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MSU Choral Festival takes place Nov. 8 and 9

The annual Morehead State University Choral Festival will return after a one-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The 61st MSU Choral Festival is held Nov. 8 and 9, with a concert presented each night for the public.

The Morehead State University Choirs will present their concert at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 8., at the First Baptist Church, 123 E. Main Street in Morehead. The show entitled "Come Let's Rejoice" will feature the MSU Chamber Singers, Concert Choir, Jazz Vocal Ensemble and the Black Gospel Ensemble. The concert is free and open to the public.

Chamber Singers will open the program with "Come, let's rejoice" by John Amner, "Lully, Lulla, Lullay" by Philip Stopford and "The Coolin" by David Dickau. They will also perform an adaptation of "All-Star" from the opening of the animated film "Shrek" and a Mexican waltz entitled "Tipitin" made famous in the U.S. during the 1950s by the Andrews Sisters.

The Concert Choir's portion of the concert features two pieces in memory of Elizabeth Anne Creamer (Feb. 1, 2002-Oct. 18, 2021): "Sing Me to Heaven" and "Let My Love Be Heard." Other pieces include the concert closer "Forever Music" and "Sogno Di Volare" by Christopher Tin, which is used as the main theme for the video game "Civilization VI."

MSU's Jazz Vocal Ensemble will sing arrangements of "Smile," "Don't Know Why," "Alfie" and "Caravan," and the Black Gospel Ensemble will share "Have Your Way," "Great God" and "Souled Out."

At 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9, 100 high school students from nine different Ohio and Kentucky high schools present a concert in the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC) ballroom. The show is under the direction of Dr. Eph Ehly, one of the most sought-after

choral clinicians in America. The concert features pieces sung by the festival choir and solos presented by the high school solo competition winners. Admission to this concert is \$3.

Pieces sung by the choir include "Fare Thee Well Love" arranged by James Mulholland, "Bring Him Home" arranged by John Leavitt and "Sanctus" from Gabriel Faure's "Requiem." Rousing choral/instrumental arrangements of "Joy to the Word" and "This Little Light of Mine" provide the opening and closing bookends for the concert.

"We are so happy that things have worked out and we are able to enjoy the festival again," said Dr. Greg Detweiler, professor of music and director of choral studies at MSU. "The festival is very important to recruitment. Most of our voice majors at MSU attended the event as high school students."

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.

For more information on the choral festival, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/choral-festival, email Detweiler at g.detweiler@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2480.

To learn more about music programs at MSU, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/music.

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MSU's The Little Company collaborates with Lexington Children's Theatre for outreach event

Morehead State University's The Little Company actors and crew members participated in a community outreach event in collaboration with the Lexington Children's Theatre and the Olive Hill Elementary Family Resource Center.

The event, called "Strollin' Thru Storytime," took place on Oct. 14 at the Olive Hill Elementary Playground. This free event allowed attendees to walk around the school's baseball field and playground in small groups to watch actors perform Linda Williams' story "The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything" at eight different stations. The audience learned a song and watched puppets come to life with the final station featuring a take-home goodie bag filled with a book and activity sheets that went along with the story.

Octavia Biggs (Class of 1987), director of The Little Company, said the theatrical group put on a similar event last year when they performed a drive-thru performance at the Rowan County Public Library to offer theatre experiences for MSU students and the general public during the COVID-19 pandemic. This led to The Little Company being approached to do similar events in Rowan and surrounding counties. For the "Strollin' Thru Storytime" event, more than 400 people came out to see the performance, including 247 children.

"When I realized that we had a line that went the entire parking lot and around the school, it was magical. It made my heart so happy to see our MSU students laughing and singing with families and children," Biggs said. "It feels amazing to be offering programming to children and their families and to expose our MSU students to such positivity. Families are so interested in events that are safe for their children and unique."

Biggs said these events benefit the students and the community while bringing a positive light to both MSU and the value of the arts.

"It was a way for our students to celebrate life and how very precious laughter is, how important comradery can be to people outside of our University community, how to creatively problem-solve ways to perform, to break down barriers between the communities between MSU and our service region," she said. "To expose our students to what it means to be arts educators and how that is vital to our society and the growth of humans."

Octavia Biggs can be reached at o.biggsfleck@moreheadstate.edu.

For more information on The Little Company, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/thelittlecompany.

To learn more about MSU's theatre program, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/theatre, email mtd@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2473.

Photo, top: At one of several outdoor performance stations, actors and crew members from The Little Company performed "The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid" as part of its "Strollin' Thru Storytime" outreach event.

Photo, right: Octavia Biggs (Class of 1987), director of The Little Company, helps prepare students for their upcoming performance at "Strollin' Thru Storytime."

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MSU's Shayla Ring presented at TRiO Annual Conference

Shayla Ring (Class of 2010), Morehead State's Upward Bound bridge coordinator, presented at the TRiO annual Kentucky-Kennessee conference, held Tuesday, Oct. 26 in Lexington.

One of Ring's roles in the program is to help high school seniors in the program to transition to college successfully.

Ring's presentation at the conference highlighted the programs, approaches, and tools she has implemented in the past three years working with Upward Bound. In her presentation, she discussed creating intentional relationships with students, curriculum, and platforms Upward Bound uses to support students.

Ring submitted a proposal to speak at the conference and was selected based on the relevance of her work to the TRiO professionals who attended the conference. She added it's vital for TRiO professionals to share their successes.

"Bringing new perspectives and approaches is vital to continue the work for our students," she said. "I am an alumnus of multiple TRiO programs, so being able to learn from current students to enhance our program and share with others committed to the work that TRiO does is a very special part of the legacy that this organization has. When looking at transitional support to enhance retention and completion, there is not a one size fits all approach."

TRiO is a group of programs offered through MSU and collaborative efforts with state and federal educational agencies. The goal of TRiO programs is to help students in need gain access to educational tools, prepare students for postsecondary education,

promote community service and good citizenship. TRiO programs at MSU include the Commonwealth Educational Opportunity Center for non-traditional students, Student Support Services for current college students, Upward Bound, Upward Bound Math and Science, and Educational Talent Search for middle and high school students.

“I am very proud of the work Shalya has done with the Senior Seminar and Bridge Summer Academy and I am glad that she is getting the opportunity to share her best practices with other TRIO programs,” said Amanda Lewis (Class of 2001), director of Upward Bound programs. “We have a large team of dedicated and talented TRIO staff on this campus who really care about equity in education and any opportunity for others to see that is beneficial for our program and MSU.”

For more information about TRiO programs at Morehead State, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/trio, email Matthew Hyden, associate director of Upward Bound, at m.hyden@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-9114.

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Empty Bowls fundraiser for Rowan County Christmas to be held Nov. 5

Empty Bowls, an annual fundraiser to benefit the Rowan County Christmas program will be held Friday, Nov. 5, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at American Legion Post 126.

The cost for the event is \$10, and attendees will receive a hand-crafted bowl made by the Morehead State University Ceramics Guild and a meal including chili and dessert. Meals will be packaged in accordance with COVID-19 recommendations.

All proceeds from Empty Bowls will be donated to Rowan County Christmas in honor of Adam Yungbluth, a ceramics instructor at MSU who died on June 12.

“The Guild has chosen to donate to Rowan County Christmas not only because of the amazing work they do for families around the holidays but because our support can directly help the families here in Morehead,” said Quinn Maher, MSU instructor of art and design. “We have committed to donate over 200 bowls this year. Ten dollars is a deal for a handmade bowl on its own, and to get some chili to go along with it!? A fun way to participate in something bigger than ourselves, and leave with a one-of-a-kind bowl.”

Established in 1993, Rowan County Christmas provides Christmas gifts and meal vouchers for low-income children and seniors in the community. It was founded by a group of local service organizations, churches, civic organizations, local businesses and community leaders. In 2019, the program aided more than 500 families and individuals.

For more information about Rowan County Christmas, visit www.rowancountychristmas.org or contact Board Chair Tonya LeMaster at 606-776-2997.

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

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Learn more about Morehead State at Open House Nov. 13

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Future Eagles can learn more about MSU at Open House on Saturday, Nov. 13, at 9 a.m. in the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC).

By signing up, 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.

Attendees at MSU's Open House will receive free tickets to cheer on the Eagle Football team when they take on Stetson at 1 p.m. in Jayne Stadium.

MSU's Open House also provides 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.

For more information, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/admissions or contact MSU's Office of Enrollment Services by emailing admissions@moreheadstate.edu or calling 606-783-2000 or 800-585-6781.

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MSU Theatre presents 'Mosquitoes' as first in-person performance of the season

Morehead State University's School of Creative Arts and The Little Company present its first live, in-person performance of the 2021-22 theatrical season with a production of Lucy Kirkwood's "Mosquitoes."

The play takes place at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays, Nov. 11-13 and Nov. 18-20. There are matinee performances at 2 p.m. Sundays, Nov. 14 and 21. All performances are in the Lucille Caudill Little (LCL) Theatre in Breckinridge Hall.

Presented by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service Inc., in New York, "Mosquitoes" centers around a brainy scientist living in Geneva researching the Higgs boson. After a tragedy strikes her family, circumstances bring her together with her non-scientist, slacker sister from Luton, which creates drama and conflict that centers around particle physics and their own unusual chemistry.

Octavia Biggs (Class of 1987), director of The Little Company and the play's director, said this will be the first live theatre performance presented in the LCL Theatre since March of 2020.

"I have found that over the last several weeks of working on this show, the students have been so eager to do theatre in the conventional way we know theatre. Anticipating the live audience, is exhilarating," Biggs said. "Even though we are still masked for the production, we are excited to be performing in our space, with an audience, for the first time in two years."

Biggs said while keeping the students and audience safe from the rehearsal process to showtime has been a challenge, but she knows it will be a rewarding learning and emotional experience for the cast and crew. She believes the themes of "Mosquitoes" will be explored ideally in the live space.

“Since COVID began almost two years ago, as a society, we are undergoing massive changes in how we connect to others. I feel as though many people, myself included, are searching for truth and for balance. We are navigating our feelings and trying to process information and not giving our brains time to process,” Biggs said. “I chose to do this play and to do it in the round because there is no place to hide in the round and each of the characters are the heroes of their own stories. The play is filled with revolving concepts between emotions and science.”

Tickets are \$11 for the general public, \$6 for seniors and non-MSU students, and free with ID to MSU students. The MSU Theatre box office is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

NOTE: This production is for mature audiences.

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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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MSU Anthropology Professor Dr. Tim Hare publishes article about ancient Mayan living spaces

Dr. Timothy Hare, associate professor of anthropology at Morehead State University, has published an article in a prestigious anthropology journal.

The article "A Space of One's Own: Houselot Size Among the Ancient Maya" was published in the Journal of Anthropological Archeology. Using new data from lidar mapping, it compares house lot data from large cities and rural areas to explore how this data was an indicator of wealth and social status.

The article is available at

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0278416521000957>

Hare published this with fellow anthropology faculty from institutions across the country, including Dr. Scott R. Hutson (University of Kentucky), Dr. Travis Stanton (University of California, Riverside), Dr. Marilyn Masson (University at Albany), Dr. Nicolas Barth (University of California, Riverside), Dr. Traci Arde (University of Miami) and Dr. Aline Magnoni with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

Hare's extensive research resulted in detailed studies of settlement and comparisons of household wealth, health and activities that characterized daily urban life at the Postclassic Maya capital city of Mayapán (A.D. 1150-1450) in Yucatan, Mexico.

"I take pride in working with outstanding colleagues from around the world to contribute to a better understanding of the ancient Maya and their ways of life," Hare said.

"Humanity benefits from building a deeper understanding and appreciation of our heritage in overcoming the challenges faced in diverse environments."

Hare has been with MSU since 2003. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology in 1991 and a Master of Arts in Economic Anthropology in 1993, both from the University

of Iowa, and a Ph.D. in Anthropology in 2001 from the University of Albany. Hare's prior work has also appeared in *Latin American Antiquity* and *Anthropos*. He also recently co-authored a book titled "Settlement, Economy, and Society at Mayapán, Yucatan, Mexico" published by the University of Pittsburgh Center for Comparative Archeology.

For more information about his research, contact Hare at t.hare@moreheadstate.edu.

To learn more about the Department of Sociology, Social Work and Criminology, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/sswc, email Dr. Dianna Murphy at d.murphy@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2656.

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Morehead State to honor Veterans Day with activities

Morehead State's Office of Military Initiatives and the LTC. Alan R. Baldwin Veterans Resource Center is hosting several activities to commemorate Veterans Day, Thursday, Nov. 11.

The day's events kick off at 11 a.m. with a wreath-laying ceremony at Freedom Park, located at the corner of Main Street and Battson-Oates Drive next to the Rowan County Arts Center.

A program will be held from 4 to 5:30 p.m., in ballrooms A and B of the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC.) It will include performances by the MSU Black Gospel Ensemble, Chamber Choir, Jazz Ensemble, and Brass Quintet. The Rowan County Schools' Veterans Day essay contest winners will read excerpts of their writing during the event. The event will also feature an address from retired LTC Whitney P. Allen Jr., commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs.

Later that evening, there will be a drive-in screening of "Captain America: The Winter Soldier" at 6:30 p.m. in the parking lot of the Academic-Athletic Center. Admission is free and food and drinks are available.

All Veterans Day events are free and open to the public.

"Veterans made an oath to support and defend our great nation. They served this country with strength and pride. Honoring our Veterans that are currently serving or have served in the past will truly show our appreciation," said Dr. Silas Session, director of Military Initiatives. "The MSU, Rowan County, City of Morehead and surrounding community do a wonderful job honoring veterans year-round."

Military Initiatives will also be celebrating National Military Family Month throughout November on its social media channels. Veterans and their families can submit photos to be featured to vetresourcecenter@moreheadstate.edu.

For more information, contact Session at s.session@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-9416.

For information about veterans' resources at MSU, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/veterans, email veterans@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-9416.

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Artist-curator Dr. Heidi Aishman presents lecture for aspiring artists at MSU

Independent curator and artist Dr. Heidi Aishman will be presenting a lecture for MSU art students and other aspiring artists. The talk will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 15, in room 111 of the Claypool-Young Art Building.

The lecture titled “A Road Map to Being an Exhibiting Artist” will discuss pathways to exhibiting in art galleries, entering work into shows, applying for grants and residencies, and will also offer advice regarding how to organize one's own exhibition. It will provide valuable insight on arts-based professional practices for students and community members who wish to know more about how to share their artwork with local, regional, national and international audiences.

Aishman is a photographer, arts activist and curator with more than 25 years of experience in the arts. She recently earned a Ph.D. in Curatorial Practice from the University of Reading. Aishman describes herself as “an independent curator with a focus on connecting groups or individuals with little access to the arts to established and emerging artists and arts institutions for collaborations, experiences and community building.”

Dr. Robyn Moore, assistant professor of photography at MSU, first met Aishman in Boston when they were both students at the School Museum of Fine Arts at Tufts University.

“Considering her extensive expertise in the arts, I felt that inviting her to MSU to give a lecture would really benefit our students and the entire community especially since we have not really had the benefit of visiting professionals for quite some time due to the pandemic,” Moore said. “Dr. Aishman's lecture will offer practical advice regarding the advancement of one's artwork and career for anyone interested in the arts.”

Due to COVID-19 protocols, seating capacity will be limited to 30 and will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis. The lecture will also be live streamed at Dr. Robyn Moore's personal WebEx room at <https://moreheadstate.webex.com/meet/r.moore>.

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MSU education instructor Dr. Sabrina Little speaks at Oxford University on character formation

Dr. Sabrina Little, instructor of education for the Department of Foundational and Graduate Studies in Education at Morehead State University, was invited to give a public lecture at Oxford University in England.

Little was invited to speak for The Oxford Character Project on Oct. 28 based on her article “The Trivium: Revisiting Ancient Strategies for Character Formation,” published in the Journal of Character Education earlier this year. Little said she spoke on classical strategies for virtue acquisition, specifically “how moral exemplars can be employed in a developmentally sensitive way, to mature a learner to develop a good character without compromising their agency.”

“It was special to be invited, especially as a professor at a small school. It reminds me that I am part of a tradition of scholarship that extends beyond Morehead,” she said. “Having the opportunity to talk about my work sharpens me and calls me to a higher standard, and any time I am in the company of other researchers who do similar work, I come away refined by the discussions and excited by new ideas.”

Little has been an instructor for MSU since 2018. She studied philosophy and religion at Yale Divinity School and philosophy and psychology at The College of William and Mary before earning a Ph.D. in Philosophy from Baylor University in 2020. Her main areas of interest are moral psychology, ancient philosophy and virtue ethics.

Dr. Sabrina Little can be reached at sblittle2@moreheadstate.edu.

To learn more about MSU’s Department of Foundational and Graduate Studies in Education, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/fgse, email fgse@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2261.

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Butler Park ribbon cutting ceremony held

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held Thursday, Nov. 11, to commemorate the opening of Butler Park, a green space on campus named after the residence hall that once stood at the site.

In 2019, the Gamma Upsilon Chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota (SAI) music sorority held a tree planting to commemorate Arbor Day at the site. SAI installed trees and decorative plants at the site, and the University donated a bench that was placed there. Horseshoe pits have also been installed at the park.

Student Government Association (SGA) President Emily Wiley said the park is an important addition to campus.

"The area has become a designated space for student recreation. Where it has an open layout, campus community members may use it for whatever designation they'd like," Wiley said. "Also, naming a park translates to naming green space. This is a wonderful opportunity for our campus to protect the limited amount of green space we have and turn it into something positive for our peers."

The park was designed by freshman Kurt Whitley from Franklin, Tennessee, a civil engineering and construction management major who is an intern in Facilities Management.

Although Wiley said the SGA has plans to add some trees and seating to the area, she said the idea is to keep the park a primarily open space so students can use the park for a wide range of activities.

"We found the park to be so important because it resides directly next to Cartmell Hall, one of our University's highest capacity buildings which holds primarily freshman students," Wiley said. "As many know, the pandemic disproportionately affected our recent freshman and sophomores, where they received a lack of in-person interaction during their crucially developmental time as a first-year student. Though it is only a small part of the solution, we hope that those students may take advantage of Butler Park to encourage new friendships and healthy outdoor activities. We are thankful to provide the opportunity to our peers and create an area that will be on campus for years to come."

Butler Hall was built in 1961 and demolished in 2018. MSU President Dr. Jay Morgan designated the site as a campus green space.

For more information about SGA, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/sga or email Wiley at eswiley@moreheadstate.edu.

Photo, left to right: Ethan Wells, SGA executive vice president, senior biomedical science major from Elkhorn City; Emily Wiley, SGA president, senior agriculture business major from London; MSU President Dr. Jay Morgan; MSU Vice President for University Advancement Rick Hesterberg; and Vice President for Student Affairs Russ Mast.

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MSU students, staff recognized at state housing conference

Morehead State University was well-represented at the recent 2021 Kentucky Association of Housing Officers (KAHO) Annual Conference on Wednesday, Nov. 3, winning multiple awards and landing multiple Eagles on the organization's Governing Council.

Eden Jordan, a senior theatre and convergent media major from Vanceburg, was awarded a 2021 KAHO Outstanding Student Staff Award and the Kentucky Association of Residence Halls (KARH) Student of the Year. The Outstanding Student Staff Award is selected annually by a member institution's chief housing officer. It recognizes an undergraduate student staff member who goes above and beyond the positional expectations to make a difference for their campus and residents. The KARH Student of the Year is a statewide award given annually to students who demonstrate exemplary leadership and contribution within the halls and to KARH. Jordan currently serves the Office of Student Housing as student coordinator for administration and programming.

Emily Adam, area coordinator in the Office of Student Housing, was awarded a 2021 KAHO Service Award. Selected annually by a member institution's chief housing officer, the KAHO Service Award recognizes a staff member who has given outstanding service to the University.

Max Ammons, assistant vice president and dean of students, was awarded the 2021 KAHO Unbridled Spirit Award. This statewide award is presented annually for significant and lasting contribution and service to his or her institution while embodying an unbridled spirit in service for the betterment of his or her institution, state, region or the profession in general. Recipients have a demonstrated service record as a positive change agent in service to their students, colleagues and peers. Ammons, responsible for the functional areas of housing and residence education, counseling and health

services, and disability services, also serves as MSU's chief conduct officer and was primarily responsible for the institution's COVID-19 response and protocols.

The organization appointed two MSU staff members to KAHO's Governing Council. Dr. Alan Rucker (Class of 2017, 2021), director of housing and residence education, began his term as the organization's president and Emily Adam was elected secretary.

"The continued legacy of MSU award winners and Governing Council members just shows what an excellent housing operation and residential experience is in place at Morehead State," Rucker said. "Getting recognized for that performance, both organizationally and individually through awards and leadership roles really demonstrates that consistent performance."

KAHO provides personal and professional growth opportunities for college and university housing and residence life officers across the Commonwealth of Kentucky. As the professional home for college and university housing staff, comprised of members from every institution with a housing operation, KAHO ensures unity, advocacy and resource sharing to cultivate professionalism, high standards and collaboration with other state agencies various professional organizations globally.

For additional information about MSU's Office of Student Housing, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/housing, email housing@moreheadstate.edu, or call 606-783-2060.

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Morehead State Public Radio holding Fall Membership Drive

Morehead State Public Radio's (MSPR) 2021 Fall Membership Drive is currently underway.

"This is our first membership drive since the spring of 2020," said Paul Hitchcock, MSPR general manager. "We took time away from fundraising to concentrate on serving our listeners and to be cognizant of economic hardships in the region."

MSPR's goal is to increase membership numbers to help meet guidelines from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB). Membership totals and local fundraising are two important factors CPB considers when awarding grants to public radio and television stations.

"The number of members who support MSPR help maintain our grant funding," added Hitchcock. "Our ability to raise funds and increase our membership are important to meet criteria in receiving grants to purchase national programming that include All Things Considered, Morning Edition, The World and World Café.

Each year, the CPB offers Community Service Grants to non-commercial radio stations that provide significant public service programming to their communities. The grants help stations expand their work in educational, news, public affairs or other programming. Qualified stations must meet legal, managerial, staffing and operational criteria for funding, including local fundraising and memberships.

An emphasis on local and regional news continues to be an important function of MSPR. Equally important is MSPR's commitment to provide hands-on training and learning opportunities to more than a dozen Morehead State University work-study

students year-round. A variety of locally-hosted music programs are also unique to MSPR listeners.

“An important part of our mission is to provide hands-on student learning opportunities, award-winning local news, and to preserve this region’s cultural heritage with programming that is educational, informative and entertaining,” said Hitchcock.

Financial gifts to Morehead State Public Radio (WMKY) may be made online at: www.wmky.org. Gift and pledge forms are available with payroll deduction as an option for Morehead State University employees. Listeners will also be prompted to provide comments.

WMKY serves more than twenty counties throughout eastern Kentucky with regional news and cultural programming from the campus of Morehead State University. Listeners can enjoy WMKY at 90.3FM, online (www.wmky.org), by phone app or smart speaker (“Play WMKY”).

Additional information on Morehead State Public Radio (WMKY) is available online at www.wmky.org or by emailing Hitchcock at p.hitchc@moreheadstate.edu or by calling 606-783-2334.

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MSU's Level UP Program allows health and wellness students to give back

Morehead State University students are gaining hands-on experience while developing career skills through the University's Level UP Program. As part of MSU's Wellness Day program hosted by the Office of Human Resources, students in Associate Professor of Health and Wellness Dr. Jenny Dearden's Health and Wellness Promotion course engaged in a service-learning project.

Students are taking concepts and theories about motivating individuals toward wellness goals learned in the classroom and developing an information board and activities that MSU employees can engage in to learn more about easy exercises and reducing sugar intake. The project enhances skills in teamwork and focuses on engaging team members in ways that facilitate contributions and resolve conflict in a way that strengthens overall team cohesiveness.

"Service learning is a great way for students to practice the academic concepts that they have been studying in class while making a positive impact on the surrounding community," said Louise Mason, coordinator of service learning at MSU.

Level UP is an initiative to ensure students have the opportunity to engage in experiences to prepare them for success, including undergraduate research, education abroad, service learning and internships. It includes courses that build students' communication, professionalism, critical thinking and teamwork skills. Level UP further focuses on training students to convey evidence of these career skills that are highly desirable to employers across disciplines.

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.

Photo, left to right: Exercise science majors Andrew Kelsey (senior, Morehead) and Sierra Kelley (senior, Evansville, Indiana), along with health promotion majors Abby Darnell (senior, Greenup) and Brejaya Johnson (senior, Paris) participated in a service-learning project for MSU's Wellness Day as part of the University's Level UP Program.

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Kaitlyn Rose's college dreams were achievable thanks to MSU's financial aid and scholarships

MSU student Kaitlyn Rose always knew education, at any level, is something that has value.

"I come from a family of educators. So, I grew up knowing how important education can be," Rose said.

Growing up in Wolfe County, Rose came from a middle-class background as the youngest of two. She knew once her parents were paying for her older sister to attend college, the thought of attending college herself seemed less and less likely without financial assistance.

"This, I remember, was a scary thing for me, as I never wanted to put a strain on my family in order to provide me an education. I was aware that not only were there costs just to attend college, but there were a number of other extra expenses as well," Rose said. "My awareness of what financial obligations were coming are what really motivated me to do my research and figure out what financial support I could get locally, federally and from whatever university I attended. I knew that finding that financial security was going to really play a part in my success in college."

Rose had her sights set on earning a degree related to health due to her passion for the field and her desire to give back to her community. After connecting with Morehead State University staff during a recruiting visit at her high school, she knew she wanted to attend MSU for its quality education, accepting community, and professional and philanthropic opportunities.

"It was almost hard to believe that there was a school that had all of these qualities but was still affordable," she said. "I knew once that counselor left that day that my mind was made up: MSU was going to be where I pursue an education and future for myself."

When it came time to discuss the costs of attending MSU, Rose said her visit and interactions with the Office of Financial Aid helped her understand expenses and loans, allowing her to leave feeling reassured and educated on those topics.

Denise Trusty, director of MSU's Office of Financial Aid, said Rose is among many prospective students who see the cost of college as a significant barrier.

"Many factors can give families the perception that college is not affordable. On a daily basis, we assist families in various situations such as families raising additional children, single parent or single-income families, grandparents raising children, etc.," Trusty said. "With the struggles of today, it is easy to see how parents may assume they cannot afford to send their students to college, but we encourage them to allow us the opportunity to work with them to prepare an individual award package."

In addition to receiving scholarships from her local community and federal funding, Rose was also the recipient of multiple MSU scholarships, including the Commonwealth Scholarship, the Alumni Scholarship and the Herron Leadership Scholars Scholarship. This assistance has empowered the senior to work toward a bachelor's degree in exercise science with aspirations to earn a doctorate in physical therapy.

"These scholarships have provided me with enough funding to support me and cover my costs throughout my entirety at college. They alleviated a lot of the stress and burden of having to take out loans, work multiple jobs, and rely on my family to support me," Rose said. "There are not enough words to be able to express the gratitude I have for this financial support, because without it, I most likely would have been able to apply to graduate programs, be involved in campus organizations or even attend college."

Trusty said that with 94% of undergraduate students receiving some form of financial aid or scholarships, becoming an Eagle can be surprisingly within reach.

"Many prospective students are pleased to hear that the real cost of attending Morehead State University is less than they anticipated," Trusty said. "We are fortunate to say that MSU has several sources of financial aid available to help students who may think they cannot afford college with the opportunity to attend. We are grateful to our donors who choose to support our students by providing scholarship opportunities."

Rose has gone from visiting the Office of Financial Aid as a prospective student to working in the office as a student. She received help from the experienced and knowledgeable staff and now, she gets to help fellow students make those dreams of a college education a reality.

"I think all students should just take the first step and reach out to their counselor or the Office of Financial Aid, set up an appointment and take advantage of all the information

there is to give," she said. "There is never such a thing as asking too many questions when it comes to your college career. Every student deserves to be informed and educated on all resources that could be available to them. I know MSU wants to be able to help and provide for as many students as they can."

To schedule a campus visit or apply to MSU, go to www.moreheadstate.edu/admissions.

MSU offers a variety of scholarships based on academic excellence, financial need, geographic location, major and more. For more information about scholarships and financial aid visit www.moreheadstate.edu/affording-college or contact MSU's Office of Financial Aid, at finaid@moreheadstate.edu or 606-783-2011. Be sure to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and have your results sent to MSU (FAFSA Code: 001976).

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Estill County High School Eagle Scholars visit Morehead State

Eagle Scholar students from Estill County High School visited Morehead State University's campus, Tuesday, Nov. 16. They had a tour of campus and met with MSU admissions staff and students.

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 State 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.

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MSU mourns the death of Dr. Shane Shope

Dr. Shane Shope of Hillsboro, Ohio, associate professor of educational leadership at Morehead State, died Sunday, Nov. 14, at the age of 54.

Born May 23, 1967, he was the son of Sharon (Stebel) Cassidy and James “Jim” Shope. He began teaching at MSU in 2015. He taught primarily educational leadership courses for the Instructional Leadership program as well as the doctoral program. Prior to coming to MSU, Shope was employed for 22 years at the Lynchburg-Clay High School in Lynchburg, Ohio, as a teacher, principal, and superintendent of the Lynchburg-Clay School District.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by four children, Emily Kathleen Shope, Grace Elizabeth Shope, Logan David Henry Shope, and Avery Dawn Shope; his fiancé, Meghan Griffith and her two children, Tylar Corinne Griffith and Camden Joshua Griffith; a brother, Brandon (Teresa) Shope, a niece and a nephew.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, at the Hillsboro Church of Christ. Funeral service will follow at the Hillsboro Church of Christ. Burial will be in the Prospect Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Cleveland Clinic/Philanthropy Institute - Mellen Center, P.O. Box 931517, Cleveland, Ohio 44193.

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MSU music alumnus Ty Carver helps lead Bourbon County HS Marching Band in 2022 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade

Ty Carver (Class of 2011) has helped the Bourbon County High School Marching Band set a long-held standard of excellence as its assistant band director. Now, Carver and his students will showcase that excellence to a national television audience during the nation's biggest parade.

The Bourbon County High School Marching Band will perform as one of 10 bands from across the country to participate in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in 2022.

After a rigorous application and screening process, the marching band was initially notified of acceptance into the parade in Feb. 2019 to raise the funds necessary to travel and perform. They were slotted to participate in the parade this November, but high school bands were not allowed to march as a safety precaution due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Information regarding their 2022 performance in the parade was made in a surprise announcement in the high school gymnasium when a representative from Macy's joined virtually to inform the students in April 2021.

The Bourbon County High School Band is a seven-time Kentucky Music Educators Association (KMEA) State Champion and a five-time Bands of America Grand National Class A Champion. Its most recent national championship came in 2019. Carver, who graduated from MSU with a bachelor's degree in music education in 2011, said the band's Macy's parade selection is warranted due to the students' dedication and attitude.

"Bourbon County is known for its outstanding band program. There has been a history of excellence from many band directors before us. I would call this a 'homegrown mentality,'" Carver said. "Although I'm from outside the area, most of our staff are local and many include alumni of the program. Our administration and district are very proud

of our program and even some principals themselves are former band directors of Bourbon. Our students are middle-class citizens with the drive and work ethic that produce the best horse farms in the world. A few students have the wealth associated with the farm, but most all our students inherit this work ethic."

Carver has been the director of bands at Bourbon County Middle School and assistant band director at Bourbon County High School since 2019. Before that, he spent several years at Jefferson County Public Schools, serving as orchestra director from 2012 to 2017 and band director from 2017 to 2019. Carver was also a brass/visual tech for the North Oldham High School from 2016 to 2018.

Carver said his MSU experience significantly shaped his teaching career through the education he received, the performances he had and the bonds, both professional and personal, he made with his instructors.

"The most significant thing I can pass on to my students that I learned from Morehead State University is the value of relationships within your work field," Carver said. "I still speak with professors today at Morehead. Because they feel like family to me, I can ask them for help. They know me by name and even comment on my social media often. When I contact them, it may be a question about a particular instrument, how to handle workplace conflict, how to advocate better for my band program, or how to continue providing student-teachers at Morehead with an even better experience than what I had. I've been able to build relationships like these with parents and students of my own here at Bourbon in hopes that they too will turn back and give back to what has pushed them to where they are going."

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

Photo: The Bourbon County High School Band, under the direction of band director Michael Stone and assistant band director Ty Carver (Class of 2011), will march in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in 2022.

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MSU to host virtual guest lecture by linguistics professor on gender and pronouns

Dr. Lauren Ackerman, experimental linguistics lab manager in the School of Education, Communication and Language Sciences at Newcastle University, United Kingdom, will hold a virtual presentation Thursday, Dec. 2, at 4 p.m.

The presentation, "The Influence of Gender Nonconformity on Pronoun Comprehension," will explore the singular use of "they" in contemporary speech and how it has an impact on MSU and the surrounding community. More specifically, it affects the transgender community within and beyond MSU, which has come to rely on the singular "they" to express gender identity, transitioning and fluidity.

"Some languages, like English, have pronouns that specify the gender of the person being referred to, which can cause confusion or upset when the gender of the pronoun and the person are misaligned," said Dr. Sylvia Henneberg, interim associate dean of the School of English, Communication, Media and Languages and professor of English. "This talk will touch on pronouns as a syntactic and social phenomenon, then describe how experimental methods from psychology and linguistics can tell us about what is actually happening when someone encounters a pronoun with unexpected properties." To join the discussion, visit <https://moreheadstate.webex.com/meet/s.henneberg>. For more information, contact Henneberg at s.henneberg@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-9300.

The event is co-sponsored by the MSU Gender Studies program, the Department of English and the School of Humanities and Social Sciences.

To explore programs in MSU's Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences,

visit www.moreheadstate.edu/caudillcollege, email ccahss@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2650.

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MSU graduate assistant Megan Pater's exhibit 'The Mind And The Land' opens Nov. 29

Morehead State University graduate student Megan Pater (Class of 2020) will present her Master of Arts exhibit, "The Mind and the Land," later this month.

The exhibit's opening reception is from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 29, at the Golding-Yang Art Gallery in the Claypool Young Art Building. The exhibition will be on display from Nov. 29 through Friday, Dec. 10.

Pater earned a Bachelor of Arts in Convergent Media with a minor in photography from MSU in 2020. She is a graduate assistant graduate with the Department of Art and Design while completing her master's degree in studio art.

All of the pieces in the show are photopolymer gravures, a photographic printmaking process. The body of work centers around the idea of the connection that the human mind has with landscapes.

"I have worked hard towards this body of work, and am grateful I have great family, friends and mentors that will be there to celebrate that with me at the opening reception," Pater said. "I hope that any person that steps into the gallery to see my exhibition comes away with new philosophical ideals that allows them to explore the idea of the connection between the mind and the land."

Pater can be reached at m.pater@moreheadstate.edu.

The Golding-Yang Art Gallery, located within the Claypool-Young Art Building, is a pivotal educational and cultural component of the Department of Art and Design, the Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, the MSU campus and the community at large. Through national calls for entries for both group and thematic exhibitions, the gallery showcases the work of primarily American contemporary artists

in exhibitions curated by the gallery director with the advisement of faculty or through an independent juror. The gallery also hosts faculty and student exhibitions, including annual sophomore and senior shows that allow art majors the rare opportunity to exhibit their work in a professional venue. The three-level gallery features approximately 2,500 square feet of exhibition space with a screening room to display new media. The gallery is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Masks are required indoors.

For more information about exhibitions and programs in Art and Design, please visit www.moreheadstate.edu/art, email arde@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2766.

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Morehead State closed Nov. 24-26 for Thanksgiving holiday

In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, MSU will be closed Wednesday, Nov. 24, through Friday, Nov. 26. Administrative offices will be closed and classes will not meet. The following services will also be closed:

- Camden-Carroll Library
- Recreation and Wellness Center, University Pool, Eagle Alley Bowling Lanes and Outdoor Adventures
- University Post Office
- University Store

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

MSU will resume regular operating hours on Monday, Nov. 29.

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KCTM Sounds of Our Heritage concert Nov. 30

The Kentucky Center for Traditional Music will hold its Sounds of Our Heritage fall finale concert at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30, at the Morehead Conference Center.

All sections of the Traditional Music Ensemble will perform a variety of bluegrass, old time, country, western swing, blues, gospel and ballad singing at the event, which is free and open to the public. Students from Kentucky, Indiana, South Carolina, and Hungary will be among the performers at the event.

The Kentucky Center for Traditional Music (KCTM) preserves, teaches, helps develop and celebrates the rich mountain heritage of Eastern Kentucky. KCTM offers an opportunity to study with musicians who have performed with legends like Johnny Cash and at the Grand Ole Opry, and to learn from professionals about performance, history, recording, the music industry and more.

For more information, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/kctm, email kctm@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-9001.

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MSU music students and faculty present Candlelight Carol Concert

The Morehead State University Concert Choir, Chamber Singers and Tuba/Euphonium Ensemble will present a Candlelight Carol Concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30, in Duncan Recital Hall, located in the Baird Music Hall. The Rowan County Senior High School Concert Choir, under the direction of Josh Hamilton, is the concert's special guest ensemble.

The concert is entitled "Ring Those Christmas Bells" and many of the pieces will include bells in the texts. The choirs will share "Ring Those Christmas Bells," "Carol of the Bells" and "Caroling, Caroling, Christmas Bells are Ringing" as part of the program. The audience will participate in carol singing accompanied by William Murphy, MSU staff accompanist. These carols will be sung between the short sets of music each ensemble presents. Audience sing-alongs include "Silver Bells," "Jingle Bells," "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas," "Sleigh Ride" and "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day."

Following a choral rendition of "Joy to the World" with brass, the concert will conclude with the MSU Concert Choir surrounding the audience with candles to sing Malcolm Sargent's arrangement of "Silent Night." Throughout the night, there will be a mixture of various moods and styles. The MSU Tuba/Euphonium Ensemble will play "Believe" from "The Polar Express," "Santa Baby" and "Hanukkah Song." Popular choral pieces will include "Up on the House-top," "White Winter Hymnal," "Be Careful, Don't Tear the Paper" and "The World for Christmas."

The two concert choirs will join together to sing choruses from Antonio Vivaldi's "Magnificat." The text is Mary's song of praise. Jocelyn Goldy (sophomore, Morehead) and Tess Sergent (freshman, Paintsville) will be the soprano soloists. Other pieces include Edvard Grieg's "Ave maris stella," Jake Runestad's "Let My Love Be Heard," Philip Stopford's "Lully, Lulla, Lullay" and Melinda Bargreen's "There is No Rose."

“The concert is designed to bring the town and gown of Rowan County together to enjoy singing,” said Dr. Greg Detweiler, director of choral studies at MSU. “We want people to leave with songs in their hearts and minds to carry them through this joyous season.”

Tickets are \$5 for adults and students may attend free of charge. Tickets will be sold at the door.

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For more information on the choral festival, email Detweiler at g.detweiler@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2480.

To learn more about music programs at MSU, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/music.

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MSU professor Dr. Ben Malphrus and alum Dr. Willi Walker inducted into the KY Aviation Hall of Fame

Dr. Benjamin K. Malphrus, executive director of the Space Science Center and professor of space science at Morehead State University, and MSU alumna Dr. Wilma “Willi” Walker (Class of 1956) have been inducted into the Kentucky Aviation Hall of Fame.

Malphrus and Walker were named to the Hall of Fame earlier this year and were recognized at a ceremony on Nov. 13.

Malphrus was instrumental in developing the space systems engineering and astrophysics programs at Morehead State and the construction of MSU’s Space Science Center. Malphrus has served on the National Radio Astronomy Observatory scientific staff, as a visiting scientist at NASA’s Wallops Flight Facility and on the faculty of universities including the University of South Carolina and West Virginia University. In the late 1990s, Malphrus developed a theory of galaxy formation that has gained wide acceptance among the astronomical community and led to the discovery of a previously unknown galaxy, identified as NGC 5291-B, the first known galaxy proved to result from galaxy-galaxy interactions. He contributes to research in interacting galaxies, radio astronomy instrumentation, and space systems design and operation.

Walker is a retired professor of geography from Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond. In 1983, she was asked by EKV Vice President Joe Schwendeman to develop an aviation program at the school. The program remains the only degree-granting aviation program in the state and is the only flight program in Kentucky approved by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA.) She was a professor of geography and served as the aviation program coordinator until her retirement in 2000.

She also served on the Madison County Airport Board. She was inducted into the MSU Alumni Hall of Fame in 2020.

In 2007, Walker established the Walker Family Scholarship Endowment in honor of her family and their love of MSU. For more information, visit moreheadstate.awardspring.com.

Malphrus and Walker are part of the 25th Enshrinement class into the Kentucky Aviation Hall of Fame.

The Kentucky Aviation Hall of Fame has recognized honorees since 1996 for their contributions and achievements in aviation and aerospace. Those honored represent a wide range of military and civilian pilots, scientists, administrators and corporate leaders.

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

Photo Caption: Left to Right are 2021 Kentucky Aviation Hall of Fame inductees Cpt. Terri Donner, Dr. Ben Malphrus and Dr. Willi Walker. Photo credit: Mark Mahan, Mahan Multimedia.

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MSU alumnus and regent Sanford Holbrook recognized as KEDC Superintendent of the Year

Sanford Holbrook (Class of 1997, 2003, 2006), superintendent of the Robertson County School System, has been named Superintendent of the Year by the Kentucky Educational Development Corporation (KEDC).

“I am humbled and honored to be recognized as the KEDC 2021 Superintendent of the Year,” Holbrook said. “I am fortunate to be part of a great team at Robertson County. My students give me my drive and passion to work hard at my job every day. The MSU Education Leadership Program provided me lifelong learning tools to be an effective superintendent and educator. “

Holbrook earned three degrees from MSU: a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture – Vocational Education in 1997, a Master of Science in Career and Technical Education in 2003 and a Master of Arts in School Administration in 2006. Before serving as the superintendent of Robertson County Schools, Holbrook served as an assistant superintendent, area technology center (ATC) principal, finance and federal programs director, career and technical education (CTE) coordinator, and career and technology teacher. He received the Outstanding Community Leadership Award in 2017 from the Buffalo Trace Area Development District & Robertson County.

He also serves as chair of the Kentucky Educational Development Corporation Board of Directors and Secretary of the Kentucky Interlocal School Transportation Association (KISTA) Board of Directors. He is a member of the Kentucky Association of School Superintendents (KASS), Kentucky Association of School Administrators (KASA) and Kentucky Education Association (KEA), as well as prior member of the Kentucky Soil and Water Commission from 2011-15.

Holbrook has served on MSU's Board of Regents since 2018. He was elected vice chair this year.

KEDC is an organization that consists of 67 member districts statewide and is Kentucky's oldest and largest educational cooperative. It provides educational support services to members, including technology wiring, special education support, and professional development opportunities.

Photo: MSU Regent Wayne Martin (Class of 1968, left) and MSU President Dr. Jay Morgan (right) pictured with MSU Regent and Robertson County School System Superintendent Sanford Holbrook (Class of 1997, 2003, 2006, center), who was named the KEDC 2021 Superintendent of the Year.

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35th Annual Appalachian Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair is Dec. 4

The Kentucky Folk Art Center (KFAC) has announced the return of the annual Appalachian Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair. Now in its 35th year, the event will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4. at the Laughlin Health Building in Morehead.

KFAC, in partnership with Downtown Morehead Inc., is bringing more than 100 artists, craft specialists and unique vendors from three states to Morehead to participate in the longest-running craft fair in the state.

“The event offers customers a wide variety of gifts to choose from, featuring holiday wood crafts, jewelry, homemade baked goods, baskets and much more,” said Tammy Stone, administrative coordinator for KFAC. “With the event being juried, everyone looks forward to the quality and variety of work offered by vendors from Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia. The reputation of this long-standing event has remained consistent throughout the years and everyone looks forward to doing their holiday shopping.”

Admission to the fair is \$3 per person; children under 12 are admitted free.

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To learn more about the Appalachian Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair, call 606-548-1073 or visit www.downtownmorehead.com.

The Kentucky Folk Art Center is a cultural, educational and economic development service of Morehead State University. The center is open Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information about the Kentucky Folk Art Center, call 606-783-2204 or visit www.kyfolkart.org.

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Board of Regents to hold quarterly meeting Dec. 2

The Morehead State University Board of Regents will hold its quarterly meeting Thursday, Dec. 2, at 9:45 a.m. in room 329 of the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC).

Before the meeting, the audit committee will meet at 9 a.m.

Items on the agenda include:

- Ratification of the fall 2021 graduates.
- Ratification of personnel actions.
- Reaffirm and renew regulation.

In addition, the board will vote to accept the 2020-21 audit report, to accept the University's first quarter financial report and to ratify the amended operating budget. The board will also ratify the University's 2022-24 Biennial Budget Request from the Kentucky General Assembly. Regents will also vote to approve the extension of the University Strategic Plan to 2025.

The regents will also hear reports on the University's financials and personal service contracts from Vice President for Fiscal Services, Mary Fister-Tucker, as well as the president's report from MSU President Dr. Jay Morgan.

The complete agendas for both meetings are available at www.moreheadstate.edu/bor.

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Morehead State students, faculty present celebration of MSU's first century as a public institution

History faculty and students with Morehead State University's School of Humanities and Social Sciences and Camden-Carroll Library have collaborated on a research project to celebrate the history and accomplishments of the University's first century as a public institution.

A public presentation of this project will take place from 3 to 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, at the Kentucky Folk Art Center located 102 West 1st Street in Morehead. It will be on display at Camden-Carroll Library during the spring 2022 semester.

Students enrolled in History 310 - Introduction to Public History with Dr. Adrian Mandzy, professor of history, and History 352- History of Appalachia with Dr. Tom Kiffmeyer, associate professor of history, created poster presentations that illustrate their interpretations of MSU's challenges and successes since 1922.

Morehead State University began as Morehead Normal School, which opened its doors in 1887. The private school closed in 1922 when the Kentucky General Assembly established Morehead State Normal School. The state institution accepted its first students in the fall of 1923 and graduated its first class in 1927. Name changes occurred in 1926 when "and Teachers College" was added, again in 1930 when it was shortened to Morehead State Teachers College, again in 1948 when "Teachers" was dropped and, finally, to university status in 1966.

To learn more about history programs at MSU, contact the Department of History, Philosophy, Global Studies and Legal Studies at hpql@moreheadstate.edu, 606-783-2655 or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/hpql.

For additional information on Camden-Carroll Library, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/library, and for details about the Kentucky Folk Art Center, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/kfac.

Photo: Morehead State Normal School, 1925, courtesy of the Camden-Carroll Library Archives.

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MSU Winter Session provides opportunities to earn college credit over Winter Break

Morehead State University is again allowing students to use winter break to continue making progress toward earning their degree with Winter Session.

Winter Session will start on Monday, Dec. 13, 2021, and end on Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2022.

Once again, Winter Session will include both online and hybrid course delivery. The last day to register for 2021-22 Winter Session is noon on Thursday, Dec. 9.

Winter Session provides current MSU students, new MSU students or students visiting from another institution an affordable and convenient way to take advantage of MSU's high-quality academic programs.

For more information about MSU's Winter Session, including application and course information, resources and FAQs, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/winter.

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