Nickolas R. Bailey Memorial Scholarship established

The Morehead State University Foundation and the social work program of MSU at Prestonsburg has announced the establishment of the Nickolas R. Bailey Memorial Scholarship, a fund to benefit MSU Prestonsburg students.

The scholarship is named in honor of the late Nickolas R. Bailey (18). The Mousie, Kentucky, native passed away from a motorcycle accident in Floyd County at the age of 25. Bailey was a family preservation and reunification specialist for KVC Behavioral HealthCare. He graduated from MSU Prestonsburg with a bachelor’s degree in social work and has volunteered with the Prestonsburg Student Association of Social Work (SASW).

“We are all so honored that there is a scholarship that will be awarded in Nick’s name,” said Jessica Bailey (18), Nick’s wife. “He valued his education and always wanted to set a good example for our son. He was an amazing husband and an even more amazing father. With this scholarship, our son will grow up knowing education is important and be reminded of everything his dad accomplished.”

The scholarship recipients must be a first-semester senior in the social work program at MSU Prestonsburg with a minimum 3.5 overall GPA, an interest in social justice and a documented history of volunteer social work.

In addition to the establishment of this scholarship, there will be an event to honor Bailey from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 10, at on the lawn of the MSU Prestonsburg campus located at 6 Bert Combs Drive.

“Guests will have the opportunity to join us for grilling and games. We will be selling T-shirts honoring Nick and all proceeds will support the scholarship,” said Deirdra Robinson, MSU Prestonsburg social work program facilitator. “This is a family-friendly event hosted by the MSU Prestonsburg Bachelor of Social Work Class of 2018 and we invite the public to attend.”

To learn more about MSU at Prestonsburg, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/prestonsburg, email prestonsburg@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-886-2405.
Details about MSU’s social work program can be found by visiting www.moreheadstate.edu/study/socialwork or by contacting the Department of Sociology, Social Work and Criminology at d.murphy@moreheadstate.edu or 606-783-2656.

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.
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MSU Career Fair invites employers to sign up

Morehead State University’s Office of Career Services invites employers and graduate programs to campus for the Fall Career and Internship Fair to recruit students and alumni for opportunities within their company or organization. The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1, in the Adron Doran University Center.

Details and registration are online at morehead-csm.symplicity.com/events/fall2019. Employer registration is open through Sept. 20, with an early registration discount through Sept. 6.

Last year, the career fair in the fall of 2018 hosted more than 100 organizations, allowing students to connect with employers and grad programs while learning about full-time and part-time jobs, internships and seasonal positions.

The event is open to both students and community members. Attendees do not require registration. Participants should bring copies of their resume and dress professionally.

If you have questions about registering as an employer or graduate program, call the Office of Career Services at 606-783-2233 or email careerservices@moreheadstate.edu.

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Morehead State University, Somerset Community College partner to offer bachelor’s degrees at University Center of Southern Kentucky

MSU has entered into an agreement with Somerset Community College (SCC) to offer bachelor's degrees to SCC students.

Morehead State University and Somerset Community College (SCC) signed the University Center of Southern Kentucky Memorandum of Agreement on Aug. 1. Beginning this fall semester, MSU will admit students in five online degree programs: Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration with options in Accounting, General Business, Small Business Management & Entrepreneurship and Computer Information Systems; Bachelor of Science in Technology Management, Leadership in Medical Imaging and Post-Licensure Bachelor of Science in Nursing and a Bachelor of University Studies in Professional Studies.

“A growing number of students are working to manage college costs while balancing jobs and family commitments. Having a strong strategic partner in Morehead State University gives students a direct pathway to a high-quality degree, in a more convenient and affordable way,” said Carey Castle, president and CEO of SCC. “In strategically combining the shared values, strengths and resources of MSU and SCC, we are proactively ensuring an extraordinarily enriched academic experience for current and future generations of students.”

The partnership makes earning a university degree more accessible. Under the agreement, students complete half of the degree at SCC’s much lower tuition rate and the other half of the bachelor’s degree from MSU, yielding an affordable bachelor’s degree from a four year university. Additional fields of study are under consideration.

Students also will have access to MSU’s admissions, registration and academic advising staff from SCC’s campus.

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

MSU has an enrollment counselor, Tracy Counts and a college access counselor, Sharee St. Louis Smith through the Commonwealth Educational Opportunity Center, who are now available to take appointments in the
university center. The center is located on the SCC campus in the Harold Rogers Student Commons, in room 210 at 808 Monticello St, Somerset.

For more information visit the university center webpages at www.somerset.kctcs.edu. Click on community and scroll down to University Center of Southern Kentucky to see what programs are being offered. Contact the University Center office 606-451-6667 or e-mail sccuniversitycenter@kctcs.edu.

Additional information about Morehead State University is available at www.moreheadstate.edu/admissions, by calling 800-585-6781 or emailing admissions@moreheadstate.edu.

Photo, from left: Dr. Dan Connell, assistant vice president for regional education and outreach; Dr. David Gregory, dean of library services; Dr. Jay Morgan, MSU president; Dr. Carey Castle, president and CEO of Somerset Community College and Trent Pool, director of University Center of Southern Kentucky.

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Board of Regents to meet Aug. 8

The Morehead State University Board of Regents will hold a quarterly meeting on Thursday, Aug. 8, at 9 a.m. in room 329 of the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC).

A new regent orientation will take place at 1 p.m. at ADUC.

During the meeting, Rowan County Judge-Executive Harry Clark will swear in two new regents. Dr. Annie Adams is a professor of English and will serve as faculty regent. Colby Birkes is the president of the Student Government Association and will serve as student regent.

The Board of Regents will vote for a vice chair and secretary and will appoint a treasurer at the meeting.

The regents will also vote on the approval of the 2019-20 faculty handbook and revisions to the student code of conduct.

Regents will hear updates on the Kentucky Employee Retirement System pension plan as well as a report on the University’s strategic plan goals for the 2019-20 school year.

In other action, the Board of Regents will:

- Enter an executive session to discuss confidential matters.
- Conduct a self-evaluation of effectiveness during the 2018-19 school year.
- Complete forms involving conflicts of interest and the Board of Regents Code of Conduct.

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Gutierrez earns CASE internship

One Morehead State student gained valuable skills and professional experience over the summer thanks to an internship program with the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE).

A marketing major from Florence, MSU senior Monica Gutierrez participated in the CASE Advancement Internship Program. The goal of the program is to increase and diversify the number of professionals in educational advancement. Gutierrez completed the CASE internship at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. During the eight-week internship, she worked in various areas of the university’s advancement office, learning about alumni relations, account management, annual and regular giving, stewardship, fundraising campaigns, major gifts, events, marketing, communications and partnerships. She was assigned a mentor during the internship and networked with professionals and other students interested in advancement in education.

“The CASE Advancement Internship was an awesome experience. I was able to gain much more knowledge of the advancement field and hear from people that are already so successful in their careers. For me the most interesting part was getting to be a part of everything my team was doing without a question,” Gutierrez said. “I was able to travel with them to an Education Advisory Board meeting in Richmond, Virginia. I was able to see something that unless you are part of this specific team, you would probably never know. I want my future career to be in university advancement and development. I don’t know exactly where or in what area I want to focus, but for now I think I have a pretty awesome start.”

Gutierrez has been a member of MSU’s Student Alumni Ambassadors (SAA) for two years. During the 2018-19 school year, she served as the organizations vice president for membership. Gutierrez also served as the conference co-chair for the 2018 CASE ASAP Network Convention. She will serve as the SAA student engagement chair in the upcoming academic year.

For more information on CASE, visit www.case.org.

For more information about the Student Alumni Ambassadors program, visit alumni.moreheadstate.edu/saa.

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Captain Bruce D. Rutherford Scholarship established

The Morehead State University Foundation has announced the establishment of the Captain Bruce D. Rutherford Scholarship Endowment, a fund to benefit MSU students. The scholarship's first recipient is Victoria Akers, a freshman veterinary science and biology major from Harlan County. Her goal is to become a veterinarian.

"Receiving this scholarship will have a huge impact on me," Akers said. "It helped determine whether or not I would get the chance to go to college."

The scholarship's namesake is Captain Bruce D. Rutherford (71), a native of Pineville. He graduated from Bell County High School in 1967 and went on to complete his Bachelor of Science degree from MSU in 1971. Rutherford entered the United States Navy, where he served in various administrative roles responsible for coordinating logistical blood support for facilities. He became the director of the Navy Blood Program at the Navy's Bureau of Medicine and Surgery in Washington, D.C., and later the director of the Armed Services Blood Program, where he coordinated the blood programs of the Army, Navy and Air Force. During his time in the military, Rutherford received numerous honors, and in 2013, he was the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Armed Services Blood Program.

"A scholarship provided a path for me to attend MSU and to obtain my dreams of providing service to those in need, to serve my country and to be a better person," Rutherford said. "This scholarship is my way of paying it forward to those students in Bell and Harlan Counties who might need a little push to take that leap forward."

The recipient of the Rutherford Scholarship must be a full-time, incoming freshman from Bell County or Harlan County and have a minimum high school GPA of 3.0. The scholarship is renewable as long as a 3.0 cumulative GPA and full-time status are maintained.

To apply for scholarships at Morehead State, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/scholarships.

For more information on this scholarship, or to establish your own, contact MSU's Office of Alumni Relations and Development at 606-783-2033, email giving@moreheadstate.edu or visit alumni.moreheadstate.edu/give to contribute today.
Clayton hosts service-learning workshops at MSU this month

Morehead State University not only provides a high-quality academic experience, but it also provides opportunities for students to do so while giving back to the community. This month, MSU faculty and staff will get the chance to learn how to better implement service-learning in the classroom and on campus. Dr. Patti Clayton will lead service-learning workshops on Wednesday, Aug. 21, at Room 325 in the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC).

The first workshop, titled "Integrated Design of Service-Learning Projects and Courses," will take place from 9 a.m. to noon. Following a lunch break from noon to 1:15 p.m., there will be a second workshop, "Integrated Design of Critical Reflection and Assessment of Learning," that takes place from 1:15 to 4 p.m. MSU faculty and staff will have the registration fee waived and the registration deadline is 9 a.m. Monday, Aug. 15.

Dr. Patti H. Clayton is an independent consultant with PHC Ventures and has 20 years of experience as a practitioner-scholar and educational developer in both service-learning and community engagement (SLCE) and experiential education. She has consulted with well over 100 colleges, universities and higher education organizations in the U.S., Canada and Ireland. Having integrated service-learning into a variety of her courses, Clayton co-developed the DEAL Model for Critical Reflection, the SOFAR partnership model, the TRES protocol for assessing partnership quality and work on Democratically Engaged Assessment (DEA).

Louise Cooper, the service-learning coordinator with MSU's Office of Service-Learning, said the University's adoption of a Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) centered around experiential education offers the opportunity to bring a nationally published researcher like Clayton to campus.

"My hope is that faculty members who attend one or both of these workshops will leave with skills and ideas they can apply in the classroom and that may ultimately further their research agendas," she said.

To register for Clayton's service-learning workshops, email l.cooper@moreheadstate.edu.

For more information on service-learning at MSU, contact the Office of Regional Education and Outreach at 606-783-2005, email l.cooper@moreheadstate.edu or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/regional-educ-outreach.

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Convocation to kick off fall semester Aug. 14

As students prepare for the start of the fall semester, Morehead State President Dr. Jay Morgan will address the faculty and staff during the Fall Convocation at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, Aug. 14, in Button Auditorium.

Convocation will include the presentation of several faculty and staff awards, updates, announcements and welcoming of new employees. Department and college meetings will follow.

A faculty and staff breakfast will start the day at 8 a.m. in the Button Drill Room.

Move-in days for new students will begin Aug. 15 at 9 a.m. and will continue through Aug. 16.

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Lee elected vice president of National Bar Association

Nathaniel Lee (77), attorney and senior partner with the Indianapolis-based law firm Lee Cossell & Crowley, LLP, was elected vice president of the National Bar Association during the association’s 94th annual convention in New York City last month. Lee now oversees the organization’s capital campaign and assists the financial committee.

The National Bar Association was founded in 1925 and is the nation’s oldest and most extensive network of predominantly African American attorneys and judges. It represents the interests of approximately 65,000 lawyers, judges, law professors and law students.

Lee graduated from Morehead State with a bachelor’s degree in political science in 1977 and a master’s degree in 1978. He received his Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of Georgia in 1982. Lee has practiced in the Indianapolis region since his bar admission and was instrumental increasing the number of African American lawyers in Indiana. He currently manages his law firm’s operations while concentrating his practice in areas involving significant personal injury or death claims, medical negligence, defective products and police misconduct. He has litigated more than 150 jury trials.

He has served as chairman of the board of directors for the Marion County Bar Association, counsel to the Indiana Ronald McDonald House, and legal education director for the National Bar Association. Lee served as an advisor in President Barack Obama’s election campaign in 2008 and re-election campaign in 2012. He was selected as one of the “100 National Top Trial Lawyers” by the American Trial Lawyers Association from 2007 to 2018.

Lee has also made it a point to give back to the community through his involvement in various community organizations and boards. This includes serving as chairman of the Lee Foundation, a nonprofit charitable organization he founded that provides annual assistance to youth and families in greater Indianapolis and surrounding areas.

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

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MSU board holds quarterly meeting

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During the meeting, Rowan County Judge-Executive Harry Clark swore in two new regents. Dr. Annie Adams is a professor of English and will serve as faculty regent. Colby Birkes is the president of the Student Government Association and will serve as student regent.

The Board of Regents elected Wayne Martin to serve as vice chair and Jacqueline Graves as secretary. They appointed Teresa Lindgren as treasurer.

President Jay Morgan and the board recognized Dr. Sherif Rashad, professor of computer science; Jen Timmermann, director of transition services; and Noah Damron of Pikeville, president of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, for their outstanding leadership, service and dedication to the University.

The regents approved the 2019-20 faculty handbook and revisions to the student code of conduct. They also heard updates on the Kentucky Employee Retirement System pension plan as well as a report on the University’s strategic plan goals for the 2019-20 school year.

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Photo 1, from left: Judge-Executive Harry Clark swears in new faculty regent Dr. Annie Adams and new student regent Colby Birkes.

Photo 2, from left: Dr. Sherif Rashad, Noah Damron, Jen Timmermann and Dr. Jay Morgan.

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Nelson selected to serve on CAPE

Dr. Johnathan Nelson, associate professor of management and associate dean for the Elmer R. Smith College of Business and Technology's School of Business Administration, has been selected to serve on the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology Committee for the Advancement of Professional Ethics (CAPE).

CAPE is an ad-hoc committee that focuses on the ethical implications of professional decisions for the practitioners of industrial and organizational (IO) psychology, a field that addresses workplace issues at both the individual and corporate level. The committee's purpose is to help IO psychologists recognize and navigate ethical matters, raise the profile of ethics-focused discourse and to support the inclusion of ethics as part of graduate education in IO psychology.

CAPE is part of the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology (SIOP), which is the premier membership organization for the science and practice of IO psychology.

"The promotion of ethics in education and practice has been at the core of my teaching and research activity for some time," Nelson said. "I am delighted to have been selected to work with this group to help support professionals and students in preparing for the ethical issues they face."

To learn more about MSU's School of Business Administration, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/business, email cbt@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2090.

For more information on the Department of Psychology at MSU, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/psych, email g.corso@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2981.

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Business program ranked among most affordable

Morehead State has a long-standing reputation for offering a world-class education at an affordable price. That reputation has been reinforced when MSU was included in Greatbusinessschools.com's list of the Top 10 Most Affordable Business Bachelor's Degrees for 2020.

MSU is ranked at number seven on the list, which includes schools of all sizes from across the country. Schools mentioned on the list were evaluated based on price, regional accreditation, rankings and student reviews, and have an established national reputation for quality.

"We are thrilled to be recognized for providing great programs in business for our students at affordable prices," said Dr. Johnathan Nelson, associate dean of the Elmer R. Smith College of Business and Technology and associate professor of management. "Beyond having excellent faculty and strong academic programs, we are most proud of the relationships that our faculty build with students. Whether this is through faculty-student research, student clubs, entrepreneurship competitions, or course experiences, our faculty know our students and are willing to go above and beyond to help them succeed."

Students can choose from several options for their degree, including marketing, finance, accounting and more. MSU also offers an online completer program, where students who have met general education and prerequisite requirements can finish their degrees online, making the program an ideal option for working professionals looking to enhance their education.

To view the full ranking list, visit https://www.greatbusinessschools.org/most-affordable-online-bachelors-business/.

For more information about business degrees at MSU, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/business, email cbt@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2090.

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Merl Fair Allen Scholarship Endowment established

The Morehead State University Foundation has announced the establishment of the Merl Fair Allen Scholarship, a fund to benefit MSU students. The scholarship's first recipient is Tristan Lands, a freshman biomedical sciences major from Morehead. Her goal is to become a forensic pathologist.

"I intend to complete my undergraduate and go on to get my doctorate degree, which will cost an extensive amount of money. Receiving this scholarship to help support my undergraduate degree will allow me to save money to use toward funding my graduate degrees," Lands said. "Without this scholarship, I would not be able to attend college and follow my passion in life."

The scholarship's namesake is the late Merl Fair Allen (48) of Morehead, who passed away in 2017 at the age of 89. Allen was a 1944 graduate from Breckinridge Training School. She later graduated from then-named Morehead College in 1948 with a bachelor’s degree in home economics. She also received a master’s degree and Rank I certification from MSU. As a student at Breck, Allen met her future husband, the late John “Sonny” Allen (50). Sonny was a legendary baseball and basketball player at Morehead State and later went on to become a long-time MSU baseball coach (John Sonny Allen Field on campus was named in his honor).

Allen taught high school home economics for 30 years. She served 32 years on the Board of Directors of the MSU Alumni Association, including a two-year term as president. She followed that with two decades as secretary and member of the Board of Trustees of the MSU Foundation. Allen volunteered for half a century at MSU and was later nominated to the University’s Alumni Hall of Fame and named the 2003 recipient of the Founder’s Award for University Service.

The Merl Fair Allen Scholarship was created by Allen’s children Dwayne Edward Allen (84), Janie Allen Holbrook, Susan Jeanette Allen Chin (77) and Patricia Allen James (79). Scholarship criteria includes recipients being incoming freshmen who are graduates of Rowan County Senior High School with a minimum high school GPA of 3.0.

“Mom's generosity of time was not her only contribution. She so valued education at this University, she established two endowments. She established the John “Sonny” Allen Memorial Scholarship in memory of our father. Now, her estate has fully endowed the Merl Fair Allen Scholarship in her memory. We are honored to support those in need seeking a quality education at the institution she held in such high regard,” said the children of Allen. "Our continued hope is to help students get the opportunity to receive a quality education here at MSU and appreciate the importance of giving back to such a worthy institution.”

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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, left: Susan Jeanette Allen Chin (77), on behalf of the Allen siblings, presents the Merl Fair Allen Scholarship to Tristan Lands at the Rowan County Senior High School Awards Banquet.

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MSU recognizes distinguished faculty and staff at convocation

Morehead State University officially opened the new academic year with Fall Convocation today, Aug. 14.

President Dr. Jay Morgan welcomed faculty and staff, reflecting on last year’s successes and offering encouragement for the new academic year.

Faculty and staff were recognized for their research, service and teaching with MSU’s Distinguished Faculty and Staff Awards.

Gary Mesa-Gaido, professor of art, is the recipient of the Distinguished Creative Productions Award. An active artist for more than 25 years, he has participated in numerous national and regional exhibitions, including solo, two-person, and small and large group. The recipient of various grants and awards, Mesa-Gaido has been recognized with two prestigious Kentucky Arts Council Al Smith Fellowships and a Great Meadows Foundation Artist Professional Development Grant. He has been awarded four MSU Creative Production Grants and, in 2010, he received his first Distinguished Creative Production Award from MSU. He has taught in MSU’s Department of Art and Design since 1992. He earned an M.F.A. from Ohio University and a B.A. from the University of Pittsburgh.

John Haky, assistant director of student housing, is the recipient of the Distinguished Staff Service Award. He has served on MSU’s Staff Congress, in leadership positions with the Kentucky Association of Housing Officers, the American College Personnel Association’s Coalition on Men and Masculinities and Rho Alpha Sigma. Haky is the advisor for MSU’s Residence Hall Association, the Kentucky Association of Residence Halls and for the Kentucky Association of Residence Halls’ Annual Conference Committee. He is the recipient of the Mid-Level Professional Award from the American College Personnel Association’s Commission for Administrative Leadership, the Ruth Ann Howard Service and Advisor of the Year award from the Kentucky Association of Residence Halls. He is a certified instructor with the QPR Institute’s Gatekeeper Suicide Prevention course and has organized the Office of Student Housing’s Build-a-Bed team for three years.

Dr. Brian Mason, interim associate dean of the school of creative arts, professor of percussion, and coordinator of the percussion studies program, is the recipient of the Distinguished Teacher Award. He is respected worldwide as a leader in the marching arts through his high-profile, international activity for more than three decades. Mason has been a member of the Percussive Arts Society Board of Advisors, past president of the KY PAS Chapter, is associate principal percussion with the Lexington Philharmonic Orchestra, principal percussion for the Cave Run Symphony Orchestra and appears as a guest artist with high school and university percussion ensembles across the United States. Mason is a recipient of the MSU Distinguished Faculty Service Award, the KMEA College/University Teacher of the Year Award and the Distinguished Alumni Award from Boyle County High School.

Dr. Daryl Privott, associate professor of adult and higher education, is the recipient of the Distinguished Faculty Service Award. He has worked at MSU since 2013 and also serves as the director of the Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning (FCTL). During his time at MSU, he has been an active member of the community by serving on 12 university committees, including Faculty Senate Governance and Evaluation, Strategic Planning Committee and the SACSCOC
Fifth-year Reaffirmation Committee. In addition to his University service, Privott has represented MSU at various conferences, events and presented at many university workshops. He is a first-generation college graduate and holds a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership with an emphasis in higher education administration from the University of Nevada-Las Vegas (UNLV), an M.P.A. in Public Administration from UNLV and a B.S.P in Industrial Technology from East Carolina University.

Dr. Brian Reeder, professor of biology, is the recipient of the Distinguished Researcher Award. He is the founder of the MSU Center for Environmental Education and co-founder of the first MSU Program of Distinction, the Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy (IRAPP). Over his past 30 years at MSU, he has published over 30 scientific articles, given more than 100 scholarly presentations and acquired more than $20 million to fund research, teaching and service. His research was completed with the help of hundreds of undergraduate students and more than 40 graduate students. Reeder has earned MSU’s two other distinguished faculty awards: Teacher (2007) and Service (2004). He was a previous recipient of the Distinguished Researcher Award in 1994.

Move-in days for new students will begin Aug. 15 at 9 a.m. and will continue through Aug. 16.

Classes for the fall semester begin on Monday, Aug. 19.

*Photo: from left, Dr. Jay Morgan, Dr. Brian Mason, Dr. Brian Reeder, Gary Mesa-Gaido, John Haky and Dr. Daryl Privott.*

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Eagle Fest to be held Aug. 21

Eagles looking for ways to get involved on campus and in the community will have the opportunity to explore their options at Eagle Fest on Wednesday, Aug. 21, from 6 to 8 p.m.

The event will be spread across three locations: the ADUC Commons, the lawn of Fields Hall and the Allie Young lawn. At Eagle Fest students can explore student organizations, activities and ways to be involved on campus and in the community.

Community organizations and local businesses are also invited to set up with information about their services.

There will be live music, food, prizes and merchandise from the University Store at Eagle Fest.

“Eagle Fest 2019 is a great opportunity to see what both the campus and the community offer for students, from student organizations to MSU departments to partners in the Morehead community,” said Shannon Colvin, associate director of leadership programming and inclusion at MSU.

The event is free and open to all MSU students.

Sponsors of the event include the Office of Student Activities, the University Store and Aramark.

To register for a booth at Eagle Fest or for more information about the event, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/eaglefest, call Colvin at 606-783-2886 or email studentactivities@moreheadstate.edu.
Morehead State welcomed new students to our “One Eagle Family” on Thursday and Friday, Aug. 15 and 16.

New students were welcomed by faculty, staff, student organizations, Greek life, athletic teams and the community. During Move-In Days, volunteers helped students and families find their way and move into their residence halls. After students moved into their residence halls, families enjoyed a send-off cookout to say their good-byes and meet other new Eagles.

To support the success of our new students, New Student Days kick off the fall 2019 semester, providing inspiration, encouragement and skills for college success. New Student Days activities continue throughout the month and are focused on helping students make a smooth transition to MSU and create connections across campus. For a full schedule of the events, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/newstudentdays.

Classes at MSU begin today, Monday, Aug. 19.

View photo gallery.

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Virani named Star Theater director

Astrophysicist Shanil Virani has been named as the new director of Morehead State's Star Theater and as an instructor of space systems engineering.

Virani previously worked as director of the John C. Wells Planetarium at James Madison University. He spent more than five years at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics as part of the science team of the Chandra X-ray Observatory. He said he's excited to use the Star Theater to motivate more young people to get interested in science.

"MSU's state-of-the-art Star Theater really brings planetarium astrophysics into the 21st Century with its ability to convey sometimes complicated ideas in a beautiful, elegant, immersive way that gives you the perspective as if you were a time traveler or an astronaut visiting alien worlds," Virani said. "My mission as director of the Star Theater is very straightforward: I seek to inspire and excite the next generation of American scientists and engineers."

Virani has earned several awards and recognitions throughout his career. He received seven group achievement commendations from NASA and The Smithsonian Institution for his contributions to the mission. In 2009 he was awarded the Chambliss Astronomy Achievement Award medal by the American Astronomical Society for exemplary research as a graduate student. In 2013, he was appointed a Solar System Ambassador by NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. Virani has authored or co-authored more than 100 publications in scientific journals and his work is cited more than 3,000 times.

Also, Virani is creator and host of the podcast "Our Island Universe," a weekly series that looks at all things space and how what goes on "up there" affects our lives "down here."

MSU's Star Theater hosts a variety of educational and entertainment programming for students, faculty, staff and the entire community. School and group presentations are available. For more information, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/startheater, email star.theater@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-9593.

For information about programs in MSU's Department of Physics, Earth Sciences and Space Systems Engineering, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/phes, email phes@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2381.

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Charli Jade Memorial Scholarship established

The Morehead State University Foundation has announced the establishment of the Charli Jade Memorial Scholarship, a fund to benefit MSU students. The 2019 recipient is Chloe Dickerson, a freshman astrophysics major from Elliott County. Her career goal is to become an astronomer.

"I have always been fascinated by space and astronomy. I have often studied it in my free time, and I took a tour of the Space Science Center and was enamored by it," Dickerson said. "This scholarship will help me pursue my education by allowing me to attend full-time without worrying about student loans."

The scholarship's namesake is the late Charli Jade Gilliam Wright, who passed away from injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident while traveling to MSU's campus in 2013 at the age of 26. As an MSU student, she was pursuing a bachelor's degree in art.

"Being able to honor my sister's memory is something that means the world to my family and we are glad to be able to help a student from Elliott County," said Jenna Gilliam (13), Charli’s sister. "We wouldn't be able to do this without support from those who make financial contributions to keep this fund going. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you."

Scholarship criteria includes recipients being incoming freshmen who are graduates of Elliott County High School with a minimum high school GPA of 3.0. Preference will be given to applicants who have shown leadership through extracurricular activities and are pursuing a bachelor's degree in the Department of Art & Design. If a student majoring in one of these areas is not available, other majors may be considered.

To apply for scholarships at Morehead State, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/scholarships.

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

Photo: Jenna Gilliam (13, right), sister of the late Charli Jade, presents the Charli Jade Memorial Scholarship to Chloe Dickerson (left).
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Craft Academy welcomes class of 2021

The Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics welcomed the Class of 2021 to Morehead State University's campus in August.

New Craft Academy students moved into Grote-Thompson Hall on Sunday, Aug. 11, and an induction ceremony was held that afternoon in the ballroom of the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC) for the new class. Craft Academy Director Dr. Carol Christian and MSU President Dr. Joseph (Jay) Morgan addressed the students and each received a pin and certificate.

The Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics is a dual-credit residential high school for academically exceptional Kentucky students. The academic rigor of the academy challenges students to excel at their highest level through project-based STEM+X courses and hands-on learning experiences with an emphasis on innovation, design and creativity, and civic and regional engagement.

For more information, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/craft-academy, email craftacademy@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2093.


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Two MSU employees selected for BRIGHT Kentucky program

A new statewide leadership program launched by the state and designed to spur economic growth in the Appalachian region includes two Morehead State employees.

Rachel Bowling, a general management consultant with MSU’s Small Business Development Center (SBDC), and Dr. Johnathan Nelson, associate dean of the Elmer R. Smith College of Business and Technology and an associate professor of management, attended the first BRIGHT session last month. There are four more meetings scheduled between now and November.

The program, sponsored by Leadership Kentucky, consists of five three-day sessions held at locations across the state. During the sessions, participants receive nonpartisan, ethical leadership training, networking opportunities and mentorship. They learn skills in effective communication, collaboration, visioning and community engagement, to encourage participants to build upon the strengths of their communities to generate economic growth.

Bowling said she learned about the program through her supervisor, SBDC District Director Mark Murphy.

“Being a new employee for the KSBDC and Morehead State University, I was eager to network with other individuals across the state who have a passion for leadership. I saw the opportunity to gather the best practices from around the Bluegrass and bring them back to my community,” she said. “The opportunity to network and establish connections around Kentucky will not only enhance my ability as a leader, but I will be able to share those ideas with my community.”

Nelson said participating in BRIGHT is in line with his research interests.

“Much of my teaching, research and professional experience has been related to leader development. I think it is important that we all seek to continually develop as leaders, so I appreciate this opportunity to develop my own leadership skills,” he said. “Perhaps most importantly, though, we want our students to be prepared to contribute to the communities in our region that they will be working in. I believe that this program will expose me to and help me to better understand the needs of our service region. I hope to use this information to serve our students and help prepare them for the next phases in their careers.”

The program is funded by a $500,000 grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) and private donations.

For more information about BRIGHT Kentucky, visit https://www.leadershipky.org/programs/bright-kentucky-5.
For information about business programs at Morehead State, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/business, email cbt@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2090.

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MSU students perform at national flute convention

Students in Morehead State's Flute Choir were chosen to perform at the National Flute Association's 47th Annual Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah, on Saturday, Aug. 3.

The MSU Flute Choir was chosen from a pool of more than 400 applicants to perform a 30-minute recital at the event.

"Our flute ensemble was selected to perform from a competitive pool of international applicants, and we are honored to have represented Morehead State University at this event," said Dr. Ellen Mosley, visiting assistant professor of music. "A very small number of university flute choirs from across the United States were selected to perform."

Six students attended the convention along with Mosley, who conducted the choir during their performance. They were:

- Trillium Back, a music performance major from Morehead.
- Caleb Fouts, a music education major from Prestonsburg.
- Brandon Hatfield, a music education major from Clay City.
- Dylan Pierce, a music education major from Ashland.
- Heather Simpson, a music performance major from Cold Spring.
- Jacob Thacker, a music education major from Shelbiana.

This is the first-time flutists from MSU have performed at the event. Mosley said the students gained a lot from the experience.

"MSU flute students earned a distinct honor for themselves and our university by performing at the National Flute Convention," she said. "They benefitted from attending a variety of flute performances and masterclasses led by some of the most prominent names in our industry and developed a greater sense of community with professional flutists across the globe. I believe this experience will enable them to become even better musicians, mentors, and music teachers in Kentucky and beyond."

For more information about music programs at MSU, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/music, email mtd@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2473.
PHOTO 1: Six flutists from MSU attended and performed at the 47th Annual convention of the National Flute Association. Pictured in the front row, from left to right, is Caleb Fouts. Back row, left to right: Heather Simpson, Trillium Back, Dylan Pierce, Brandon Hatfield, Jacob Thacker and Dr. Ellen Mosley, MSU visiting assistant professor of music.

PHOTO 2: Dr. Ellen Mosley, visiting assistant professor of music at MSU, had a solo performance at the National Flute Association’s annual convention in Salt Lake City, Utah, earlier this month.

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Davison travels internationally for series of lectures

Dr. Scott A. Davison, professor of philosophy at Morehead State University, usually shares his extensive knowledge of philosophy with MSU students. This past summer, he was asked to share his research with audiences across the Atlantic.

Davison was recently invited abroad as one of five speakers featured at the Pantheism/Panentheism Workshop held May 29 and 30 in Birmingham, England. He was the only speaker to come from an American university.

Davison is also a senior scholar in the Abrahamic Reflections on Science and Religion Project, which is focused on providence and randomness in the natural world while including philosophers and scientists from around the globe working in the Jewish, Christian and Islamic traditions. Information on the project is at www.gvsu.edu/interfaith/abrahamic-reflections-on-science-and-religion-37.htm.

As part of this three-year program funded by the Templeton Foundation, he also lectured at two different countries in Africa and the Middle East. He spoke on June 19 in Casablanca, Morocco, before traveling to the Dead Sea in Jordan to present on June 22. The papers Davison presented on these occasions are earmarked for publication as book chapters and journal articles.

“It was a real honor to be invited to present my research at these international venues, alongside scholars from other parts of the world,” Davison said. “It is always amazing to experience a different culture in a different part of the world. I also made some new professional connections and new friends and answered a lot of questions about MSU.”

For more information on the Department of History, Philosophy, Politics, Global Studies and Legal Studies, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/hpil, email hpil@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2655.

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MSU SBDC helps launch pottery shop in Prestonsburg

A new creative business has opened in Prestonsburg with the assistance of Morehead State’s Small Business Development Center (SBDC).

You, Me & Pottery is a paint-it-yourself pottery business. Its mission is to provide a creative family environment for their customers to create and design a self-inspired piece of pottery art.

Through the collaboration of the Morehead State University Small Business Development Center, Shaping our Appalachian Region (SOAR), Mountain Association for Community Economic Development (MACED) and the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce, Owner Deana Hunt opened the business June 26. The official ribbon-cutting ceremony took place on July 12.

You, Me & Pottery, located at 202 Irene Street, Suite #104, Prestonsburg, is open to all ages. It offers team building events, birthday parties, organizational events, superhero and princess parties and more. Hours of operation are Monday-Thursday 6 to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 6 p.m.

For a list of upcoming events, visit their website at youmepottery.com, follow them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/You-Me-Pottery-LLC-399262467343110/ or call 606-263-8060.

For further details on SBDC services, contact MSU’s SBDC at Prestonsburg, by calling 800-648-5372 ext. 2681, 606-783-2681, visit its Facebook page at www.facebook.com/EKSBDC or email m.spriggs@moreheadstate.edu.

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MSU faculty writes grant to fund Little Free Library at Summit Elementary

Thanks in part to Dr. Sherry Stultz, professor of education at Morehead State University, students at Summit Elementary School in Ashland were greeted by more than enthusiastic teachers on the first day of classes. They were also treated to the Little Free Library, a nonprofit organization founded to inspire a love of reading, build community and spark creativity by fostering neighborhood book exchanges around the world.

Stultz wrote a grant to Walmart to fund the project and the award was provided by Walmart Supercenter Store #2638 in Ashland. The $1,000 grant was used to fund the purchase of the library and more than $400 worth of children’s books, many of which were Caldecott or Newbery Medal winners.

The library was presented to Sean Stewart, principal of Summit Elementary School (SES). It is located to the left of the main entrance of the school next to the reflection bench build in honor of the late former SES student Kylie Stevens. The library is positioned to allow students, parents and members of the community to access the books at any time.

Stultz plans to create a class project for her MSU students to help keep the library stocked with books and hopefully expand this concept to neighboring schools.

“Growing up in this area, I understand that not all children are fortunate enough to have quality children’s books available at home. Many schools have libraries, and classroom teachers will try to provide books as much as possible. However, limited budgets often constrain what can be provided by the schools and teachers,” she said. “Having books accessible in an open format like you see at the Little Free Library can benefit the children at the school, as well as others in the community. I hope to be able to provide more libraries to other area schools in the future.”

For more information on MSU’s College of Education, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/education, email c.miller@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2162.
First recipient of the McKay Award for Excellence for LGBT Scholars graduates

Bernard “Bernie” L. McKay (91) established the Bernard L. McKay Award for Excellence for LGBT Scholars with the Morehead State University Foundation Inc., in 2014. A year later, Kayla Bowen (19) from Hazard was selected as the scholarship’s first recipient. Now, four years later, as Bowen ventures off to start her career as a recent MSU graduate, McKay feels proud to have helped her along the way.

"I established the scholarship as a way to 'payback' MSU for being so good to me when I was in college and for setting me on a course to help me achieve my career goals," McKay said. "I established a planned gift with the MSU Foundation, but I wanted to be part of the scholarship process, as opposed to funding a scholarship at my death. When creating the scholarship, I had no idea how much joy, gratification and personal reward I would receive in return. Helping a young LGBT student earn her college degree and get started with her professional career has forever changed me. My only regret is that I didn't establish the scholarship sooner."

The scholarship’s namesake graduated MSU with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting and later graduated with a Juris Doctorate from Northern Kentucky University's Salmon P. Chase College of Law in 1994. McKay is an attorney for Frost Brown Todd Attorneys, LLC., in Cincinnati.

As for Bowen, she took full advantage of her time at MSU as the scholarship’s first recipient. She was a member of the Campus Activities Board (CAB) and organized cultural events for the students on campus. She was the founder and president of the MSU chapter of the Secular Student Alliance (SSA) and was elected to the board of directors for the national organization that oversees 300 SSA chapters across the country. Additionally, Bowen was a volunteer at the Morehead Pride Festival.

Bowen graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology. Her career goals are to work in the nonprofit sector potentially for an LGBTQ-related organization. She said her MSU success story wouldn’t be possible without McKay’s generous scholarship and is grateful for the financial assistance it provided her throughout her college career.

"It means so much to me that I could have all these amazing opportunities to be an activist and a force in the MSU community. Bernie made all of that possible," Bowen said. "I am able to be a competitive candidate in my field because of the internships and volunteer positions I was able to take because of Bernie's scholarship."

Scholarship criteria include recipients being incoming undergraduate students who self-identify as either Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual or Transgender (LGBT) and have demonstrated a commitment to equality for the LGBT community through either membership in gay-straight alliances, participating in community projects or similar actions indicating their dedication to improving equality for the LGBT community. Preference is given to LGBT students from Mason, Bracken, Robertson and Fleming counties. Secondary preference is given to
LGBT students from MSU's 22-county service region. Third preference is given to LGBT students from anywhere in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Recipients must maintain a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA and overall satisfactory academic standing. The scholarship renews automatically for an additional seven semesters if the criteria are met.

To apply for scholarships at Morehead State, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/scholarships.

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

Photo: Bernard “Bernie” L. McKay (91, right) is pictured with Kayla Bowen (19, left) at MSU’s Spring 2019 Commencement Ceremony. Bowen graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and was the first recipient of the Bernard L. McKay Award for Excellence for LGBT Scholars.

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Mason County High School students visit Eagle Scholars program

Students from Mason County High School visited Morehead State University's Eagle Scholars program Wednesday, Aug. 28.

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

“The Eagle Scholars program allows students to take rigorous college courses during high school. The classes are the same classes that are offered on the Morehead campus. They are taught by local teachers through a partnership with Morehead State. These courses are challenging and allow students to be exposed to college coursework and utilize campus services like tutoring and the library,” said Joel Pace, program director.

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

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

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MSU’s new advisors, retention specialists each have a heart for student success

One of the many reasons Morehead State University consistently ranks as one of the top regional public universities in the South is its commitment to student success. MSU’s newest hires in advising and retention will exemplify this dedication as they use their skills and experience to help students realize their full potential.

Hunter Chandler (17) is a two-time graduate from MSU, with a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics in 2017 and a Master of Arts in Adult and Higher Education in 2019. Chandler initially was hired by MSU as coordinator for the Success Academy and a part-time adjunct faculty member for mathematics. In his new role, he will serve as the coordinator for the University’s tutoring services. In this position, Chandler will manage the Tutoring and Learning Center (TLC), which provides free tutoring services and academic assistance outside the classroom to all MSU students. He will also teach two sections of First Year Seminar (FYS), a course that helps first-year students successfully transition into college life.

“I am happy to lead a team of paraprofessional student staff that understand the importance of a successful student body,” Chandler said.

Hunter Chandler can be reached by emailing hrchandler@moreheadstate.edu.

Jana Fife (05) graduated in 2005 with a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from MSU and later earned a Master of Arts in Integrative Studies with an emphasis in Education from Northern Kentucky University in 2011. Fife was recently hired as a degree completion coach, where she will implement and plan success workshops for students, be a liaison for students and faculty, and conduct completions and follow-up. She is also an instructor of two sections of FYS.

“I am so excited to be a part of the Eagle Empire,” Fife said. “I look forward to being a resource for Morehead State University.”

Jana Fife can be reached by emailing j.fife@moreheadstate.edu.

Lauren Jordan (19) from Morehead graduated with a Bachelor’s of Business Administration in General Management from MSU and said she is excited to “be back home at dear ol’ MSU.” She was recently hired as a retention specialist and academic advisor with the Elmer R. Smith College of Business and Technology, where she will be working one-on-one with students to help them in choosing a degree path and successful completion of their college education. She will also teach one section of FYS while finishing up her Master of Business Administration at MSU.
“The primary focus of my job is student success, whether that be academically, socially or financially,” Jordan said. “I will figure out a way to get them there.”

Lauren Jordan can be reached by emailing lejordan@moreheadstate.edu.

Topaz Jordan (18) graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Middle School Education with a concentration in Mathematics and Social Studies in 2018 from MSU and is currently working toward a Master of Arts in Adult and Higher Education from the University. Jordan is also a degree completion coach and will plan to execute success workshops for all students and monitor students’ progress toward their respective degrees. She will also serve as an FYS instructor.

“Morehead State University has helped me grow into the person I am, and I look forward to helping other Eagles along their journeys,” Jordan said.

Topaz Jordan can be reached by emailing tajordan@moreheadstate.edu.

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MSU Art and Design Faculty Exhibition opens next week

The artistic talents of faculty members from Morehead State University’s Department of Art and Design will be showcased at the annual MSU Art and Design Faculty Exhibition. It will be on display in the Golding-Yang Art Gallery of the Claypool-Young Art Building and runs from Sept. 4 through Oct. 8.

The 2019 faculty exhibit features work by full-time, adjunct and emeritus faculty. Artists include Jenny Bell, Juanita Dixon, Toni Hobbs, Dongfeng Li, Elizabeth Mesa-Gaido, Gary Mesa-Gaido, Marina Miller, Robyn Moore, Helen Otterson, Jeanne M. Petsch, Adam Yungbluth and Melissa Yungbluth.

This show is a chance for faculty to display their current work locally to both students and community members.

“We as faculty come to class and teach students how to better their work but we don’t teach what we make,” said Adam Yungbluth, professor of ceramics. “An exhibit such as this is just as important of a learning tool for the students as what we teach them in class. It gives the students a chance to see how to take what they’ve learned and apply it in other ways.”

The exhibition’s opening reception is from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 4. It is free to the public and will feature live music and refreshments. There will also be a faculty forum the following week from 11 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Sept. 11, in the Golding-Yang Art Gallery. The exhibiting faculty members will give brief talks about their work, followed by a time where audience members are encouraged to ask questions and interact with the faculty members/artists.

The Golding-Yang Art Gallery is located on the first floor of the Claypool-Young Art Building on the campus of Morehead State University. Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, during the fall and spring semesters (excludes holidays and other University closings). Parking is available all day on Main Street and after 5 p.m. on campus.

For more information, contact Melissa Yungbluth, Golding-Yang Art Gallery director, at myungbluth@moreheadstate.edu.

To learn more about MSU’s Department of Art and Design, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/art, email arde@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2766.
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Powell County High School students visit Eagle Scholars program

Students from Powell County High School visited Morehead State University's Eagle Scholars program Thursday, Aug. 29.

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MSU is closed for Labor Day

In observance of Labor Day, Morehead State University will be closed Monday, Sept. 2. Classes will not meet, administrative offices will not be open and mail will not be delivered.

The Camden-Carroll Library will be closed from Aug. 31 to Sept. 2 and will reopen at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 3.

The University Store will be closed Monday, Sept. 2, and will reopen Tuesday, Sept. 3, under regular business hours.

The Recreation and Wellness Center will be open on Labor Day from 3 to 10 p.m. The natatorium will be open from 4 to 8 p.m.

The MSU Police Department is on-duty 24 hours a day during the holiday. They can be reached by calling 606-783-2035 or by using the LiveSafe App. In an emergency, always call 911.

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Student from India feels at home at MSU

Students from all over the world come to Morehead State seeking an education. One such student traveled from “the heart of India” to experience everything MSU has to offer.

Suhana Ambol is a first-year student with a double major in computer science and mathematics. Originally from Madhya Pradesh, a state in Central India, Ambol has been in Morehead for seven months and just started her second semester as an Eagle. She’s a member of the Campus Activities Board (CAB) Crew, is a tutor and teacher’s assistant in the Department of Mathematics and serves as a mentor in MSU’s International Peer Mentoring program. The program allows international students to share their culture while learning about American culture.

“I love to interact with different types of people that have different views and ideas,” she said, adding she plans to get involved with more campus organizations.

Ambol said she first became interested in attending college in America during tenth grade when she learned about the American Field Service program, a scholarship-based program in which a student from India attends college in the U.S. and lives with an American host family. While Ambol was not selected to participate in the program, she said it was the catalyst for her coming to the states.

“The research, the opportunities, internships and practical knowledge; it’s all in the U.S.,” she said. “There are a lot of professors here with the same research interests I have; that was the main reason I chose to come here.” Ambol added she also chose Morehead State because it is affordable and has a beautiful campus.

Ambol recently learned she will be participating in an Undergraduate Research Fellowship with Dr. Sherif S. Rashad, professor of computer science. The two will research behavior-based security using machine learning.

Obtaining an education as a woman in India can have many challenges. Issues such as poverty, distance to schools in rural areas and other socio-economic factors hinder educational opportunities for women in India. However, Ambol said she never had to deal with educational barriers because her parents worked hard to motivate her and stress the importance of education.

“I lived in an urban area, so everything was modern and technologically advanced. So, I never faced the issue of poverty, distance of schools or anything,” she said, adding her parents were supportive of her decision to come to MSU. “My parents were really determined. My father was always saying, ‘Suhana, you need to broaden your horizons. You need to go out into the world and study.’” She added her father helped her through the process of applying to colleges in the states.

Ambol said one of the things she likes about studying at MSU is the opportunity to learn outside the classroom.
This summer, she attended the Mathematical Association of America (MAA) Mathfest conference in Cincinnati, where she had the chance to network with and learn from mathematics professors from across the country. She added working as a tutor in the math lab has been an excellent experience for her, and she’s received a lot of support from her fellow students and faculty members.

“I’ve had a really good experience working in the math lab. The tutors and faculty and everyone is really supportive. Whatever I am today, it’s all because of my professors, friends and the whole staff on campus.” Ambol said she didn’t experience a lot of culture shock when she came to America, even though it’s vastly different from where she grew up.

“It’s completely different from Morehead, and the food is completely different. The people here, as soon as I came, I was always welcome. This is the best four years of my life that I will spend at MSU, and I’m really thankful to everyone on campus. Not only the campus but the community as well. Everyone is so nice and willing to help.”

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