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- Family Food and Fun Tailgate – 11 a.m., AAC Parking Lot
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MSU will be selling an Eagle Family Sports Pass. The pass includes a general admission ticket to every MSU home game during Family Weekend. It is available for up to four immediate family members of an MSU student at a cost of \$40 per pass. The pass can be purchased at www.eaglefamilysportspass.totalcamps.com.

For more information on MSU Family Weekend,

visit www.moreheadstate.edu/familyweekend, contact

Jane Tenyer at j.tenyer@moreheadstate.edu or call the Office of Student Activities at 606-783-2071.

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Green Dot Bystander Intervention Program launched by MSU

A program designed to train students, faculty, and staff to engage in proactive behaviors to prevent sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence was launched this semester at Morehead State.

The Green Dot Program is an evidence-based violence prevention program that focuses on bystander intervention. In January of 2021, Alissa Rookard, MSU alumna, and Megan Cox, both from Pathways Inc. Victim Services approached MSU about implementing the Green Dot Program on campus.

Five MSU faculty and staff members completed Green Dot facilitator training in January. Training sessions and back-to-school events have been offered and more than 50 faculty and staff attended overview sessions this summer. Plans are underway to provide training to students in the fall.

“Many of us know when something does not look right, but we are unsure of how to intervene. Green Dot provides practical options for people in that space: direct action, delegation, or distraction,” said Davison. “This means that everyone can do something to make our campus a safer place, even if it is just asking someone if they are okay. The idea is that if everyone does something small, it will add up to a big change across our campus. This approach feels empowering and inclusive.”

The original Green Dot program was developed in the college setting to prevent dating violence, sexual violence, and stalking. It relies on the idea that accepting individual responsibility and taking action when one sees violent acts being committed results in a safe campus culture that is intolerant of violence.

For more information, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/greendot, email r.davison@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2446.

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MSU issues 30-Day Vaccination Challenge for campus community

One of Morehead State University's highest priorities as an institution is maintaining the health and safety of the campus community. In that spirit, MSU President Dr. Jay Morgan is challenging students, faculty and staff in a 30-Day Vaccination Challenge.

MSU has issued a goal to get 75-80% of students and employees vaccinated. To be entered into a drawing to win prizes such as scholarships, textbooks, iPads and other awards, individuals will need to obtain at least one vaccine shot by Sept. 30 and upload their vaccine record between Sept. 1 and Oct. 1.

The COVID-19 vaccine is available for students and employees at MSU's Counseling and Health Services in Allie Young Hall – call 606-783-2055 to schedule, at St. Claire HealthCare Pavillion in Morehead, and many pharmacies and other locations.

"I want to thank everyone across campus for the teamwork and dedication to get another school year off the ground," said Dr. Jay Morgan, president of Morehead State University. "Our long-term success will hinge on continuing that teamwork."

To learn more about acquiring the COVID-19 vaccine or to upload your vaccine record, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/healthyatmsu.

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Morehead State closed for Labor Day

In observance of the Labor Day holiday, Morehead State will be closed Monday, Sept. 6.

Administrative offices will be closed, and classes will not meet.

The Camden-Carroll Library and the University Store will be closed.

The University Post Office will be closed, and mail will not be delivered.

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

The MSU Police Department will be on duty during the closure. To contact the police for non-emergencies, call 606-783-2035 or use the LiveSafe smartphone app. In the event of an emergency, always dial 911.

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MSU to host event commemorating the 20th anniversary of 9/11

Morehead State University will honor the historical significance and the lives lost during the terrorist attack on the U.S. that took place on Sept. 11, 2001 (9/11), at a 9/11 20th Anniversary Event. The commemoration is from 1 to 2 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 9, in Room 325 of the Adron Doran University Center.

The event is hosted by the Campus Activities Board (CAB). It is organized by Gracie Roberts, a sophomore space systems engineer and computer science major from Cynthiana and CAB's coordinator of educational programming. The event will feature a PowerPoint presentation of different facts about the events of 9/11 and the memorials established at each location. Attendees will observe a moment of silence for families and lives affected by these events. Attendees will also be entered to win a 9/11 Memorial shirt.

Roberts said an event like this is essential for the campus community to witness to learn from our history, honor those whose lives were lost in the attacks and acknowledge how this moment changed our country forever.

"As it is the 20th anniversary of this tragedy, many students on campus were not even alive for the 2001 attacks. Therefore, it's more important than ever to share the history of what happened that day and remember the sacrifice and bravery of those who acted quickly," she said. "Although this can be a heavy topic, as coordinator of educational programming, I know it is my duty to talk about these things. As the saying goes: '9/11: Never Forget.' I look forward to doing my part to make sure we, as a campus and as a community, never forget."

To learn more about this event, visit https://events.moreheadstate.edu/#!/view/event/date/20210909/event_id/17873.

For more information about MSU's Campus Activities Board, call 606-783-2071, email cab@moreheadstate.edu or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/cab.

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MSU to host Open House for Diverse Students

Morehead State University takes pride in being a “light to the mountains” while fostering a campus atmosphere of inclusivity and cultural enrichment. MSU will celebrate the diversity of its campus and the region through an Open House for Diverse Students. The event takes place from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, in the Adron Doran University Center.

The event is set during MSU’s Family Weekend and features several activities to provide information and a glimpse of MSU campus life. Students will learn how to be admitted to MSU, attend a workshop on paying for college and have the opportunity to participate in a Q&A session with an MSU student panel. The second half of the Open House includes the Academic and Student Life Fair, a guided campus tour, and a home Eagle Football game before departing campus.

If students want to apply for admission during their visit, MSU will waive the \$30 application fee. Due to MSU’s COVID-19 protocols, attendees are required to bring a mask to wear indoors during their visit regardless of vaccination status.

“Our goal is to make it convenient to get answers to questions about starting college by bringing deans, department chairs and faculty from our academic programs, as well as staff from admissions, financial aid, housing and many more services, together in one place,” said Holly Pollock, director of undergraduate admissions for MSU’s Office of Enrollment Services. “Participants will also have the opportunity to learn more about student-focused educational and extracurricular activities nurturing an inclusive community campus.”

Tyra Pettigrew, the diversity enrollment counselor for the Office of Enrollment Services, said this event is a great chance to welcome students from various backgrounds while showing them MSU can be their home away from home.

“We really want to highlight the diversity and inclusivity on campus,” Pettigrew said. “Morehead is a smaller community, but it houses so much, and I think that’s what I want prospective students to see. I want them to be able to see how much diversity our campus has to offer and how accepting our community is.”

For more information, contact Pettigrew at 606-783-2000, email admissions@moreheadstate.edu or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/admissions.

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More than 50 high schools and area technology centers offered MSU Eagle Scholars classes last fall with nearly 2,500 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 Dr. 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, email ecp@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2534.

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Northeast Kentucky Small Business Awards slated for Sept. 9

The 23rd Annual Northeast Kentucky Small Business Awards Breakfast will be held at the Boyd County Convention and Arts Center Thursday, Sept. 9. The awards ceremony is presented by the Kentucky Small Business Development Center in Ashland. Rob Johnson from WSAZ News Channel 3 will host the event.

The breakfast will be from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. and feature local entrepreneur Jason Camp as the keynote speaker. Camp is one of the owners of Smokin J's and The Winchester, located in the Marriott Delta in downtown Ashland, and recently purchased the KYOVA Mall in the Summit area.

Small Business Awards will be presented for:

- New business of the year
- Ecommerce
- Emerging Business of the Year
- Retail Business of the Year
- Service Business of the Year

Also, the Small Business Champion of the Year and Young Entrepreneur of the Year will be announced from nominations from the Boyd, Carter, Greenup, Elliott and Lawrence County small business arena.

“It’s important for the SBDC to recognize small business because that’s the backbone to the program,” said Rachel Bowling, Morehead State SBDC director. “We want to help small businesses start, grow and stay in Kentucky.”

The 2021 Northeast Kentucky Small Business Awards are sponsored by: Ashland

Community and Technical Center, Andrews Tackett & Associates, Citizens Bank of Kentucky, City National Bank, Commercial Bank of Grayson, Community Trust Bank, Duvall and Moore Funeral Home, Electronic Village Enterprises, First National Bank, First and Peoples Bank and Trust Company, FIVCO Area Development District, Fyffe Jones Group, Grayson Area Chamber of Commerce, Grayson Art Gallery, Primary Plus, Huntington National Bank, Kentucky Educational Development Corporation, Kings Daughter's Medical Center, Marathon Petroleum Company, Olive Hill Chamber of Commerce, Paradise Pools and Spas, Peoples Bank, Pure Country Automotive Center, Riffe Contracting, SOAR Innovation and State Farm/Wilhoit Insurance Agency.

Per CDC recommendations, masks will be required at the event, and participants should practice social distancing.

Kentucky SBDC is co-sponsored by the U.S. Small Business Administration and is administered by the University of Kentucky's College of Agriculture, Food and Environment in partnership with regional academic institutions, economic development organizations, the private sector, and the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Morehead State University's Small Business Development Center has been a part of the network since 1983.

For more information, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/sbdc, email sbdc@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2895.

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Diversity and Inclusion Training offered to MSU community

In observance of the University's mission statement, Morehead State is offering workshops to students, faculty and staff intended to promote diversity of people and ideas.

MSU will offer two unique programs. "Welcoming Diversity, Equity and Inclusion" is designed to help faculty, staff and students celebrate their similarities and differences, recognize misinformation, recognize internalized oppression, express pride in our group identities, understand the personal impact of discrimination, and teach hands-on tools for dealing effectively when experiencing or witnessing racism, discrimination or oppression.

"Difficult Conversations" are facilitated conversations that provide a safe space for faculty, staff, and students to discuss issues that matter to them, including controversial topics, current issues, etc. Participants will have the opportunity for reflection, understanding different perspectives, and identifying ways to be an ally. Confidentiality is a vital component of both sessions. The programs will be offered through each college and Student Affairs.

"This is an initiative supported by President Morgan and the senior leadership team. It is our goal for everyone on campus to have the opportunity to participate if they wish," said Dr. Caroline Atkins, interim director of human resources at MSU. "The sessions recognize diversity from myriad perspectives, including, but not limited to gender, geographic location, race/ethnicity, height, weight, sexuality and religious beliefs."

Employees who participate in "Welcoming Diversity, Equity and Inclusion" will receive 30 WellPoints for participating and students who participate in the training have the chance to win prizes from the University Store and priority housing next school year. Although the sessions are being coordinated by the academic colleges and Division of

Student Affairs, interested participants are not restricted to attending the session designated for their unit.

SESSION SCHEDULE:

VOLGENAU COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

- Welcoming Diversity, Equity and Inclusion—Sept. 24 and Oct. 1, 12:30-3:00 p.m., virtual
- Difficult Conversations—Sept. 10, 10-11 a.m., virtual
- Difficult Conversations—Nov. 5, 10-11 a.m., virtual

For more information or to register for a session, email Dr. April Miller, interim dean of the Volgenau College of Education, at ad.miller@moreheadstate.edu.

STUDENT AFFAIRS

- Welcoming Diversity, Equity and Inclusion—Oct. 7, 8:00 –noon, face-to-face, ADUC 329, 40 seats
- Welcoming Diversity, Equity and Inclusion—Sept. 27, Sept. 29, and October 1, 3-5pm, face-to-face, ADUC 329, 40 seats
- Difficult Conversations—October 27, 2-3:00pm, face-to-face, ADUC 329, 40 seats available
- Difficult Conversations—November 9, 9-10:00 am, face-to-face, ADUC 329, 40 seats available

For more information or to register for a session, email Taunya Jones, special events planning manager, at ta.jones@moreheadstate.edu.

SMITH COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY

- Welcoming Diversity, Equity and Inclusion--Sept. 15 and Oct. 20, 3-5 p.m., virtual
- Difficult Conversations—Nov. 10, 3-4 p.m., virtual
- Difficult Conversations—Nov. 17, 3-4 p.m., virtual

For more information or to register for a session, email Dr. Sam Stapleton, instructor of management, at slstapleton@moreheadstate.edu.

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE

- Welcoming Diversity, Equity and Inclusion—Oct. 14, 21 and 28, 3-4:30 p.m., face-to-face
- Difficult Conversations—Sept. 23, noon-12:50 p.m., face-to-face
- Difficult Conversations—Nov. 11, noon-12:50 p.m., face-to-face

For more information or to register for a session, email Associate Professor of Mathematics Dr. Mike Dobranski at m.dobranski@moreheadstate.edu.

CAUDILL COLLEGE OF ARTS, HUMANITIES, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

- Welcoming Diversity, Equity and Inclusion—Nov. 5 and 12, 3-5 p.m., face-to-face
- Difficult Conversations—Oct. 13, 3-4 p.m., face-to-face
- Difficult Conversations—Oct. 26, 12-1 p.m., face-to-face

For more information or to register for a session, email Associate Professor of Art History Dr. Julia Finch at j.finch@moreheadstate.edu.

To learn more about diversity and inclusion at MSU, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/diversity, email Atkins at c.atkins@moreheadstate.edu or Jamie Phipps at japhipps@moreheadstate.edu, or call 606-783-2097.

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Organization registration is open for MSU's Fall Career and Internship Fair

Morehead State University's Fall Career and Internship Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29, in the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC).

Employers and graduate programs can register for this in-person event to recruit students and alumni for opportunities within their company or organization. Masks and facial coverings are required.

Attendees are seeking full-time and part-time jobs, internships, seasonal positions and graduate school opportunities. The event is open to both current students and alumni. No registration is required for attendees and participants should bring copies of their resume and dress professionally.

Details and employer/organization registration are online at <https://morehead-csm.symplcity.com/events/Fall2021>. Employer registration is open through Friday, Sept. 24.

For more information about the Career and Internship Fair or to register as an employer or graduate program, call the Office of Career Services at 606-783-2233, email careerservices@moreheadstate.edu or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/career.

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MSU mourns the death of Professor of Marketing Dr. Michelle Kunz

The Morehead State community mourns the loss of Dr. Michelle Kunz, professor of marketing, who died Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2021, at her residence in Mt. Sterling.

Born Sept. 6, 1955, in Hosington, Kansas, she was the wife of Dale Kunz and the daughter of Vernon and the late Verna Pejsha Riemann.

Kunz started teaching at MSU in 1988 and taught classes in introductory marketing, consumer behavior, retail management, sustainable marketing and marketing administration. During her time at MSU, she presented at numerous academic conferences and reviewed academic journals. In 2007, she was named Volunteer of the Year in Marketing by Multimedia Educational Resource for Learning and Online Teaching (MERLOT). The following year, MERLOT named Kunz the recipient of its Editorial Board House Cup Award.

Kunz held degrees from Kansas Wesleyan University, Kansas State University and the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. She was a member of the American Association of University Women, the Costume Society of America, the Kentucky Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, and the Kappa Omicron Nu and Phi Kappa Phi honors societies.

Kunz was a passionate animal advocate, adopting several cats and supporting animal rescue projects.

At her request, there will be no memorial service. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Coffman Funeral Home in Mt. Sterling is in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Lexington Humane Society, 1600 Old Frankfort Pike Lexington, Kentucky 40504.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at
www.coffmanfuneral.com/obituary/Michelle-Kunz.

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MSU music professor Dr. Michelle Paise is KMEA University Teacher of the Year

Dr. Michele Paynter Paise, assistant professor of music education at Morehead State University and director of The Kodály Institute of Kentucky, was is Kentucky Music Educators Association (KMEA) District 8's 2021-22 University Teacher of the Year. Paise was among several teachers nominated for the award and was elected by regional KMEA representatives.

"I am humbled to be chosen for this award," she said. "The music faculty at MSU are world-class musicians and among the finest teachers you will ever meet. Their professionalism and support make it a great place to teach. Further, the students are curious, conscientious and kind. When you work with wonderful people, it is easy to succeed."

Paise has taught for 28 years. Before coming to MSU, she was a faculty member at Cumberland University, Middle Tennessee State University and University of Idaho. She also taught courses at Arizona State University and was a public-school music teacher in Maryland, Tennessee, and Arizona.

She holds undergraduate degrees in vocal performance and music education from Shepherd University, a Master of Music degree from The Peabody Institute of The Johns Hopkins University, and a Doctor of Musical Arts from Arizona State University. She is certified in Orff-Schulwerk and Kodály and has completed Level I of World Music Drumming. A specialist in the Kodály approach to music education, Paise is in demand as a vocal and elementary clinician and has taught for Kodály certification programs in Kentucky, Alabama and Arizona.

For more information about her work, contact Paise at m.paise@moreheadstate.edu.

To learn more about MSU's music programs, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/music, email mtd@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-5447.

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MSU anthropology professor Dr. Tim Hare publishes research on Mayan ruins and Yucatan Peninsula

Dr. Timothy Hare, associate professor of anthropology at Morehead State University, published a new book centered around his extensive work in Mayan ruins and the Yucatan Peninsula. The book is titled "Settlement, Economy, and Society at Mayapán, Yucatan, Mexico," and was published by the University of Pittsburgh Center for Comparative Archeology. The authors (Hare, Marilyn Masson, Carlos Peraza Lope and Bradley Russell) were participants in the Proyecto Económico de Mayapán (PEMY) from 2001 to 2009.

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Morehead State RSVP volunteers help Bethany House during the pandemic

Members of Morehead State's AmeriCorps Seniors Retired Senior Volunteers Program (RSVP) have been helping an area charitable organization serve its clients throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

Bethany House Christian Service Center Inc. in Olive Hill has been helping low-income families in Carter County to become self-sufficient for the past 31 years. RSVP members aided in the non-profit's efforts by helping prepare and distribute food boxes, offering clerical support, assisting with client intake and screenings, supporting the agency's referral service, and maintaining food bank inventory. RSVP members have been working with Bethany House since October 2019.

"They displayed astonishing dedication and commitment through these difficult and dangerous times," said Helisha Tuerk, associate director of RSVP. "This was a true exhibition of what RSVP volunteers are made of selflessness, courage, compassion and bravery. They were true heroes and deserve the admiration, recognition and honor for what they have done."

The purpose of the Morehead State University Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is to provide challenging and satisfying volunteer assignments for people 55 and older, thus enabling them to remain active and to serve their communities in a volunteer capacity. By donating their time and skills, they provide non-profit organizations with invaluable services that make community organizations more effective so that more people can be reached, more services can be provided and more human problems can be solved.

For more information about Americorps Senior RSVP at MSU, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/rsvp. Email Tuerk at h.tuerk@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-5124.

Photo Caption: Pictured from left to right are RSVP members Vivian Short Perry, Laura Eklund, Lottie Wilson, Pam Rayburn, Wilma Wells and Judy Roark.

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MSU alumnus Willie Carver named Kentucky Teacher of the Year

Willie Edward Taylor Carver Jr. (Class of 2006, 2009), French and English teacher at Montgomery County High School and a dual-credit French and English instructor through MSU's Eagle Scholars program, was recently awarded one of the state's highest honors in his field after being named the 2022 Kentucky Teacher of the Year.

"It is hard to describe receiving this honor but mostly, it doesn't feel real," Carver said. "I see behind the scenes just how hard so many teachers work, how brilliant they are, and how much they care, so I am above all humbled."

The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) and Valvoline co-sponsored the award. Carver's selection was announced in a virtual ceremony on Sept. 9 in Lexington.

The 2022 Teacher of the Year will receive a \$10,000 cash award. Middle and Elementary School Teachers of the Year were each awarded \$3,000 while the remaining 21 Valvoline Teacher Achievement Award recipients each received \$500. Carver will also receive the opportunity to serve a semester-long sabbatical with KDE and represent the state in the National Teacher of the Year competition.

Carver came to MSU from Printer in Floyd County, earned a Bachelor of Arts in English in 2006, and completed the Master of Arts in Teaching in English and French in 2009. Carver also earned a Rank 1 in French Linguistics from the University of Georgia in 2008 and completed post-graduate work in English at MSU in 2010. He previously served as an instructor of French at the University of Georgia from 2007 to 2009 and taught for two years at Raceland-Worthington Independent High School and Montgomery County High School and worked as a teacher and behavior interventionist in Burlington, Vermont.

Carver said he encountered many professors at MSU that made him feel worthwhile, seen, prepared and capable of achieving his dreams.

"I feel like I am being lifted up by every teacher I ever had; I am thankful on a soul level to them for believing in me," he said.

Carver said he used to pretend that he was a teacher as a kid. Now, after being named one of the Bluegrass State's best educators, he wants to put his all into helping students live up to their potential.

"I don't know why I was considered. All that I know is that my work is not work; it is my passion and my fun. I love thinking about school, being at school, and above all, helping students believe in themselves," he said. "The most fulfilling part of this job is seeing what these kids grow up to become; seeing them reach for more than they thought they could get, seeing them fail at it, seeing them dust themselves off and seeing them try again."

In addition to Carver being named Teacher of the Year, Miranda Newland (Class of 2015, 2019), an interdisciplinary early childhood educator at Campbell Preschool in the Raceland-Worthington Independent School District, was a 2022 Teacher of the Year semifinalist and a nominee for Elementary Teacher of the Year. She earned both a Bachelor of Arts in General Education (K-5) and Special Education Moderate and Severe Disabilities (K-12) and a Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education (Birth-5) from MSU.

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Constitution Day events are Sept. 16-17

Morehead State's Department of History, Philosophy, Politics, Global Studies and Legal Studies is sponsoring events Sept. 16 and 17 to commemorate the anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution.

Thursday, Sept. 16, a panel discussion titled "The Supreme Court Term Ahead" will preview the U.S. Supreme Court's upcoming term, focusing on the cases that raise constitutional questions such as abortion and gun rights. The panelists will be Assistant Professor of Political Science, Dr. Douglas Mock and Joe Dunman, assistant professor of legal studies. The panel discussion will be held in the ADUC Theater at 5 p.m. and is open to the public.

On Friday, Sept. 17, at 4 p.m., MSU students will read the U.S. Constitution at the Little Bell Tower on campus led by Dunman. The event is open to the public and any student who wishes to participate in the reading may do so. Students who are not currently enrolled in one of Duman's classes but would like to participate in the reading should contact him at I.dunman@moreheadstate.edu before Sept. 17.

"Student turnout is usually somewhere between 20 and 30, so it's a pretty big group," Dunman said. "The U.S. Constitution is the foundation of our system of government, and it provides a window into our history as a nation. Many Americans will never read the Constitution at any point in their lives, but Morehead State students will and they will gain an important perspective on how our government is structured and what its priorities have been in the past and continue to be today."

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MSU recognized faculty and staff through Distinguished Service Awards

Morehead State faculty has announced the recipients of the 2021 Distinguished Service Awards. These awards recognize faculty and staff for their service to the campus community and their fields of study.

Mindy Highley (Class of 1991, 1993), assistant vice president for alumni relations and development, was awarded the Distinguished Staff Service Award. Jeffrey Hill, professor of mass communications, received the Distinguished Creative Productions Award. Dr. Nilesh Joshi, professor of engineering and technology management, was given the Distinguished Teacher Award. Dr. Ronald Morrison, professor of English, received the Distinguished Researcher Award. Gregory H. Wing (Class of 1976), professor of music, was honored with the Distinguished Faculty Service Award.

Highley earned a Bachelor of Arts in Communication, Public Relations and Advertising Option, in 1991 and a Master of Arts in Communication, Speech Option, in 1993. Within a year of earning her master's degree, she began her now more than 27-year career with MSU. She started as the telegiving coordinator in 1994 before serving as the director of annual giving from 1995 to 1999. Beginning in January 2000, she spent nearly 14 years as director of development before taking on her current role as assistant vice president for alumni relations and development in 2015. Highley also served as an instructor, teaching orientation classes and First Year Seminar since 2016. In addition to serving on multiple committees during her time at MSU, she is a member of the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education, the Association of Fundraising Professionals, the Association of Advancement Services Professionals and the Morehead Rowan County Chamber of Commerce. Highley plays an important role in successful scholarship and fundraising campaigns like "Much More Opportunity: The Campaign for Morehead State" and the current "Soar to New Heights Campaign," which raised tens of millions of dollars for campus facilities, scholarships, research and other University priorities. Her proudest accomplishment is her role in creating and

implementing the Herron Leadership Program, a student leadership, enrollment and retention initiative launched in 2016 through a partnership with the Office of Enrollment Services, the Office of Student Success and the MSU Foundation.

A previous recipient of the Distinguished Creative Productions Award in 2009, Hill graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in English from Oakland University in 1993. He went on to earn two master's degrees: A Master of Arts in Communication from Wayne State University in 1995 and a Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in Filmmaking in Southern Illinois University (SIU) in 2002. He taught film classes at SIU while earning his MFA. Hill teaches media production classes for undergraduate students at introductory through advanced levels. He believes students must engage in practical applications of production theory and concepts while encouraging students in advanced courses to take their work to the next level, frequently assisting in getting their projects broadcast on public television. Hill has had his film work frequently showcased. His short documentaries have been featured in film festivals globally and on Kentucky Educational Television (KET). He later moved toward creating episodic television shows, starting with a series of nine two-hour programs called "The Video Vault" in 2011 that led to "Video Vault Kentucky Edition," which ran from 2014 to 2020. His most recent project, a collaboration with MSU Associate Professor of Music Ryan McGillicuddy called "The Ryan McGillicuddy Big Band," aired on KET in December 2020.

Joshi earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology in Nagpur, India, in 2000. He later earned Master of Engineering and Master in Business Administration degrees from the University of New Mexico in 2004. Joshi earned a Ph.D. in Systems Engineering from the University of Virginia in 2007. He worked as an associate advisor at KPMG International in their information risk advisory group in Richmond, Virginia, and as a manufacturing engineer in Bajaj Auto Ltd. in India. Joshi began teaching at MSU in January 2009 and has been a professor since 2020. Over the years, he developed several new program/course proposals, including the new Bachelor of Science in Systems Integration Engineering program launched in Fall 2020 after seeking approval from the Council on Postsecondary Education. Dr. Joshi's research activities enhance his teaching for student success. To provide MSU students hands-on learning opportunities in cutting-edge technologies, he established MSU's 21st Century Center for Manufacturing Systems with the help of a significant grant from the James Graham Brown Foundation of Louisville. In the past, Joshi conducted technical training workshops for various companies in MSU's service region, including Mitsubishi Electric, Kyosan Denso Manufacturing Kentucky (KDMK), Boyd Fabrication, the 3M Company, Summit Polymers, Morehead Utility Plant Board and SRG Global, among others.

Morrison earned a Bachelor of Arts in English from Marymount College of Kansas in 1981. He went on to earn a Master of Arts in English in 1984, a Master of Philosophy in English in 1986 and a Ph.D. in English in 1988, all from the University of Kansas. He has been with MSU since 1988. He has served as an assistant professor, associate professor and as a professor of English since 1998. Both Morrison's courses and research specialize in Victorian Literature, the British novel and literary theory. He has published widely on various 19th- and 20th-century writers, including Charles Dickens,

Richard Jefferies, and William Wordsworth, among others. Since last receiving the MSU Distinguished Researcher Award in 2004, Morrison has published three co-edited collections of scholarly essays from major international academic presses and six peer-reviewed essays in national and international journals or scholarly books. In 2021, he published a new book "Thomas Hardy: A Companion to the Novels." The volume appears in the McFarland Companions to 19th Century Literature series, published by McFarland & Company.

Wing, professor of music, trumpet, earned a Bachelor of Music Education from MSU in 1976 and a Master of Music in Trumpet Performance from the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University (Bloomington) in 1981. He performs with the Horizon Brass Quintet and is in high demand as a clinician/guest artist. Wing has performed with symphony orchestras across the country, has served as lead trumpet for orchestras at multiple Las Vegas casinos/venues and has shared the stage with legendary performers ranging from Frank Sinatra and Johnny Mathis to Natalie Cole and Luciano Pavarotti. In addition, Wing has served as an assistant instructor of trumpet at Indiana University and an instructor of trumpet for the Nevada School of the Arts in Las Vegas, Nevada. Wing was the recipient of the 2010-11 Morehead State University Distinguished Teacher of the Year award. In 2013, Professor Wing was inducted into the Morehead State University Alumni Hall of Fame. Since coming to MSU in August 2002, he has served the University by being involved in numerous committees and service initiatives for the Caudill College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, and the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance. As a member of the University Gala Planning Committee, Wing has helped produce and directed the show for the MSU Spring Gala, the University's largest fundraising event, since 2010. He has also served as the director of the Summer Arts Academy for the past 12 years.

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Morehead State University again ranked as one of the best public universities in the South

Morehead State University's reputation for excellent academic programs and student success has again resulted in a ranking among the top 25 public regional universities in the South by U.S. News & World Report.

Morehead State University continues to rank among the top regional public universities in the South on a consistent basis. Ranked as high as #17 (2020), this marks the sixth consecutive year MSU has been listed as a Top 25 school including #21 this year.

MSU was also recognized for Best Undergraduate Teaching, Best Colleges for Veterans and made the list of Best Value Schools.

"Our consistent rankings demonstrate our faculty and staff's deep commitment to advancing Morehead State's standing as a public regional university in the South," said Dr. Joseph A. (Jay) Morgan, MSU president. "We are pleased that others recognize Morehead State's academic and experiential quality including our peer institutions. We take pride in keeping this type of quality academic experience affordable for those in our region and beyond."

The rankings emphasize acceptance rates, graduation rates, admissions selectivity, alumni giving rates, and small class sizes. Class size and personal attention have always been strengths of MSU, with a 15:1 student-faculty ratio that allows for more significant one-on-one time with the University's experienced and dedicated faculty and staff. MSU provides a variety of services and resources to guide and support each student through their college experience.

The rankings include public and private institutions that grant bachelor's and master's degrees in 12 states of the South, including Kentucky, West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, Arkansas and Louisiana.

The rankings will appear in the magazine's "Best Colleges 2022" guidebook in early October.

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LEARN MORE ABOUT MSU AT UPCOMING OPEN HOUSE EVENTS

Morehead State University provides opportunities for students in the region, state and beyond through excellent academic programs, hands-on career skills and a commitment to student success. It is why MSU has been named a Top 25 institution in “America’s Best Colleges” by U.S. News and World Report for the past six years.

Future Eagles may sign up now for Open House this fall. MSU’s Office of Enrollment Services is hosting two Open House events: Saturday, Oct. 2, and Saturday, Nov. 13, both start at 9 a.m. in the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC).

At MSU Open House, prospective students and families can:

- Speak with faculty from our academic programs.
- Get guidance from financial aid representatives.
- Learn about advising, tutoring, career planning and other student success services.
- Eat lunch with students, faculty and staff.
- Take a tour of MSU’s campus.

“Our goal is to make it convenient to get answers to questions about starting college by bringing deans, department chairs and faculty from our academic programs, as well as staff from admissions, financial aid, housing and many more services, together in one place,” said Holly Pollock, director of undergraduate admissions.

“Families will hear success stories about our graduates and learn some statistics that demonstrate the academic quality offered at MSU.”

For those who apply for admission at Open House, MSU will waive the \$30 application fee. Transcript and test scores must be turned in at the event to qualify for the fee waiver.

MSU Open House events also provide information and a campus tour for high school students interested in attending the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics. Please indicate interest in the Craft Academy on your registration form.

Students and families are encouraged to register for Open House. To register online, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/openhouse.

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Craft Academy students conduct research in conjunction with International Space Station

Students and recent graduates of the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics recently presented the findings of research they did in conjunction with the International Space Station (ISS).

The ExoLab-8 research project aims to study the effects of microgravity on the nitrogen-fixation process and the symbiotic relationship between Rhizobia bacteria and red clover. While Magnitude, the project's parent company, sent red clover in experiment modules to the International Space Station, the students from the Craft Academy maintained a control group in MSU's Space Science Center.

The following seniors participated in the research:

- Fredre'Oni Terrado, Elizabethtown
- Cayenne Warren, Pendelton County
- Gabby Music, Lawrence County
- Olivia Moore, Lexington
- Elizabeth Oakes, Clark County
- Roxanne Lockard, Georgetown

Four recent graduates, Allie Lewis of Morehead, Jai Joshi of Frankfort, Maiqi Qin of Salt Lick, and Grace Stubblefield of Ashland, also participated in the research project.

The Craft Academy senior team presented virtually at the International Space Station Research and Development Conference on Aug. 17, 2021. Over the summer, Craft students collaborated on a twenty-minute presentation detailing the experiment and how it impacted their STEM education experiences (the topic presented for the conference). Student researchers also produced a five-minute executive brief summarizing the work

and presented it virtually to an audience of scientific professionals.

"As this research project and presentation took place while I was working virtually due to the COVID pandemic, the students demonstrated the ability to critically think and work with more independence compared to most students I have mentored. Therefore, their communication skills also had to develop very quickly. They also developed teamwork and collaborative skills as they had to set up and conduct their experiment with me being remote," said Dr. Michael Fultz, professor of biology, who mentored the students throughout the project. "The most rewarding aspect of mentoring student research is observing a student's scientific curiosity and excitement for a project. In addition, it is rewarding as a mentor when you get to see your students finish a project and present their results at a scientific conference. We share in our students' accomplishments and hopefully inspire them in their future pursuits."

In addition to Fultz, the students were also mentored by Craft Academy QEP Director Rachel Rogers and Jennifer Carter, assistant director of academic services. By the end of the experiment, students gained scientific knowledge and lifelong skills for future STEM careers, such as practical problem-solving, communication, and collaboration skills.

"I truly learned that research is not a field that should be gatekept by age," said Lockard. "We presented amongst professionals, adults with degrees and years of experience. Yet, our research was every bit as good, our answers every inch as insightful as theirs. It was so thrilling to be held to the same high standards as them and not have our age dock our credibility. I think we were even asked the most questions overall by the panelists."

"Our research is far from over. We are working on recruiting new students already to carry our torches, test tubes, and Excel spreadsheets of growth data. Our goal from this research is a continuous one, and we are so excited to pass this knowledge on."

Moore said she's excited to see the end results of the experiment, which will wrap up this semester.

"I enjoyed data observation. Our group of ten divided into five groups of two to daily check on the growth of the plant and the environment it was growing in. We measured qualities like the amount of light in the ExoLab module, the carbon dioxide levels, the temperature, and the humidity to make sure that the environment was relatively constant to maintain a strong control group," she said. "Additionally, we measured the height of the clover to compare their growth throughout the semester. While I enjoyed seeing the plants grow, the most enjoyable part of this process has yet to happen-comparing our data to the data from the experiment group on the ISS."

The Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics is a dual-credit academy for academically exceptional Kentucky students. Craft Academy provides students with a postsecondary residential experience to complete their junior and senior years of high school by enrolling in college courses. 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.

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Rajant establishes scholarship endowment to support KCTM students, announces first recipient

Rajant Corporation, headquartered in Malvern, Pennsylvania, expanded operations to Morehead in 2015. Since that time, the company has demonstrated its support for Morehead State University students. Rajant recently announced a gift of \$50,000 to establish a scholarship endowment through the MSU Foundation. The Hal Rogers Traditional Music Scholarship Endowment will support students studying at the Kentucky Center for Traditional Music (KCTM).

“We have a sincere appreciation of Morehead State University’s KCTM Program and a deep respect for the tradition it represents across Kentucky,” said Rajant CEO and co-founder Robert Schena.

The scholarship was established in honor of U.S. Representative Hal Rogers (R-Somerset). Rep. Rogers has served Kentucky’s 5th Congressional District since 1981 and is the longest-serving member of Congress from Kentucky. Rajant named this scholarship to honor Roger’s commitment to economic development, a strong national defense and America’s a prosperous future. This scholarship also represents Roger’s commitment to preserving one of the treasures of Appalachia: traditional music.

The first recipient of the scholarship award is Meghan Reece Bryant. Bryant is a senior from Floyd County, double majoring in traditional music and elementary education. She has attended the Cowan Creek Mountain Music School and participated in the Kentucky Opry Junior Pros Program. She has performed with the Big Sandy Singers Band and MSU’s Mountain Music Ambassadors.

Bryant’s career goals include teaching at the elementary level, preferably as a music teacher and working as a professional musician. She also plans to give private fiddle, mandolin and guitar lessons to residents in her community.

Bryant, along with other faculty, staff and students from KCTM, performed on Thursday, Sept. 16, at Rajant's grand opening celebration of its new location.

"I am so appreciative of this scholarship and Rajant Corporation's investment in my future," Bryant said. "It means so much to me to have Rajant's support and I know this scholarship will benefit my education in many ways."

Rajant has been operating a manufacturing facility on Main Street in Morehead since 2015. Their new location, located at the MMRC Industrial Park, is a 48,000 square-foot facility on nearly 15 acres, five times the size of its original location. The company plans to expand its workforce by hiring around 26 new employees. To learn more about Rajant, visit www.rajant.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/give to contribute today.

Photo, top: (left to right) MSU President Dr. Jay Morgan, Raymond McLain, director of the Kentucky Center for Traditional Music, U.S. Representative Hal Rogers (R-Somerset), MSU senior and scholarship recipient Meghan Bryant, and Rajant Corporation CEO and co-founder Robert Schena joined KCTM students to celebrate the establishment of the Hal Rogers Traditional Music Scholarship Endowment.

Photo, right: MSU President Dr. Jay Morgan (right) presents the the Hal Rogers Traditional Music Scholarship to Meghan Bryant (left), a senior double-majoring in traditional music and elementary education. The scholarship was established by the Rajant Corporation in honor of Congressman Rogers and his commitment to preserving traditional music.

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MSU Theatre opens 2021-22 season with virtual performance of 'Mine Flowers'

Morehead State University's School of Creative Arts will kick off the 2021-22 theatrical season with a virtual production of Csaba Szekely's "Mine Flowers." The recording, filmed at the Lucille Caudill Little Theatre, is available for viewing at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23, through Saturday, Sept. 25, and Thursday, Sept. 30, through Sunday, Oct. 2. Performances will also be available for view on Sundays at 2 p.m. on Sept. 26 and Oct. 3. The recording of this production runs without intermission.

Inspired by Checkhov's "Uncle Vanya," "Mine Flowers" visits a modern-day Appalachian village whose residents have seen better days and must decide if they will languish at the bottom of a moonshine bottle or climb out of the mine and into the light.

Szekely's play was adapted by Michael Turner and Mary Linehan (Class of 2011), who also serves as the play's director.

"To now be the one instructing, guiding and supporting our way through an artistic process instead of the student still figuring out how to develop an artistic concept, it's been a wonderful reminder of everything that Morehead State gave me and that I can now give back," said Linehan, now an actor and director based in New York City.

After reading Szekely's play set in a Romanian mining town, Linehan said that she and Turner thought adapting the play to an Appalachian mining town setting seemed like a natural fit. As she, the cast and crew figured out creative solutions to the challenges of a virtual production, she feels like the audience is in for a treat as they figured out ways to make a theatrical production resonant and engaging.

Tickets are \$11 for the general public, \$6 for seniors and non-MSU students, and free with ID to MSU students. Tickets may be purchased online through the University Store. An email with a link, password and playbill will be sent to patrons before the show starts. Go to www.bookstore.moreheadstate.edu and click on "Theatre and Dance Tickets" under the "Merchandise" tab for online payment. Patrons should forward their

confirmation email to mtdboxoffice@moreheadstate.edu to verify receiving a link and password. The MSU Theatre box office is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Reservations are required for all MSU Theatre productions and can be made by calling 606-783-2170 or emailing mtdboxoffice@moreheadstate.edu.

To learn more about MSU Theatre and view this season's schedule, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/theatre.

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Morehead State hosts Meet MSU event in Prestonsburg

For anyone interested in becoming a Morehead State University Eagle, Meet MSU events bring information about the Eagle experience to a location near you.

The next Meet MSU event will take place in Prestonsburg from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28, at the Mountain Arts Center, located at 50 Hal Rogers Drive.

Through Meet MSU events, faculty, alumni and current Eagle students travel to several cities across Kentucky. You get to learn about the Morehead State experience that includes high quality academic programs, student success services, opportunities to develop real-world career skills, scholarships and student life.

Prospective students can register at the door and there is no advance registration required. If you come to a Meet MSU event and provide your transcript, test scores and a completed application, you will have your application fee waived. Other benefits include the chance to win a \$500 textbook voucher and other door prizes. Participants are required to wear a face covering.

For more information, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/meetmsu.

To learn how to apply to become an MSU Eagle, contact the Office of Enrollment Services at 606-783-2000, email admissions@moreheadstate.edu or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/admissions.

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'Black Art Matters' exhibit opens Sept. 29 at the Golding-Yang Gallery

An art exhibit featuring the works of black artists from across the country will open Wednesday, Sept. 29, at Morehead State's Golding-Yang Gallery in the Claypool-Young Art Building.

"Black Art Matters" will feature sculpture, painting, drawing, and photography from black artists and creators. The exhibit is inspired by nationwide unrest in recent years in response to systemic racism and violence against people of color. Melissa Yungbluth, instructor of art and design and director of the Golding-Yang Gallery, said the exhibit is a powerful artistic response to the injustices faced by the black community.

"People should attend the exhibition to see what artists outside of the area are creating in general, but also in response to being a black artist in today's society. It's important to see this perspective," she said. "I have been part of Eagle Diversity since I began working at MSU and wanted to be able to work start working exhibitions into the gallery that talks about the different things that we as a group stand for."

The juror for the exhibit is Toya Northington, executive director, artThrust and Community Engagement Strategist at the Speed Art Museum in Louisville. She is the recipient of Art Meets Activism, Artist Enrichment, and The Special grants from the Kentucky Foundation for Women. In 2012, Northington founded an art-based, mental health and social justice organization that was the first non-profit organization that employed art-based, trauma-informed programming to address the psychosocial needs of Black girls and LGBTQ+ youth in Louisville.

An opening reception for the exhibit will be held Wednesday, Sept. 29, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the gallery. The exhibition will be on display through Oct. 20. Masks are required indoors.

The Golding-Yang Art Gallery, located within the Claypool-Young Art Building, is a pivotal educational and cultural component of the Department of Art & Design, the Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, the MSU campus and the community at large. It is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, email Yungbluth at m.yungbluth@moreheadstate.edu.

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

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Pursue your professional aspirations this month at the MSU Career and Internship Fair

Morehead State University's Career and Internship Fair is an opportunity for students to make connections and start gaining hands-on experience to launch their careers. Eagles can gain an advantage in reaching their career goals by attending the Fall Career and Internship Fair from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29, in the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC) Ballrooms.

MSU Career Fairs allow you to connect with regional, statewide and even out-of-state employers and graduate programs while learning about full-time and part-time jobs, internships, co-ops and graduate schools.

"MSU makes it a priority to ensure our students engage in high-quality experiential opportunities as part of their learning experience," said Megan Boone, director with MSU's Office of Career Services. "Employers expect graduates to have hands-on experience in addition to the learning occurring in the classroom. The Career Fair is the signature event that connects students to employers and graduate programs to land internships and co-ops, as well as full-time jobs."

Boone said it's crucial for undergraduates – even first-year students – to prioritize attending a career fair. The event is a great way to gain information and advice that will differentiate you from the competition.

Jessica Yawn, a senior psychology major from Morehead, has taken advantage of the Career and Internship Fair throughout her college career.

"The Career Fair is a great opportunity to talk to employers one-on-one and learn more about different career options with my major," she said. "The fair has boosted my professional confidence and made me a better candidate for jobs upon graduation. Everyone should attend."

Students should do a bit of preparation to make the most of their time at the Career and Internship Fair:

- Dress the Part - Make sure to dress professionally as potential employers immediately take you more seriously when you make a solid first impression. If you need a suit or business jacket, feel free to visit the Suit Bank in the MSU's Office of Career Services. If you find something that you like and that fits, you can have it without charge.
- Bring Copies of Your Resume - Also, have an introduction prepared that will serve as what Boone calls your "30-second commercial."
- Research the Companies and Schools That Will Be in Attendance - Be prepared with questions to ask them. A representative with Northwestern Mutual puts it well. "When you come to the Career Fair, have your resume ready in a concise and easy to read format. Be prepared by having some basic knowledge of the company and what we at Northwestern Mutual do so we can focus the time we have together on getting to know you. Ask the recruiter or representative what they are looking for in an intern or employee. Also, try not to be nervous. Know that we have been where you are and we are excited to meet you and learn about you."
- Expand Your Network - It is never too early to explore industries and start building your network. You could be that student who walks out of the Career and Internship Fair with an offer to interview for a fantastic opportunity that you did not know existed. Many MSU graduates return to campus to recruit talent and are eager to assist current students in achieving career goals. "There are so many advantages to attending the fair, from making your name known to employers and graduate schools in your field to getting comfortable interacting in a professional setting," Boone said.

Students who attend the Career and Internship Fair will also have the opportunity to receive a free professional headshot to use on their LinkedIn page and other social media accounts.

"We want to ensure MSU students have the resources necessary to build a professional presence online and in-person," Boone said.

Representatives at the fair genuinely want to recruit MSU students for jobs, internships and graduate schools, like Zach Miller, senior recruiter for AppHarvest.

"Participating in the Career and Internship Fair gives AppHarvest an opportunity to meet and network with prospective candidates in-person and allows us a great platform to share our passion for the organization and let candidates express interest in our mission," Miller said. "We actively recruit for full-time, part-time, as well as internships. Morehead is our headquarters so to be able to connect with MSU students is an opportunity we're thrilled to participate in."

MSU students and alumni from all majors are encouraged to attend. Make sure you download the free Career Fair Plus app available on both Google Play and Apple and find out who you can meet at the fair. Masks are required in the Adron Doran University Center.

Thanks to MSU's Office of Career Services, Morehead State University students have access to numerous resources geared toward their success. Visit <https://events.moreheadstate.edu/careers/#!view/all> to see upcoming events focused on giving students more helpful tools, knowledge and opportunities.

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

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Caudill College's Justice Festival slated for Oct. 1

Morehead State's Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences will hold its first-ever Justice Festival on Friday, Oct. 1.

The event is free and open to faculty, staff and students and will feature live music, lectures, workshops, an art installation and panel discussions of a variety of social issues including race issues, gender inequality, immigration, affordable housing and more. All of the festival's events will be held in the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC).

"Students can expect to participate in important conversations about issues of justice in our society and to learn how experts in various fields propose addressing them," said Dr. Scott Davison, professor of philosophy and interim dean of the Caudill College. "The organizers felt that it was important to organize the festival because issues of justice have surged to the front of our national conversation in recent years: these include issues of racial justice, the disproportionate impact of the COVID crisis, voter access, immigration, and the impact of climate change."

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, all attendees must register for sessions and wear a mask or facial covering.

Event Schedule:

- 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.: Opening Session
 - Opening Remarks, Dr. Scott A. Davison, interim dean
 - Musical performances featuring Greg Wing and the Trumpet Studio, Will Murphy (piano), Dr. Stacy Baker and Derek Easterling (tuba and euphonium), Dr. Greg Detweiler and the Concert Choir, Dr. Russ Zokaites (trombone), and the Kentucky Center for Traditional Music.

- 10:45 - 11:45 a.m.: First Breakout Session
 - Session A: "Warrant Nullification: The Power of Judges to Tell Police No," L. Joe Dunman (Law)
 - Session B: "Using Monopoly to Explore Injustice," Monica Himes and Rebecca Davison (Social Work)
 - Session C: "Tenant Organizing in Rowan County & across Kentucky: Learning Lessons, Making the Path Forward," Angela Rowe and Annette Hines (Fair Housing).
- 12 – 1:30 p.m. Lunch break
- 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.: Second Breakout Session
 - Session D: "Reconceptualizing the Diversity Collection at Camden-Carroll Library," Dr. Julia Finch and Stacy Scott (Diversity)
 - Session E: "Rural Gender-Based Violence," Dr. Elizabeth Neilson (Psychology)
 - Session F: "Strengthen Our State and Local Government Budget Knowledge with Purls of Wisdom," Angela Rowe and Annette Hines (Budgets)
- 2:45 - 3:45 p.m.: Third Breakout Session
 - Session G: "Justice at the Border: The Asylum Dilemma," David Grise (Law); "Cuban-American Piñatas," Elizabeth Mesa-Gaido (Art)
 - Session H: "'The Chinese Must Go!': Chinese Immigration and National Identity at the Turn of the Twentieth Century," Dr. Benjamin Fitzpatrick (History)
 - Session I: "Emerging Practices on Trauma-Informed Care Approaches for Multidisciplinary Professionals Working with Marginalized Individuals," Laken Albrink, Goldie Williams, Rebecca Davison (Law, Counseling, Social Work)
- 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Keynote address: "AntiRacismKY and Institutional Change," O. J. Oleka, Ph.D. and Terrance A. Sullivan, J.D. (Co-Founders, AntiRacismKY)
- 5:30 - 7 p.m. Dinner Break
- 7 - 9 p.m. Steven Middleton and the New Beckham County Ramblers perform in the commons area of the Entertainment District at the corner of Main Street and Battson-Oates Drive.

To register for sessions of the festival, visit <https://bit.ly/MSUJusticeFest>. For a complete program of the day's activities, including abstracts for each breakout session, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/justicefestival.

For more information about programs in the Caudill College, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/caudillcollege, email ccahss@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2650.

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Morehead State's BSN Nursing Program accepting applications for the spring semester

Morehead State's Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) pre-licensure program is accepting applicants for the spring 2022 semester through Friday, Oct. 15.

According to the Kentucky Board of Nursing, 98% of MSU nursing students passed their licensing exam in 2020, and the program has boasted a 100% job placement rate for the last decade.

"Nurses who graduate from RN programs can get a position immediately after graduation. As a matter of fact, several students have secured full-time RN positions in the senior year of the nursing program," said Dr. Lynn Parsons, chair of the Department of Nursing. "We provide real-world experiences for our nursing students, which helps prepare them for their first practice position. Many have worked with COVID+ patients and have the requisite skill set to provide hands-on care for acutely ill patients. We need to graduate as many nursing students as possible to augment an extremely busy RN workforce."

Students are admitted to nursing programs through a selective application process, and acceptance to MSU does not guarantee acceptance to nursing programs.

Current students should submit a completed nursing application and their fall 2021 midterm grades. Transfer students should submit their completed nursing application, a copy of their ACT scores, a copy of their college/university transcripts, and a copy of their fall 2021 midterm grades or current progress grades.

All application materials should be submitted to:

Morehead State University Department of Nursing

Academic Counseling Coordinator
CHER 201AA
Morehead, KY 40351

For more information about MSU's nursing program, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/nursing, email nursingdept@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2296.

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MSU's literary and visual art journal Inscape issues call for submissions

Inscape, Morehead State University's juried literary and visual art journal, is now accepting submissions in three categories for its 2022 edition.

Competitions are being held for best cover design and visual art and writing for the interior of the publication. The deadline to submit work is Jan. 21, 2022.

Prizes are being offered in both visual art competitions, with a first-place prize of \$100 for the selected cover design. A \$100 award will be given for the best artwork submitted for the interior of the publication with second, third and honorable mention prizes of \$75, \$50 and \$25, respectively, to be awarded. You must be an MSU student to enter the visual art competitions.

Students may submit poetry, fiction or creative nonfiction for inclusion in the interior of the publication. Prizes of \$100 for first place will be awarded in the poetry, fiction and creative nonfiction categories. You must be an MSU student to be awarded a literary prize, but submissions for inclusion in the magazine are also open to non-students.

Inscape is an annual MSU publication with a long history of cutting-edge visual and literary art. Media and genres of work range from prose, poetry, short story, long narrative, nonfiction and creative essays to photography, printmaking, painting, design, drawing, illustration, digital art, mixed media, pottery and sculpture.

The publication is coordinated by the Departments of Art & Design and English. For additional information and the complete list of guidelines on the competitions, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/inscape.

To explore MSU's Department of Art and Design programs, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/art, email arde@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2766.

To learn more about programs in the Department of English, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/english, email english@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-9448.

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Tuba and Euphonium Ensemble's Octubafest set for Oct. 2

Morehead State's Tuba and Euphonium Ensemble presents its annual fall concert, Octubafest, Saturday, Oct. 2, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the Entertainment District at the corner of Main Street and Battson-Oates Drive.

The event will be dedicated to the Late Dr. Earle Louder, who founded the Tuba/Euphonium Ensemble at MSU. Dr. Stacy Baker, MSU professor of music and director of the ensemble, said she is pleased to continue Louder's tradition of having a fall concert.

"When I joined the faculty at MSU in the Fall of 1996, I learned (to my delight) that my predecessor, Dr. Earle Louder, had thoughtfully reserved a date on the Duncan Recital Hall calendar for Octubafest on Oct. 31 – Halloween," Baker said. "I have had the great honor and privilege to carry on Dr. Louder's legacy here at MSU over the past 26 years. Dr. Louder attended the event in 2019 and I am certain he will be with us in spirit on Oct. 2, 2021, as he remains forever in our hearts."

This year's concert will feature performances from the ensemble, as well as:

- Dr. Lori Baruth, MSU professor of music-clarinet.
- Dr. Brian Mason, MSU associate dean of the School of Creative Arts, professor of music and percussion coordinator.
- Dr. Gail Robertson, associate professor of tuba and euphonium at the University of Central Arkansas.
- Special MSU alumni guest performers.

The event is free and open to the public.

"It is a chance to relax in the beautiful fall weather, visit friends, and experience real community which we are all craving," Baker said. "We hope you will grab a lawn chair, dust off your lederhosen and join us!"

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

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MSU to honor 2020 and 2021 Alumni Hall of Fame nominees at Homecoming 2021

During MSU's 2021 Homecoming Weekend, Oct. 15 and 16, the MSU Alumni Association will honor its nominees for the 2020 and 2021 Alumni Hall of Fame and the 2021 recipient of the Founders Award for University Service.

"We are honored to recognize this elite class of MSU alumni," said Mindy Highley (Class of 1991, 1993), assistant vice president for the Office of Alumni Relations and Development and executive vice president of the MSU Alumni Association. "We are proud of their successes, and we look forward to sharing their stories as part of our Homecoming celebration."

Alumni and friends are invited to attend the Homecoming Alumni Awards Presentation at 7 p.m. Friday, October 15, in Button Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public.

FOUNDER'S AWARD FOR UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Established by the MSU Board of Regents in 1978, the Founders Award for University Service recognizes individuals who have given superior service to Morehead State University throughout their time as a University employee or volunteer.

BOB ALBERT (CLASS OF 1984, 1985)

A native of Dayton, Ohio, Albert is a two-time graduate of MSU who earned a bachelor's degree in English in 1984 and a Master of Business Administration in 1985. He completed his Ph.D. degree in finance from the University of Cincinnati in 1992. Albert joined MSU's faculty in 1995 to teach courses in finance. He served as interim dean for one year before being named dean of the College of Business in July 1999. As dean, he helped lead efforts for the official naming of the college as the Elmer R. Smith College of Business and Technology.

During his tenure at MSU, Albert served as chair of the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee, the president of the Morehead-Rowan County Chamber of Commerce,

chair of NewCity Morehead, and president for the Southern Business Administration Association.

In Albert's last administrative role with MSU, he served as interim provost and vice president for academic affairs from July 1, 2018, until his retirement on June 30, 2020. Albert provided leadership during one of the institution's most difficult periods addressing the challenges of COVID-19 and the pivot to online instruction in Spring 2020.

ALUMNI HALL OF FAME

The Alumni Hall of Fame recognizes individuals who have achieved excellence in their profession, community service, or education at the local, state, or national level. Alumni must have graduated from Morehead State University 10 years prior.

2021 ALUMNI HALL OF FAME NOMINEES

TOM CLAY (CLASS OF 1983)

Tom Clay (83) of Flatwoods, Kentucky, is the retired business manager with Kentucky State Resort Parks and investigator with the Kentucky Labor Cabinet. He was the Kentucky Outdoor Press Association president for 20 years and a statewide outdoor syndicated radio host for "This Week's Outdoor Adventures" for 25 years. Previous honors include being named Kentucky Water Conservationist of the Year from 1998-2000, an Ambassador to Kentucky in 2010 and being inducted to the Greenup County Kentucky Hall of Fame in 2019.

GARY KIDWELL (CLASS OF 1965, 1973, 1986)

Gary Kidwell of Vanceburg, Kentucky, is an accomplished educator, athletic director, coach, umpire, newspaper writer and sports announcer. During his time in Lewis County, he helped establish the county's little league baseball program and revived the Lewis County High School football program. In addition to receiving many honors at state and national levels, he was named to the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame in 2011 and the National High School Athletic Coaches Hall of Fame in 2013.

RAMONA JUSTICE VIKAN (CLASS OF 1998)

Ramona Justice Vikan of Pikeville, Kentucky, currently serves as a Program and Functional Leadership Director at TACG LLC, a premier consulting and professional services company supporting the public sector. She manages work with the United States Air Force and the Department of the Navy. She was a graduate of the 2014 Leadership Dayton program in Dayton, Ohio, and was named one of Dayton Business Journal's "Forty Under 40" that year. Additionally, she received the inaugural Outstanding Community Board Service Award from the Dayton Chamber of Commerce in 2019 and served a four-year term on the board for Dayton Art Institute.

2020 ALUMNI HALL OF FAME NOMINEES

DR. JEFFREY BUMPOUS (CLASS OF 1984)

Dr. Jeffrey Bumpous of Louisville is the chairman of the University of Louisville School of Medicine's Department of Head and Neck Surgery and the Bumgardner Endowed Professor of Otolaryngology. In 2013, he was named the Physician of the Year by the University of Louisville's James Graham Brown Cancer Center and he is the lead co-

author of more than 60 journal articles and scientific book chapters. With over 40 years of experience, Bumpous specializes in head and neck oncology, thyroid and parathyroid surgery, and robotic cranial base surgery.

MAC CAUDILL (CLASS OF 1993)

Mac Caudill of Hawthorne, California, is a two-time Emmy Award-winning Hollywood television editor. His work has been featured on hit reality TV series like "America's Next Top Model," "Dancing with the Stars" and "Born This Way." He also has collaborated with Academy Award-winning director Peter Jackson for work on his films "The Lord of the Rings: Return of the King" and "King Kong." Caudill is also a competitive athlete and National Champion qualifier, having raced dozens of marathons and triathlons.

WILLI WALKER (CLASS OF 1956)

Willi Walker of Richmond, Kentucky, is a retired professor at Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) where she served as the chair of the Geography Department and coordinator of the Aviation Program. Walker is the founder of the ECU Aviation Program, the only degree-granting aviation program in Kentucky. This fall, she will also be inducted into the Aviation Museum of Kentucky Hall of Fame.

RISING EAGLE AWARD WINNERS

The Rising Eagle Award is given to a recent graduate of the last 10 years who has demonstrated early career and/or community service achievement.

2020 HONOREE - JORDAN ATKINSON (CLASS OF 2009, 2010)

Jordan Atkinson of Kansas City, Missouri, is a tenure-track assistant professor for the Department of Communication at Missouri Western State University in St. Joseph, Missouri.

2021 HONOREE - NATHAN BLUM (CLASS OF 2012)

Nathan Blum of Port Orange, Florida, is the senior director of sales at NASCAR based in Daytona Beach, Florida. Blum began his career in sales as a student in MSU's Office of Athletics and has risen to his current role through sales experience with programs in the AHL, MiLB and NBA.

EAGLE SPIRIT AWARD WINNERS

The Eagle Spirit Award is given to alumni that are exceptionally proud and active Eagles. Recipients regularly demonstrate Eagle Pride through recruiting potential students, positively representing MSU, attending MSU events and encouraging active support of MSU among their peer groups.

2021 HONOREE – AMBER PHILPOTT HILL (CLASS OF 2003)

Amber Philpott Hill of Lexington is an award-winning news anchor at WKYT-TV and a proud Eagle committed to her community and her alma mater. She continues to give back to MSU through her past service on the Alumni Board of Directors and has served as master of ceremonies at the Annual Spring Gala for several years. She continues to promote MSU in Central Kentucky and beyond.

2020 HONOREES – ROCKY (CLASS OF 1990) AND BARBARA (CLASS OF 1990) NIEMEYER

Rocky and Barbara Niemeyer of Morehead are both retired educators. They are both long-standing fans of MSU Athletics, having attended nearly every home basketball game for almost two decades.

NOTABLE ALUMNI AWARD WINNER

Notable Alumni recognition is given to individuals who have demonstrated success in their career fields and/or are making a difference in their communities or profession.

2020 HONOREE – JACK HERLIHY (CLASS OF 1969, 1972)

Jack Herlihy of Lexington is the president of Herlihy Group Inc., an insurance advisory group. He is a lifelong educator who has served as a superintendent, principal, teacher and consultant.

To learn more about MSU Homecoming 2021, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/homecoming.

Morehead State University is committed to the safety and health of our faculty, staff, students and guests. We are following CDC guidance and requiring appropriate spacing and masking when indoors.

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NEWS RELEASE

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Learn more about Morehead State at Meet MSU event in Newport

For anyone interested in becoming a Morehead State University Eagle, Meet MSU events bring information about the Eagle experience to a location near you.

Morehead State is hosting a Meet MSU event in Newport from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 5, at the Newport Aquarium located at 1 Levee Way in Newport.

Through Meet MSU events, faculty, alumni and current Eagle students travel to several cities across Kentucky. You get to learn about the Morehead State experience that includes high-quality academic programs, student success services, opportunities to develop real-world career skills, scholarships and student life.

Prospective students can register at the door and there is no advance registration required. If you come to a Meet MSU event and provide your transcript, test scores and a completed application, you will have your application fee waived. Other benefits include the chance to win a \$500 textbook voucher and other door prizes. Attendees can receive a free tour of the aquarium during the event. Participants are required to wear a face covering.

For more information, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/meetmsu.

To learn how to apply to become an MSU Eagle, contact the Office of Enrollment Services at 606-783-2000, email admissions@moreheadstate.edu or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/admissions.

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Kentucky Folk Art Center hosts 'Cancer in Appalachia' exhibit exploring health issues in the region

The Kentucky Folk Art Center (KFAC) at Morehead State University will host a new exhibit, "Cancer in Appalachia: Viewing the Cancer Crisis in Appalachia Through the Camera Lens and the Eyes of Our Youth." The exhibition begins Friday, Oct. 1, and runs through Friday, Nov. 19.

The exhibition features photography by University of Kentucky (UK) students in the Appalachian Career Training in Oncology (ACTION) program. The photographs document the high cancer rates in Appalachian Kentucky, which has some of the highest cancer rates in the nation. Dr. Nathan Vanderford, associate professor at UK's College of Medicine and senior editor of the book "The Cancer Crisis in Appalachia: Kentucky Students Take ACTION," wanted to display the exhibit in Eastern Kentucky and Lexington. The show includes photographs by Rowan County students, including Holly Dickens, Andrew Davison, Wyatt McCarty and Nathan Hogg.

"We are thrilled to host this exhibit at the Kentucky Folk Art Center in Morehead as a way to shine a light on the cancer problem in Kentucky, as well as educate visitors about healthcare inequities and cancer-causing factors in the region," said Dr. Julia Finch, interim director of the Kentucky Folk Art Center and associate professor of art history.

The Kentucky Folk Art Center is located at 102 W. First Street in Morehead. KFAC continues to follow COVID-19 guidelines and masks are required to enter.

For more information on KFAC, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/kfac, email kfac@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2204.

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MSU undergoes upgrades, lends support to area businesses during pandemic

Morehead State Public Radio (MSPR), 90.3 FM, WMKY, is currently undergoing upgrades to replace outdated equipment that will allow it to continue preparing students for broadcasting careers.

The station, located in Breckinridge Hall on the MSU campus, is replacing two audio boards in its master control and production studios. The units are nearly twenty years old, about five years passed due to be replaced, according to MSPR General Manager Paul Hitchcock. The current units are missing parts and not all the buttons are operational. The main components to be purchased are Wheatstone Audio consoles and associated hardware and software. The total cost to replace the audio boards is just under \$90,000. Hitchcock said the upgrades give students practical experience with the latest in broadcast technology.

"Currently, more than 15 students are directly involved at MSPR. Students operate equipment as announcers, producers, engineers and editors. They serve on-air as local hosts for NPR's Morning Edition and All Things Considered, PRI's The World and more. The equipment to be purchased will be the latest and most advanced available for our needs at this time," Hitchcock said.

The upgrades will take place over the next six months, and Hitchcock said there are no expected broadcast interruptions. He added listeners will benefit from the upgrade through improved sound quality.

"The equipment and associated hardware/software are specified to work together for seamless transitions, improved amplification, sound and broadcast," Hitchcock said.

The equipment was paid for through listener contributions during the Spring 2020 Fundraiser and Membership Drive. Additional funds came from American Rescue Plan

Stabilization (ARPS) Grant monies the station received through the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB).

The upgrade was supposed to be completed last year but was delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

While the pandemic may have delayed MSPR's equipment upgrades, it did not stop the station from serving the community. MSPR offered a unique resource to local businesses during the pandemic's peak, providing free gift-in-kind advertising, called underwriting, to area businesses. The station received a \$112,136.00 grant from the CPB through the 2020 Coronavirus Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act and \$197,602.00 from the CPB through the American Rescue Plan Stabilization (ARPS) Grant. MSPR also received a Community Service Grant (CSG) from the CPB in October 2020.

"The decision was made not to actively fundraise in the fall of 2020. Seeking underwriting sponsorships was also postponed due to the pandemic and economy. So, WMKY had already received funding through the three grants (CSG, CARES, ARPS) and decided to 'pay it forward' by offering locally-owned businesses free underwriting sponsorships," Hitchcock said, adding the program aired over 5,000 messages worth more than \$40,000 to help more than 30 businesses in the community.

"As a public radio media, we have the responsibility of serving the communities in our broadcast region. That service is provided in many forms, such as local news and locally hosted music programs, severe weather information and community announcements. The 'pay it forward' program was just another tool for MSPR to serve the community, its listeners and the businesses who rely on those listeners to patronize and support their business."

MSPR's mission is to provide regional programming that is educational, informative and entertaining. MSPR offers regional news, public affairs and documentary programming, with various music programs consisting of classical, jazz, bluegrass and Americana.

To learn more about MSPR, visit www.wmky.org, email Hitchcock at p.hitchc@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2001.

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MSU CEOC programs receive grant renewal funding

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