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MSU among 42 teacher prep programs recognized for national excellence in educator prep

The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) recently announced that Morehead State is one of 42 providers from 23 states and the District of Columbia to receive accreditation for educator preparation programs.

The spring 2019 review by the CAEP [Accreditation Council](#) resulted in 42 newly-accredited EPPs, bringing the total to 238 providers approved under the CAEP [Teacher Preparation Standards](#) – rigorous, nationally recognized standards that were developed to ensure excellence in educator preparation programs.

“Accreditation is important because it helps the University to meet or exceed the established quality standards for teacher preparation ensuring the best possible preparation for those entering the teaching field. It also helps the institution to be on an equal setting addressing quality standards with other institutions in the state,” said Dr. Christopher Miller, dean of the College of Education.

“The accreditation process pushes the educator preparation programs beyond what we might already be doing to focus on new ways of enhancing our programs as well as expanding our partnerships with school districts. The changes that are made based on the accreditation process benefit the students because of the enhancements continually made to the programs to address today’s education needs.”

“These institutions meet high standards so that their students receive an education that prepares them to succeed in a diverse range of classrooms after they graduate,” said CAEP President Dr. Christopher A. Koch. “Seeking CAEP Accreditation is a significant commitment on the part of an educator preparation provider.”

CAEP is the sole nationally recognized accrediting body for educator preparation. It was created by the consolidation of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and the Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC). It is a unified accreditation system intent on raising the performance of all institutions focused on educator preparation. Approximately, 800 educator preparation providers participate in the CAEP Accreditation system, including some previously accredited through former standards.

Accreditation lasts seven years and MSU’s next site visit will be in 2025. MSU was previously accredited through National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE,) an accreditation it maintained for more than 20 years.

For more information on CAEP, visit www.caepnet.org.

To learn more about programs in MSU’s College of Education, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/education, email Dr. Christopher Miller at c.miller@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2162.

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INSIGHT camp set for June 8-15

INSIGHT, a postsecondary preparation program for high school students who are blind or visually impaired, will be held on the Morehead State University campus June 8-15.

In its 13th year, the program is a collaboration between MSU, Kentucky Office for the Blind, Kentucky School for the Blind (KSB), Kentucky Education Development Corporation (KEDC) and the KSB Charitable Foundation. Nineteen students are expected to attend the camp this year.

The program is offered to students who have completed the 10th, 11th or 12th grade and is designed to give them a real-world college experience, including living in a residence hall, attending academic classes and practicing orientation and mobility skills in a campus environment.

“Its sponsors have consistently chosen us since the program's inception,” said Evangeline Day, MSU disability services coordinator. “The size, terrain and location of our campus are all factors. As a side effect of having a positive experience here, a number of the attendees choose to pursue their education here.”

Although several INSIGHT alumni have enrolled at MSU, what students learn through the program are highly transferrable college skills that will support success at any postsecondary institution, and Day said the camp is not a recruitment tool for the University. However, one benefit of hosting the camp is that the University receives suggestions from participants on how physical accessibility on campus can be improved.

Day said she draws a great deal of satisfaction from her work with the INSIGHT Camp.

“INSIGHT's staff and agenda have made it the most personally rewarding program I've been a part of in my role as the disability services coordinator,” she said.

Additional information is available by contacting Day at 606-783-5188 or by visiting www.moreheadstate.edu/disability.

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Board of Regents to meet June 6

The next quarterly meeting of the Morehead State University Board of Regents will be Thursday, June 6, at 9:30 a.m., in room 329 of the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC).

Prior to the meeting, there will be a meeting of the audit committee at 9 a.m. in room 329 of ADUC. The committee will vote on approval of retaining the University's external auditing firm and the minimal scope of the annual audit. The committee will also hear a report from internal auditor, Joe Hunsucker.

Following the audit committee meeting, the full board meeting will take place. Items on the agenda include:

- Approval of the University organizational chart for the 2019-20 academic year.
- Approval of the 2019-20 University operating budget.
- Approval of faculty promotions to professor.
- Approval of employee supplemental compensation.
- The president's annual evaluation and contract review.
- The board's self-evaluations.
- Recognition of outgoing board members, Faculty Regent Dr. Jonathan Pidluzny and Student Regent Brandon Byer.

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MSU welcomes UB students to campus

Morehead State welcomes hundreds of high school students to campus June 5 to July 5 for its 53rd annual Upward Bound (UB) summer programs.

MSU UB has two distinct programs, UB Classic and UB Math and Science, serving more than 225 students in 16 Eastern Kentucky counties including Bath, Boyd, Carter, Elliott, Fleming, Harrison, Johnson, Lawrence, Lewis, Magoffin, Mason, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Nicholas, Robertson and Rowan.

The programs seek to engage low-income and potential first-generation college students and equip them with the skills to prepare them for college.

“The goal is to help these underrepresented students get accepted into and be successful in postsecondary education,” said UB executive Director Amanda Lewis. “Currently the Upward Bound programs at MSU have an overall 98% postsecondary education enrollment rate for low income and first-generation college students. Of the 1,000 programs nationwide, the programs at MSU are one of the four largest.”

The programs offer instruction in math, laboratory sciences, composition, literature, financial literacy, college and career prep, and foreign languages. Participants also receive information on the college admissions process, scholarships, receive tutoring, counseling, mentoring, cultural enrichment trips, exposure to science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) and internships. Students who are involved in the program spend four weeks on MSU’s campus each summer for a residential summer academy where they attend classes, go on college visits, attend cultural events and are exposed to college life.

“It is incredibly important as a first-generation student to learn what to expect or how to navigate higher education,” said Shayla Ring, UB academic bridge coordinator. “We simulate the college experience during our Summer Academy and continue throughout the academic year, providing assistance with scholarship and financial aid searches, going on college tours, providing cultural and social trips, and conducting ACT prep. We also have speakers that highlight money and time management, as well as numerous other lessons to support their success in higher education.”

In order to qualify for Upward Bound, students must apply to the program, write an admissions essay and be interviewed by UB staff.

For more information about Upward Bound at MSU, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/ub, email upwardbound@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-9300.

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MSU students showcase artistic talents at University Open exhibit

The talented students in Morehead State University's Department of Art and Design get opportunities to showcase their work on campus, locally, regionally and nationally. At a current art exhibition, MSU students have left quite an impression.

At the LexArts Gallery in Lexington, 18 MSU art and design students, along with recent graduates, were featured at the gallery's annual University Open exhibit, which showcases the talents of college students from universities across the state. Art of all types, media and sizes are accepted. Any undergraduate (seeking Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Fine Arts degrees) artist enrolled in a Kentucky college or university can apply.

Of the 30 total pieces that were accepted for the exhibit, MSU students made up 18 juried pieces, or 60% of the pieces from accepted artists.

"The Department of Art and Design faculty are very proud of and excited for our students, who have been recognized for their dedication to their craft by being juried into the University Open exhibit, as well as receiving awards," said Elizabeth Mesa-Gaido, professor of art at MSU. "The large number of MSU students accepted into this competitive, blind-reviewed exhibit demonstrates how creative and technically skilled they are."

MSU students featured in the University Open include:

- Mariyyah Alturaiki (19), silver gelatin pinhole photograph, MSU alumnus, Morehead
- Dallas Banks, ceramic vase, senior, Lexington
- Lydia Clay, colored pencil, junior, Taylorsville
- Bethany Crouch, tea-stained cyanotype, senior, Sharpsburg
- Addie Hogan (19), archival pigment print, MSU alumnus, Burlington
- Nancy Lewis, oil painting, sophomore, West Liberty
- Taylor Lewis, silver gelatin print photograph, senior, Paintsville
- Darcy McDaniel, photograph, senior, Hazard (work submitted and juried but not exhibited)
- Stephanie McNeil, painting, senior, Morehead
- Cassie Mullins, mixed-media, junior, Lick Creek
- Sam Neal, oil painting, sophomore, Piketon, Ohio
- Bethany Pace, print, senior, Clearfield
- Taylor Ray, photograph, junior, Irvine
- Paige Stamper, mixed-media, sophomore, Morehead
- Daneyl Tackett, archival inkjet print from an analog photogram, junior, Olive Hill

- Mardy Wells, silver gelatin triptych, junior, Louisville
- Megan Woods, inkjet print photograph from an analog chemigram, senior, Buckner
- Haley Younce, Intaglio, senior, Salyersville

MSU students also received the following awards:

- Cassie Mullins: Second Place
- Megan Woods: Third Place
- Taylor Ray: Honorable Mention
- Sam Neal: Honorable Mention

The LexArts Gallery is located at 161 North Mill Street in Lexington. The University Open is on display until June 29.

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

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Scholarship established in memory of Nelson Phillips

The Morehead State University Foundation has announced the establishment of the Toney Nelson Phillips Geology Scholarship. The fund was established in honor of Toney Nelson Phillips (83), or “Nelson” to his former professor and advisor Charlie Mason (75), as well as his family and friends.

Phillips first graduated from Morehead State University in 1983 with his Bachelor of Arts in Government and a minor in history. Upon completing his degree, he began work as a manager at Pasquales Italian Shop, a popular Italian restaurant on Main Street in Morehead. After working there for some time, he continued his education and enrolled in a geology night class. He enjoyed the course so much that he decided to leave his job and become a full-time student again at MSU to pursue a degree in geology. During his time as a geology major, he took every class and opportunity to learn about the field of geology, as well as supplementary courses in math, physics and chemistry. He became a fixture in Lappin Hall.

Phillips was noted to be a very positive person, always encouraging other students to do their best and was well liked by the professors in his department and Lappin Hall. He graduated with his second degree from MSU in 2016, a Bachelor of Science in Earth Systems – Geology with a minor in mathematics and continued to take upper division math and physics courses to better prepare for his graduate work. He accepted a position with Raptor Consulting in Pennsylvania. Before he was able to start his new career and utilize his new degree, he unexpectedly passed away in the fall of 2018. To honor his love for geology, his former professor Charlie Mason, along with his sister Cynthia, created this scholarship in his memory.

“Nelson’s positive attitude and love for the field of geology was contagious,” said Charlie Mason, professor of geology. “I hope everyone who knew Nelson will make a gift to this fund in his memory. I believe he would be honored to have a geology scholarship awarded in his name every year and I am excited to help make that happen.”

Students who have declared geology as their major will be eligible to apply for the scholarship. Preference will be given to nontraditional students from the MSU service region.

For more information on this scholarship, or to make a gift in memory of Nelson, contact MSU’s Office of Alumni Relations and Development at 606-783-2033, email giving@moreheadstate.edu or visit alumni.moreheadstate.edu/give.

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Board of Regents holds quarterly meeting

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Prior to the meeting, there was a meeting of the audit committee at 9 a.m. The committee approved retaining the University's external auditing firm and the minimal scope of the annual audit. The committee also heard a report from internal auditor Joe Hunsucker.

Following the audit committee meeting, the full board meeting took place. President Jay Morgan and the board recognized Dr. Lisa Shannon, associate professor of social work; Barry Cox, HVAC technician; and Andrew Sexton of Clearfield, vice president for campus involvement for the Student Government Association (SGA), for their outstanding leadership, service and dedication to the University. Also recognized were outgoing board members, Faculty Regent Dr. Jonathan Pidluzny, associate professor of government, and Student Regent Brandon Bryer, outgoing Student Government Association president.

The Board of Regents appointed Dr. Jacqueline Graves as secretary and reappointed Teresa Lindgren as treasurer. They voted to approve the University organizational chart and operating budget of approximately \$140 million for the 2019-20 academic year. The regents also approved four faculty promotions to professor as well a one-time employee supplemental compensation.

In other business, the board approved a one-year contract extension for President Joseph A. (Jay) Morgan. His contract will now run through 2023.

The next meeting of the Board of Regents is scheduled for Thursday, August 8, 2019.

For more information, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/bor.

Photo captions:

President Morgan recognized a faculty member, staff member and student at the meeting today. They are (from left): Andrew Sexton, vice president for campus involvement for SGA; Dr. Lisa Shannon, associate professor of social work; Barry Cox, HVAC technician; and Dr. Jay Morgan.

Bottom photo: outgoing regents were recognized by the chair for their service at today's meeting. Pictured, from left, Brandon Bryer, student regent; Kathy Walker, board chair; and Dr. Jonathan Pidluzny, faculty regent.

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Toy receives Katie Fryman Memorial Scholarship

The Morehead State University Foundation has announced the recipient of the Katie Fryman Memorial Scholarship, a fund to benefit students at Morehead State University. The student receiving the award is Skylar McKenna Toy, a freshman majoring in business management from Owingsville.

Toy is a 2019 graduate of Rowan County Senior High School (RCSHS). During high school, she was involved in the Beta Club, the Gifted and Talented Program and was a member of the varsity volleyball team. She is also active with the Maysville Crosspoint Community Church Youth Group.

“I try my best to live every day to its fullest and spread kindness to everyone,” Toy said. “I want to make an impact on my family, friends and in the community just like Katie did during her time with us. Receiving this scholarship is a true honor.”

The Katie Fryman Memorial Scholarship was established in 2013 in honor of Katie Fryman, who passed away that same year. Fryman was a student at Rowan County Senior High School, an avid supporter of RCSHS sports, loved going to school and being with her friends. The recipient must be a full-time MSU incoming freshman and RCSHS graduate with a high school GPA of 3.5 or above.

“We are pleased to have been able to award the 2019 Katie Fryman Memorial Scholarship to Skylar Toy. Skylar demonstrates qualities in a person and student that the selection committee looks for when awarding this scholarship,” said Ethan Fryman (12), Katie’s brother. “We wish Skylar nothing but the best of luck in her future endeavors.”

For more information on this scholarship, or to establish your own, contact MSU’s Office of Alumni Relations and Development at 606-783-2033, email giving@moreheadstate.edu or visit alumni.moreheadstate.edu/give to make a contribution today.

Photo, from left: Ethan Fryman (12), brother of the late Katie Fryman, presents incoming MSU freshman Skylar McKenna Toy with the Katie Fryman Memorial Scholarship.

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MSU once again hosts Kentucky Governor's Scholars Program

Morehead State University will continue serving as a host campus for the Kentucky Governor's Scholars Program (GSP).

Last year, MSU was awarded a three-year contract (2019-21) to continue serving as a host campus for the program. MSU first hosted GSP in 2006 and this year will be the eighth year the University has hosted GSP. Of the three universities that currently host GSP (others include Bellarmine University and Centre College), MSU is the only public university to host the program.

The 339 scholars arrive on campus Saturday, June 22, with numerous activities planned throughout their five-week stay. GSP will conclude with a closing ceremony on Friday, July 26.

“GSP tries to give students an experience in a region other than where they live every day,” said Melisa Patrick, coordinator of GSP and student services and outreach coordinator for the Office of Regional Education and Outreach. “It is a great opportunity to show what is special about Eastern Kentucky – our culture, resources, strengths and challenges – and particularly what Morehead State has to offer.”

The Governor’s Scholars Program is a residential summer program for outstanding Kentucky students who have completed their junior year in high school. Established in 1983, the program provides academic and personal growth in a challenging, nontraditional environment that balances a strong liberal arts program with a full co-curricular and residential life experience. Students who attend GSP must complete an application and compete with others from across the state. Those selected attend the program free of charge.

“MSU wants to be considered a forward-thinking university. We want to recruit students who will think outside of the box for solutions to regional and global challenges, cutting edge technology, creative arts and cultural diversity,” Patrick said. “We hope to attract more students who will be intent on completing their education in a timely manner and who will encourage those around them to do the same. Hosting GSP is an opportunity to connect with those type of students en masse in, what we hope, is, an effective manner.”

For more information on the Governor’s Scholars Program, call 606-783-2274, email m.patrick@moreheadstate.edu or gsp@moreheadstate.edu, or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/gsp.

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Watkins receives Linda Kay Donovan Memorial Scholarship

The Morehead State University Foundation has announced the recipient of the Linda Kay Donovan Memorial Scholarship, a fund to benefit students at MSU. The student receiving the award is Tabitha Watkins, an incoming freshman majoring in art education. Watkins is a 2019 graduate of Fleming County High School.

"My future career goal is to be an art teacher. I have personally found art to be therapeutic in moments of tension or stress," Watkins said. "I wish to encourage others to utilize art as a way to express themselves. I am grateful for this scholarship as it will help me pursue my dreams."

The Linda Kay Donovan Memorial Scholarship was established in honor of the late Linda Donovan of Cedar Lake, who passed away due to complications from cancer in 2009. Donovan is a 1965 graduate of Fleming County High School and later earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from MSU in 1968. Upon graduation, she briefly worked for three years teaching sixth grade for Mason County Public Schools. In 1971, she began working at Ewing Elementary School, teaching for 11 years prior to becoming principal for nine years. She moved to Mason County's central office to become an instructional supervisor in 1991, later taking on an additional role as special education coordinator before retiring in 2001.

Applicants for the Linda Kay Donovan Memorial Scholarship must be full-time MSU students with a high school GPA of at least 3.0 and an ACT score that meets Teacher Education Program admission requirements. Preference is given to residents of Fleming County and students who have participated in Future Educators of America activities at their high school or at MSU.

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MSN program earns accreditation from CCNE

Morehead State's newest nursing program has earned accreditation from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

MSU's Master of Science in Nursing-Family Nurse Practitioner with a Primary Care focus earned accreditation through CCNE following a site visit and evaluation by CCNE officials on September 24, 2018. The next site visit and evaluation are scheduled for September 2023. The accreditation will remain in effect until June 30, 2024, and the renewal process will occur every ten years. The commission voted to give MSU's MSN program accreditation at its annual meeting in May.

Dr. Lynn Parsons, chair of the MSU Department of Nursing, said the program had to meet four major CCNE standards to receive accreditation: mission and governance, institutional commitment and resources, curriculum and teaching-learning practices and assessment and achievement of program outcomes. Students graduating from accredited advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) programs transition more easily into doctoral degree programs.

"Additional Family Nurse Practitioners (FNP) will augment health providers in the area and help manage ongoing health issues while simultaneously providing health promotion, patient and family education and disease prevention measures," said Parsons. "The MSU APRN program anticipates graduating its first class in December 2019. Citizens of the Eastern Kentucky region will benefit by having additional APRN providers in rural, underserved, low socio-economic areas. Many people in our service region have chronic health issues, such as diabetes and hypertension. Additional FNPs will be a welcome addition to the provision of primary care for our citizens."

For more information on the MSN program at MSU, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/study/msn, email nursingdept@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2296.

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Nepalese student Satyam Shrivastav is making friends while realizing his dreams at MSU

Growing up in the Biratnagar, Province No.1, Nepal, Satyam Shrivastav was intent on succeeding anywhere. But from a very early age, he had specific academic goals that were far away from his home country.

“America is considered the most developed country by Nepalese people. When I was a kid, every time I had gone to get blessings from my grandparents, they would bless me to get an American degree,” Satyam said. “I have always wanted to get an American degree since then.”

When the time came for Shrivastav to decide on where to pursue his college education, his passion and skills for computer science and mathematics led him to travel from the warm flatlands of Nepal’s Terai region to the rolling hills of Appalachia to attend college at Morehead State University.

Shrivastav is a sophomore majoring in computer and information systems with a focus on network security. His childhood aspirations directed him to MSU and its space science program, but he soon realized he wanted to use his talents to benefit his homeland.

“When I was a kid, I wanted to be a space engineer, but later I figured out that computer science was perfect for me when I realized that space engineer doesn’t have so much scope and computer science needs a lot of development in Nepal,” he said.

Since coming to America and spending his freshman year at MSU, Shrivastav was pleased at the kindness of the campus community and the city of Morehead, whether it was seeing cars yield to pedestrians (“Pedestrians have to yield to cars there,” he said.) or random strangers saying “hello.” He has encountered incredibly supportive students at the Baptist Campus Ministry (BCM) that took him to nearby Lockegee Rock to go hiking. He also fondly recalls a friend who let her borrow her car so Shrivastav could take his test to get his driver’s license and was as enthusiastic for his achievement as he was.

In addition to his American friends, he has also made international connections by joining the International Peer Mentoring Program (IPMP), where he has met other MSU students from China, India, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia.

“Honestly, I was really terrible at making friends back in Nepal,” he said. “Now, I have a new friend every couple of days.”

On the way to earning his degree from MSU, Shrivastav would ideally like to intern for companies like AT&T and Cisco Systems to gain experience he hopes he can take back to Nepal to improve the security of his

country's networks. In the meantime, he is gaining confidence, responsibility and independence along with his education at a place he has already grown to love.

“Choosing Morehead State University was one of the biggest and best decisions made by me so far,” he said.

To learn more about the computer science program at MSU, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/study/computerscience, email csis@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2418.

For more information about admission for international students, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/international.

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Still time to sign up for summer orientation programs at MSU

Will you be attending Morehead State University for the first time this fall? Register now for Student Orientation, Advising and Registration (SOAR) to register for classes and be ready for the semester.

SOAR helps incoming students prepare for a successful first year at MSU. MSU has additional sessions available this summer.

During SOAR, students register for classes for the fall semester, meet with academic departments and advisors, discuss financial aid, get their EagleCard ID, sign up for meal plans and get assistance with housing. Students also learn about campus traditions, student organizations and meet with current students about ways to be involved.

This program is an essential step in helping students transition to their first year of college and establish a foundation for a successful path to graduation.

Upcoming SOAR dates:

- Friday, June 21, for first-year students
- Thursday, July 11, for first-year students
- Friday, July 12, for transfer students

Registration for SOAR is necessary. Register online at www.moreheadstate.edu/soar.

To participate in SOAR, students must be accepted to MSU and must have paid an enrollment deposit. Visit www.moreheadstate.edu/confirm to complete these steps.

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

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Eagle Scholars program trains 2019-20 instructors

University and high school faculty members teaching in the Eagle Scholars program participated in a summer meeting Wednesday, June 12, at the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC).

The morning's activities began with several informative presentations. Joel Pace, director of the Eagle Scholars program, offered attendees an overview of the program. Other topics and presenters were:

- Faculty 180 and general assessment, Mark Graves, professor of English.
- Blackboard, David Flora, director of Distance Education and Instructional Design.
- Textbook information, Julie Ferguson, assistant general manager of the University Store.
- Camden-Carroll Library, Bridget Whitt, librarian for distance education and dual credit.

After lunch at the Rocky Adkins Dining Complex, the afternoon featured faculty breakout groups, meetings with school officials from participating high schools and a presentation on plagiarism. Campus tours were offered for those who requested them.

Pace said it was important for teachers to attend the meeting because it helped them learn about curriculum changes within their academic departments, remain up to date on administrative processes and meet other Eagle Scholar teachers from across the state.

"This is the one time each year we ask them to come to Morehead State," Pace said. "It also allows MSU to showcase new programs and facilities and to allow students to demonstrate college level learning by completing college courses."

Teachers participating in the Eagle Scholars summer program and the schools they represent include:

- Chris Akin, North Oldham High School
- Ramona Bellew, Paul Blazer High School
- Charity Burriss, Lewis County High School
- Courtney Butcher, Sheldon Clark High School
- Tamara Cady, Simon Kenton High School
- Dan Combs, Wolfe County High School
- Catherine Del Valle, Russell High School
- Alaina Green, North Oldham High School
- Kellyn Gussler, Rowan County Senior High School
- Charles Hooper, Bullitt Central High School

- Krystal Howard, Montgomery County High School
- Mary Johnson, Raceland High School
- Margaret Klee, St. Patrick High School
- Barbara Leach, Phelps High School
- Angela Lockhart, Pike Central High School
- Austin Maples, Montgomery County High School
- Samantha McCann, Lewis County High School
- Terri McConda, Russell High School
- Anita Montgomery, Bullitt Central High School
- Jennifer Perry, Russell High School
- Tamela Porter, Bath County High School
- Pamela Puryear, Lawrence County High School
- John Ramey, Bath County High School
- Chad Rudd, Wolfe County High School
- Art Scrivener, Eminence High School
- Kim Sexton, Raceland High School
- Melissa Shearer, Henry County High School
- Zenaida Smith, Raceland High School
- Melinda Thompson, West Carter High School
- Rachelle Thompson, Bath County High School
- Phillip Traina, Russell High School
- Samuel Whitehead, Rowan County Senior High School
- Melissa Williams, Bullitt Central High School

The Eagle Scholars program allows qualifying high school students to take college classes for dual credit. Students in the program can complete their first year of college while they finish high school, without ever setting foot on a college campus.

To qualify, students must attend a participating partner high school, must have a GPA of 3.0 or better and must have a minimum ACT composite score of 18.

For more information, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/eaglescholars, call 606-783-2534 or email ecp@moreheadstate.edu.

Photo: Participants in the Eagle Scholar teacher training session represented schools from across the Commonwealth. Thirty-three teachers attended the event. Pictured with the instructors are Dr. Mark Graves, professor of English; Dr. Chris Schroeder, professor and chair of the Department of Mathematics and Physics; and Joel Pace, director of the Eagle Scholars program.

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Chamber awards highlight community ties with MSU

The Morehead-Rowan County Chamber of Commerce held its annual awards ceremony and picnic June 6 and recognized several individuals, offices and organizations from MSU.

Tracy Williams, executive director of the chamber, said award recipients are chosen from a pool of nominees by the Chamber's executive board based on the merit of each project or individual.

"The Community and MSU work on projects together regularly. We work on needed projects for the community and student/community events," said Williams. "I think the University and community do an excellent job including each other on projects and events throughout the year."

The Adron Doran University Center (ADUC) won the Business Beautification Award, given to the business that has made the best effort to upgrade and beautify its storefront, landscape and other aesthetic features.

"We are thrilled that the Chamber has selected the ADUC facility and honored that it recognizes all the investment and effort it has taken to make it a state-of-the-art facility in our community," said Kim Oatman, MSU assistant vice president of facilities and operations. "With the facility being right on the edge of campus and so near downtown there was a lot of effort put into designing the building and grounds to encourage community patronage of it. The plaza and associated landscape is intended to be a natural and inviting connection to the downtown corridors of Bateson Oates and Second Street."

A recent renovation of ADUC expanded the space, offering more dining options, meeting space and free parking for the community to use the facility.

The Community Partners Award was given to Build-a-Bed, an annual charity event that provides free beds for children in need in the community. The event brings together MSU faculty, staff and students and community members, who volunteer to assemble the beds and distribute them at a build event held each spring.

Dr. Daniel Connell, MSU assistant vice president of regional education and outreach, received the Educator of the Year Award. The award is presented to an educator from the Rowan County School System, MSU, Lakeside Christian Academy, Maysville Community and Technical College Rowan Campus or St. Claire HealthCare, who has supported and encouraged education in Morehead and Rowan County.

The Service Above Self Award was presented to Kenna Allen Gauche, alumni relations and development event coordinator at MSU. The award is given to those individuals who have gone above the call of duty and classification, who's contribution has helped to make Morehead and Rowan County a better place to live, work or visit.

For more information about the Morehead-Rowan County Chamber of Commerce, visit <https://www.moreheadchamber.com>.

For more information about MSU, visit www.moreheadstate.edu or call 1-800-585-6781.

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Commercial Bank of West Liberty Scholarship established

The Morehead State University Foundation has announced the establishment of the Commercial Bank of West Liberty Scholarship, a fund to benefit MSU students. The scholarship's first recipient is Chandler Basham, an incoming freshman and a 2019 graduate of Morgan County High School (MCHS).

Basham was a member of the MCHS academic team and soccer team, where he made the All-Area team. He was committed to community service and has participated in several fundraisers and helped provide aid after a tornado hit West Liberty in 2012. Basham plans to major in computer science and work to use technology to benefit others.

"My interest in the field of computer science may have started like any other person's interest, but I am willing to go the extra mile for my dream," Basham said.

Chartered in 1910 as a state-chartered bank, Commercial Bank has been a part of the community of West Liberty for over 100 years. The bank prides itself on being locally owned, pushing technological innovation and meeting the needs of the community.

"Commercial Bank of West Liberty has prided itself on being a great corporate citizen throughout the years," said Brock A. Litteral (94), the bank's president. "We feel like this scholarship is another way of giving back to the communities we serve and cherish. Our hope is that this scholarship promotes the educational growth and future success of a deserving student."

Applicants must be enrolled as either a full-time undergraduate or graduate student. There is a minimum cumulative GPA requirement of 3.0 and the scholarship is renewable as long as criteria are met.

This scholarship was established as part of the Soar to New Heights Scholarship Campaign.

For more information on this scholarship, or to establish your own, contact MSU's Office of Alumni Relations and Development at 606-783-2033, email giving@moreheadstate.edu or visit alumni.moreheadstate.edu/give to make a contribution today.

Photo, from left: Chandler Basham, recipient of the Commercial Bank of West Liberty Scholarship, and Brock Litteral (94), president of the Commercial Bank of West Liberty.

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INSIGHT camp gives students campus experience

INSIGHT, a postsecondary preparation program for high school students who are blind or visually impaired, was held on the Morehead State University campus June 8-15.

INSIGHT is a collaboration between MSU, the Kentucky Office for the Blind, Kentucky School for the Blind (KSB), Kentucky Education Development Corporation (KEDC) and the KSB Charitable Foundation. Nineteen students attended the camp this year.

The program is designed to give visually impaired high school students a real-world college experience, including living in a residence hall, attending academic classes and practicing orientation and mobility skills in a campus environment. The skills students learn at INSIGHT are highly transferrable college skills that will support success at any postsecondary institution.

For more information about INSIGHT, contact Evangeline Day, MSU disability services coordinator, at e.day@moreheadstate.edu, call 606-783-5188 or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/disability.

Photo caption: Participants in this year's INSIGHT camp are: Front row from left: Diane Downard, orientation and mobility intern; Alex Daniels, Johnson County; Kierstin Bandy, Webster County; Riley Seif, Jefferson County; Taryn Seif, Jefferson County; Chassity Noble, Breathitt County; Katherine Messer, Whitley County; and Madison Hundley, Letcher County. Second row, from left: Teaera Watkins, Bath County; Noah Kidwell, Anderson County; Charlie Cocklin, Robertson County; Nicole Arnett, Rockcastle County; Amy Craigon, orientation and mobility intern; Jasmine Johnson, Owsley County; Braden Head, Warren County; and Connie Hill-INSIGHT program coordinator. Third row, from left: Tim Nelson orientation and mobility coordinator; Jacob Jones, Christian County; Mason Tilley, Trimble County; Josh Rister, Lewis County; Addison Evers, Jefferson County; Tyler Brown, Campbell County; Janell Turner, Kentucky Office for the Blind/vocational rehabilitation transition coordinator; Katie Boes, resident advisor/teacher of the visually impaired; Kelly Stewart, orientation and mobility instructor; and Bo Mullins, resident advisor.

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Appalachian Music Project establishes scholarship at MSU

Morehead State students from Eastern Kentucky with an interest in music have a new scholarship opportunity thanks to the Appalachian Music Project.

The Appalachian Music Project Scholarship has been established to honor the memory of Andrew “Drew” Douglas Martin. Martin died in 2013 at the age of 41. Martin’s wife, Adrienne created this scholarship opportunity to honor Drew’s love for music and the Appalachian region.

The vision behind this scholarship fund is to underscore the cultural value of music and education by encouraging impassioned and hardworking individuals from Eastern Kentucky to follow their dreams despite economic restraints.

“It’s an honor to be a small part of our scholarship recipients’ contribution to shaping the future of eastern Kentucky through music,” said Adrienne Correll.

The scholarship is available to all full-time students who attended high schools in these counties: Bell, Breathitt, Clay, Floyd, Harlan, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Lawrence, Leslie, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin, McCreary, Perry, Pike and Whitley. Applicants must have a 2.5 GPA and must be majoring in a music-related field. The scholarship is available to both incoming freshmen and returning students and is renewable through a student’s senior year.

Visit www.moreheadstate.edu/scholarships to learn more about scholarship opportunities. The deadline to apply for this scholarship for the 2019-2020 school year is July 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 or visit alumni.moreheadstate.edu/give.

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Summer Arts Academy provides opportunities for students in the region

Morehead State University hosted nearly 60 students from Kentucky, Ohio, West Virginia and Indiana for its Summer Arts Academy (SAA) held June 9-15.

The Academy consisted of six full days of activities, including individual and group instruction in a chosen area of music, theatre, and art and design.

Evening activities included performances/presentations by MSU's School of Music, Theatre and Dance faculty, an "art hop" night showcasing works of faculty and SAA art and design students, a bowling night and other evening activities taught by SAA faculty specific to the student's area of interest.

"What made this a unique experience was the focus on the individual having specific study in their medium (music, theatre, and art and design) several hours a day with faculty," said Greg Wing, Summer Arts Academy director. "Participants had an opportunity to improve their skills in each area and interact with other students."

The Summer Arts Academy receives support from 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).

Additional information is available by contacting Wing at 606-783-2401 or by visiting www.moreheadstate.edu/saa.

Photo album: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/msu1887/albums/72157709141260913/show>

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MSU Prestonsburg hosts Kentucky Reading Project

The Kentucky Reading Project (KRP) held one of its statewide institutes at Morehead State University at Prestonsburg, June 12 through June 20. Nearly 50 local educators participated in the event.

KRP is a professional development initiative of the Collaborative Center for Literacy Development. The yearlong, graduate-level literacy course consists of a two-week intensive summer institute, four follow-up sessions during the year, and at least one coaching visit to each teacher.

Supervising the Prestonsburg training were Dr. Becky Roach, Kentucky Educational Development Corporation associate director; Sarah Kelsey, Greenup County School District third-grade teacher; and Debra Craver, a retired teacher.

Eight Kentucky universities serve as sites for KRP and university literacy faculty serve as directors of KRP. Training specialists from the National Center for Families Learning provide information, resources and support regarding family engagement in literacy.

Participants took part in both Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy (SRCL), and Kentucky Read to Achieve (KY RTA) programs.

Teachers in both programs attended training where they learned about research-based reading strategies, differentiated instruction, management of the reading classroom, and student conferences. The groups will return for follow-up sessions in September and March and present at a statewide conference in Louisville in April 2020.

During KRP, teachers learn best practices in literacy instruction while participating in a professional learning community that positions them for leadership roles in their school, district and the state. They increase their effectiveness as teachers by expanding their knowledge base and deepening their understanding of best practices in literacy instruction as they develop and implement a Literacy Action Plan in their classrooms.

Attending the Prestonsburg institute were:

Taylor Moore, Ashland; Tracy Baker, Jackson; Lesley Allen, Jackson; Amy Gabbard, Booneville; Sherrironica Thomas, West Liberty; Lauren Flanery, Sandy Hook; Sara McKay, Pikeville; Desiree N. Bradley-Johnson, Prestonsburg; Hannah Newsome, Prestonsburg, Tina Mosley, Hi Hat; Margaret Davidson, Hazard, Holley Collins, Jenkins; Brooklynn Barker, Flat Gap, Brandi LeMaster, Staffordsville; Rachel Shrum, Leburn, Malissa Young, Neon; Kristi L. Hatton, Whitesburg; Christina

Rawlings Jessey, Jenkins; Jerica Conley, Salyersville; Mari Ellyn Howard, Salyersville; Bethany McGinnis, Inez;

Ashley L. Adams, Paintsville; Tara Combs, Hazard; Nikesha Collins, Pikeville; Cary L Hall, Pikeville; Emmalynn Edmonds, Ashland; Kayla D. Wilson, Tyner; Amy D. Dunn, Campton; Rita Mills, Tomahawk; Kiana Hall, Hi Hat; Caitlin Matijasic, Grethel; Mercedes Stephens, Prestonsburg; Kara Gess, Lovely; Mary Horn, Inez; Lois Slone, Lovely; Samantha Ward, Beauty; Anna DeLong, Warfield; and Samantha Owens, Hueysville.

The mission of KRP is to increase student achievement and family engagement in literacy by empowering P-5 teachers to design and implement comprehensive, research-based instruction driven by the on-going assessment of diverse learners' needs.

Additional information is available by contacting Dr. Roach at rebecca.roach@kedc.org.

You can learn more about MSU at Prestonsburg by visiting www.moreheadstate.edu/prestonsburg or by calling 606-886-2405 or 606-783-5421.

Photo 1: Local educators participated in the Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy program as part of the Kentucky Reading Project held June 13-20 at Morehead State University at Prestonsburg.

Photo 2: Local educators participated in the Kentucky Read to Achieve program as part of the Kentucky Reading Project held June 13-20 at Morehead State University at Prestonsburg.

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MSU students intern at KGS

Two geology students from Morehead State are gaining essential career skills this summer by interning at the Kentucky Geological Survey (KGS).

Ashton Killen, a senior from Proctorville, Ohio, and Russel Rogers, a sophomore from Calais, Maine, are each working on unique projects at KGS.

Killen is working with Matt Crawford, a landslide researcher with KGS, on a federally funded project involving landslides in the Big Sandy Area Development District. She first met Crawford, and KGS Director Bill Haneburg, at last year's annual conference of the American Geological Society. Killen began her work with Crawford in January of this year, using the data she collected in Magoffin County for her senior capstone project. She works in the KGS Digital Earth Analysis Lab (DEAL), where she is working to create digitized maps of landslides in Magoffin County. She said the things she's learning through the internship will be invaluable once she enters the workforce.

"I am learning how to use ArcGIS and ArcMap, which is the future of mapping. It is a program made by Esri and is extremely vital to be fluent in after I graduate. I am also learning how to make different types of maps within ArcMap," she said.

Rogers first started college with aspirations of going to medical school, enrolling at the University of Southern Maine and majoring in biology. Realizing that wasn't the right path for him, Rogers came to MSU and started as an astrophysics major but changed his major to geology and earth systems science because of his fascination with rocks and the formation of the Earth. Killen encouraged Rogers to apply for the internship at KGS. Rogers is now working with KGS Seismologist Seth Carpenter to investigate the causes of seismic waves. His work involves characterizing seismic waves from the instruments in the temporary Eastern Kentucky Microseismic Monitoring Network to determine which recordings are from natural events and which are blasts.

To learn more about the geology program at MSU, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/study/geology, email eass@moreheadstate.edu, or call 606-783-2381.

Photo 1: Ashton Killen is learning to use geological mapping software during her internship at the Kentucky Geological Survey. Photo credit: Kentucky Geological Survey.

Photo 2: Russel Rogers is working to determine the causes of seismic waves during his internship at the Kentucky Geological Survey. Photo credit: Kentucky Geological Survey.

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MP Antenna, LTD Fellowship established

The Morehead State University Foundation has announced the establishment of the MP Antenna, LTD Fellowship, a fund to benefit STEM majors at Morehead State University. The fellowship's first recipients, Nathan Rickman and Logan Pennington, both completed the fellowship during their freshman year at MSU. Rickman is an astronomy major from Ashland and Pennington is a space systems engineering major from Falmouth.

The MP Antenna, LTD Fellowship was established by MP Antenna, LTD, an Ohio-based company that is the exclusive developer and manufacturer of multi-polarized antennas for applications such as public safety, wireless broadband systems, Wi-Fi, WiMax, video monitoring systems, 3G, CDMA, GSM, PCS and LTE.

MSU awards the fellowship to students majoring in space science-related majors with preference given to international students. The fellowship is a one-time award and is not renewable, but recipients may reapply annually. This fellowship requires the recipient to work 15 hours per week in a laboratory environment associated with the department of their major.

"We could not be happier for the awards to go to Nathan and Logan. MP Antenna (MPA) is honored to participate in a truly forward-thinking and real-skill program like the one offered by the Space Science Center at MSU," said Josh Parker, vice president of operations at MP Antenna, LTD. "MPA serves governmental agencies, commercial entities and general consumer markets actively in over 20 countries throughout the world. The team at MSU and the quality of their recruitment classes is hands down the reason we could not pass up supporting these programs. Space or terrestrial, public or private sector, MSU and the Space Science Center are advancing technologies that will serve all of us in the near future and beyond."

Rickman said after he earns his bachelor's degree, he plans to continue his education in graduate school and pursue a career in astronomical engineering. "This fellowship allowed me to concentrate on my education," Rickman said. "Without receiving any scholarship support, it will take me much longer to reach my ultimate goal of a master's degree and being a contributing member of the engineering community."

Pennington is also extremely grateful and honored to be a recipient of the fellowship for the financial support it provides while he focuses on excelling in his studies and eventually earning a master's degree in aerospace engineering.

"Getting my bachelor's in space systems engineering at Morehead State will allow me to build a strong foundation of physics and engineering," Pennington said. "This strong foundation will prepare me for graduate studies and challenge me."

“The MP Antenna Fellowships allowed Rickman and Logan Pennington to participate in training in space mission operations utilizing the Morehead State University 21-meter space tracking antenna. Training in mission operations utilizing active NASA satellites provides invaluable opportunities for our students,” said Dr. Benjamin K. Malphrus, executive director of the Space Science Center. “Our ground station is run primarily by students and we have had great success with this model. Our partnership with MP Antenna allows these training opportunities to be available to students that otherwise might not have access to this type of invaluable hands-on training.”

This fellowship is part of the Soar to New Heights Scholarship Campaign.

For more information on this fellowship, or to establish your own, contact MSU’s Office of Alumni Relations and Development at 606-783-2033, email giving@moreheadstate.edu or visit alumni.moreheadstate.edu/give to make a contribution today.

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MWP holds summer journalism camp

The Morehead Writing Project (MWP) held “Power Your Story,” a journalism camp for area high schoolers, June 9-15.

Students collaborated with professionals from Morehead State Public Radio, Morehead State’s convergent media program and the MSU student newspaper, The Trail Blazer. Camp participants learned about how to collect news and interview subjects, how to operate cameras and how to edit audio and video, among other skills necessary in the field of journalism.

“Overall, journalism is about facts. Period. If you read it on your phone, your laptop or your watch, the basic tenants of journalism won’t change,” said John Flavell, MSU instructor of journalism. “I hope the students were encouraged and enlightened that journalism isn’t about the derisive politics of our time. It’s about storytelling. I wanted them to learn how to keep it simple. Learn how a story should flow.”

Participants in the camp worked with Flavell to shoot footage for his upcoming KET documentary featuring Raymond McLain, director of the Kentucky Center for Traditional Music. They also worked with Leann Akers, news director at Morehead State Public Radio, to produce an audio story for broadcast. The students also collaborated on an article published in the Ashland Daily Independent newspaper.

Retired MSPR News Director Chuck Mraz spoke to the campers about his career as a journalist, and current student and MSPR staffer Chas Jenkins of Morehead taught the students about podcasting.

Dr. Deanna Mascle, director of the MWP and instructor of English at MSU, organized the camp. Mascle said the camp could not have happened without the support of departments and offices across campus.

“We are so lucky at Morehead State to have a really amazing convergent media program - the faculty and staff and students produce outstanding work and we were fortunate to have several people support our camp this week and give our campers a unique experience,” she said. “We were also able to make this camp a residential experience thanks to outstanding work from the Office of Conference and Event Services, dining services and housing. It was an intense week, but we could accomplish so much in a short amount of time because we were able to live and eat on campus as a group.”

Twelve students attended the camp, and Mascle said some expressed interest in enrolling in MSU’s convergent media program.

The MacArthur Foundation Journalism and Media Program funded the camp through the National Writing Project (NWP) and the MWP.

For more information about MSU's Convergent Media program, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/study/communication or call 606-783-2134.

For information on the Morehead Writing Project, visit www.moreheadwritingproject.org.

To learn more about Morehead State Public Radio, visit www.wmky.org.

View The Trail Blazer at www.thetrailblazeronline.net.

Photo Caption: Participants in the Power Your Story summer journalism camp interviewed KCTM Director Raymond McLain (seated) for a documentary about bluegrass music. Photo credit: John Flavell.

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