead State University Foundation has announced the establishment of the "Food for Thought" Scholarship, a fund to assist students at Morehead State University in affording an on-campus meal plan to encourage them to complete their education. The first recipient of the award is Janessa Broadhurst, a senior music education major with an area of concentration in vocal performance from Louisville.

The scholarship was established by Brian Gardner (93), who received his Bachelor of Arts in Government from MSU. The Louisville native went on to earn a Master of Arts in Communications from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, in 1994 and he is currently the vice president of business development for Waites Wireless Sensor Technology in Cincinnati.

Gardner said he recalls his time living on the MSU campus as a college student and his idea in establishing the “Food for Thought” Scholarship was to give students something more tangible than tuition dollars.

“I remember being a student there. When you ate and you ate well, you appreciated it,” he said. “Maybe that student will have a meal and think to themselves, wow, this is something that I earned and it was part of my scholarship package and part of the hard work that I’m doing and just a reminder to keep giving my best in school and applying myself.”

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