RSVP, Adkins Library launch drug prevention program

The Morehead State University Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) partnered with the Rocky J. Adkins Public Library to launch a drug prevention program in Elliott County.

The collaboration will provide materials for an evidence-based drug prevention program called “Too Good for Drugs.” The program was implemented during a three-week summer day camp held June 10–28. Library staff and volunteers led the camp, which benefited 60 students in Elliott County, ranging from five to 13 years old. Students learned the importance of good decision making and how to avoid alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

“As we are all familiar with the opioid epidemic, drug prevention programs are extremely important,” said Justin Slone, assistant director of RSVP. “The library is an RSVP volunteer station and we felt that in addition to focusing on reading that implementing a drug prevention program was important as well.”

The camp is space-themed, and students will do crafts and other fun activities related to the theme.

For more information about RSVP, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/rsvp or call 606-783-5124.

Photo Caption: Morehead State’s RSVP program launched the drug prevention program, “Too Good for Drugs,” at a summer camp held by the Rocky J. Adkins Public Library in Elliott County. The camp was made up of 60 children ages five to 13.

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MSU closed for Independence Day

Morehead State University is closed for the Independence Day holiday on Thursday, July 4.

Administrative offices are closed Thursday, July 4, and Friday, July 5. The University will reopen under regular operating hours on Monday, July 8.

The Camden-Carroll Library is closed from Thursday, July 4, until Monday, July 8.

The University Store is closed Thursday, July 4, and will reopen Friday, July 5, from 8:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. The store is closed on weekends through Monday, Aug. 12.

The University Post Office is closed from Thursday, July 4, until Monday, July 8, when regular business hours will resume.

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 and Chick-Fil-A will be closed July 4-7, and will reopen under regular summer hours on Monday, July 8.

The Rocky Adkins Dining Complex (The Rock) will be open for its regular summer operating hours throughout the weekend. Breakfast is served from 7 to 9 a.m., lunch is served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and dinner is served from 4 to 7 p.m.

The Recreation and Wellness Center’s hours are:

- Wednesday, July 3, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Thursday, July 4, closed.
- Friday, July 5, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Saturday, July 6, 9 a.m. -1 p.m.
- Sunday, July 7, 3 p.m.- 8 p.m.

Natatorium hours are as follows:

- Wednesday, July 3, 10 a.m.- noon.
- Thursday, July 4, closed.
- Friday, July 5, 10 a.m.- noon.
- Saturday, July 6, 10 a.m. -noon.
- Sunday, July 7, 4p.m.- 6 p.m.
Outdoor Adventures is closed from Wednesday, July 3, until Monday, July 8.

The University Police Department will be on call 24-7 during the holiday break and can be reached at 606-783-2035, by visiting www.moreheadstate.edu/police or through the LiveSafe mobile app.

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Dr. C. Nelson and Wilma Grote Endowment receives estate gift

The Morehead State University Foundation has announced an estate gift from the late MSU President Emeritus Dr. C. Nelson Grote and the late former First Lady Wilma Grote to support the Dr. C. Nelson and Wilma Grote Scholarship Endowment, a fund to benefit MSU students.

The endowment was established in 1991 to fund scholarships for students from Kentucky community or junior colleges who transfer to MSU. Qualifications for scholarship recipients include completing at least 60 credit hours and having a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. The scholarship is renewable if students earn a 2.75 GPA for the first 30 credit hours earned at MSU and a 3.0 GPA on the remaining credit hours leading to graduation from MSU.

"It was their wish that the love they had for the University, the faculty and the students be shared with deserving individuals to further their education," said Carol Grote Vencill, daughter of Dr. And Mrs. Grote.

President Emeritus Dr. C. Nelson Grote passed away in January 2019 and was preceded in death by his wife and former First Lady Wilma Grote in August 2018. Grote was the 11th president of Morehead State University and retired from the University in 1992 after five years of service as its chief executive officer. He assumed the presidency on July 1, 1987, returning to a campus where he began his career in higher education administration nearly three decades earlier. Of his 42 years in education, he served the Commonwealth of Kentucky for 18 years, with 16 of those years spent at MSU.

Wilma Grote was a teacher of gifted elementary school children, high school social studies, college English and was an English as a Second Language (ESL) tutor. She met her future husband, C. Nelson Grote, as a freshman at Eastern Illinois State Teachers College in 1945. They were married in 1949 and enjoyed 69 years of marriage. When Dr. Grote became president of MSU, Wilma was his steadfast partner in many University activities.

For more information about this endowment or planned gift options, 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.

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MSU to host Rogers Scholars and Rogers Explorers programs

For the first time, Morehead State University will serve as one of the host campuses for this year’s Rogers Explorers program and the Rogers Scholars program.

The 2019 Rogers Explorers program will be held July 10 through July 12. The Rogers Explorers program is a three-day, two-night program focused on cultivating skills in leadership, technology, math, science and community service for incoming high school freshmen. Developed, coordinated and supervised by the Center for Rural Development in partnership with multiple private and public Kentucky colleges and universities, including Morehead State University, Explorers are able to actively participate in practical college courses, fine-tune leadership skills, and develop a network of friends and resources throughout our Southern and Eastern Kentucky region.

The Rogers Scholars program will take place from July 14 through July 19. The Center for Rural Development established the Rogers Scholars program, its flagship youth program, through the vision of U.S. Congressman Harold "Hal" Rogers (KY-05) that "no young person should have to leave home to find his or her future." The intensive one-week summer program provides high school juniors valuable leadership skills and exclusive college scholarship opportunities for high school students to build their skills as the region's next generation of business and entrepreneurial leaders.

Students from the Center for Rural Development’s 45-county service area may apply to become Rogers Explorers during their eighth-grade year and Rogers Scholars during their sophomore year.

For more information about the Rogers Explorers and the Rogers Scholars programs, contact the Office of Regional Education and Outreach at www.moreheadstate.edu/regionaleduc, email m.patrick@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2274.
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Murphy named to KACE board

Hayley Murphy (14), a career coach with Morehead State University’s Office of Career Services, has been named to the board of the Kentucky Association of Colleges and Employers (KACE). She will serve as communications chair and in this role, she will be responsible for maintaining the KACE website, creating graphics and communicating with all members regarding events. Murphy will also be involved in planning networking and professional development opportunities, including an annual two-day conference in the fall.

Murphy graduated in 2014 with a bachelor’s degree in convergent media from MSU and is pursuing a Master of Arts in Communication at the University. She joined the Office of Career Services in 2017 as a career administrative specialist and became a career coach in 2018.

“My convergent media degree allows me to bring a different skill set to this organization and I am excited to put my knowledge of websites and graphic design to use serving the field of career development,” she said.

KACE membership is open to both employers and colleges/universities within the state and strives to strengthen the ties between organizations hiring students and the on-campus staff assisting in their career development.

For more information regarding KACE, visit www.kaceweb.net.

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

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MSU Kappa Delta Chapter celebrates 50 years, endows scholarship

Over 200 alumnae and active members of the Delta Tau Chapter, MSU’s chapter of Kappa Delta, gathered last spring to celebrate their 50th anniversary on Morehead State University’s campus. To honor this milestone, the sisters of Kappa Delta sorority pledged to raise $50,000 to ensure the Margaret Holt Duncan Kappa Delta Scholarship is endowed with the MSU Foundation.

The celebratory weekend included activities allowing members to reconnect with each other and with the University. Events included a welcome reception in the newly renovated Adron Doran University Center (ADUC), a memorial service, campus tour, lunch at the Rocky Adkins Dining Commons and a banquet to close out the celebration.

“It was wonderful seeing so many sisters back on campus for this anniversary celebration,” said Patricia Dorton Whitaker (75). “As a member of the first pledge class, it was an honor to be a part of this historic occasion and witness how the chapter continues to enrich the lives of young women at MSU.”

The honoree of the newly established scholarship endowment, Margaret Holt Duncan, is an initiate of Delta Tau chapter. As an undergraduate at MSU, she held several leadership roles within the chapter, as well as across campus. As an alumna, she has continued to support the sorority in multiple capacities at the national level. The endowment bears her name in honor of her service to Kappa Delta.

“It is important for our local chapter to provide a scholarship that supports our collegiate members. We are excited to name this in recognition of an alumnae sister who has given back to Kappa Delta on a local and national level,” said Dr. Jami Hornbuckle (96), assistant vice president for communications and marketing. “We hope this scholarship is a reminder to our members that the Kappa Delta experience...and the Eagle experience...doesn’t end after graduation.”

Currently, the group has raised over $32,000 of their goal. Once fully funded, the investment proceeds will support initiated members of the Delta Tau Chapter who have a minimum GPA of 3.5 and a demonstrated history of leadership within the chapter and throughout campus.

In honor of their commitment to raising money for the scholarship endowment, room 301 in ADUC will be named the “Kappa Delta Room” as permanent recognition for their contribution to student success at MSU.

“We are excited to have the opportunity to name a space in the Adron Doran University Center,” said Kenna Allen Gauche (08), events coordinator in the Office of Alumni Relations and Development. “Having a room that bears the name of Kappa Delta is a wonderful way to honor our organization’s first 50 years on MSU’s campus and the legacy that it will carry on for years to come.”

Kappa Delta Sorority is a national organization for women and belongs to the National Panhellenic Conference, the umbrella organization for 26 international sororities throughout the United States and Canada. Founded in 1897 at State Female Normal School, Kappa Delta now has 169 collegiate chapters and more than 200 active alumnae chapters. MSU’s Delta Tau chapter was chartered at MSU on April 26, 1969.

For more information on this scholarship, or to establish your own, contact MSU’s Office of Alumni Relations and Development at 606-783-2033, email giving@moreheadstate.edu or visit alumni.moreheadstate.edu/give.
Photo: Members of MSU's Kappa Delta Chapter gathered at the Adron Doran University Center last spring to celebrate their 50th anniversary and pledge to raise $50,000 to ensure the Margaret Holt Duncan Kappa Delta Scholarship is endowed with the MSU Foundation.
Business Insider names Morehead third best city to start a career

Morehead has been named the third best college town in the nation to start a career.

Grand Canyon University compiled the list, and it was published in Business Insider magazine. The list was compiled using data from the U.S. Census, Yelp, Indeed, official government climate reports, and measured factors such as job markets, local culture and infrastructure.

Morehead’s downtown area is walking distance from campus and includes grocery stores, coffee shops, bookstores, boutiques, restaurants and entertainment venues such as the Morehead Conference Center. Cultural opportunities near campus include the Kentucky Folk Art Center, the Rowan County Arts Center and the Morehead Railroad and Historical Museum.

MSU’s campus is located near the Daniel Boone National Forest and offers activities like hiking, camping, kayaking and more for outdoor lovers. Cave Run Lake is a short drive away and offers even more outdoor activities.

“The City of Morehead and Morehead State University have a strong relationship that shows our commitment to collaboration for the best interest of both the residents and students,” said Laura White-Brown, mayor of the City of Morehead.

“Morehead is a community that believes in loyalty, pride and unity. People become invested in this community because of the way that it is committed to serving those in this region. As one of three cities in the state that has a university, regional medical center and technical college, we are unique with the resources that we can provide to individuals and businesses. There is opportunity here in workforce development as well as a growing showcase of livability.” She added the city is celebrating the 150th anniversary of its incorporation this year, highlighting the growth of the community and its commitment to improving the region.

For more information about the City of Morehead, visit www.moreheadtourism.com or www.morehead-ky.gov.

For more information about Morehead State University, visit www.moreheadstate.edu, email admissions@moreheadstate.edu or call 1-800-585-6781.

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Students participate in government internship program in Canada

Three Morehead State University students recently participated in an internship designed to not only give them valuable job skills but also to teach them about different forms of government used in countries outside the U.S.

Nick Anderson, a junior political science and legal studies major from Morehead, Abby Staab, a junior political science and legal studies major from Ft. Thomas, and Zachary Rice, a senior political science major from Jackson, recently completed a five-week internship program with the Canadian Parliament. While there, students observed and assisted with the day-to-day activities of a Parliamentary representative.

Anderson interned for Parliament Member Shaun Chen of the Scarborough North region. Anderson said he wrote correspondence to Chen's constituents, which come from many diverse backgrounds including the Middle East, China and South Asia.

"Not only did I get a better understanding of the Canadian government, I learned a lot about Eastern culture," Anderson said, adding the fact that his writing represented a member of Parliament made him hone his craft as a writer to produce the best work possible.

While Anderson said his favorite thing about the trip was meeting new people and the experience he gained from the internship, he said one of the highlights for him was meeting Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his wife, Sophie, during a garden party held for members of Canada's Liberal Party.

Anderson noted that, aside from differences in how the political system is structured, there was another difference he noticed between the Canadian and U.S. governments.

"In the Parliamentary system, they seem to listen to one another. It's nice to see a political system that hears each other's words instead of just their own partisan beliefs. I think too often on our political system; people demonize those who don't agree with them. It was nice to see open communication between opposing parties."

Staab first heard about the internship opportunity from her honors mentor and said it appealed to her because it offered the chance to pursue her interests.

"The prospect of spending five weeks abroad working for a foreign government immediately caught my attention," Staab. "I have always had an interest in how government works outside of the United States. After learning more about the opportunity, I knew it would be a great experience for me."

She interned for Parliament Member Dr. Hedy Fry, a member of Canada's Liberal Party. Her duties included drafting letters and emails to the constituents of Vancouver Centre, covering issues from advancing the equality of women to advocating for greater environmental protections and preparing summaries for Fry that included a wide variety of topics. Outside the office, Staab said she immersed herself
in learning more about Canadian politics, attending committee meetings to understand important Canadian issues to deepen her understanding of the legislative process. She also attended receptions hosted by various groups to observe the diversity within Parliament and to build connections with leaders on the hill. Staab also attended several Question Periods, allowing her to understand the debate process in Parliament better.

"It was an extremely eye-opening opportunity to learn about constituent concerns from a non-American perspective. Many Canadian citizens in the Vancouver area take environmental concerns very seriously. Speaking with Canadians who are passionate about finding solutions to the world's most pressing problems was an invaluable experience for me that will help me go through law school with a more global perspective," she said, adding her favorite aspect of the trip was having the chance to explore several major Canadian cities.

"My favorite part of the trip was getting to explore other prominent cities in Canada. I took a weekend trip to Quebec City and another trip to Montreal. Sight-seeing in the historic districts of these cities was beautiful, and I loved the rich culture and vibrant life these cities had to offer."

Rice said he learned about the internship program from friends who had previously participated and said he was intrigued by their stories about the experience.

"I naturally wanted to experience such a great time as well, but I got my hopes down whenever I heard how exclusive the program was. During the Spring 2018 semester, I took Dr. William Green's Comparative Constitutional Law class and continued to interact with plenty of previous interns," Rice said. "At the end of the semester, Dr. Green offered me the chance to be a part of the last cohort he would send to Canada. I remember being ecstatic and at a loss for words, and I accepted. I still feel honored to have been chosen to participate."

During his time in Canada, Rice worked for Parliament Member Sonia Sidhu, who represents Brampton South in the greater Toronto area. He wrote speeches and opinion articles, designed flyers, briefed Sidhu on committee meetings and helped her prepare for a debate on the Floor of Commons. He said his favorite part of the experience was meeting so many new people, and he hopes more students in the region have the opportunity to travel abroad and learn more about the world.

"Especially for our region of Eastern Kentucky, I feel like our students aren't given the same opportunities that are afforded to other institutions across our nation. This program was critical in helping develop who I am as a person, and I truly feel that more students should have access to things like this," he said. "I come from a modest background, so when my dad saw that I had met the Prime Minister of Canada, he got teary-eyed and told me, 'you're the first Rice who has ever met the leader of a country," and that stunned me. I feel like a lot of us take our opportunities for granted, and that's a mistake."

For more information on the Canadian Studies program at MSU, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/study/canadian-minor.

To learn more about MSU's Department of History, Philosophy, Politics, Global Studies and Legal Studies, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/hpil.

Photos:
1. Nick Anderson and Abby Staab served as interns for members of the Canadian Parliament during a five-week program that took place earlier this summer.
2. Nick Anderson, right, served as an intern for Canadian Parliament Member Shaun Chen, left.
3. Zachary Rice met Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, left, while working as an intern in the country's Parliament.

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Governor’s Scholars present posters at MSU this week

Two classes in the Governor’s Scholars Program (GSP) at Morehead State University will showcase their research posters on Wednesday, July 17, in the drill room of Button Auditorium.

Dr. Melony Shemberger, associate professor of journalism and mass communications at Murray State University and faculty member at GSP, teaches business, accounting and entrepreneurship as a focus area class, plus a general studies class concentrating on libraries and literacies.

The public is invited to view the posters and learn from Scholars. Students in business, accounting and entrepreneurship will be on hand to discuss their posters from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 17. The Scholars in Shemberger’s general studies class will share their work from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday, July 18.

“I am excited for and proud of these Scholars,” Shemberger said. “They tackled their research projects by working together, using everyone’s talents and creating posters that showcase their newfound scholarship. To see these outcomes is truly rewarding for me, and I know it is for them, too.”

For their research posters, Scholars in business, accounting and entrepreneurship were challenged to think of themselves as innovators and consider solutions to problems by conceptualizing possible products or services. The large-format posters act as business plans that the students developed, describing their innovative approaches to tackle an issue, need, problem or concern. Governor’s Scholars in the general studies class explored solutions to challenges that libraries face today and problems that these institutions will encounter. How to design and develop a library in the 21st century was a focus for each group of Scholars. The research posters they designed offer possibilities and explain limitations for libraries and communities to consider in the future. The posters will be on display in the Button Drill Room for a limited time after the presentations conclude.

Morehead State was one of three campuses in Kentucky to host the 2019 Governor’s Scholars Program, a five-week summer program open to high school seniors. The program strives to enhance Kentucky’s next generation of civic and economic leaders. Established in 1983, GSP provides academic and personal growth through an active liberal arts program with a full co-curricular and residential life experience. Students must complete an application and compete with others from across the Commonwealth. Those selected attend the program free of charge.

For more information about the research posters created by the Governor’s Scholars in these classes, email Dr. Shemberger at mshemberger@murraystate.edu.

To learn more about the Governor’s Scholars Program, visit www.moreheadstate.edu, email gsp@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2075.

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Dale awarded Sarah Blanton Memorial Scholarship

The Morehead State University Foundation has announced the recipient of the Sarah Blanton Memorial Scholarship, a fund to benefit MSU students. The student receiving the award is Olivia Dale, an incoming freshman majoring in history and convergent media from Paintsville.

Dale said she plans to use her education at MSU to work at a radio station and become a history professor.

“Each day of high school I entered with one goal, to absorb as much information as possible to prepare myself for college and to be the best student I can be,” Dale said. “Receiving this scholarship will help me pursue my education.”

The scholarship’s namesake, Sarah Ashley Blanton (09), was a 2005 graduate of Paintsville Independent High School (PHS) and a graduate of MSU with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing. Blanton passed away in 2009. She was the daughter of Daryl E. and Valerie Blanton (83) of Oil Springs, and the family established this annual scholarship in her memory.

The recipient of the award must be a full-time student, who is a PHS graduate with a 3.5 GPA or above.

“Our family is happy to be able to provide assistance for a Paintsville student going on the MSU to pursue their education,” said Valerie Blanton, an MSU alumna who attends the Paintsville High School Awards ceremony annually to present the scholarship. “We hope this scholarship encourages them to do their best in school and work hard to achieve their goals.”

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 contribute today.

Photo: Olivia Dale, this year’s recipient of the Sarah Blanton Memorial Scholarship, and Valerie Blanton (83), mother of the late Sarah Blanton (09).
Boone named director of Office of Career Services

Morehead State University's Division of Academic Affairs has announced that Megan Boone has been named director of the Office of Career Services.

"Megan has proven that she is a strong and creative campus leader who is very student-focused," said Dr. Laurie Couch, associate provost for Undergraduate Education and Student Success. "She will be an excellent partner in our continuing efforts to provide outstanding career support to students in our academic programs, our alumni, and those in the community."

She previously worked in career services at the University of Kentucky and Sullivan University. Boone joined MSU in 2010 in a career counselor/employer relations role and was named interim director of the Office of Career Services in 2018. As acting director, she built a peer coaching program, as well as developing and incorporating a career development module into the First Year Seminar.

Boone has a master's degree in industrial organizational psychology from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and a bachelor's degree in psychology from Transylvania University.

She is active in the local community serving on the board of the Morehead-Rowan County Chamber of Commerce and previously served on the Community Advisory Board for Morehead State Public Radio. She is a member of professional associations in the field and is a past president of the Kentucky Association of Colleges and Employers (KACE) and a member of the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM), National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) and Kentucky Career Development Association (KCDA).

Boone resides in Rowan County with her husband and two children.

"I am honored to be part of a talented team that works to provide Morehead State University students with the necessary skills, networks and opportunities to launch their careers," Boone said. "I look forward to collaborating across campus to build a model that integrates career competencies and high impact practices ensuring the success of our graduates."

MSU's Office of Career Services helps students be career ready. Staff work with students to craft a resume, practice interviewing and apply to graduate school. Services include assisting students in choosing a major and establish career goals using personality, interest and values inventories, gain relevant experience through internships and dress professionally with the suit bank. One of the major events for Career Services is the Fall Career and Internship Fair, which takes place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1, at the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC).
For more information on the Office of Career Services, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/career, email careerservices@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2233.

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Lunar IceCube model unveiled at Aviation Museum

A new exhibit highlighting Morehead State’s space system engineering programs is now on display at the Aviation Museum of Kentucky in Lexington.

The exhibit features a model of the Lunar IceCube satellite which was designed, built and tested by teams of students at MSU. The satellite will launch as part of NASA’s Next Space Technologies for Exploration Partnerships (Next STEP). The satellite will collect data about the presence of water, ice or other resources on the moon. Dr. Dirk Grupe, MSU assistant professor of astrophysics and space systems engineering, gave a lecture about the mission at the display’s unveiling on Saturday, July 13.

“The goal of Lunar IceCube is to understand the physics of the volatiles like water there. Lunar IceCube will be in an orbit around the moon for about three months and will study the volatiles as a function of time of (moon) day, location and soil composition,” Grupe said. He added the mission is a valuable way to help students enhance marketable skills.

“To be successful in our program, students need good math skills and excellent time management skills. Space missions depend on that students keep things on schedule and follow deadlines which can be tough,” he said.

Lunar IceCube is one of 13 CubeSats, tiny satellites no larger than a loaf of bread, that will launch in October 2020 on NASA’s Space Launch System (SLS), the largest, most powerful rocket ever built. Along with the CubeSats, the mission will carry the Orion capsule, which will eventually take humans back to the moon for the first time since the Apollo 17 mission in 1972.

The satellites will travel onboard the SLS for approximately one third of the distance to the moon, after which they will use the gravitational pull of the earth and the moon and internal propulsion systems to complete their journey.

Grupe said if Lunar IceCube can find water on the moon, it would allow for the production of rocket fuel there, which could help with future space exploration.

“We can use the moon as a gas station so to speak,” he said. “The moon will be a stepping stool to get to Mars eventually.”

Once Lunar IceCube reaches its destination and begins orbiting the moon, Grupe said students will play an active role in deciphering the data it sends back to earth.
“Our students will be downloading the data and sending commands for all the 13 Cubesat missions that will go on the SLS in 2020,” Grupe said. “We are currently in the process of becoming a part of NASA’s Deep Space Network (DSN). NASA uses this network for all interplanetary missions, so like New Horizon that went to Pluto in 2015 and even the Voyager missions from the 1970s. We have a 21-meter space tracking antenna here at MSU, which easily can reach the moon to transfer commands and receive the data from the missions. We have a lot of experience being the ground stations for several missions. We have a number of students that get trained in becoming a ground station operator.”

For more information about the Aviation Museum of Kentucky, visit www.aviationky.org.

To learn more about space systems engineering program at MSU, https://www.moreheadstate.edu/study/spacesystemsengineering.

Learn more about MSU's Space Science Center at www.moreheadstate.edu/ssc.

Photo: Dr. Dirk Grupe, assistant professor of astrophysics and space science at MSU, talked about the Lunar IceCube CubeSat at the unveiling of a model of the satellite at the Kentucky Aviation Museum.

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MSU’s RN to BSN program ranked one of the best in Kentucky

Morehead State’s post-licensure RN to BSN program has been ranked as one of the top online RN to BSN programs in Kentucky by RegisteredNursing.org.

RegisteredNursing.org, a nursing advocacy organization where registered nurses provide resources to help future nurses succeed, ranked MSU number two in Kentucky in its 2019 Best Kentucky RN to BSN Programs list. It noted that the program’s curriculum “prepares students to provide patient-centered care, effective leadership and top-notch clinical skills.”

Nursing programs were assessed on several factors that represent how well a program supports students during school toward licensure and beyond. To view the full list of rankings, visit www.registerednursing.org/rn-to-bsn/kentucky/#2019-best-online-rn-bsn-programs-kentucky.

Dr. Lynn Parsons, chair of MSU Department of Nursing, said what makes MSU’s program stand out is a mix of added convenience with sustained quality.

“Morehead State University’s recently revised nursing curriculum, taught in eight-week modules, attracts many practicing registered nurses (RN) to our fully online program,” Parsons said. “Students living in various geographic regions across the Commonwealth of Kentucky are taught by highly experienced nurse educators representing many different specialty fields.”

This recent recognition of the quality of MSU’s nursing programs is one of several that have occurred within the past year. The online RN to BSN program was ranked as one of the best in the country in 2018, and its Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program was recently ranked as one of the top BSN programs in Kentucky by RNcareers.org.

For more information about MSU’s award-winning nursing programs, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/nursing, email nursingdept@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2296.
NEWS RELEASE

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MSU’s Honors Program experiences and support helps bright students shine even brighter

Morehead State University has always emphasized academic quality, opportunities for real-world experience, and supportive faculty and staff. One of the places where these qualities are most evident is the experience academically exceptional students get both in and out of the classroom through the George M. Luckey, Jr. Academic Honors Program.

Students accepted into the Academic Honors Program receive the Honors Scholarship, which covers tuition, housing and a one-time study abroad experience. The goal of the program is to provide a curriculum that challenges their academic capabilities while, more importantly, allowing exceptional students opportunities to accelerate and broaden their personal development. This is done through more participation-based classes, undergraduate research and international experiences.

“There’s a lot more to learning than getting ‘A’s,”’ said Dr. Philip Krummrich, director of the Academic Honors Program. “We’re more interested in learning experiences than specific classes.”

Tyler Syck (18) from Pikeville graduated from MSU with bachelor’s degrees in government and history and is a graduate student at the University of Virginia studying to earn a Ph.D. in political science. As a student in the Academic Honors Program, Syck completed an internship at the Canadian Parliament and did a two-week education abroad trip to Italy. However, it was the program’s mandatory undergraduate research component that he believes proved crucial to his acceptance into graduate school and career path.

“The Undergraduate Research Fellowship is what really made me decide to be a professor,” Syck said. “I think every different aspect of the Honors Program seems to be designed to get into a graduate program.”

Kristen Ammons, a senior and space systems engineering major from Morehead, said the program’s research requirement allowed her to work at MSU’s Space Science Center on its CubeSat mission. She has presented at NASA in support of this mission on three separate occasions. In addition to its educational benefits, she said she has benefitted from the relationships with fellow students while also interacting with faculty and staff that put make the students’ needs a top priority.

“I cannot begin to describe how wonderful the Honors Program faculty and staff have been,” she said. “I would not have been able to achieve this success without the support of the Honors Program.”

“Something I say to prospective honors students and current honors students is that I’ve always believed that our best students deserve more of our time and attention,” Krummrich said. “Our goal is to create an environment in which they can thrive.”

MSU’s Academic Honors Program is currently accepting applications this fall for the 2020-21 academic year. For more information, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/honors, email honors@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2205.
Captions
Photo 1: Kristen Ammons, a senior in the MSU Academic Honors Program, posed for a selfie in the Colosseum in Rome, Italy, during the program’s education abroad experience.

Photo 2: MSU Academic Honors Program graduate Tyler Syck (18, right) poses for a picture with Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau while completing an internship with the Canadian Parliament in Ottawa, Canada.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.—

Graduating Class Scholarship established

Morehead State University graduating seniors who plan to pursue a graduate degree at MSU can now potentially earn additional financial assistance through the Graduating Class Scholarship. This scholarship is a $1,000 award for one graduating senior to be used during the 2019-20 academic year for graduate studies. The recipient of this semester's scholarship is Hannah Rice (19) from Van Lear.

Rice graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology. She was an Undergraduate Research Fellow beginning in January 2019, completing a family developmental study alongside Dr. Shari Kidwell, associate professor of psychology at MSU. The two and presented their research at MSU's Celebration of Student Scholarship and the Kentucky Psychological Association. Before that, she was an aftercare worker for the Rowan County Christian Academy from August 2018 to January 2019. She plans on using the scholarship award to pursue a Master of Science in Clinical Psychology at MSU with plans to either work at a juvenile detention center or a correctional facility as a rehabilitation counselor.

"As a graduate student, there are not as many scholarship opportunities as there are for undergraduates," Rice said. "This scholarship will tremendously help me achieve my goal of getting my master's."

The MSU Class of 2019 who participated in the senior class giving campaign this past spring made this scholarship possible. By making a gift of $20.19 during I Heart MSU Week, the student philanthropy initiative, 66 graduating seniors made gifts to the fund resulting is $1,332 for the scholarship.

"This scholarship is a great way for graduating seniors to make a difference in the life of a fellow classmate," said Sydnee Bradley, immediate past president of the Student Alumni Ambassadors (SAA). "SAA was so pleased with the success of this student-led fundraising campaign and we are excited to make this an annual scholarship for graduating seniors who plan to continue their education at MSU."

Students who donated to the Graduating Class Scholarship fund received a royal blue giving cord to wear during commencement. Student donors could also make their gift in honor of their parents, an advisor or favorite professor. Those honored by a senior class gift were displayed on the video screen before MSU's Spring 2019 Commencement Ceremony.

Application criteria for the 2019-20 Graduating Class Scholarship include having a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 and completing a bachelor's degree at Morehead State University.

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 contribute today.

Caption: Hannah Rice from Van Lear.

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Grad School Online Open House to be held Aug. 1

MSU's Graduate School will hold an online open house from 2 to 5 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 1.

The online event will give those interested in continuing their education at MSU an opportunity to chat with Graduate School advisors. Those who attend the event will receive a promotional code to waive the $30 application fee.

Dr. Susan Maxey, director of graduate programs, said the event would give students a chance to explore all the options available at MSU.

"MSU offers 74 graduate degree programs and 41 graduate-level, non-degree programs. Of those, 25 are totally online," Maxey said. "Staff will be available to answer questions about those programs in addition to more information about the graduate assistant qualifications, program admission and credentialing."

According to the National Census Bureau, people with graduate degrees earn an average of 30 percent more than those who only have undergraduate degrees. Earning a graduate degree also provides increased opportunities for professional networking, hands-on experience and in-depth learning.

To participate, visit the Graduate School Online Open House at https://samba.live/live/ww/ohfall2019 on Aug. 1 from 2 to 5 p.m.

For more information about graduate programs at MSU, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/gradschool.

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Louder receives Goldman Citation

Morehead State Professor Emeritus Dr. Earle Louder has been named as the recipient of the American Bandmasters Association’s Edmond Franko Goldman Memorial Citation.

Louder received the award Sunday, July 14, at the Blue Lakes Fine Arts Festival in Twin Lake, Michigan. He will receive a second recognition at the American Bandmasters Association National Convention in Biloxi, Mississippi, in March of 2020.

Louder was a professor of tuba and euphonium at MSU for 27 years and recently performed sessions with the New Columbia Brass Band, Keith Byron’s New Sousa Band and the Cleveland Orange Blossom Festival Band. Also, he served as assistant conductor and soloist for the Detroit Concert Band.

“In the band world, this recognition is a really big deal—a lot like receiving an Oscar, Tony, or Emmy Award,” said Dr. Richard Miles, a friend of Louder and retired MSU director of bands. “He is a world-class performer, exemplary teacher and friend to all. He has done it all in his career and has maintained a most charming personality, helpful disposition, and is a positive and optimistic encourager to all who know and have worked with him.”

The purpose of the Goldman Citation is to recognize the contributions individuals have made to promoting bands and band music in America.

For more information about music programs at MSU, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/music, email mtd@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2473.

Caption: Dr. Myron Welch, director of bands emeritus from the University of Iowa, Dr. Earle Louder and John Thomson, chair of the Edwin Franko Goldman citation committee. Photo credit: Don Flickinger/Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp.

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Dr. Elizabeth McLaren appointed to KY Interagency Coordinating Council

Dr. Elizabeth McLaren, education professor in MSU's Department of Early Childhood, Elementary and Special Education (ECESE), was appointed by Governor Matt Bevin to serve on the Kentucky Early Intervention System Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC).

"We are proud to have Dr. McLaren represent MSU's excellent Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education programs on this important state-level Coordination Council," said Dr. April Miller, department chair of ECESE. "She will represent the best interests of young children and their families in this appointed position."

The Kentucky Early Intervention System Interagency Coordinating Council's role is to advise the Cabinet for Health and Family Services with a focus on the development and implementation of the Kentucky Early Intervention System, also known as First Steps. It provides developmental intervention for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families through services that include speech, physical and occupational therapy, along with developmental response in both home and childcare settings to coach caregivers on ways to support their children's development.

"At MSU, we prepare developmental interventionists to work in First Steps through the undergraduate program and Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education (IECE) teacher preparation program," Dr. McLaren said. "Developmental interventionists coach families on issues such as behavior, communication, social interactions and overall cognitive development. By serving on the ICC, I can partner with state leaders on ways to improve personnel preparation at the pre-service level, know about state initiatives related to First Steps and develop professional development opportunities for current interventionists."

Dr. McLaren will represent institutions of higher education and serves for a term expiring April 20, 2022.

"I'm excited to be appointed to the ICC to work with other early childhood professionals and family members from around the state to receive regular updates about the Kentucky Early Intervention System and, hopefully, provide insight about ways to improve and streamline personnel preparation for future interventionists," she said.

For more information on the First Steps program in Kentucky, visit https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/dmch/ecdb/Pages/firststeps.aspx.

To learn more about MSU's Department of Early Childhood, Elementary and Special Education, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/ecese, email ecese@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2598.
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Kentucky Reading Project training held in Morehead

The Kentucky Reading Project (KRP) held one of its statewide institutes at Morehead State University, July 8-12.

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 training were Dr. Becky Roach, Kentucky Educational Development Corporation associate director.

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.

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 ongoing assessment of diverse learners’ needs.

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

For information about education programs at MSU, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/education, email e.miller@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2162.

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SBDC helps new business in Pikeville

Pike County residents have a new place to shop for clothing thanks to the help of Morehead State’s Small Business Development Center (SBDC).

Southern Prep offers name brand young boys’ and men’s clothing in a variety of styles and sizes. Owner Corey Copley has many years of experience in the men’s clothing retail industry. He decided to fill the need for a weekend leisurewear store for men in Pike and the surrounding counties by becoming an entrepreneur.

In February 2019, Copley first met with Michelle Spriggs of the MSU Small Business Development Center to discuss his business idea. He received assistance with implementing his business idea, business plan and projections. The Prestonsburg SBDC office serves Breathitt, Floyd, Johnson, Knott, Lee, Magoffin, Martin, Owsley, Pike and Wolfe counties.

“The SBDC was a valuable resource for me when developing my business plan and trying to figure out my financials for my business. It’s a wonderful free resource anyone wanting to open a business should use,” said Copley.

Southern Prep opened its doors in May. Business hours are 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. The business is at 4559 North Mayo Trail, Weddington Square Plaza, Pikeville. For more information, follow the store on Facebook at www.facebook.com/PikevilleSouthernPrep or call 606-984-5298.

For more information on SBDC services, contact Spriggs at 800-648-5372, ext. 2681, email m.spriggs@moreheadstate.edu or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/sbdc. You can also follow MSU’s SBDC on Facebook at www.facebook.com/EKSBDC.

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There’s room for you; Enroll at MSU for Fall 2019

If you are a new or returning student, you still have an opportunity to register for Morehead State University’s 2019 fall academic term.

Classes begin Monday, Aug. 19, at MSU and its regional campuses. Registration for Fall 2019 is available online at my.moreheadstate.edu.

Anyone considering attending MSU can still submit applications for the fall term so they can experience the academic excellence, supportive faculty and staff, and the authentic MSU experience so many current students and MSU alumni have experienced as part of the Eagle Nation.

Prospective students can apply online at www.moreheadstate.edu/apply, or call the Office of Enrollment Services at 606-783-2000 or 800-585-6781. Your online application also serves as your scholarship application for institutional scholarships, as well as to research and award additional financial support. Visit www.moreheadstate.edu/scholarships for more information.

At MSU, nearly 94% of our undergraduate students receive some type of financial aid. Our financial aid counselors are available to answer your questions and you can make an appointment by emailing finaid@moreheadstate.edu or visiting www.moreheadstate.edu/affording-college.

You can easily stay connected to the MSU community while being closer to everything the University has to offer by living on campus. We offer a variety of housing styles, from our traditional residence halls to apartments and suite-style rooms. Contact the Office of Student Housing at 606-783-2060 or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/housing to learn more.

Move-in days to move first-year students into residence halls on the Morehead campus will be from 9 a.m. to noon Thursday and Friday, Aug. 15 and 16. Upperclassmen may move in beginning Saturday, Aug. 17, and continue throughout the weekend.

Textbooks are available at the University Store, located in the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC) on the Morehead campus. Place orders by calling 888-STORE-05 or online at bookstore.moreheadstate.edu. Purchases will ship to the address specified by the student.

Meal plan selections for the fall semester are now available. To view and order a meal plan, go to the EagleCard web page at www.moreheadstate.edu/eaglecard. Additional information is available by contacting the EagleCard office at 606-783-2701.
Both University Store and meal plan purchases can be added to the student’s bill.

MSU also offers academic programs at several regional campuses, as well as programs you can complete entirely online, for added flexibility and convenience. Find out more about our regional campuses by visiting www.moreheadstate.edu/locations or our online programs at www.moreheadstate.edu/online.

Any other questions you would like answered? Additional information is available by calling the following offices:

**Morehead Campus**

- The Office of Enrollment Services (admissions questions) at 606-783-2000 or 800-585-6781.
- The Office of Financial Aid at 606-783-2011.
- The Office of the Registrar at 606-783-2008.

**Regional Campuses**

- MSU at Ashland at 606-327-1777 or 800-648-5370.
- MSU at Mt. Sterling at 859-499-0780 or 866-870-0809.
- MSU at Prestonsburg at 606-886-2405 or 800-648-6372.
- The University Center of the Mountains at 606-487-3179 or 800-246-7521, ext. 73179.

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MSU student interns at NASA

MSU senior Luke Hoard from Crestwood had the opportunity to apply what he learned on campus in the real world this summer through an internship at NASA.

Hoard, a space science major, served as a Space Communications and Navigations (SCaN) intern at NASA’s Glenn Research Center in Cleveland, Ohio. He worked on preliminary payload hardware selection and design for a constellation mission involving CubeSats. Also, he worked on modeling and simulations of several experiments that will be conducted aboard the CubeSats.

“Interning for NASA has been a very eye-opening experience,” Hoard said. “For someone who has only had experience through academia, this internship has taught me a lot about the professional landscape. I have learned a lot about the hierarchy of positions and the gears each of those positions churn. The project I am working on perfectly overlaps the lessons from my classes back at Morehead State. The way NASA develops satellites is the same way my University teaches it to us.”

MSU offers one of only a handful of space systems engineering undergraduate programs in the nation. For more information about space science opportunities at MSU, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/study/spacesystemsengineering, email phes@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2224.
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MSU Move-In Days scheduled for Aug. 15-16

Morehead State will welcome first-year students to campus for the fall semester on Thursday and Friday, Aug. 15 and 16. To help move-in run efficiently and smoothly, the Office of Student Housing has established a schedule and process for first-year students to move into the residence halls. Visit www.moreheadstate.edu/movein for the complete schedule, parking map and details.

On move-in day, students will need to know their hall and room assignments. Please check your MSU student email for this information. Students should check in at the parking lot on the U.S. 60 bypass according to the schedule below. You must arrive at your designated time. Early or late arrivals will have to wait.

Coming to college can sometimes be a difficult transition and Russell Mast, vice president for student affairs at MSU, said Move-In Days shows students that while they may be going away from their immediate family, they are joining a new one.

“The theme for move-in this year is ‘One Eagle Family.’ We have planned activities, programs and services to assist in the transition to college life,” Mast said. “We are One Eagle Family, always there to assist another Eagle when in need.”

The entire family may want to participate in Move-In Days. However, please be mindful that there will be limited parking and a strict schedule. Visit the Move-In Days website to print out belonging tags to label all your items. Students will be led to the residence halls for move-in and provided with time to unload. Then, vehicles must move to parking lots. Student volunteers will be available to help unload and move belongings to your room.

MSU shuttle buses will provide transportation to and from parking lots and residence halls.

Faculty and staff volunteers will be on hand to welcome students and families, direct traffic and answer questions.

“It’s the highlight of our year at the Office of Student Housing to welcome thousands of students and to showcase our halls, our staff, hundreds of our student volunteers, and our countless campus partners coming together to make the move-in experience an exciting and enjoyable day,” said Alan Rucker, director of housing and residence education at the Office of Student Housing. “It’s our chance to show new students and their families that MSU is a supportive place full of people ready to help their student succeed.”
Move-In Days schedule:

Thursday, Aug. 15 – First-Year Student Move-In Day 1

- 9 a.m. - Mignon Tower (Floors 3, 8, 11, 14)
- 10 a.m. - Mignon Tower (Floors 5, 7, 10, 13) and Alumni Tower (all floors)
- 11 a.m. - Mignon Tower (Floors 4, 6, 9, 12), East Mignon (Floors 2, 3, 5) and Andrews Hall (all floors)
- 4 p.m. - East Mignon (Floors 1, 4, 6)

Friday, Aug. 16 – First-Year Student Move-In Day 2

- 9 a.m. - Cartmell Hall (Floors 4, 8, 12, 16) and Nunn Hall (Floors 1, 4, 7)
- 10 a.m. - Cartmell Hall (Floors 3, 7, 11, 15) and Nunn Hall (Floors 2, 5, 8)
- 11 a.m. - Cartmell Hall (Floors 2, 6, 10, 14), Nunn Hall (Floors 3, 6, 9) and West Mignon Hall (all floors)
- Noon - Cartmell Hall (Floors 1, 5, 9, 13) and Fields Hall (all floors)

Upperclassmen may move in beginning Saturday, Aug. 17, and continue throughout the weekend.

Parts of campus will be closed to through traffic during move-in, including direct access to the Recreation and Wellness Center. Drivers should make alternative arrangements for driving and parking during move-in.

The first day of classes for the fall semester is Monday, Aug. 19.

For more information, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/movein or call the Office of Student Housing at 606-783-2060.

Follow @moreheadstate on Twitter and Instagram for updates throughout Move-In Days.

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