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Hall recipient of Katie Fryman Memorial Scholarship

The Morehead State University Foundation has announced the recipient of the Katie Fryman Memorial Scholarship, a fund to benefit students at Morehead State University. The student receiving the award is Riley Hall, a 2020 graduate of Rowan County Senior High School.

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

“We are pleased to have been able to award the 2020 Katie Fryman Memorial Scholarship to Riley Hall. Riley represents the qualities in a person and student that the selection committee considers when awarding this scholarship. We wish Riley nothing but the best of luck in her future endeavors.” said the Fryman Family.

Students interested in applying for this scholarship, along with other privately funded scholarships managed by the MSU Foundation, should visit the online scholarship application at 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 or visit alumni.moreheadstate.edu.

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Morehead State's management online completer program helps students earn degrees faster

Morehead State offers convenient ways for students to advance their education, including an online completer option for the Bachelor of Business Administration in Management.

The online completer option is available to students who have already completed the pre-business core requirements. The online option allows students to finish the last two years of upper-level classes online.

The program is also ideal for students who have completed their general education and business prerequisite courses at MSU through the Kentucky Community & Technical College System (KCTCS) or any regionally accredited college or university. The program is also open to students who have earned an associate degree in business at another institution. Students who completed prerequisites or associate degrees at other institutions should speak with one of MSU's academic advisors before transferring to ensure that all requirements are met. Students must have an overall cumulative GPA of at least 2.25 (on a 4.0 scale) for all courses completed at or transferred to MSU.

A bachelor's degree in management is ideal for students who want to pursue careers in businesses, corporations, healthcare agencies, nonprofit organizations, government agencies and more.

For more information visit www.moreheadstate.edu/business or contact the Elmer R. Smith College of Business and Technology at cbt@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2174.

To learn more about all the online completer programs at MSU, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/complete.

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Fall exhibit to hold virtual awards ceremony

The winners of the 21st Annual Mt. Sterling Juried Student Art Exhibition will be announced in a virtual ceremony Wednesday, Nov. 4, at 7 p.m.

The show features 80 works of art from 45 MSU art and design students. The exhibition is hosted by the Gateway Regional Art Center in Mt. Sterling, but will be held digitally because the center is closed due to COVID-19 restrictions. The center will release the exhibition digitally on its website at www.grackentucky.org later this week. Links to the awards ceremony will be posted to The Golding-Yang Gallery Facebook page at www.facebook.com/GoldingYangArtGallery.

"I really appreciate working with the Gateway Arts Center to help move this exhibition online quickly instead of canceling it due to COVID-19," said Melissa Yungbluth, instructor of art and design at MSU and director of the Golding-Yang Art Gallery in the Claypool-Young Art Building. "It is one of our most exciting shows each year because the students get to exhibit as a group outside of MSU's Golding-Yang Art Gallery."

For this year's exhibit, jurors are Julia Finch, associate professor of art history, and Juanita Dixon, lecturer of art and design at MSU. Winners will be chosen in the following categories:

- 3D Functional (pottery and jewelry)
- 3D Sculptural
- Drawing/Printmaking
- Photography
- Painting

Each category will have an honorable mention and first and second-place winners. There will also be a Best in Show winner selected. First-place, second place and Best in Show winners will receive cash prizes from the Department of Art and Design.

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

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Veterans Day virtual celebration planned

Morehead State will hold a virtual celebration of Veterans Day, Wednesday, Nov. 11, at 4 p.m., via WebEx.

Before the event, at 11 a.m., American Legion Post #126 will hold a brief ceremony at Veterans Park in downtown Morehead. The event will be livestreamed for those who can't attend in person.

The event will feature guest speaker, Brigadier General Hal Lumberton, adjutant general for the Kentucky Army National Guard. The event will also feature recognition of the winners of the Rowan County Schools' annual Veterans Day essay contest and musical performances by the Kentucky Center for Traditional Music, MSU Chamber Singers and the MSU Black Gospel Ensemble/Jazz Ensemble. There will also be a dance performance by the MSU Dance Ensemble. A memorial presentation for veterans will also take place.

"Attending this event will pay homage to the selfless sacrifice of the veterans and their families. Attendees will get to honor the veterans from the MSU and Morehead community." said Dr. Silas Session, director of military initiatives. "This event is not just for military related students. We want the entire MSU and Morehead community to celebrate together."

To register for the event or for more information, email veteransresourcecenter@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-9267.

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NASA provides New Satellite Antenna to Morehead State University

A 12-meter tracking antenna, transferred to Morehead State University (MSU) by the NASA Deep Space Network at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), will serve as satellite tracking station for low Earth orbiting (LEO) satellite mission support and as a training facility for space systems engineering, astrophysics and astronomy students, allowing them to gain experience in space mission operations. The instrument will be available for a wide variety of satellite telemetry, tracking and command (TT&C) services. The new antenna will build on the success of the larger 21-meter antenna system used to support NASA satellite missions and CubeSat missions developed by Morehead State University students and staff. It will be located on a hilltop overlooking the MSU campus alongside the 21-meter antenna.

“Dozens of students will have the opportunity to perform research projects, thesis projects and special topics courses on various aspects of the antenna system, not only after the instrument is operational but even during the installation and commissioning of the station,” said Dr. Ben Malphrus, executive director of the MSU Space Science Center. “Space Systems Engineering graduates benefit from hands-on training and from directly supporting NASA space missions. Access to cutting-edge instruments like the 12-meter antenna represents a unique aspect of our program and make our graduates highly competitive in the aerospace workforce.”

Malphrus added the University’s existing 21-meter antenna will be upgraded to be incorporated into the NASA Deep Space Network (DSN) as an affiliated node. While other antennas like the European Deep Space Network provides cross-support to the DSN, Morehead State’s Space Science Center will soon become the first non-NASA “affiliated” node on the DSN.

The 12-meter project is funded by several grants, including one from the Appalachian Regional Commission announced in late October and through a state appropriation.

Construction on the new antenna will begin in the spring with the goal of having the antenna fully operational by the end of 2022.

For more information about programs in Morehead State’s Department of Physics, Earth Science and Space Systems Engineering, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/phes, email phes@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2381.

Morehead State is a NASA Space Grant University. The Space Grant national network includes over 850 affiliates from universities, colleges, industry, museums, science centers, and state and local agencies.

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MSU College of Education forms productive partnerships during COVID-19

Morehead State University has its roots and an esteemed reputation in graduating educators with both the knowledge and experience to go on to impact generations of students in its service region and beyond. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, MSU's Ernst and Sara Lane Volgenau College of Education and area school districts have built beneficial partnerships to allow MSU students to get the essential field experience they need to be successful in their classrooms.

One of MSU's newest partnerships was established in Lawrence County as a direct result of the pandemic. Tammy Martin, instructor of education who teaches at the Prestonsburg and Ashland campuses, searched for a school system willing to mentor MSU field experience students. While Lawrence County teachers mentored MSU student-teachers in the past, the school district never hosted MSU students for field placements due to the required student travel. The school district, located between the Prestonsburg and Ashland campuses, jumped in to create a unique school-university partnership.

Martin reconnected with Cassandra Webb, a friend who is the Lawrence County chief academic officer. Shortly afterward, Webb paired 23 MSU students with mentor teachers from Lawrence County's three elementary schools in Blaine, Fallsburg and Louisa.

"Given this difficult time for our teachers, parents and families, it is so exciting to enter a positive partnership between Lawrence County Schools and MSU in the field of education," Webb said. "We look forward to all the possibilities ahead, including the model reading lab project to grow our future workforce while raising student achievement."

Lawrence County Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Robbie Fletcher (96, 13) has always supported the Volgenau College of Education and welcomed MSU students into his district. When the county classrooms opened into a Google Classroom virtual environment, the technology was reworked to allow MSU students to enter. As teachers in the districts returned to the physical classroom, Fletcher invited MSU students to join. Although the Volgenau College of Education expects students to be physically distanced from school classrooms this fall, candidates use Zoom to continue interacting with the school while creating math and science lessons to share with their classrooms.

MSU education student Rachel Horn, who helped make the district's initial contact, shared her feelings about her experience this fall.

"I have had the opportunity to work with April Sammons. She has been absolutely amazing," she said. "She goes above and beyond for her students and has done the same for me. Throughout all the technological struggles, she has kept trying until we were able to get it worked out. I am so thankful to be mentored by her."

“On-the-job training provides the best opportunity to have a prepared workforce. As practicing educators, we have a moral imperative to prepare aspiring educators by providing field experiences for in-person and virtual classrooms,” Fletcher added. “We are pleased to have this partnership with Morehead State University so we can do our part in preparing the future educational workforce. Also, this partnership will focus on the high quality of instruction that can be found in Lawrence County, particularly in the model reading lab settings. Most importantly, this partnership shows the commitment that we have for continuous improvement for the students of not only Lawrence County, but also the Commonwealth.”

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Photo: Rachel Horn, Morehead State education student, is one of many students benefitting from partnerships with MSU's Volgenau College of Education and area school districts.

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Dataseam's ARC Power Grant helps STEM recruitment at MSU

Morehead State will be able to recruit more STEM students thanks to a grant awarded to one of its affiliates by the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC).

The \$1.5 million grant from the ARC Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization (POWER) Initiative was awarded to the Kentucky Dataseam Initiative Inc. supports education, research and economic development in the Commonwealth. At MSU, Dataseam will use a portion of the ARC POWER Grant to help MSU identify and recruit students into Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) education programs and STEM careers.

Amanda Holbrook, ground station manager at the SSC, said Dataseam has a solid partnership with MSU.

"Dataseam and the Space Science Center have a long history of working together," Holbrook said. "Dataseam is focused on increasing representation, particularly female representation, in STEM fields such as aerospace and IT-related fields. They have provided computers and scholarships to Morehead State over the years and have held multiple 'Space Movie' events at the SSC." She added Dataseam also brings groups of students to MSU for tours and activities, which also enhances recruiting efforts.

For more information about programs at Morehead Space Science Center, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/ssc, email ssc@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2224.

To learn more about admission to Morehead State University, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/admissions, email admissions@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2000.

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Student Affairs Service Award recipients announced

The winners of Morehead State's Division of Student Affairs Service Awards for 2020-21 have been announced. The awards are presented annually to recognize University employees and offices that enrich student life in the MSU community.

"I am very proud of all who were nominated and those who were selected," said Russ Mast, MSU vice president for student affairs. "Each of them go above and beyond every day to provide our students with the support they need to be successful at MSU."

Recipients of the awards are nominated by full-time employees within the Division of Student Affairs. A committee of previous award recipients select those who will receive awards.

Service to the University Award

The recipient of the Service to the University Award is Jen Timmerman, director of transition services. This award recognizes an individual who demonstrates success in their role by going the extra mile to provide the highest level of service to the University. An individual who promotes a positive attitude across the campus community and provides exceptional service to all members of the MSU community.

Service to the Division of Student Affairs Award

Shannon Colvin, associate director of student activities and Gabe Schadle, assistant director admissions/external operations, received the Service to the Division of Student Affairs Award. The award recognizes employees who consistently exceed the responsibilities of their position and are committed to student success and advancing the mission of the MSU Student Affairs Division.

Service to the Profession Award

Alan Rucker, director of housing and residence education, is the recipient of the Service to the Profession Award. This award recognizes an individual who is active within their respective student affairs professional organization at the state, regional or national level. It recognizes an individual who has held office, presented a program or served in a volunteer capacity.

Service to MSU Students Award

Special Events Planning Manager Taunya Jones is the recipient of this year's Service to MSU Students Award. It recognizes an individual who constantly provides support, advice and service to the students of Morehead

State University. This individual displays a very high level of professionalism and strives to improve the student experience. An individual who promotes a positive and inclusive environment for all students.

Campus Partner Award

The Campus Partner Award recipient this year is The Office of the Registrar. This award recognizes an individual or department outside of Student Affairs who has made significant contributions to student development through collaboration, involvement or partnership with the Division of Student Affairs.

To learn more about the Division of Student Affairs at MSU, email Vice President of Student Affairs Russell Mast at r.mast@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2070.

To view past winners and for more information about the awards, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/studentaffairs_serviceawards.

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Holder is recipient of 2020 Hobbs Scholarship

The Morehead State University Foundation has announced this year's recipient of the Hobbs Endowment for Equality Scholarship, a fund to benefit Morehead State University students. This year's recipient is Makayla Holder, a junior majoring in convergent media from Morehead.

"I am super thankful for the Hobbs Endowment for Equality scholarship that I received because every little bit counts when it comes to paying for your education," Holder said. "Without scholarships like this one, I would be unable to pursue my passion and continue my education."

The Hobbs Endowment for Equality, was established in 2009 by Toni Hobbs (02, 09). Hobbs, an Eastern Kentucky native, is the current director of creative and branding services at MSU. She was instrumental in developing the initial concept for a mentoring program for underrepresented students, DREAMS, and is a founding member and former advisor of ALLYance (an LGBTQ+ student organization) at MSU. Hobbs funds the scholarship through annual contributions and has pledged future support through her estate plans. When fully funded, this endowment is expected to be valued at \$50,000 and will support Eagles for generations to come.

The scholarship, awarded to full-time undergraduate or graduate LGBTQIA+ students, was one of the first scholarships of its kind in Kentucky. It was created particularly for LGBTQIA+ students in the Eastern Kentucky region who did not receive adequate support from their home and/or school environments and have contributed to promoting and supporting LGBTQIA+ inclusion in their high school, college or community. Examples include starting or leading ally programs, coordinating activities promoting awareness and understanding of human differences, and other LGBTQIA+ initiatives.

"I am proud to offer this scholarship to such a deserving student," Hobbs said. "While Morehead State students may face staggering obstacles, I believe that with compassion, education and grit, students like Makayla will continue to change our world for the better."

Students interested in applying for this scholarship, along with other privately funded scholarships managed by the MSU Foundation, should visit the online scholarship application at moreheadstate.awardspring.com.

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MSU education professor, graduate student recognized by AECT

The Association for Educational Technology and Communications (AECT) recognized a doctoral candidate and a professor from Morehead State University's Ernst and Sara Lane Volgenau College of Education.

Dr. Christopher Miller, professor of education and director of MSU at Mt. Sterling, received the AECT Presidential Award. Hannah Digges Elliott, a doctoral candidate in MSU's Educational Technology Leadership program, has been selected by AECT as a 2020 Lee W. Cochran Intern as part of the Addie Kinsinger Internship Program.

Miller's recognition and Elliott's participation in the internship program were announced at the AECT International Convention, which occurred virtually from Nov. 2-7.

The AECT Presidential Award acknowledges the contributions and works to the organization and the field at large. Typically nominated by the President for exceptional achievements during their tenure, these awards are approved by the Executive Committee. Miller was selected based on his recent initiative with Dr. Anthony Piña, associate provost for instruction and online learning at Sullivan University, to seek and establish a book series, "Leadership and Best Practices in Educational Technology Management," with Brill | Sense Publishing. There are currently three book projects under contract focused on mentoring lessons learned and distance learning management and leadership. The first two books within the series are expected to be published in early 2021.

The Lee W. Cochran Internship is one of the highest recognitions for graduate students and new professionals in the field. The Lee W. Cochran Interns will participate in the Addie Kinsinger Internship Program, designed to identify individuals with the significant potential to provide future leadership for AECT and in the broader field. Elliott is an instructional designer in the Center for Innovative Teaching & Learning at Western Kentucky University. Additionally, she is the AECT Graduate Student Assembly representative to the Systems Thinking & Change Division and the communications officer-elect for the AECT Graduate Student Assembly.

During the convention, Elliott participated in a coordinated program of activities, including leadership development sessions, exclusive events with leaders from the association and the field, and selected association governance events. As a follow-up to the convention experience, interns will participate as members of the AECT Leadership Development Committee during the year leading up to and including the 2021 convention.

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White named 2021 Kentucky Go Teach Teacher Ambassador

As an educator, Amanda White (03, 07) must be doing something right.

Earlier this year, the first-grade teacher at Straub Elementary School in Maysville was named one of Kentucky's 24 Outstanding Educators by the Kentucky Department of Education and Valvoline Inc. Now, White has been named one of the 2021 Kentucky Go Teach Teacher Ambassadors.

"I found out about the Ambassador program when I received my 2020 Kentucky Teacher Achievement Award back in September," White said. "I was thrilled to receive word just a few weeks ago that I had been chosen to help represent education in our great state."

White moved from Sardinia, Ohio, to attend Morehead State University. It was during her tour of the school and the Ernst and Sara Lane Volgenau College of Education that White decided she wanted to become a teacher. She said classroom experience with instructors like Dr. Melinda Willis, associate professor of Early Childhood, Elementary, and Special Education, who showed White how to "not just read to my children but immerse them in the story."

"I looked forward to her class every single time because it didn't feel like class, it was learning but it didn't feel like it," White said. "I do the same now with my kids. I make sure my lessons are engaging, warm and entertaining."

White earned her Bachelor of Arts in Early Elementary, P-5 in 2003, and Master of Arts in Elementary Education, P-5, in 2007. She began working in the Mason County School District right after graduation and has worked at Straub Elementary School for the last 18 years.

"There are so many dreams that I have for my school, district and state, and my hope is to bring all these pieces and people together," White said. "I hope to work with colleges, especially my alma mater to recruit the next generation of amazing teachers. I also hope to help current teachers excel in their field and be continuously upping their game as an educator. Kentucky's future is so bright, and we are so very blessed to have some of the hardest and most talented teachers working with our kids."

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MSU education professor publishes article in peer-reviewed journal

Dr. Christopher Beckham, assistant professor of education in Morehead State University's Ernst & Sara Lane Volgenau College of Education, recently published an article in the latest issue of the peer-reviewed academic journal "Critical Questions in Education."

Beckham's article, "Beyond College and Career Readiness: Education's Broader Purposes," argues that emphasizing "college and career-readiness" as the primary goal of public education is too narrow a purpose for education and, if pursued exclusively, may deprive students of the problem-solving skills they need to live well-adjusted, flourishing lives. He concludes education in and through the liberal arts remains an essential and effective way to educate students for "the real world."

"Critical Questions in Education," sponsored by the Academy for Educational Studies (AES), addresses educational policy and practice issues for educators at all levels.

Beckham is a life-long Kentucky resident who has taught at the university level since 1997. He has various research interests ranging from the history of education and higher education to educational reform, politics and philosophy of education.

Beckham has served on many committees at the department, college and university level, including the General Education Council, First Year Seminar Committee, Teacher Education Council and the Research and Creative Productions Committee. MSU recently honored him as the 2020 recipient of the Distinguished Faculty Service Award.

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MSU prepares graduates to make impact in growing health care sector

As there is an increased demand for jobs in the healthcare sector, Morehead State University continues to produce qualified graduates to meet the demand.

According to the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE), the next 10 years will see a 12% increase in healthcare jobs, nearly twice the average of all other job fields in Kentucky. With more than 23,000 new healthcare jobs expected to be created by 2029, universities like MSU will meet the demand by graduating students with the necessary health care degrees and credentials.

MSU's programs in biomedical sciences, biology and chemistry help prepare students to attend health professional schools, where graduates are accepted at rates above both state and national averages.

"The Department of Biology and Chemistry has been preparing students in the health-related fields for years with degrees in biomedical sciences, biology and chemistry, including pre-med, pre-dentistry, pre-physical therapy, pre-physician assistant and more," said Dr. Charles Lydeard, chair of the Department of Biology and Chemistry.

MSU's Department of Nursing also continues to prepare graduates for careers in nursing through various nationally ranked programs and hands-on experience through simulations conducted at the state-of-the-art Center for Health, Education and Research (CHER).

For more information on MSU's biomedical sciences, biology and chemistry programs, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/biochem or contact the Department of Biology and Chemistry at bioc@moreheadstate.edu or 606-783-2945.

To learn more about MSU nursing programs, contact the Department of Nursing at 606-783-2296, nursingdept@moreheadstate.edu or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/nursing.



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MSU Senior Medicare Patrol to host webinar

MSU Senior Medicare Patrol will host a Medicare webinar on Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 10:30 a.m. via WebEx.

The virtual event is designed for Anthem HMO Medicare Advantage Plan members. Helisha Tuerk, MSU Senior Corps program coordinator, will present information about how to avoid Medicare scams, Sherri Hoffman, Rochelle Lee and Felicia Reynolds, health promotion consultants with Anthem Medicare, will discuss current HMO benefits.

Tuerk said the webinar will provide participants with information they can trust.

“Our members are extremely skeptical about phone calls and mailings, especially with COVID scams and multiple election calls, so I think they will be very appreciative of this information,” said Tuerk. “The additional knowledge will empower them to protect themselves from scammers.”

Anthem Medicare HMO Advantage Plan members will be mailed a flier with information about the webinar, including registration information. For more information about the webinar, contact Tuerk at h.tuerk@moreheadstate.edu.

For more information about MSU’s Senior Medicare Patrol program, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/smp, email h.tuerk@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2085.

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MSU's Level UP! Quality Enhancement Plan emphasizes high-impact experiences and career readiness

Morehead State University has spent its more than 130 years serving students and earning a long-standing reputation for academic quality in the process. With its latest Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) appropriately titled "Level UP! Experience Your Future," MSU will continue to serve Eagles in unique and exciting ways.

MSU's accrediting body, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Schools (SACSCOC), asked the University to identify an area for improving student learning and/or success outcomes followed by developing a five-year QEP to address it. Level UP! was created by MSU to equip its graduates with career-readiness.

"Multiple nationwide studies of employers show that there is a skills gap between the preparation that most job candidates have and the skills that employers desire in those they hire," said Dr. Tim O'Brien, associate professor of mathematics at MSU. "To help our students become more competitive, MSU has opted to strategically emphasize the development of skill proficiency in these areas through special experiences on campus known as 'Level UP! Experiences.'"

Unlike typical upper-level classes that have students focus on core content, Level UP! courses will do this with specific emphasis on mastery of one of the five universal career skills: oral and written communication, professionalism, critical thinking and teamwork skills. This is done through high-impact experiences like undergraduate research, education abroad, service learning and internships.

"These experiences will combine immersion in the core content of the class and active development of the career skill," O'Brien said. "The Level UP! program will allow students to see the value of their education for their post-graduation plans and provide them with opportunities to experience some of the aspects of their future careers before they graduate."

Currently, the Level UP! QEP is still in the proposal stage, with a presentation to the SACSCOC scheduled for April 2021. Once the QEP earns approval, MSU will begin offering its first official Level UP! Experiences in Fall 2021.

"In the short term, we hope to make our students aware of the importance of developing universal career skills for success in both their academic pursuits and their post-graduation plans. Additionally, we want to provide students with engaging experiences in their fields of study that will also develop their proficiency at those skills," O'Brien said. "In the long term, we hope that MSU develops a reputation for producing graduates who

are outstanding for their competence in these universal career skills in addition to their expertise in their major field.”

Students may learn about Level UP! course sections through academic advisors and/or program faculty. Students can also search for Level UP! courses during class registration, with offerings changing each semester.

To learn more about the Level UP! Program at MSU, please contact the Office of Undergraduate Education & Student Success at uess@moreheadstate.edu or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/levelup.

For more information contact Dr. Laurie Couch, associate provost for the Office of Undergraduate Education & Student Success, at 606-783-2434 or l.couch@moreheadstate.edu.

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Schlueter to deliver remote lecture on Huxley's 'Brave New World'

Morehead State University will present a remote presentation of the lecture "Brave New World: The Dystopia of Our Time" by Dr. Nathan Schlueter, professor of philosophy and religion at Hillsdale College. This lecture, which focuses on Aldous Huxley's "Brave New World," will occur at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18.

The event is sponsored by MSU's Department of History, Philosophy, Political, Global Studies and Legal Studies, the Intercollegiate Studies Institute, MSU's Department of Foundational and Graduate Studies in Education, the George M. Luckey Academic Honors Program, The Cicero Society, and The Statesmanship Center.

Due to the virtual nature of the event, WebEx access is available by visiting <https://moreheadstate.webex.com/meet/tl.simpson>.

Schlueter directs the pre-law program at Hillsdale College and teaches courses in social and political philosophy, ethical theory and philosophy, and literature. He is a recipient of Hillsdale College's Daugherty Award for Teaching Excellence and has been a fellow of the National Endowment for the Humanities and Princeton University.

Schlueter earned a B.A. in History from Miami University of Ohio in 1993 and an M.A. and Ph.D. in Politics from the University of Dallas in 1999. In addition to having his articles published in various publications and academic journals, he is the author of "One Dream or Two? Justice in America and in the Thought of Martin Luther King, Jr.," "The Humane Vision of Wendell Berry" edited with Mark Mitchell and co-authored "Selfish Libertarians and Socialist Conservatives: The Foundations of the Libertarian-Conservative Debate" with Nikolai Wenzel. He is currently working on his next book, "Playing with Fire: The Peril and Promise of the Utopian Imagination."

For more information on this event, contact Dr. Tim Simpson, professor and chair of the Department of Foundational and Graduate Studies in Education, at tl.simpson@moreheadstate.edu or 606-783-2858. You can also contact Mick Seither at mpseither@moreheadstate.edu for more details.

To learn more about programs in 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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Hawkins wins KyAEA Educator of the Year Award

Susan Hawkins, instructor of art education in Morehead State's Department of Art and Design, was recently named the Higher Education Art Educator of the Year by the Kentucky Art Education Association (KyAEA).

Hawkins teaches art and design students at MSU and is involved in numerous community outreach projects, including art programs at local schools, nursing homes and art therapy programs through organizations like Pathways, Inc. She also provides professional development opportunities for Kentucky teachers. She is currently working with pre-service teachers, to train and equip them for the field of teaching art in the K-12 classroom. Hawkins and her students are creating weekly art instruction for the students of Rowan County Preschool Center and have formed a collaborative relationship with the middle and high school students at the Rowan County Bluegrass Discovery Academy. She has also collaborated with several schools to produce multiple art shows and community workshops for art students and teachers across the state of Kentucky.

"I am honored to accept this award," Hawkins said. "I work with so many incredible art colleagues across the state of Kentucky, that I am humbled to be recognized for this distinction in higher education."

The award was announced last month during the KyAEA annual conference, which was held virtually this year due to COVID-19 precautions. The award highlights the excellence and distinction of the art professional in their area of expertise in Kentucky.

Hawkins said the thing she finds most rewarding is watching the students she works with grow as artists.

"I love people, and I am passionate about art and teaching. There is just something so special about being able to work with people who are learning and creating. It is personal, and it is a process. I love being there to coach a student through their ingenuity," Hawkins said.

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

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MSU art exhibit ‘That’s What We Said’ currently accepting submissions

Morehead State University is currently seeking artwork from Morehead artists for an upcoming exhibition.

The juried online exhibition “That’s What We Said” will occur on Jan. 16, 2021. It will be juried and managed by Caitlyn Biggs, a senior from Frankfort in MSU’s Bachelor of Fine Arts program. She also developed the concept for the exhibit after taking her arts administration and entrepreneurship practicum. She decided to work with Melissa Yungbluth, instructor of art and design and director of the Golding-Yang Art Gallery, on putting together an online exhibition.

“That’s What We Said” is an exhibit created to shine a light on something positive in a difficult time for many people while emphasizing empowerment and equality. Artists of all ages, races and genders are invited to submit works in all forms of artistic media.

“The purpose behind the exhibition is to promote positivity of any kind. This could be body positivity, celebrating your heritage, etc.,” Biggs said. “I want to have a positive light in a time where times haven’t been that positive for some people with the quarantine and everything else that is going on.”

“This is the perfect time to have an exhibition that celebrates positivity, community and healing,” Yungbluth said. “Caitlyn has done a great job of conceptualizing this show and I look forward to entering my own work into the jurying process.”

Artists will have until Jan. 2, 2021, to enter their artwork. Participants should be at least 18 years old and either Morehead residents or Morehead State University students, staff and faculty.

“I think that it is going to be a positive experience for the artists involved because it is completely free to enter, as well as a chance to get their art recognized within the community,” Biggs said. “It is also something that they can add to their resume to help them in their future careers.”

To view the exhibit, visit <https://thatwhatwesaid.wordpress.com>.

Learn more about “That’s What We Said” by contacting Caitlyn Biggs at thatwhatwesaid@outlook.com.

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

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J.B. Blakeman Memorial Scholarship Fall 2020 recipients announced

The Morehead State University Foundation has announced the recipients of the J.B. Blakeman Memorial Scholarship, a fund to benefit MSU students. The recipients of the scholarship for the Fall 2020 semester are:

- Logan Cross, senior middle grades education major, Jellico, Tennessee
- Lucas Frazier, junior secondary English major, Prestonsburg
- Drake Pierce, junior mechanical and manufacturing engineering major, Butler

This scholarship is awarded to active members of the Kentucky Zeta Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon. Recipients are selected based on academic achievement, community service and campus involvement.

Cross was recognized for GPA improvement, earning Dean's List recognition for the spring 2020 semester. He balances his academic and work schedules with participating in intramural competitions. He is vice president of Brotherhood Development for the KY Zeta Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Frazier was recognized for being involved on and off-campus. He served as a past Greek Week committee president and serves as the KY Zeta Sigma Phi Epsilon House Manager. Frazier has volunteered with Gateway Helping Hands and the Cram the Cruiser event. He received Dean's List recognition for the spring 2020 semester.

Pierce participated in the Sigma Phi Epsilon Chapter's Bowl-A-Thon event to support Big Brothers, Big Sisters. He was recognized for being always being ready to serve, whether to assist with a house project or attend an Interfraternity Council (IFC) meeting. He has focused on academics, improving his GPA and achieving Dean's List recognition for the spring 2020 semester.

The scholarship was established in 2012 in memory of Jeffery Scott "J.B." Blakeman. A graduate of Morehead State University with an industrial technology degree, he was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and a Chi Omega sorority big brother. As an avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed hunting, fishing and photographing wildlife. Blakeman loved golfing and was a member of the Eagle Trace Men's Golf Association. He was a proud supporter of Rowan County and Morehead State athletics. Blakeman passed away Sept. 2011 at age 52.

More than \$25,000 in scholarship funds have been awarded through the J.B. Blakeman Memorial Scholarship fund with these awards. Through the annual J.B. Blakeman Memorial Golf Scramble, a scholarship endowment was established with the MSU Foundation. This endowment will perpetually provide funding to provide scholarships in Blakeman's memory for generations to come.

Students interested in applying to this scholarship, along with other privately funded scholarships managed by the MSU Foundation, should visit the online scholarship application at 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 or visit alumni.moreheadstate.edu.

Photo, left to right: Kennedy Bryce Blakeman (18), Blakeman Scholarship recipient Lucas Frazier, Vicki Collins Blakeman (81), Blakeman Scholarship recipient Drake Pierce, Taylor Blakeman Barney (11) and Blakeman Scholarship recipient Logan Cross.

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MSU Delta Tau Delta Fraternity serves community during COVID-19 pandemic

While the fall semester this year at Morehead State University may be different due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the members of Delta Tau Delta (DTD) fraternity at MSU still found a way to give back.

The Zeta Zeta Chapter of DTD pushed every one of its members to raise \$25 in donations to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) throughout September and October. After the philanthropy event concluded, the fraternity raised \$2,550 for JDRF.

“The brothers of Delta Tau Delta see the need to constantly give back, even in a pandemic,” said Connor Tilford, a senior business management major and director of communications for the Zeta Zeta Chapter of DTD. “Our annual efforts to give back to our philanthropy cannot be stopped by a pandemic.”

To learn more about fraternity and sorority life at MSU, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/greek, email greek@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-5023.

Photo: Members of the Zeta Zeta Chapter of Delta Tau Delta at MSU used its annual philanthropy event to raise money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

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Miller receives AECT James W. Brown Publication Award

Dr. Christopher T. Miller (94), professor of education for Morehead State University's Ernst & Sara Lane Volgenau College of Education and director of MSU at Mt. Sterling, is one of two professors to receive the James W. Brown Publication Award from the Association for Educational Communications (AECT). He and co-author Dr. Anthony A. Piña, associate provost for instruction and online learning and distinguished lecturer at Sullivan University, both received the award for their 2019 book, "Lessons in Leadership in the Field of Educational Technology" published by Springer Publishing.

According to the publisher, the book focuses on sharing the lessons learned by leaders in the field on how they became a leader and what leadership means. The primary contributions address three central questions:

- What is your story about how you became a leader?
- What lessons have you learned about being an effective leader?
- What advice would you give others to become a leader?

Additionally, the book spotlights the impact that past leaders have had on current leaders and upon the field of educational technology.

This award honors James W. Brown, past president of AECT, to recognize the author(s) of an outstanding publication in the field of educational technology. Miller and Piña received the James W. Brown Publication Award at the AECT Annual International Convention, held virtually November 2-7. This is also where Miller received the AECT Presidential Award, which acknowledged his contributions and works to the organization and the field at large.

The book is available at www.springer.com/us/book/9783030295004#aboutBook.

For more information, contact Miller at c.miller@moreheadstate.edu or 606-783-2855.

For more information about MSU's Volgenau College of Education and its programs, call 606-783-2162 or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/education.

Morehead State University's Volgenau College of Education offers a reduced tuition rate to all Kentucky schoolteachers and other educators enrolled in courses within our College of Education. For more details on the reduced tuition offer, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/kyeducators.

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Housing wins international marketing awards

Morehead State's Office of Student Housing earned two international marketing awards from the Association of College and University Housing Officers-International (ACUHO-I) Marketing Awards.

"Our office is incredibly proud of the recognition from ACUHO-I for these innovative marketing projects and creative designs," said Alan Rucker, director of student housing and residence education. "Our fellow award winners are from some of the largest and most recognizable housing departments in the country and we are honored to ensure MSU is part of those groups."

The office was awarded first place in the specialty/promo category for light-up bracelets emblazoned with the motto "Carrying the Light/Leading the Way" given to student leaders in university housing. Housing was awarded third place in the large format piece category for the Office of Student Housing core values pillar wraps on display in the office, a collaborative effort with the Office of Student Housing, the Office of Communications and Marketing, and Document Services.

ACUHO-I is a professional organization for campus housing and residence life professionals with more than 17,000 members representing 3.2 million on-campus students from around the globe. The awards serve as an annual opportunity to recognize well-designed and innovative media for residence life and housing operations. These awards acknowledge ACUHO-I members and their departments for their accomplishments and creativity.

Rucker said the awards housing received wouldn't have been possible without coordination between several offices on campus.

"These award wins showcase the incredible talent and collaboration that occurs at Morehead State to create an engaging, eye-popping, well-designed community," Rucker said. "Our partners across campus help us to provide an exemplary community for our residents, and I'm thrilled to share in these honors with the Office of Communications and Marketing and Document Services."

To learn more about the Office of Student Housing at MSU, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/housing, email housing@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2060.

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Morehead State students win state awards for scientific research

Seven Morehead State students earned awards at the Kentucky Academy of Science (KAS) poster and oral presentation competition.

The competition was held during the KAS annual meeting, held virtually Nov. 6-7. Awards were presented for first, second and third place in 17 categories. Winners are:

- Ethan Chandler from Ashland, a senior chemistry/biomedical sciences major, first place-Cellular and Molecular Biology, "Creating a Circular Chromosome in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*."
- Junior Breanna Epperson from Wallins Creek, a physics education major, third place-Science Education, "Increasing Student Engagement in Introductory Online Physics."
- Dylan Grupe, a junior majoring in mathematics education from Lexington, third place-Physics/Astronomy, "Long Term Monitoring of the Seyfert 1 Galaxy MKN 110 Using Swift."
- Senior Becca Mikula, a chemistry and physics/astrophysics major from Savannah, Missouri, first place, Computer and Information Sciences, "Developing a Level 1 Data Processing Script for the Lunar IceCube Mission."
- Reganne Miller from Carlisle, a senior psychology major, third place-Social Sciences, "Tracking and Different Modality Secondary Task Performance."
- Parker Poulos, a senior majoring in physics/astrophysics from Mt. Sterling, second place-Physics/Astronomy, "A Multi-Wavelength Study of the Quasar PKS2135-147."
- Jacob Wagoner from Morehead, a junior majoring in applied physics, first place-Physics/Astronomy, "Limb Darkening made 'easy' with smartphones and solar projection."

The KAS is a membership-based scientific society with thousands of members across the Commonwealth. The mission of the KAS is to foster scientific discovery and understanding in Kentucky.

For more information about academic programs in the sciences at Morehead State, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/science, email dsci@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2158.

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Morehead State alumnus DeMoss promoted to Rear Admiral in U.S. Navy

Trent DeMoss (90) was promoted to the rank of rear admiral lower half earlier this year, and subsequently assumed command of Commander, Fleet Readiness Centers (COMFRC), under Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR), in Patuxent River, Maryland.

Commander, Fleet Readiness Centers (COMFRC) is the headquarters for eight Fleet Readiness Centers (FRCs) and one Reserve component across the globe. COMFRC employs a workforce of more than 20,000 shore-based aviation maintenance professionals, comprised of highly skilled military, civilian and contractor aeronautical engineers, logisticians, managers, technicians and artisans who produce aircraft ready for tasking by providing maintenance, repair and overhaul of Navy and Marine Corps aviation assets and support equipment.

“Just another day of doing the work and being around great people,” DeMoss said. “My promotion is a reflection of all of them, not of me. It’s been a marathon full of challenges, sacrifices and tough days, but the days are full of more rewarding moments than are countable. Wouldn’t change a minute.”

A native of Morehead, DeMoss had a grandfather, as well as several uncles and cousins, who served in the Navy and Army. Having grown up around Morehead State University thanks to his mother Carla Salyer and father Dr. Gerald DeMoss (63) working on campus, he decided to pursue his MSU education. His brother and MSU professor of biology, Dr. Darrin DeMoss (89), was also an MSU student.

“Many of my role models and friends were relationships with people I knew through my parents and interacted with on a daily basis,” he said. “Simply, it was and still is home.”

DeMoss graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Physics and Mathematics in 1990 but found the idea of serving in the military appealing for both travel and adventure. He went on to attend Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island, where he graduated in 1991 and was commissioned an ensign in the U.S. Navy, earning the designation of aerospace engineering duty officer (maintenance) in 1992. That same year, DeMoss reported to his first assignment with Helicopter Anti-submarine Squadron 5 (HS-5) in Jacksonville, Florida. There, he served as the maintenance and material control officer and completed the USS George Washington’s (CVN-73) maiden deployment.

DeMoss reported to the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, in 1994 and went on to earn a Master of Science in Aeronautical Engineering in 1997. DeMoss served in various roles aboard the USS Harry S. Truman (CVN-75), USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN-69), USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN-71) and at Lockheed Martin from 1997 to 2007. He was also deployed with multi-national NATO forces to Kosovo and Macedonia, supporting Task Force Falcon and Operation Joint Guardian. DeMoss was later selected “Best in Service – Navy” for his performance in 2001. Later, he completed a successful eight-month deployment

supporting operations in South Africa, Operation Enduring Freedom and maritime security operations in the Gulf of Oman.

DeMoss reported to NAVAIR, Naval Undergraduate Training Systems, as the assistant program manager, logistics in 2009 until his transfer in 2012. While assigned to NAVAIR, he also served as deputy program manager for F/A-18 and EA-18G Air Vehicle Systems in the F/A-18 and EA-18G Program Office.

He later reported to COMFRC as the military production director in 2014 before reporting to Fleet Readiness Center Southeast as the executive officer in 2015. Once there, he took over as commanding officer in 2017 before reporting to COMFRC, as vice commander two years later. After earning his current ranking of rear admiral, he took command of COMFRC in August 2020, a position he holds to this day.

His decorations include two Navy Achievement Medals, three Navy Commendation Medals, three Meritorious Service Medals, a Joint Service Commendation Medal, a Defense Meritorious Service Medal, two Legions of Merit, and others.

“I never thought I was going to make a career of it; I looked at it as a short-term set of goals that I would do and then move on to other things,” Demoss said. “Thirty years later, it has flown by. Have loved every minute. I’ve met people and had experiences I will never forget and will value the rest of my life.”

Additional information for veterans, national guardsmen and reservists, and military families is available at www.moreheadstate.edu/veterans or by contacting Session at 606-783-9416 or ssession@moreheadstate.edu.

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MSU traditional music graduates receive IBMA honors

This year, the International Bluegrass Music Association (IBMA) honored one current student and two alumni from Morehead State University's Kentucky Center for Traditional Music.

The IBMA awarded its Rick Lang Music Songwriter Scholarship to Heather Alley, a senior traditional music major and health minor from Miamisburg, Ohio. For the IBMA's 2020 Industry and Momentum Awards, they nominated Leanna Price (17) and Lauren Price Napier (17), otherwise known as bluegrass duo The Price Sisters, for Vocalist of the Year and Instrumentalist of the Year, respectively.

Alley plays fiddle, mandolin and guitar, and is also a member of the band Mountain Time. She came to MSU because of its unique traditional music program and to pursue the music she was most passionate about in an academic setting.

"When I came to the center to audition for the program, I immediately got the feeling that I belonged," Alley said. "There was and still is a very strong sense of family at the Kentucky Center for Traditional Music that I believe would be hard to find anywhere else."

Alley learned about being the Rick Lang Music Songwriter Scholarship recipient through her traditional music professor Ruth McClain, who encouraged her to apply. The scholarship, funded by songwriter Rick and Wendy Lang, is awarded to young artists with promising bluegrass songwriting skills and a passion for bluegrass music.

"When I got the phone call that I had received the scholarship, I was at a loss for words," Alley said. "To have an original song that I had written on my own recognized in this way is a huge blessing and an incredible encouragement to continue pursuing this dream that I've been chasing practically my whole life."

Twin sisters Leanna Price and Lauren Price Napier, both from Sardis, Ohio, graduated from MSU with bachelor's degrees in traditional music with minors in business. They formed The Price Sisters in 2012 before attending college as undecided majors at Davis and Elkins College in Elkins, West Virginia. The group was scheduled to play at the Jerusalem Ridge Bluegrass Celebration in Rosine, Kentucky. A musician performing at the festival was also an MSU student and asked if the sisters would want to meet up before traveling to Rosine to rehearse the day before their festival performances.

"The traditional music center at MSU let us use their building for practice space and upon doing so, we ended up taking an impromptu tour of the music center and learning about the program through director Raymond

McClain,” Napier said. “After that day, something inside us just felt like MSU’s Kentucky Center for Traditional Music was where we needed to be.”

During their time at MSU, The Price Sisters were signed to Rebel Records in 2016. They recorded and released their first EP that same year. They went on to tour professionally in the states and abroad and release their first full-length album, “A Heart Never Knows,” in 2018.

The Price Sisters found out about their respective 2020 nominations through the IBMA’s Facebook page. The prior year, The Price Sisters’ five-piece band was nominated for Momentum Band of the Year and Napier received a Momentum Vocalist of the Year nomination.

While the duo didn’t take home any awards this year, the recognition still holds significance.

“I feel these nominations show that both as The Price Sisters band collectively and as individual artists that our music and presence is being noticed by fans and industry professionals alike, and that it’s having a positive impact and is beginning to make a statement in the bluegrass community – that our group and individual members are working to creatively be viable and fresh as an artist,” Napier said. “These nominations certainly feel to me it’s pointing in that direction.”

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MSU closed for Thanksgiving Break

Morehead State University will be closed Wednesday, Nov. 25 through Sunday, Nov. 29, for Thanksgiving Break.

The Camden-Carroll Library will be closed for the break, as will the University Post Office, the University Store, dining services and the Recreation and Wellness Center.

Administrative offices and campus services will reopen on Monday, Nov. 30. Starbucks in the Adron Doran University Center will also reopen Monday, Nov. 30, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. All other dining services will remain closed until January.

The University Post Office will reopen Monday, Nov. 30, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

The MSU Police Department will be available 24-7 during the break. For non-emergencies, call 606-783-2035 or use the LiveSafe app on your smartphone. In the event of an emergency, always dial 911.

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