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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Regents to meet Aug. 6

The Morehead State University Board of Regents will hold its quarterly meeting Thursday, Aug. 6, at 9 a.m. via WebEx video teleconference. The link will be provided the day prior to the meeting.

Student Regent Emily Wiley will take the oath of office during the meeting. The board had planned to hold new regent orientations at the meeting, but those will be rescheduled later.

During the meeting, the board will hear a report from MSU President Dr. Jay Morgan about the University's goals for the 2020-21 school year. Board Secretary Jacqueline Graves will also give the regents a report on conflict of interest and board code of ethics forms and a report on the Kentucky Open Records and Open Meetings Acts.

In other business, the board will vote to:

- Approve the awarding an honorary doctorate.
- Approve this year's recipient of the MSU Founders Award.
- Pass the naming of a facility.
- Approve Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) board certification.
- Approve student code of conduct revisions.

For more information, visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/bor](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/bor).

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### McKay named Buffalo Trace District Health Department director

Victor McKay (85, 88) has been named the director of the Buffalo Trace District Health Department. McKay currently serves as the health department's chairman of the board and serves on the Maysville Board of Commissioners. He will begin his duties on Aug. 10, replacing his predecessor Allison Adams.

"I have a lot to learn but I'm ready to hit the ground running," McKay said. "Our area is blessed to have first-class operations in the communities we serve and the most qualified personnel providing those same services. I look forward to working with them and for the fine folks of Mason and Robertson counties."

McKay grew up in Maysville and is a two-time graduate of MSU, earning a Bachelor of Arts in Communications with a minor in marketing in 1985 and later a Master of Arts in Communication in 1988. He came from a family as one of nine brothers who either attended or graduated from MSU.

"I come from a large family where we learned early on to work hard and treat people the way you wanted to be treated. I chose MSU because two of my older brothers graduated from there," he said. "I visited other colleges but MSU felt like home to me. And I was right."

In graduate school, he worked as a journalist for the Ledger Independent before being recruited to work for Maysville-Mason County Tourism Commission from 1990 to 1993. He went on to work with Kentucky Off Track Betting for four years and presided over the Maysville facility's opening.

He worked as a materials manager with the Green Tokai Company until 2009 before obtaining employment with the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training until 2017. He most recently served as a career counselor at the Kentucky Career Center in the Kenton Commonwealth Center, which has aided with applying for unemployment benefits during the COVID-19 pandemic.

For more information on programs in MSU's Department of Communication, Media and Languages, contact [cml@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:cml@moreheadstate.edu), 606-783-2134 or visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/cml](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/cml).

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### Joyce and Roy Spaulding Scholarship established

The Morehead State University Foundation has announced the establishment of the Joyce and Roy Spaulding Scholarship for the College of Education, a fund to benefit Morehead State University students.

The scholarship endowment was created at the direction of the estate of Joyce (60) and Roy (60) Spaulding. Following the completion of their education at MSU, both Joyce and Roy enjoyed long careers as teachers where they drew joy from teaching those eager to learn.

Recipients of the annual scholarship must be full-time undergraduate students majoring in a program within the Ernst and Sara Lane Volgenau College of Education. The scholarship value is \$8,000 annually (\$4,000 per semester) and is renewable for one additional year if a 2.8 GPA and full-time status are maintained. A new recipient will be selected every other year, pending the current year recipient maintains eligibility.

Students interested in applying for privately funded scholarships managed by the MSU Foundation should visit the online scholarship application at [moreheadstate.awardspring.com](http://moreheadstate.awardspring.com).

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

To learn more about MSU's Ernst and Sara Lane Volgenau College of Education and its programs, call 606-783-2162 or visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/education](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/education).

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### Safe for Success: Enroll at MSU for Fall 2020

If you are a new or returning student, you can still register for Morehead State University's 2020 fall academic term.

Classes begin Monday, Aug. 17, at MSU and its regional campuses. Registration for Fall 2020 is available online at [my.moreheadstate.edu](http://my.moreheadstate.edu).

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

Prospective students can apply online at [www.moreheadstate.edu/apply](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/apply), or call the Office of Enrollment Services at 606-783-2000 or 800-585-6781. Your online application also serves as your scholarship application for institutional scholarships, and research and award additional financial support.

Visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/scholarships](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/scholarships) for more information.

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

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

MSU is adjusting to a new set of expectations and practices as we continue to conduct our daily lives during the COVID-19 pandemic.

We are demonstrating our Commitment to the Commonwealth with several initiatives to help families during this unprecedented time.

MSU commits to:

- No increases to tuition or fees for the next academic year
- No requirements for standardized test scores for general admission for the fall 2020 semester
- Offering online summer courses and fall courses in a variety of formats.

To learn more about MSU's Commitment to the Commonwealth, visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/commitment](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/commitment).

This year's move-in process will be different than prior and future ones. What will not change is our commitment to providing a plan and a process that allows you to move into your new home in the most convenient, safest, and quickest way possible.

Unlike years past, where buildings/floors have had windows of time for moving in, both returning students and new students will need to schedule a specific date and time for move-in. Scheduled move-ins are available daily from Aug. 8 through Aug. 16, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Spaces are limited during each block to allow for adequate social distancing and reduced crowds. Move-in windows are three hours in length and will be firmly enforced.

More details about MSU move-in procedures can be found at [www.moreheadstate.edu/movein](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/movein).

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

Meal plan selections for the fall semester are now available. To view and order a meal plan, go to the EagleCard web page at [www.moreheadstate.edu/eaglecard](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/eaglecard). Additional information is available by contacting the EagleCard office at 606-783-2701.

Both University Store and meal plan purchases can be added to the student's bill.

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

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

### **Morehead Campus**

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

### **Regional Campuses**

- MSU at Ashland at 606-327-1777 or 800-648-5370.
- MSU at Mt. Sterling at 859-499-0780 or 866-870-0809.
- MSU at Prestonsburg at 606-886-2405 or 800-648-6372.
- The University Center of the Mountains at 606-487-3179 or 800-246-7521, ext. 7317

To learn more about what MSU is doing to keep students safe during the COVID-19 pandemic, visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/healthyatmsu](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/healthyatmsu).

To take a virtual tour of MSU and schedule an online meeting with an admissions counselor, go to [www.moreheadstate.edu/virtualvisit](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/virtualvisit).

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### **MSU mourns passing of Dr. Michael Hail**

Dr. Michael Hail, professor of political science at Morehead State, died Thursday, Aug. 6, at the Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital in Somerset after a brief illness. He was 53 years old.

Hail was active on numerous boards, both inside and outside academia. Earlier this year, he was appointed by President Donald Trump to serve an additional term as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation. He was elected to serve as chairperson of the Somerset Independent Schools Board of Education in Kentucky and served as director of the Statesmanship Center.

He was the coordinator of government and political science programs in the Department of History, Philosophy, Global Studies and Legal Studies at MSU. He taught courses on public administration, federalism and constitutional law, public management, state and local government, economic development, Western political philosophy, intelligence studies and American political thought. His research focus was federalism and intergovernmental management with a specific interest in economic development policy, state and local government, American political thought and Western political philosophy.

Born on Dec. 4, 1966, in Somerset, he was the only son of Doris Burton Hail and the late Rev. Mark D. Hail.

Visitation is 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2020, in the chapel of Somerset Undertaking Company. A private funeral service and interment will be held Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2020.

Somerset Undertaking Company oversees arrangements. View Hail's full obituary at <https://www.somersetundertaking.com/obituary/michael-hail-phd>.

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### **Jones named principal of Mary Todd Elementary School**

Fayette County Public Schools has announced that Michael Jones (94, 05) has been named principal at Mary Todd Elementary School in Lexington.

The Louisville native and first-generation college student initially came to Morehead State University for the affordability and credits the late Jerry Gore (70) for encouraging him to attend MSU through a mutual connection. Jones graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Secondary Science Education with an emphasis in Biology in 1994 before returning to MSU to earn a master's degree in secondary school counseling in 2005. He also earned a principal certification from Western Kentucky University. His daughter, Aiyanna Jones, is currently a student at MSU.

“I feel as though I had some really great professors while at MSU,” Jones said. “They grounded me in my discipline and gave me a great foundation for my career.”

Jones started as a counselor at Hope Hill and then spent the next 26 years working in education. He taught in several different school systems throughout Kentucky, beginning at Fleming County High School, where he coached and taught biology for 10 years. Jones relocated to Winchester and taught at George Rogers Clark High School for five years before returning to his hometown of Louisville to teach for a year at Western High School. Jones started teaching for Fayette County Public Schools in 2011, teaching science at Southern Middle School and The Learning Center, where he later held a position as a behavior interventionist. He has also served as the academic coordinator for Bluegrass Community and Technical College's Upward Bound Program since 2018 and came to Mary Todd Elementary last fall to serve as the school's professional growth and effectiveness coach before being named principal.

“My priorities are to continue the positive momentum we have generated with our students and families and to ensure that all students receive a high-quality education,” Jones said.

For the next five years, MSU will be discounting graduate tuition on all 600-level courses within the Volgenau College of Education. For more details on the reduced tuition, as well as information on graduate and certification programs offered by the Volgenau College of Education, visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/kyeducators](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/kyeducators).

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### **MSU mourns death of Dr. William Green**

Dr. William C. Green, professor of legal studies who played a leading role in the MSU legal studies program, passed away on July 11, 2020, at the age of 78. He is survived by his son, Nathaniel.

Dr. Green was a long-time government and political science professor with a remarkable academic career. An MSU faculty member for the past 35 years, Green has received MSU's Distinguished Teaching Award, Distinguished Research Award and Internship Faculty of the Year Award for his recruitment and preparation of 66 MSU students who have participated in the five-week Canadian Parliamentary Internship Program.

As a law school advisor, he created Societas Pro Legibus, MSU's campus-based legal studies society, authored a 10-page brochure on How to Take the LSAT and Go to Law School, and advised students who were admitted to the top 10% of the nation's law schools.

Dr. Green's published research explores constitutional, civil liberties, and environmental legal issues and the legal dimensions of economic development, labor relations, language rights and pharmaceutical drug policies. His publications include four books, five book chapters, 25 journal articles and 44 encyclopedia essays. His most recent book, "Contraceptive Risk: The FDA, Depo-Provera, and the Politics of Experimental Medicine," was published by New York University Press in 2017.

He earned his law degree (J.D.) from the University of Kentucky College of Law. He earned a Ph.D. in Political Science from the State University of New York at Buffalo. He received his M.A. in Political Science, B.S. in Education and B.A. in History, cum laude, from Kent State University.

In his last two years, Dr. Green was awarded the Distinguished Political Scientist Award by the Kentucky Political Science Association, donated his research archive on the contraceptive drug Depo-Provera to the Schlesinger Library on the History of Women in America at Harvard University, and was working on a new book, "Free the Grapes: The Supreme Court Boutique Wineries and State Alcohol Beverage Regulation," before his passing.

Dr. Green also established the Canadian Parliamentary Internship that has benefitted many MSU students personally and professionally. After initiating this unique international internship, he relentlessly and successfully advocated for financial support to assist students who otherwise would not have been able to participate in this exceptional opportunity. As a professor emeritus, following his retirement from MSU in 2018, he continued to supervise the Canadian Parliamentary Internship Program.

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### Eagles begin classes at MSU on Aug. 17

Morehead State University is ready to welcome students back to campus and offer a safe and successful college experience next week.

Classes for the Fall 2020 academic year at MSU will begin on Monday, Aug. 17. If you have not completed registration for courses or need to drop/add a class, please do so as soon as possible. Registration for Fall 2020 is available online at [my.moreheadstate.edu](http://my.moreheadstate.edu). If you have questions, contact your academic advisor for assistance.

Fall 2020 move-in at MSU is currently underway and will take place through Sunday, Aug. 16. Move-in times will be from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and spaces are limited during each block to allow for adequate social distancing and reduced crowds. For more information and how to register for a move-in time, visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/movein](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/movein).

MSU will institute a shortened semester due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The University will be closed for Labor Day on Monday, Sept. 7, and for the Election Day on Tuesday, Nov. 3. Fall Break, initially scheduled for Thursday and Friday, Oct. 8 and 9, will be eliminated and instruction will take place for courses typically planned for those days. Nov. 18 through Nov. 24 will comprise an examination window for final exams/projects and the Fall 2020 semester ends on Tuesday, Nov. 24.

As we anticipate students returning to the MSU, a healthy return is our top priority and we cannot wait for our campus to return to its instruction and student life – with precautions. To learn more about the many steps MSU is taking to ensure student safety and health during the COVID-19 pandemic, visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/healthyatmsu](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/healthyatmsu).

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### **Student safety and health are top priorities through Healthy at MSU initiatives**

Fall is an exciting time at Morehead State University as we welcome both new and returning students to campus for the fall semester. We know that due to COVID-19, this semester will be a different experience, but it will also be a safe one thanks to our Healthy at MSU initiatives.

We are a medium-sized campus and very personally connected, and we believe that this will serve us well from an overall return to campus. Additionally, our University has beautiful green space and a variety of outdoor activities such as hiking, canoeing, etc. for your outdoor enjoyment.

As you begin your fall semester, you will see that we are implementing many precautionary “layers” to assist in our goal to have a healthy environment:

- We require face coverings/masks in all campus buildings, except while you are in your residence hall room. You will see signage throughout campus about this requirement when you return.
- We have signs, markers, and other messaging around campus noting social distancing.
- We have decreased the overall occupancy of those living on campus in residence halls.
- We have reduced the number of students in our face-to-face classes.
- We are offering about 1/3 of our courses online and many more in a hybrid format.
- We will open campus food courts for take-out and we are installing outdoor eating areas.
- We will cooperate with St. Claire HealthCare, which almost borders our campus, to provide COVID-19 testing.
- We have hired additional health care professionals to assist us with student case management and to support our local health department with contact tracing.
- We will be utilizing our nurses to randomly take temperatures on campus.
- We have created a Rapid Response Team of qualified individuals to assist in quickly addressing any COVID-19 student cases or other health issues.
- Each student will receive a care kit to assist you in monitoring your health (sanitizer, thermometer, complimentary mask). These will be available in your residence hall during check-in and in various locations around campus the first few days of classes for those who do not reside on campus.

For additional information on MSU safety precautions, COVID-19 testing, FAQs and more, visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/healthyatmsu](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/healthyatmsu).

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### **Eagle Essentials helps provide essential items to MSU students in need**

Some students may endure financial hardships that make it difficult for them to pursue higher education at Morehead State University due to the inability to afford adequate food and essential items. This led MSU to create Eagle Essentials to provide students with everyday items at no cost, including non-perishable food items, hygiene products and school supplies.

For student convenience and safety during the COVID-19 pandemic, MSU is announcing new hours of operation and safety procedures for Eagle Essentials access and donations effective Aug. 17.

- Monday and Wednesday: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Tuesday: 2-4 p.m.
- Thursday: 4:30-5:30 p.m.

MSU students may stop by anytime during these hours to pick up food and toiletry items. Students will be required to wear a mask or face-covering in accordance with MSU Student Face-Coverings Compliance. An Eagle Essentials attendant will supply a written list of available items. After making selections, the attendant will bag up all items while wearing a mask, maintaining a minimum of six feet of social distance and following cleaning and safety protocols.

If you would like to donate items to Eagle Essentials, please do so during these new hours of operation. Monetary donations and gift cards are accepted, as well as non-perishable food and toiletry items. We cannot accept items that are outdated or require laundry service. Payroll deduction is available for all faculty and staff who wish to donate.

For questions or emergency access to Eagle Essentials outside of operational hours, please arrange an appointment by contacting Jane Tenyer at [j.tenyer@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:j.tenyer@moreheadstate.edu) or call the Office of Student Activities at 606-783-2071.

To learn more about Eagle Essentials, visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/eagle-essentials](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/eagle-essentials).

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# Crafting Next-Generation Leaders at Craft Academy: The first five years

The Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics has established itself as a premier academy in its first five years of existence. Five years and four graduating classes later, the Craft Academy has made it to the prestigious “Elite Publics List” of high-performing high schools and was deemed one of 27 premier high schools in the nation by The Washington Post.

## FIVE YEARS OF HIGHLIGHTS

Craft Academy graduates are being accepted to some of the nation’s most selective institutions upon graduating from Craft, including, but not limited to:

- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Harvard University
- Yale University
- University of Chicago
- Northeastern University
- Georgia Tech
- Virginia Tech
- Purdue University

In addition, many graduates are recipients of various competitive scholarships at state-wide institutions. Several graduates have already been accepted to medical school, law school and pharmacy school.

Other noteworthy accomplishments within the first years for Craft Academy students include: National Merit recipients, an average student ACT score of 31, co-authoring articles with renowned MSU professors, engaging in groundbreaking research and giving presentations at the local, state and national level. Students have had the opportunity to participate in education abroad opportunities to China, Germany/Switzerland, Ireland, Italy and Greece. The Craft Academy has provided experiences that have truly changed how these students view the world.

Craft Academy students have the competitive edge as they win, place and outperform many of their peers in state and national competitions.

The tagline at the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics is: Imagine. Invent, and Impact Kentucky... and Beyond. Through the knowledge and skills Craft Academy students are developing at Morehead State University in entrepreneurship and innovation, creativity and design, and civic and regional engagement, the future looks bright for these next-generation leaders, problem-solvers and solution-seekers.

## ACADEMY EXPANSION

As a result of the Craft Academy’s numerous accolades and accomplishments, the Crafts, state legislators and Morehead State University President Dr. Jay Morgan felt the time was right to expand the Craft Academy student population for the fall 2020 semester. Being able to increase the student body population provides high-achieving students across the Commonwealth more access, opportunities and options. Kentucky is clearly committed to investing in its best and brightest students through this program.

## THE DREAM AND THE GIFT

Too many young people are saddled with college debt that takes years to pay off. Recipients of the Craft Academy Scholarship receive a two-year, full-ride scholarship while completing their high school graduation requirements and diploma. Craft Academy students graduate by their own merit and, as a result of their high GPA and ACT scores, will earn some of the highest scholarship awards offered when they apply for college. Dr. Joseph and Ambassador Kelly Craft have pledged the continued gift by offering scholarship award amounts that can follow a Craft Academy student wherever they wish to attend. This continued gift can help further reduce college debt and potentially allow Craft graduates to attend the college of their dreams.

## IMPACTING KENTUCKY

“It is a goal of the Craft Academy to grow the next generation of leaders that have the desire to impact Kentucky and beyond using their creativity, intellect and innovation to make a difference through their chosen career pathway.”

– Dr. Carol Christian, Craft Academy director

We have students that may discover the next technological breakthrough, help develop an important vaccine, find a medical cure, explore outer space or start a business that impacts the economic development of a community, a state and our nation.

The best is yet to come in the career trajectory of Craft Academy students as they change the world for the better.

To find out more about the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics, how to apply or how to offer support, visit [www.moreheadstate.edu/craft-academy](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/craft-academy) or contact Dr. Christian at 606-783-9025.