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Double Reed Day to be held Nov. 9

Morehead State's Department of Music, Theater and Dance will hold Double Reed Day on Saturday, Nov. 9, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Baird Music Hall.

The event is free and open to all beginner, intermediate and advanced double reed players. Activities planned for the day include:

- Oboe/Bassoon Fundamental Clinics (Topics include: hand position/posture, breathing, embouchure, articulation and more).
- Oboe/Bassoon KMEA All-State Audition Workshop.
- Double Reed Choir.
- Instrument repair session (repair specialist on site for minor repairs and adjustments).

Double Reed Day will feature Morehead State University's Dr. David Oyen, professor of music, performing on bassoon, and Dr. Thomas Pappas, assistant professor of music, performing on oboe. The 2019 oboe guest artist is Dr. Ashley Barret from the University of North Carolina-Greensboro, and the bassoon guest artist is Dr. Thomas Breadon Jr. of Phoenix, Arizona.

Double Reed Day is held in conjunction with MSU's Flute Day, featuring Dr. Ellen Mosley, assistant professor of music, and guest artist Nicole Riner.

Double Reed Day is sponsored by Hurst Music; the MSU Department of Music, Theatre, and Dance; the MSU Double Reed Club; Boyd County Band Boosters; Pikeville High School Bands, and Mason County Bands.

For more information or to register, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/doublereedday.

For information about MSU's Department of Music, Theater and Dance, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/mtd, email mtd@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2473.

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MSU earns national ranking for online education programs

Morehead State University consistently receives high rankings for its affordable and high-quality online degree programs. Now, MSU can lay claim to having one of the best online teaching programs in the nation.

Study.com ranked MSU's online teaching programs No. 23 in its list of Best Online Education & Teaching Degree Programs. It was the only Kentucky university to make the list. Go to <https://study.com/resources/best-online-teaching-degrees> to see a full list of rankings.

Study.com is a website where users research potential schools, degrees and careers. After evaluating hundreds of schools that offer online teaching degrees for this list, it selected MSU based on academic and career resources for online students pursuing a teaching degree, the quality of the education and the University's faculty.

In addition to this recognition, Best Colleges.com ranked MSU's Master in Adult Education No. 19 in its list of Best Online Master's in Adult Education Programs.

For more about MSU's College of Education and its programs, call 606-783-2162, email Dr. Chris Miller, dean of the College of Education, at c.miller@moreheadstate.edu, or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/education.

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MSU ranked in Best for Vets: Colleges 2020 rankings

Morehead State University has once again been recognized for its support of veteran and military students.

Military Times released its Best for Vets: Colleges 2020 rankings on Oct. 31, and MSU is among the schools recognized among the best four-year colleges for veterans in the country.

“Morehead State once again is recognized as a Best for Vets university in keeping with our strategic goals regarding national rankings and reputation,” said Dr. Silas Session, director of military initiatives. “MSU is passionate and postured to enhance our systems for the success of all military-related students.”

For 10 years, Military Times has conducted an extensive, editorially independent, objective study evaluating the many factors that help make colleges and universities a good fit for service members, military veterans and their families.

Military Times’ annual Best for Vets: Colleges survey asks colleges and universities to disclose academic outcome and input data, describe many aspects of veteran culture on campus and meticulously document a wide array of services, special policies, accommodations and financial incentives offered to students with military ties. Military Times also factors in data from the Veterans Affairs and Defense departments, as well as three Education Department sources: the IPEDS Data Center, College Scorecard data and the Cohort Default Rate Database.

To view the full rankings, visit <https://rebootcamp.militarytimes.com>.

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

MSU’s Veterans Resource Center was named in honor of Lt. Col. Alan R. Baldwin. A former assistant to the provost, Baldwin joined MSU in 1978 as an assistant professor of military science. After leaving briefly, he returned in 1985 and was named chair of the Department of Military Science. During his tenure, he held numerous titles. He also served on the Morehead City Council for 13 years.

Other ways MSU assists our military and veteran students include:

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

Veterans, National Guardsmen and Reservists, and military families interested in learning more about MSU can get additional information by contacting Dr. Silas Session, director of military initiatives, at 606-783-9416 or ssession@moreheadstate.edu. Dr. Session can connect military and veteran students with the services made available for them across campus.

For a complete listing of military-related services, including enrollment, support services and benefits information, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/veterans.

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MSU's The Little Company presents 'This is my Heart for You'

The Little Company, MSU's touring children's theatre, will present author Silas House's "This is My Heart for You" at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 12 through Nov. 16, and 2 p.m. Nov. 17 at The Lucille Caudill Little Theatre in Breckinridge Hall.

"This is My Heart for You" centers around a crisis of conscience that rocks the small Appalachian town of Troublesome. This causes a vivid cast of characters to examine their own beliefs, fears and prejudices during one hot and profound summer that will change them all.

Octavia Biggs, director of The Little Company, is the director for the production and said the nature of the show required her and her fellow cast and crew members to portray a story that creatively tackles some challenging and often uncomfortable societal issues.

"I want to offer a way to navigate difficult conversations while still respecting each other. So, educating and sharing the vocabulary needed to navigate those waters is crucial, and difficult," Biggs said. "Breaking down barriers is tough, and a lot of times is not easy."

Despite the show's struggles and challenges, Biggs said that working through this process with this young, large cast proved to be a highlight for her as a director.

"I've been working with such a large group of people all working together to create a story that has an opportunity to offer voices to the voiceless," she said. "I am surrounded by an amazing group of young people working on this show and that is why I love my job and love being a director. The opportunities to create work that is collaborative and cohesive."

The Little Theatre Company has also been invited to perform "This is My Heart for You" at the South Eastern Theatre Conference (SETC) and the show will also be touring regional high schools during that time. Dr. Bernadette Barton, director of gender studies and professor of sociology at MSU, said she has been working with Biggs in the hopes of getting this production in front of a high school audience due to its themes and message.

"I believe performing it in high schools across our service region has the potential to sway some hearts and minds in those who hold bigoted attitudes about LGBT people and be a resource for gay youth," Barton said.

In addition to patrons getting to see "This is My Heart for You," Silas House, the playwright, a contributor to The New York Times and national best-selling novelist, will also be appearing multiple times on campus.

There will be a welcome reception from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, at the Kentucky Folk Art Center, and he will be present for a talkback session with actors and crew members from “This is My Heart for You” at 9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12. There will be breakfast at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13, before House delivers a keynote speech at 10 a.m. in Button Auditorium.

The show and the events surrounding the theatrical performance are funded by the Buckner and Sally S. Hinkle Endowment for Humanities, JustFundKY, The Little Company, The Hobbs Endowment for Equality, the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance, the Caudill College for Arts and Humanities, and the Department of Art and Design.

Tickets are \$11 for adults, \$6 for seniors and non-MSU students, and free with ID to MSU students. Reservations are required for all productions and can be made by calling 606-783-2170 or via email at mtdbxoffice@moreheadstate.edu.

For more information on MSU theatrical productions and the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/mtd.

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Equestrian teams to host shows

Morehead State's Equestrian teams will host two home shows in November.

An Intercollegiate Saddle Seat Riding Association (ISSRA) show will be held Saturday, Nov. 9, at 1 p.m. for Saddle Seat teams from MSU, the University of Kentucky (UK), the University of Louisville (U of L) and Georgetown College.

Four Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) shows will be held the weekend of November 23-24 for Western and Hunt Seat teams from MSU, UK, U of L, Georgetown College, the University of Cincinnati, Xavier University, Miami University of Ohio, Midway University and Northern Kentucky University.

All shows are located at the Derrickson Agricultural Complex, MSU's 325-acre farm, located approximately seven miles from campus off Cranston Road, north of Morehead. The Equestrian teams are made up of students from across all class standings and majors, including Craft Academy students.

For more information on Equestrian teams at MSU, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/equestrianteams or contact Coach Devin Lintzenich at dslintzenich@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2665.

For information on programs in MSU's Department of Agricultural Sciences, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/agriculture, email agsi@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2662.

Photo: Morehead State's Equestrian Club. Back Row, left to right: Shelley Black, Sierra Ott, Rudy Pohlabein (club secretary), Ryan Turner, Aaron Gray, Jessica House, Ashley Osborn, Sara Misura (club historian), Hannah Wagner, Autumn Cox, Brooke Farler, Emma Coleman, Chelsey Pullins and Sydnee Barker.

Front Row, left to right: Dr. Katie Kaufman, Kira Danziger (club vice president), Haley Rogers, Lauryn Barnett, Emily Perdue, Audrey Reed (club treasurer), Becky Woody, Emma Owens, Adelaide Grindle, Siara Swisher, Elena Botsford, Abby McCutcheon, Anna Edens, Taylor Hicks, Kaitlyn Cox, Emily Shepard, Andrea Robinson, Jordyn Bagnall (club president) and Equestrian Coach Devin Lintzenich. Not pictured: Lauren Day, Olivia Jenkins and Kenady Vice.

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State official to speak about human trafficking Nov. 7

One of the state officials leading the fight against human trafficking in Kentucky will be a guest speaker at Morehead State on Thursday, Nov. 7, at 11 a.m. in Rader Hall, room 221.

Allyson Cox Taylor is the executive director of the Kentucky Office of Child Abuse and Human Trafficking Prevention and Prosecution, a branch of the Kentucky Office of the Attorney General. Taylor began her career working for the Jefferson County Attorney's Office prosecuting cases for the Domestic Violence, Child Abuse and Neglect and Sexual Assault Unit. In 2011 she began working with the Office of Attorney General as director of the Prosecutors Advisory Council and the Office of Victims Advocacy, positions she held until 2013. After that position, she served as a policy advisor to the commissioner of the Kentucky Department for Public Health, operating as chief of staff and legislative liaison for the department.

Taylor received a Bachelor of Arts in English and government from Morehead State University in 1999, where she received the "Outstanding Senior Government Major" award. In 2002, she completed a Juris Doctorate at the Brandeis College of Law at the University of Louisville, where she was named "Outstanding Female Graduate" for her work to address the needs and concerns of women and children. During law school she worked for the Legal Aid Society of Louisville, incorporating nonprofit organizations and at the Center for Women and Families as an intern, representing women in domestic violence protection order hearings.

"Attorney General Beshear has made protecting kids and victims of crime a priority mission and in such, created the Office of Child Abuse and Human Trafficking Prevention and Prosecution. Allyson Taylor, as Director of that office has assisted in changing how trafficking is identified, prevented, and prosecuted in Kentucky," said Laken Albrink, a lecturer in MSU's Department of History, Philosophy, Politics, Global Studies and Legal Studies. "Students interested in family law need a specialized understanding of the dynamics of trafficking, especially when family members are the traffickers."

Taylor said human trafficking does not operate in the way it is portrayed in movies and unrealistically viewing the crime makes it easier for perpetrators to get away with it.

"Our misconceptions make [human traffickers] lives so much easier," Taylor said. "If we're all thinking of it as a kidnapping situation, we're going to miss the people who are building that trust and finding [victim's] weaknesses, and that's how sex traffickers really operate."

She added that human trafficking happens in every county in Kentucky. Half of the victims in sex trafficking cases are minors and half of them are trafficked by family members.

Taylor's lecture will focus on:

- Human trafficking laws in Kentucky.
- How the crime can often present as a domestic violence situation.
- How to understand the dynamics of family trafficking.

The lecture is sponsored by MSU's Department of History, Philosophy, Politics, Global Studies and Legal Studies.

For more information about the Office of Child Abuse and Human Trafficking Prevention and Prosecution, visit ag.ky.gov/about/branches/OCAHTPP.

For information about MSU's 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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Students intern at St. Claire

The 2019-20 academic year is the busiest one yet for the St. Claire HealthCare Philosophy Internship program. The program will include two students in the fall semester and two in the spring.

Emma Gundler, a junior psychology major from Blanchester, Ohio, wanted to participate in the MSU Philosophy Internship program at St. Claire HealthCare in the fall to observe firsthand, real-world ethical dilemmas within the behavioral health unit. "Even though I am not a philosophy major, I have become very interested in the field and want to continue to learn more. As part of this internship experience, I hope to learn more about how behavioral health units benefit patients, and the roles they play within the hospital," Gundler said.

Kyland Carreon, a junior double-major in philosophy and legal studies from Morehead, works with the hospice program at St. Claire this semester. He was inspired by the descriptions provided in class by Dr. Scott Davison, MSU professor of philosophy, internship advisor and former hospice volunteer. "I wanted to help with hospice care and learn about the ethical issues that arise in patient care. People seem to have a negative conception of hospice because it involves death, but so far, it has been an amazing, positive experience," Carreon said.

"The internship program provides a unique opportunity for our students to apply their philosophical understanding to real-world situations," Davison said. "We are deeply grateful to St. Claire HealthCare for the amazing learning environment that they create for our students."

To learn more about the internship program, contact Davison at s.davison@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2273.

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

Photo: Dr. Scott Davison, Emma Gundler, and Kyland Carreon.

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Winters to present at American Astronomical Society Conference

One of Morehead State's Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics juniors has been chosen to present his research at next year's winter meeting of the American Astronomical Society (AAS).

Colby Winters of Cattlettsburg has been a part of the Pulsar Search Collaboratory (PSC) for three years after being introduced to the program by his astronomy teacher during his freshman year at Boyd County High School. His work with the PSC involves sifting through terabytes of data looking for an extremely rare object called a pulsar. By helping sort this data that is too broad to be sorted by computer algorithms and too large to be sorted by only a few people, students have the potential to discover an object that could help further understand our universe. He has done presentations about his work with the PSC at West Virginia University Capstone seminars; Green Bank Observatory student research presentations; and the Robotic Telescopes, Student Research and Education Conference.

Winters, along with his colleague and co-author, Samuel Jett, focus their research on studying high magnetic field pulsars and how they are different from other pulsars. AT MSU, Winters is working with Dr. Thomas Pannuti, professor of astrophysics and space science, to follow-up on three anomalous X-ray pulsars with the Green Bank Telescope, located at the Green Bank Observatory in West Virginia. The two will also look for X-ray counterparts in the Chandra/XMM archive.

"Before my experience with the PSC, I had understood that astronomy was what gave us those pictures of un-earthly worlds and that it shaped the way we understand our universe, but it wasn't until I was able to be a part of the process and search for new answers, that I understood how much I enjoyed astronomy," Winters said.

Winters will travel to Honolulu, Hawaii, in January to attend the AAS conference and present his research.

For information about astrophysics programs at MSU, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/phes, email phes@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2381.

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

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Ramey receives Presidential Award of Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching

After receiving a high-quality education and preparation to be a teacher at Morehead State University, Melanie Ramey (07), has now received a presidential seal of approval for her work in the classroom.

The fourth-grade math teacher at Highland Elementary School in Johnson County was awarded the 2018 Presidential Award of Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. The award is the highest honor given by the U.S. government to K-12 educators.

Ramey graduated summa cum laude from MSU with a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education in 2007 and then earned a Master of Arts in P-5 Curriculum from Union College in 2018 and an Ed.S. in Supervision and Instruction from the University of the Cumberland in 2018. For the past 12 years, she has taught in the Johnson County School District. She taught her first eight years at Meade Memorial Elementary School and later spent a year at Central Elementary School. She has spent the last two years teaching fourth grade mathematics at Highland Elementary School.

“The MSU Teacher Education program prepared me for my teaching career by providing a solid foundation of content, pedagogy and lesson design,” Ramey said. “I am thankful to have received my undergraduate education at Morehead State University.”

The United States Congress established the award in 1983, and the President of the United States awards up to 108 teachers of math and science each year. Awardees received a trip to Washington, D.C., where award winners participated in the White House Federal STEM Education Summit, an awards dinner at the Kennedy Center, an awards ceremony at the Department of the Interior, attended the Federal Partners Expo and received a tour of the White House.

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Russell High School Eagle Scholars visit Morehead State

Eagle Scholar students from Russell High School visited Morehead State University's campus, Tuesday, Nov. 5. They had a tour of campus and met with MSU admissions staff and students.

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. The instructors meet the same high academic standards that are required of MSU faculty. 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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Craft students visit Calipari Lab at Vanderbilt

Students from Morehead State's Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics traveled to Nashville, Tennessee, to visit Dr. Erin Calipari at the Center for Addiction Research and the Calipari Lab at Vanderbilt University on Friday, Nov. 1.

Craft Academy students were exposed to the body of research being conducted in Calipari's addiction research lab. Through this experience, the students were able to learn about connections between addiction research and the fields of statistics, entomology, animals, neuroscience, pharmacology, psychiatry, chemistry and laws involving addiction.

Kentucky and neighboring Tennessee have been devastated by the nation's opioid crisis, with the states leading the country in the number of opioid prescriptions. Craft students now better understand how science can be used to combat addiction and can apply the skills they learn at the academy in solving problems in their communities.

"I had never considered it before, but after listening to Dr. Calipari, I want to join the cause and help combat drug addiction in my home state," said Craft Academy senior Josh Loiacono from Somerset.

Other students who attended the trip said their time in Calipari's lab inspired them to passionately pursue their interests.

"Dr. Erin Calipari's presentation on her research deeply intrigued me and her patience with answering all of the questions was much appreciated. Most of all, it was an eye-opening experience to visit the labs where Dr. Calipari was conducting research; seeing all the undergrad and medical students working so hard in the lab has inspired me greatly and fueled my passion for neuroscience," said junior Maiqi Qin from Morehead.

"Seeing a woman in STEM speak so passionately about her work while still being approachable and friendly put a new perspective on the career aspects of neuroscience and made me even more excited for my future and the future of neuroscience," said Emma Collins, a Craft Academy senior from Georgetown.

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

For more information about the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/craft-academy, email craftacademy@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2093.

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Career Services holding “Suit Bank Showdown” clothing drive

Morehead State’s Office of Career Services is holding a competition to gather clothing for the Suit Bank, which provides professional attire for students and alumni to wear to job interviews, professional conferences and networking events.

The Suit Bank Showdown is a friendly competition between the offices and departments on campus to determine which entity donates the most items to the Suit Bank, which served more than 300 people last year. Donated items will be assigned a point value, and the office or department with the highest number of points at the end of the competition period will be named the winner. The winning team will receive a traveling trophy.

Items donated to the clothing drive must be clean and in good condition, must be reasonably modern, must be professional business attire and must be adult sizes. Items needed include full suits, slacks, skirts, jackets, ties, belts and shoes. Points awarded for items will be:

- Full suit (jacket and skirt/pants), 15 points.
- Skirt or slacks, five points.
- Business jacket, 10 points.
- Dress shirt or blouse, two points.
- Tie, two points.
- Belt, one point.
- Shoes, two points per pair.

The contest begins Monday, Nov. 4, and continues through Friday, Dec. 6, at 4:30 p.m. All donations are tax-deductible and may be dropped off at the Career Center in the basement of the Camden-Carroll Library during regular office hours, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Career Services at careerservices@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2233 or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/career.

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MSU hosts Kentucky Student Council Association

Student organizations like Morehead State University's Student Government Association (SGA) allow students to have a real impact on the future of the University. Now, MSU is playing a role in helping the region's high school students make an impact on their own high schools and beyond.

Morehead State hosted the Kentucky Student Council Association on Oct. 25. Formed last month, the association was created by the Fleming County High School Student Council as there is no statewide council for high school SGAs in the state of Kentucky. The Kentucky Student Council Association will bring high school leaders together for the opportunity to exchange ideas, share effective processes and procedures, and give those leaders a chance to network with students in positions of similar leadership around the Commonwealth.

Participating high schools include Fleming County High School in Flemingsburg, George Rogers Clark High School in Winchester, Greenup County High School in Greenup, Morgan County High School in West Liberty and Randall K. Cooper High School in Union. MSU's SGA assisted in organizing the event and providing mentorship. The Kentucky Student Council Association plans to meet again in December and hopes to get more high school student councils involved across the state.

"Morehead State University's Student Government Association is happy to serve as the host site for the newly formed Kentucky Student Council Association," said Shannon Colvin, associate director for the Office of Student Activities. "We are committed to encouraging the future of students that are engaged in the shared governance process at their high school and hopefully in the collegiate setting."

For more information on Morehead State University's Student Government Association, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/sga.

To learn more about student organizations at MSU, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/activities, email studentactivities@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2071.

Photo: Morehead State hosted the Kentucky Student Council Association on Oct. 25. Formed last month, the association was created by the Fleming County High School Student Council as a statewide council for high school student councils in the state of Kentucky.

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Wolfe County High School Eagle Scholars visit Morehead State

Eagle Scholar students from Wolfe County High School visited Morehead State University's campus, Friday, Nov. 8. They had a tour of campus and met with MSU admissions staff and students.

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. The instructors meet the same high academic standards that are required of MSU faculty. 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 hosts “Animalism” philosophy lecture with Dr. Allison Krile Thornton this month

Morehead State University will host guest speaker Dr. Allison Krile Thornton, assistant philosophy professor at the University of South Alabama, when she presents “Animalism About Human Beings” from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20, in Room 002 of Breckinridge Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

Thornton earned a Ph.D. in Philosophy from Baylor University in 2018 and completed a year of cross-training in biology before joining the faculty at the University of South Alabama (USA). She is an assistant professor in both the USA’s Department of Philosophy and the College of Medicine. She has published several articles on the nature of human beings with a particular focus on animalism, the view that human beings are animals. She has taught courses in medical reasoning, metaphysics, introduction to philosophy and introduction to logic, among others. Thornton is also interested in the study of bioethics, philosophy of biology and philosophy of religion.

“Dr. Thornton's lecture will provide the audience with a picture of the nature of human beings that is informed by both philosophy and science, and provide the opportunity to have a discussion about what makes us different from other things in the natural world,” said Dr. Scott A. Davison, professor of philosophy at Morehead State University.

This event is supported by the Buckner and Sally Hinkle Endowment for Humanities through the MSU Foundation.

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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Career Services hosts recruitment event at ADUC

Morehead State University's Office of Career Services connects students to employment opportunities through a variety of events so Eagles can gain hands-on experience to complement classroom learning. On Wednesday, Nov. 13, Career Services will host four different employers on the second floor of the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC) recruiting MSU students for potential employment opportunities.

Speedway, Vector Marketing, Sleep Outfitters and SpringHill Camps will be set-up in various locations throughout ADUC and are targeting students of all majors. These employers have a variety of positions available, including internship and part-time employment. According to the National Association of College and Employers (NACE), 95% of employers want students with work experience and 60% of those employers prefer relevant experience obtained via an internship.

"Students at Morehead State engage well with the world and with others, and that is something we look for as applicants to SpringHill," said Amanda Scholl, recruiting specialist with SpringHill Camps based in Grand Rapids, Michigan. "Career Services is also very helpful and accommodating. We love working with them."

Employer's recruiting on campus Wednesday, Nov. 13, will be set up at the following times and locations:

- Sleep Outfitters, noon to 2 p.m., Second Floor, ADUC (near the fireplace)
- Speedway, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Second Floor, ADUC (near the fireplace)
- SpringHill Camps, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Second Floor, ADUC (next to Chick-fil-A)
- Vector Marketing, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Second Floor, ADUC (near Moe's)

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

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Morehead State showcases international opportunities through Education Abroad Fair

Morehead University will host an Education Abroad Fair from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 18, on the second floor of the Adron Doran University Center.

The fair will have courses offered for Spring 2020 with destinations such as Ireland, Greece, Austria and summer programs throughout Europe, Africa, Latin America and Asia. Students will have the ability to explore current programs, as well as obtain information on future programs at the University.

“One of the key features of the fair allows students to meet professors leading our current trips and plan for future trips. We are constantly developing faculty-led courses that will take students to regions as varied as the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico to Taipei, Taiwan,” said Aaron Hirsch, coordinator for MSU’s Education Abroad. “Courses offered range from legal studies to art and music. We are consistently diversifying our program destinations and fields of study.”

Another resource provided to students during the event is access to information on travel and program fees, financial aid and MSU scholarships like the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship, as well as scholarships through the Cooperative Center for Study Abroad (CCSA) and the Kentucky Institute for International Studies (KIIS).

The Education Abroad Fair also helps to kick off the International Education Week, which runs Nov. 18 through Nov. 22. Hirsch said he expects there will be additional information throughout the week for different programs and country options.

For more information on MSU Education Abroad, contact Aaron Hirsch at aghirsch@moreheadstate.edu, 606-783-2044 or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/educationabroad.

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Morehead State partners in implementation of NIH Reach grant

Morehead State University is partnering with other public universities in Kentucky to help implement the state's recently awarded National Institute of Health (NIH) REACH grant. This grant will provide \$6.6 million in funding to deploy via sub-grants to promising health-tech research projects, up to \$200,000 per project, across all public universities.

The NIH has awarded a total of \$20 million to fund a total of five hubs designed to speed up the transition of biomedical discoveries into commercially viable diagnostics, devices, therapeutics and tools to improve patient care and enhance health. Kentucky is one of the select few Research Evaluation and Commercialization Hubs (REACH) that are part of a national network of proof-of-concept centers linking 34 academic institutions developing best practices to create biomedical innovations to benefit the general public.

"I look forward to helping to facilitate successful interactions with the REACH grant to enable our faculty at Morehead State to bring biomedical and health-related innovations to the marketplace, which is an endeavor directly linked to our University mission to foster innovation, collaboration and creative thinking," said Dr. Michael Henson, associate provost for research and dean of the Graduate School.

The Kentucky Network for Innovation and Commercialization (KYNETIC) plans to build a REACH network of commercialization resources accessible across the commonwealth to accelerate the translation of academic innovations into biomedical products. The University of Kentucky will lead KYNETIC in partnership with the University of Louisville, as well as all of Kentucky's public regional universities and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS).

KYNETIC will nurture innovations and academic innovators by providing funding, mentoring, education and a network of relevant expertise. The overall impact of KYNETIC will be opportunities for collaboration and synergy, well-prepared innovators, a statewide pro-entrepreneurial culture and delivery of de-risked technologies to benefit health and overcome the state's health disparities.

MSU's involvement with the NIH REACH grant is facilitated through the University's collaboration with the Commonwealth Commercialization Center (C3). C3 was created to fuel economic growth and positively impact individuals, businesses and communities. As a newly created science and technology nonprofit, it provides resources to the state's public universities and colleges to transform ideas into patents, business plans and investment. This new collaboration provides a dedicated resource for Morehead State University and the community that will help move great ideas and research to products on the market for public benefit.

To learn more about MSU's Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/research or contact Dr. Henson at m.henson@moreheadstate.edu or 606-783-2010.

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MSU hosts GEMS workshop

Morehead State's Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics partnered with the Wilderness Road Girl Scout Council to host the 15th Annual Girls in Engineering, Mathematics and Science (GEMS) workshop on Saturday, Nov. 9, on the MSU campus.

More than 300 girls participated in the event, that included hands-on workshops led by state-wide STEM experts, discussions and activities focused on science and math. More than 20 Craft Academy students and members of Kappa Delta sorority volunteered to support the event.

[View photo gallery](#)

For more information about the Craft Academy at MSU, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/craft-academy, email craftacademy@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2093.

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Breakneck Hamlet to be staged Nov. 25

A performance that breathes new life into a literary classic will be held at Morehead State on Monday, Nov. 25.

“Breakneck Hamlet,” an adaptation of William Shakespeare’s Elizabethan tragic play, “Hamlet,” will be staged at 7:30 p.m. in the Lucille Caudill Little Theater in Breckinridge Hall. The play is being staged by the Tim Mooney Repertory Company based in Chicago. The show is free and open to the public and seating is on a first-come-first-served basis.

The adaptation condenses the four-hour tragedy to a one-hour comedy, told from the perspective of the titular character, played by Mooney. After the performance, Mooney will hold a question and answer session with the audience.

“Tim Mooney does a great job of getting at the essence of Shakespeare and making it exciting and easy to understand. He is an engaging personality with a great sense of humor,” said Greg Carlisle, associate professor of theatre. “I admire Mooney’s ability to be in the story and outside it as narrator as well. I think audiences will make discoveries watching those perspective shifts and will also get a tighter sense of the story Shakespeare is telling. I hope this performance whets people’s appetites for Morehead State University’s production of Hamlet in March!”

This event is provided by support from the Buckner and Sally S. Hinkle Endowment for Humanities.

For more information about the repertory company, visit www.timmooneyrep.com.

For more information about MSU’s Department of Music, Theater and Dance, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/mtd, email mtd@moreheadstate.edu or call [606-783-2473](tel:606-783-2473).

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Bryant presents at conference for first-generation students

Samantha Bryant, associate director for Upward Bound Math and Science, presented at the first annual Gen 1 Conference at Eastern Kentucky University on Friday, Nov. 8. The conference highlights the success of first-generation students as well as bringing educators, students, college access professionals and other stakeholders together to collaborate and identify areas for growth and improvement when providing services to first-generation students.

Bryant, a former Upward Bound student, presented about a topic that hits close to home. In her presentation, “TRIO Student to TRIO Professional: 10 Things LIFG Students Need Now to Ensure Long Term Success,” she shared the skills acquired during both her educational and professional career in TRIO and stressed the importance of TRIO programs.

“It was truly an honor to speak at the Gen 1 Conference. I am so thankful for my time and experiences in TRIO as a student and staff member. Upward Bound enhanced my life and I will forever speak on the good work it does,” Bryant said.

Bryant earned a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary (P-5) Education, a Master of Arts in Educational Counseling, and is currently in the Adult and Higher Education Leadership doctoral program at Morehead State University. She became the associate director of Upward Bound Math and Science in March 2018.

“First-generation students and their unique needs are often overlooked, Samantha is a wonderful example of what can happen when you take time to invest in these students and the programs that support them,” said Amanda Lewis, director of the Upward Bound Programs at Morehead State University.

The First-Generation College Celebration is held annually on Nov. 8 across the nation, marking the anniversary of the signing of the 1965 Higher Education Act, which has helped millions of first-generation, low-income/under-resourced students persist to degree completion. The celebration was launched in 2017 by the Council for Opportunity in Education.

For more information about Upward Bound or TRIO programs, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/trio, email m.hyden@moreheadstate.edu or call [606-783-9114](tel:606-783-9114).

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Seven MSU students win KAS competition

Seven students from Morehead State were recognized for their work during the Kentucky Academy of Science (KAS) Undergraduate Research Competition. The winners were announced at the KAS meeting held Nov. 1 and 2 at Berea College.

"It is exciting to see so many of our student scientists present their work at the state-wide meeting of the Kentucky Academy of Science," said Dr. Jennifer Birriel, MSU professor of physics. "It is particularly gratifying to see that seven MSU students were recognized for their hard work by receiving special recognition as awardees of the undergraduate student competition."

Students who placed in the competition were:

- Jessey Anderson, a physics major from Carlisle, second place, physics and astronomy oral presentation.
- Hannah Brewer, a biological sciences/MSUTeach major from Pine Ridge, third place, science education presentation.
- Katheryn Gallenstein, a psychology major from Winchester, first place, science education oral presentation.
- Christopher Leadford, a mathematics major from West Liberty, third place, mathematics poster presentation.
- Megan Pauley, a mathematics/MSUTeach major from Lexington, second place, mathematics oral presentation.
- Will Pitts, a mathematics major from Georgetown, third place, mathematics oral presentation.
- Austin Spradlin, a veterinary science major from South Shore, second place, zoology poster presentation.

For more information about KAS, visit www.kyscience.org.

For information about programs in MSU's College of Science, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/science, email dsci@moreheadstate.edu or call [606-783-2158](tel:606-783-2158).

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James Paul Ison Jr. Memorial Scholarship Endowment established

The Morehead State University Foundation has announced the establishment of the James Paul Ison, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Endowment, a fund to benefit Morehead State University students. The scholarship's first recipient is Erin May.

May, a senior from Morgan County, is currently a registered nurse with an associate degree in nursing pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing at MSU. She plans to complete a Master of Nursing to become a nurse practitioner with a focus on women's health and to work in medically underserved communities.

"I have always truly loved the work of caring for my patients as a nurse," she said. "There is no place I feel more in my element than when caring one-on-one for my patients, and I believe that being a caregiver is my calling in life."

The scholarship was created in memory of James Paul Ison Jr. (94). He joined the U.S. Navy in 1987, serving three years as a naval corpsman. After his service, he returned to MSU and studied both nursing and business, graduating in 1994 with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Ison was a trauma nurse at Lee Memorial Hospital in Fort Myers, Florida. He worked 20 years in trauma and intensive care before his untimely death from an acute gastric problem at the age of 50.

The Ison family has a long and proud connection with MSU. Ison's great-grandfather served on the Board of Regents in the 1930s. His parents, James Paul Ison Sr. (65) and Barbara Stamper Ison (63), are proud MSU alumni and his brother, along with his aunts and uncles, either attended or graduated from MSU.

"Our family truly loves Morehead State University and our history with MSU goes back for generations. After James Paul passed and we were looking at possible ways to pay it forward in his memory, a scholarship at Morehead made the most sense for our family. We are proud that his memory will live on in this way." said Barbara Ison.

The recipient of the James Paul Ison Jr. Memorial Scholarship must be a graduate from Morgan County High School and a full-time undergraduate student entering their junior or senior year at MSU. Preference will be given to students pursuing a degree that will lead to a profession in the medical field.

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.

Photo: The Ison Family was recognized at a recent MSU Board of Regents meeting for the establishment of the James Paul Ison Jr. Memorial Scholarship Endowment. Pictured, from left to right: nephew and incoming MSU freshman Brennan Ison (Fall 2020), sister-in-law Jennifer C. Ison, brother John L. Ison and mother Barbara Stamper Ison (63).

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Middleton documentary featured in magazine

A documentary produced by a member of Morehead State's faculty has been featured in the latest edition of Kentucky City magazine.

The documentary, "The Show Starts at Dark," was produced by Steve Middleton, instructor of mass communications at MSU. Middleton said he was first inspired to create the documentary on a road trip with his band.

"I was driving to a gig with the string band I play with to rural southeast Kentucky. One of the things on the drive south that caught my eye was an abandoned drive-in theatre. You could still see the big screen, concession stand and poles for speakers. The kudzu, grass and weeds had overtaken the lot and had begun to climb up the screen. I thought to myself how sad that sight looks," he said. "After the festival we played, I went home and started to research drive-in theaters and found out there were at that time seven left in Kentucky. I then got the idea to document each one and tell their story about the ebb and flow of the business and industry."

The documentary tells the story of the seven remaining drive-in movie theaters in Kentucky and how those theaters have thrived as more and more drive-ins close across the country. Middleton visited all the drive-ins in the state and spoke to the owners, operators and patrons to explore precisely why drive-ins remain so popular in the Commonwealth.

"I learned so much about the drive-In business and the movie theater business in general from producing the film," Middleton said. "What I thought I would find were seven barely getting by drive-ins. What I discovered fairly quickly is the drive-In industry is booming as long as a new and popular movie is being shown. Almost every theater I went to had a large, nearly sold-out crowd every night."

Since the documentary was produced, a new drive-in has opened in La Grange, bringing the statewide total to eight.

The documentary will air on KETKY on the following days:

- Tuesday, Dec. 31, at 4 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 9 p.m.
- Friday, Jan.3, at midnight, 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

To learn more about the documentary, contact Middleton at s.middleton@moreheadstate.edu or call [606-783-9583](tel:606-783-9583).

For information about programs in MSU's Department of Communication, Media and Languages, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/cml, email cml@moreheadstate.edu or call [606-783-2134](tel:606-783-2134).

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'A Light unto the Mountains' holiday music program celebrates Appalachian heritage

Morehead State University's Department of Music, Theatre and Dance will present the musical holiday event "A Light unto the Mountains," a new work celebrating the Appalachian region and the diversity of its citizens. The program takes place at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Dec. 5 and 6, in the Ballroom of the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC). Admission is \$5 for the general public and free for students of all ages. The program will also be performed at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, at Hehman Hall at Christ The King Cathedral in Lexington.

The program will feature both traditional and classical music, historical tidbits and written works reflecting the influence of the different immigrants who settled in the Appalachian region. The audience will get to sing along with seasonal selections to get everyone in the holiday spirit.

"Our rich and varied heritage, created by immigrants from all over the world, weaves a brightly colored tapestry, or perhaps more appropriately in this part of the country, a patchwork quilt. Each square tells a story," said Dr. Roma Prindle, professor of music at MSU. "The holiday season is the time of year to celebrate our heritage – all of it. Let us revel in our diversity by promising to honor and hold each other in the light throughout the coming year."

For more information about programs in the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/mtd, email mtd@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2473.

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Barton named MSU's director of gender studies

Dr. Bernadette Barton, professor of sociology and gender studies at Morehead State University, has been named the director of MSU's gender studies program.

"I have always planned one day to lead a gender studies program," Barton said. "As director, I am privileged to work with a wonderful group of staff and faculty across the institution all committed to raising the profile of the program, recruiting minors and serving the University goals of diversity and inclusion."

Originally from Framingham, Massachusetts, Barton has lived in Kentucky since 1992. She moved to Lexington to attend the University of Kentucky, where she earned a Master of Arts in Sociology, a Ph.D. in Sociology and a graduate certificate in women's studies. Barton has been an active member of the gender studies program (formerly women's studies program) since joining MSU as a faculty member in 2000.

Barton writes, lectures and conducts research on contemporary issues of gender, sexuality, religion, qualitative methods, American culture and the sex industry. She is the author of 2012's "Pray the Gay Away: The Extraordinary Lives of Bible Belt Gays," and 2017's "Stripped: More Stories from Exotic Dancers." Barton is currently writing a fourth book titled "Porn in the USA: How Raunch Culture is Ruining America" and researching marriage equality mobilization in Kentucky.

Barton said the theme for the 2019-20 year for gender studies program is trans awareness. In addition to bringing in speakers, the Gender Studies Leadership Team has updated the website with information on the location of all-gender bathrooms on campus and how to request a name change to one's preferred name in student or employee records.

"This is also an exciting time to lead a gender studies program as people learn to integrate new gender categories, resist sexual assault as seen in the #MeToo movement, and more and more people come out as LGBTQ," Barton said. "It is very empowering to observe the transformations that occur in students as they begin to apply a new understanding of gender to their everyday experiences."

Founded in 1992, the Morehead State University gender studies program offers an interdisciplinary minor that fosters learning and partnerships that span divisions of gender, sex, race, ethnicity, class, religion, age, able-bodiedness and nationality. The goal of the program is to create a new understanding of power dynamics and gender categories while empowering individuals and communities.

For more information on MSU's gender studies program, contact Barton at b.barton@moreheadstate.edu, 606-783-2710 or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/genderstudies.

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Choirs from MSU and Rowan County High School collaborate for Candlelight Carol Concert

The Morehead State University Choirs and Rowan County High School Concert Choir will come together for a Candlelight Carol Concert at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 2, in Baird Music Hall at MSU. The special guest for the concert is the MSU Tuba/Euphonium Ensemble.

The title of the concert results from the emphasis on carols and the concluding carol sung by candlelight. The audience will participate in carol singing accompanied by William Murphy, MSU staff accompanist. These carols will be sung between the short sets of music each ensemble presents. Audience sing-alongs include “Deck the Halls,” “I’m Dreaming of a White Christmas,” “Silver Bells” and “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing.” The concert will conclude with the MSU Concert Choir and Chamber Singers surrounding the audience with candles to sing Malcolm Sargent’s arrangement of “Silent Night.”

The concert opens with “It’s the Most Wonderful Time of the Year” and Eric Barnum’s “Sweeter Still; A Holiday Carol” sung by the MSU Concert Choir. The MSU and Rowan County High School Concert Choirs will combine with brass and percussion to perform the first movement of John Rutter’s “Gloria.” The combined choirs will also celebrate Hector Berlioz’s 150th anniversary with the famous chorus “The Shepherds’ Farwell to the Holy Family” from his oratorio “The Childhood of Christ.”

The low brass and men will perform “Three Carols from Spain” arranged by Eduardo Nogueroles. The carols are “Fum, Fum, Fum,” “La Viene la Vieja” and “Pastores Venid.” The Tuba/Euphonium Ensemble will begin this set of music with “Merry Christmas Darling” and “You’re a Mean One, Mr. Grinch” and the men will conclude the set with the hilarious “12 Days of Christmas/Africa” made famous by the singing group Straight No Chaser.

Dr. Greg Detweiler, professor of music director of choral studies, said, “I wanted to give Tania Sempertegui, my departing graduate assistant from Ecuador, a little gift before she left. I could not find the right music from Ecuador, so I settled on performing the ‘Three Carols from Spain’ for her. It has been fun to have her work with us on our Spanish. We hope our Spanish speaking friends will enjoy this part of the concert.”

The MSU Black Gospel Ensemble, under the direction of Dr. Roosevelt Escalante, will sing “Jesus is the Reason,” “Fear No More Medley” and “Joy to the World.” The Rowan County High School Concert Choir, under the direction of Josh Hamilton, will add three additional carols to the program: “Gloucestershire Wassail,” “Jesus Christ the Apple Tree” and “Carol of the Bells.”

“The concert is designed to bring the town and gown of Rowan County together to enjoy singing,” Detweiler said. “We really want people to leave with a song in their hearts, believing it is ‘The Most Wonderful Time of the Year.’”

Tickets are \$5 for adults and students may attend free of charge. Tickets will be sold at the door or reserved by calling Brooklyn Ison, administrative assistant for the MSU Concert Choir, at 859-200-4428.

For more information on MSU’s Department of Music, Theatre and Dance, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/mtd, email mtd@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2473.

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Pozgay elected to ATMAE board of directors

Morehead State University alumnus Walt Pozgay was recently elected by the membership of the Association of Technology, Management and Applied Engineering (ATMAE) to represent industry on its board of directors.

ATMAE is a national organization with more than 1,000 professional members. The organization accredits associate, baccalaureate and master's degree programs in engineering technology, technology management and applied engineering-related programs. The ATMAE board's purpose is to represent universities, community colleges, business and industry, National Industry Advisory Committee (NIAC) and ATMAE students.

Pozgay has served as chair of the MSU School of Engineering and Computer Science Advisory Board and received his bachelor's degree in technology management from MSU in 2014.

He has enjoyed a broad range of opportunities to learn and expand his understanding of technology and to apply his knowledge to positions of ever-growing impact and responsibility across multiple industries. As an electronics technician, he repaired and maintained U.S. Army intelligence-gathering equipment, as well as industrial manufacturing and processing equipment. As an instructor, he taught electronics in military and civilian classrooms. He continues to provide training in electronics, process improvement, and quality principles in company and association training environments. His current role is senior manager over 24 technicians in six labs, testing cooking products, commercial and retail air conditioners, and residential water heaters for GE Appliances, a Haier company.

Pozgay is involved in several professional organizations. He is a member of the Association of Technology, Management, and Applied Engineering (ATMAE), from which he holds a Certified Technology Manager (CTM) certification. He is also a member of the American Society for Quality (ASQ), he is a Certified Six-Sigma Green Belt (CSSGB). He also serves as a certification administrator for the Electronics Technicians Association, International (ETA-I).

For more information about MSU's School of Engineering and Computer Science, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/secs, email seis@moreheadstate.edu or call [606-783-2418](tel:606-783-2418).

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Celebration planned for veteran students and military families

Morehead State students who are veterans or military dependents are invited to attend an end-of-semester celebration Monday, Nov. 25, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the LTC Alan R. Baldwin Veterans Resource Center, located at 304 Breckinridge Hall. Refreshments will be served and Dr. Yvonne Baldwin, retired professor of history, will speak at the event. The Veterans Resource Center is named in honor of Dr. Baldwin's late husband.

For more information on military initiatives and veterans' services at MSU, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/veterans, email veterans@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-9267.

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Holiday Carnival scheduled for Dec. 3

Morehead State University will host the Third Annual Holiday Carnival from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3, at the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC). The event is free and open to the public.

The Holiday Carnival will once again feature popular activities like pictures with Santa during the University Store Open House (featuring special holiday discounts on merchandise). The Prefontaine campus dining facility will be transformed into the Snowflake Café serving holiday snacks and hot cocoa, and MSU student organizations will host children’s activities including creating holiday crafts, ornaments and decorating cookies.

The carnival will also feature holiday music from the Rodburn Elementary and Clearfield Elementary School Choirs from Rowan County, as well as MSU’s Black Gospel Ensemble. Highlights will also include the reading of “The Night Before Christmas” by MSU First Lady Amber Morgan, followed by the Campus Holiday Lights Ceremony.

“For us, I think it is really the official beginning of the holiday season for us in the Morehead community,” said Shannon Colvin, associate director for the Office of Student Activities. “Just to celebrate that time of year where everyone is in the holiday spirit and a little bit kinder to their fellow man.”

For more information, contact Colvin at s.colvin@moreheadstate.edu, 606-783-2886 or visit the Office of Student Activities online at www.moreheadstate.edu/activities.

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KCTM to hold semester finale concert

The Kentucky Center for Traditional Music (KCTM) will hold a semester finale concert on Tuesday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m. at the Morehead Conference Center.

The show will feature students from the traditional and commercial music programs performing primarily bluegrass, old-time and country music. Nathan Kiser, operations manager for the KCTM, said the concert is a way to showcase all the effort the different student ensembles have put in this year.

“This is the culmination of the work that all of our ensembles have done this semester,” he said.

The show is free and open to the public.

For more information about the KCTM and its programs, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/kctm, email kctm@moreheadstate.edu or call [606-783-9001](tel:606-783-9001).

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MSU closed for Thanksgiving

Morehead State University will be closed Wednesday, Nov. 27, through Friday, Nov. 29, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. No classes will meet, and all administrative offices will be closed.

The University Post Office will be closed Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 27-28, and will be open Friday, Nov. 29, from 9 a.m. to noon. Regular hours will resume Monday, Dec. 2.

The Camden-Carroll Library will close at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 26, and will remain closed through Saturday, Nov. 30. The library will reopen Sunday, Dec. 1, at 1 p.m., and will have extended hours Dec. 2-5, 7:30 a.m. to 2 a.m.

The University Store will be closed for the duration of the holiday break.

The Recreation and Wellness Center will operate under the following hours during the holiday break:

- Facility: Wednesday-Saturday, closed; Sunday, Dec. 1, 3-10 p.m.
- Natatorium: Wednesday-Saturday, closed; Sunday, Dec. 1, 4 -8 p.m.
- Outdoor Adventures: Wednesday-Saturday, closed; Sunday, Dec. 1, 4-8 p.m.

The MSU Police Department is available 24/7 throughout the holiday break. They can be reached at police@moreheadstate.edu, by calling [606-783-2035](tel:606-783-2035) or via the LiveSafe app on your smartphone. In the event of an emergency, always call 911.

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Star Theater offering holiday programs

Morehead State's Star Theater will have a slate of special holiday-themed programming on weekends from Nov. 30 to Dec. 15.

In addition to the regular planetarium shows at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., there will be a special holiday-themed laser show at 4 p.m., and a special "Star of Bethlehem" show and Star Talk at 7 p.m. on Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays.

Tickets for planetarium shows are \$3 for adults, \$2 for children ages five and up and seniors. Tickets for laser shows are \$7 for adults, \$6 for children ages five and up and seniors. Admission to both planetarium shows and laser shows is free to children four and under and MSU faculty, staff and students.

For more information about the star Theater, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/startheater, email startheater@moreheadstate.edu or call [606-783-9593](tel:606-783-9593).

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The Nearly Naked Mile running event held, collects coats for charity

Morehead State University's Student Alumni Ambassadors (SAA) hosted the 13th annual Nearly Naked Mile on MSU's campus last month.

In the mile-long charity benefit run and coat drive, nearly 100 runners participated in the event. Participants donated a coat or made a cash contribution to participate in the race. SAA collected 61 coat donations and over \$300 in cash donations. Proceeds from the event were donated to the Rowan County Schools Family Resource and Youth Service Centers.

"We are proud to host this event annually and thrilled that the event has continued to grow over the last 13 years," said Jessi Martin, SAA philanthropy chair. "Part of our organization's mission is to promote the importance of philanthropy to students. We are glad to be able to support the needs of the local school children through the event donations."

The Nearly Naked Mile theme encourages runners to participate in the one mile run in minimal clothing. This theme reminds participants what it feels like to be a child without a coat during the winter.

For more information about this event, contact the Office of Alumni Relations and Development at 606-783-2033, alumni@moreheadstate.edu or visit alumni.moreheadstate.edu.

Photo, left to right: Charles Graham, director of the Rowan County Senior High School Youth Service Center; Jessi Martin, Student Alumni Ambassador philanthropy chair; and Devin Boggs, Student Alumni Ambassador committee member, pose with the 61 coats donated through the 13th annual Nearly Naked Mile charity run.

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Kiffmeyer presents at Southern Historical Association

Dr. Thomas Kiffmeyer, associate professor of history at Morehead State University, recently presented at the 85th Annual Meeting of the Southern Historical Association (SHA), which took place from Nov. 7 through Nov. 10 in Louisville. Kiffmeyer, who has presented at the SHA on multiple occasions, presented “The Road from Resurrection City: Race, Class, Region, and the Poor People’s Campaign of 1968 and the Meaning of Justice” as part of the meeting’s section on Evaluating the Poor People’s Campaign from a Grassroots Perspective.

“The SHA is the major organization for historians that study, as the name states, the South. Both its conference and its journal are among the most academically rigorous in the country,” he said. “Being accepted to present at such a forum is always a thrilling experience no matter how many times I get to do it. Those that present and attend are usually the best people working in southern history.”

Kiffmeyer said he and two emerging historians submitted a session proposal to the SHA program committee that focused on the “Poor People’s Campaign,” which was Martin Luther King Jr.’s attempt to “reinvigorate” the War on Poverty and draw attention to the connections between poverty and civil rights. King was assassinated just a month before the campaign’s start. However, demonstrators still assembled in Washington, D.C. and camped out on the National Mall in the summer of 1968 to call the nation’s attention to issues about poverty and civil rights. Kiffmeyer’s paper focused on that campaign and a parallel demonstration/campout that occurred in Charleston, West Virginia, highlighting the role of citizens of Appalachia while calling attention to these more local but lesser-known local efforts.

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

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

Dr. Thomas Kiffmeyer can be reached at 606-783-5162 or t.kiffmeyer@moreheadstate.edu.

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

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Art and Design to host annual craft bazaar

The 10th Annual Craft Bazaar: MSU Student Art & Craft Sale will be held Thursday, Dec. 5, and Friday, Dec. 6, in the Golding-Yang Gallery of Morehead State University's Claypool-Young Art Building.

Featuring art and crafts by MSU students, recent graduates, faculty and staff, the event is an opportunity for the campus and community to purchase handmade, one-of-a-kind art objects and support local artists. The bazaar will include items such as ceramics, jewelry, framed art, knitwear, ornaments and more. The event is free and open to the public. Light holiday refreshments will be available.

For more information, contact Gallery Director Melissa Yungbluth at myungbluth@moreheadstat.edu or [606-783-2766](tel:606-783-2766).