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The Little Company presents touring production of 'Rapunzel'

Morehead State University's School of Creative Arts and touring children's theatre, The Little Company, present their latest production of a fairy tale classic, "Rapunzel."

Mike Kenny's "Rapunzel" will be presented in various K-12 schools throughout MSU's 22-county service region every Tuesday and Thursday, starting Tuesday, March 1. The final performance will take place on Thursday, May 5.

Directed by The Little Company Director Octavia Biggs and produced with special arrangements from Plays for New Audiences, the production tells the story of Rapunzel, who lives with her loving and overprotective Nan after her mother left across the big sea. Year after year, Nan builds their tower higher and higher to protect them from the scary world. Every year, Rapunzel's hair grows longer and so does her curiosity about the world outside. It isn't until Rafi, a local boy, comes by and befriends Rapunzel that she finally gets the courage to be free.

It is such a great story that is filled with inclusion and diversity. I love the fact that there is no villain in the story and that it is about the relationship with a grandmother and her granddaughter," Biggs said. "I also needed to find a tour that would work with the concept of name recognition when working to book the tour. Since COVID, we have not had the tour in many schools, and I wanted to do something that would be of interest to a large majority of schools. It appeals to the elementary schools for the title, and it appeals to middle and high school as a recruiting tool, which is what Little Company is all about to me."

Biggs said everything from the growing hair of Rapunzel that eventually ends up being 20-feet long to creating a traveling tower with a design inspired by artistic styles like cubism, surrealism and dadaism presented challenges for The Little Company cast and crew. She said taking on this ambitious traveling production is more than worth it for the

experience it gives MSU students and the spreading of theatre to young people across the region.

"What I offer here at MSU is unique to any other school in Kentucky but also unique to the US. There are few theatre programs that offer theatre education, an educational tour company experience and a partnership with a professional theatre company, where students have the chance to apply for internships with Lexington Children's Theatre," Biggs said. "I want (the audience) to be exposed to arts education and to know that we are fighting for arts education to remain in their lives. I want them to see a show that uses an imagination to build a tower with ladders being used in unconventional ways, and truly I want them to see a show that focuses on growing up and spreading their wings to fly 'beyond the horizon.'"

A free study guide will be included with each booking for teachers to use before and after the performance.

Generously supported by an endowment from the W. Paul and Lucille Caudill Little Foundation, the Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, and the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance, The Little Company visits up to 100 schools each year, performing for 15,000 to 30,000 students.

While this program serves teachers and K-12 schools in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, it also offers MSU students valuable career experience performing plays intended for young audiences, teaching workshops to K-12 students and working with a touring production.

To learn more about The Little Company, contact 606-783-2545, email thelittlecompany@moreheadstate.edu or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/thelittlecompany.

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Morehead State Public Radio 2022 Spring Fundraiser and Membership Drive

Morehead State Public Radio (MSPR), 90.3 FM, WMKY's 2022 spring fundraiser and membership drive is scheduled for Monday, March 7, through Thursday, March 10.

"This is our first live, on-air fundraiser and 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 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.

Listeners can make their gift or pledge by calling 606-783-2001 beginning on Monday, March 7, through Thursday, March 10.

Financial gifts to MSPR may also be made online at: www.wmky.org. Gift and pledge forms are available with payroll deduction as an option for MSU employees. Listeners will also be prompted to provide comments on WMKY’s programming.

WMKY serves more than 20 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 at www.wmky.org, by phone app or smart speaker by saying “Play WMKY”.

For more information visit www.wmky.org, email Hitchcock at p.hitchc@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2334.

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MSU faculty and staff compete in annual Suit Bank Showdown

One of the most popular services offered by Morehead State University's Office of Career Services is the free Suit Bank, which provides business apparel to students and alumni at no charge. Once again, MSU faculty and staff are doing their part to build it up.

To contribute to this service, Career Services created its annual Suit Bank Showdown, a friendly competition allowing teams of faculty and staff to see which team can donate the most business-professional clothing to the Suit Bank.

The competition took place during November and early December 2021. MSU faculty and staff donated new or used business attire for the competition, and an assigned number of points is given to each type of garment. The Office of Regional Education and Outreach won the 2021 Suit Bank Showdown. Other participants include Camden-Carroll Library; Department of Art & Design; Department of Kinesiology, Health & Imaging Sciences; Division of Student Affairs; Department of History, Philosophy, Politics, Global Studies and Legal Studies; MSUTeach; Planning, Performance & Effectiveness; School of English, Communication Media and Languages; Elmer R. Smith College of Business & Technology; and the University Store.

"The suit bank is one of the most widely used services our office provides to MSU students and alumni," said Katie Mattox, career coach for the Office of Career Services. "Everyone who takes advantage of it is so grateful to have access to free professional clothing, and it helps them feel confident that they are able to look their best and make a positive impression as they enter the professional world."

Donations are welcome at any time and can be dropped off at the Office of Career Services, located on the ground floor of the Camden-Carroll Library. Office hours are 8

a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Donations to the Suit Bank are tax-deductible.

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

Photo: MSU's Office of Regional Education and Outreach were the winners of MSU's Office of Career Services 2021 Suit Bank Showdown.

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Burley-Coal Art Contest returns to MSU

Hundreds of Eastern Kentucky high school students will have their artwork featured in the 2022 Burley-Coal High School Art Exhibition & Competition at the Golding-Yang Gallery in Morehead State's Claypool-Young Art Building Wednesday March 2, to Friday, March 11.

There is no reception for this exhibition, but all are welcome to visit during open gallery hours, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The gallery will hold special hours on Saturday, March 5, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for family day.

The exhibition will feature mixed media creations from art students throughout MSU's service region in Eastern Kentucky. Students from the following high schools will participate in the show:

- Allen Central
- Bath County
- Belfry
- Blazer
- Boyd County
- Fleming County
- Greenup County
- Lawrence County
- Lewis County
- Mason County
- Montgomery County
- Morgan County
- Paintsville

- Paul Blazer
- Perry County Central
- Pikeville
- Raceland-Worthington Independent
- Russell Independent
- West Carter

"This is the future of art, or so we hope," said Melissa Yungbluth, instructor of art and director of the Golding-Yang Gallery. "For most, if not all, this is the first chance these budding artists have to exhibit their work in a formal gallery. It's a small taste of what their futures could be, and we are honored to be the regionally chosen gallery for the inaugural displaying of their work."

Awards are given in each media:

- Ceramics
- Digital Media
- Drawing
- Fashion Design
- Fiber Arts & Textile Design
- Graphic Design
- Jewelry & Metalsmithing
- Mixed Media
- Painting
- Photography,
- Printmaking
- Sculpture
- Video and Film
- Best in Show 2-D
- Best in Show 3-D.

The jurors for the exhibit are the faculty of MSU's School of Art & Design.

For more information, contact Yungbluth at myungbluth@moreheadstate.edu or Academic Department Specialist Tammy Stone at 606-783-2766.

To explore 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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Now accepting nominations for Student Choice Awards

Morehead State's Student Government Association seeks nominations for the 2022 Student Choice Awards.

Nominations will be accepted until Sunday, March 6, and voting will take place April 4 and 5. The Student Choice Awards Banquet is on Wednesday, April 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the ballroom at the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC). Awards will be given in the following categories:

- Emerging Leader of the Year
- Outstanding Student Leader of the Year
- Faculty of the Year
- Staff of the Year
- Female Athlete of the Year
- Male Athlete of the Year
- MSU Spirit Award
- Outstanding Small Organization of the Year
- Outstanding Large Organization of the Year
- Pre-Professional Organization of the Year
- Program of the Year

- Community Service Project of the Year
- Eagle Inclusion Award

"Morehead State is nothing without the students, faculty, and staff that work diligently to make Morehead State the best it can be. The Student Choice Awards are a way for us to recognize and appreciate the hard work that goes into this University. We want to ensure the people of MSU that their work does not go unnoticed," said SGA Vice President of Campus Involvement Presley Boyer.

To learn more about the awards, contact Boyer at pboyer@moreheadstate.edu or Student Body President Emily Wiley at eswiley@moreheadstate.edu.

To nominate someone for an award, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/studentchoice.

To learn more about MSU's Student Government Association, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/sga.

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History professor discusses Ukraine-Russia Conflict

Dr. Adrian Mandzy, associate professor of history at Morehead State, will give a talk titled “Putin’s War on Ukraine: A Historian’s Perspective,” Friday, March 4, at 2 p.m. in Rader Hall, room 112.

Mandzy is a member of the I. Krypiakevych Institute of Ukrainian Studies and the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine and an expert in Ukrainian history. He will talk about the nation's history and the tensions that brought about the current conflict with Russia. Mandzy said he hopes the talk gives listeners an alternative perspective on the conflict.

“I am trying to help our students, faculty, staff, as well as members of the local community, understand what is going on from the Ukrainian point of view, as opposed to the European or U.S. policy viewpoint,” Mandzy said.

The event is free and open to the public. MSU requires masks in classrooms on campus.

To learn more about programs in MSU's Department of History, Philosophy, Politics, Global Studies and Legal Studies, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/hpgl, email hpgl@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2655.

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Nursing Career Fair March 8-9

Morehead State's Department of Nursing is hosting a career fair Tuesday, March 8, and Wednesday, March 9, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Center for Health, Education and Research (CHER) Building, room 102.

Representatives from more than 20 health care agencies will be on-hand to meet with nursing students about job opportunities. The event is open to the public.

Morehead State offers a variety of nursing programs, whether you're just entering the field, or a working nurse seeking to advance your education and take your career to the next level. Our nursing program consistently has a 100% job placement rate for graduates.

For more information on Nursing programs at MSU, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/nursing, email nursingdept@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2296.

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MSU Concert Choir hosts Annual Chili Cook-Off Dinner and Concert Fundraiser

The MSU Concert Choir hosts its annual Chili Cook-Off Dinner and Concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 10, at the First Baptist Church, 123 East Main Street in downtown Morehead.

Guests will enjoy an all-you-care-to-eat chili dinner including peanut butter sandwiches, crackers, dessert and a beverage from 5:30–7 p.m. COVID-19 precautions will be taken while serving the meal. The MSU Concert Choir performance will follow at 7:30 p.m.

"This dinner concert was a very popular annual event before the pandemic, and we are so happy to be able to present it again," said Dr. Greg Detweiler, MSU music education professor and director of choral studies.

MSU Chamber Singers, Vocal Jazz Ensemble and the Black Gospel Ensemble will join the Concert Choir for the evening concert. The directors of the ensembles are Detweiler and Dr. Roosevelt Escalante, assistant professor of music. Collaborating on the piano is Staff Accompanist William Murphy (Class of 2009).

The Chamber Singers will open the concert with four selections: "Come Let's Rejoice" by John Amner, "In Remembrance" by Eleanor Daley, "Esto Les Digo" by Kinley Lange and "Die Harmonie in der Ehe" by Franz Joseph Haydn.

Using the theme "Music for the Spirit to Soar," the Concert Choir will feature pieces from Appalachia, including "Bright Morning Star" from Harlan County and "Every Night When the Sun Goes Down" featuring Assistant Director of Voice Dr. Eric Brown. The ensemble will also sing "Exsultate Deo" by Alessandro Scarlatti, "Dios Te Salve Maria" by Richard Burchard and "Song of Triumph" by Dale Grotenhuis.

The Jazz Vocal Ensemble will follow with "Oleo" arranged by Paris Rutherford, "Round Midnight" arranged by Anita Kerr and "No More Blues" arranged by Dave Barduhn.

The concert will conclude with the Black Gospel Ensemble singing "Bread of Heaven" by their musical director Escalante, "Rain" by Morgan and Pastorius, "Since Jesus Came into my Life" by Kirk Franklin and "He'll Welcome Me" by John P. Kee.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for students. The proceeds will go to support future Concert Choir tours. Concert admission is free.

Tickets can be purchased from choir members or reserved by calling Sarah White-Jarman, graduate assistant with MSU Concert Choir, at 937-217-6788. If you are interested in bringing a pot of chili and competing for the "Best Chili Gold Card," contact Jarman and leave a message. You will receive a free ticket to dinner for your competition entry.

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

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Speaker to discuss sustainable fashion, social justice

Morehead State's Gender Studies Program will host designer, radio host, community organizer and activist Soreyda Bedit-Begley for a lecture titled "Sustainable Fashion and Social Justice for All," Thursday, March 10, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in Rader Hall room 111. The event is free and open to the public and MSU requires masks inside all classroom spaces. The event is part of MSU's celebration of Women's History Month.

Originally from Honduras, Bedit-Begley is now based in Lexington. Because of her experience working in sweatshops as a teenager in her native country, she has advocated for fair trade, women's rights and sustainable development. She incorporates unconventional recycled materials into her clothing designs, including paper, plastic bags and even tree bark.

The event is sponsored by the Gender Studies Program and the Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

For more information on Bedit-Begley's work, visit www.soreyda.com, email soreyda@soreyeda.com or call 859-576-0924.

To learn more about the Gender Studies Program, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/genderstudies, email b.barton@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2710.

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MSU music program hosts Women Composers Recital on International Women's Day

Morehead State University's music program will showcase work by female composers in its upcoming Women Composers Recital. The event is at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, at the Duncan Recital Hall inside Baird Music Hall.

The Women Composers Recital will feature music from the mid-1800s to the present from living and departed women composers.

"This is a continuation of a recital performed in the spring of 2021. That recital, unfortunately, had to be performed virtually," said William Murphy (Class of 2009), staff pianist at MSU. "This recital is going to be performed live, again with works by outstanding female composers. Coincidentally, the recital is scheduled for International Women's Day."

MSU music faculty participating:

- Dr. Julie Baker, visiting instructor of flute - Flute
- Dr. David Oyen, professor of bassoon - Bassoon
- William Murphy, staff pianist – Piano
- Dr. Thomas Pappas, assistant professor of oboe – English Horn

Musical compositions in the program:

- "Circadia" (2002) by Adrienne Albert
- Three piano pieces by Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel
- "Requiem Milonga" (2018) by Valerie Coleman
- "Sonata in E Minor" (1932) by Florence Price
- "Chrysalis" (2015) by Alyssa Morris

The event is free and open to the public. Masks are required for those who attend. The performance will live stream on the Music at Morehead State University Facebook page.

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

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MSU art students and alumni contribute to downtown mural in Morehead

Morehead State University Department of Art & Design students – past and present – contributed their artistic talents to a large-scale piece in downtown Morehead.

MSU art students, alumni and emeritus faculty submitted designs that were selected by a committee for the 18-panel Morehead Rotary Club mural on the side of Pasquale's restaurant in downtown Morehead, which was unveiled in October 2021.

Students who contributed were Ethan Jenkins (junior art and design major from Morehead) and Macie Lowe (junior art major from Morehead). MSU Art & Design alumni contributors include Abbie Grace (Class of 2015), Zach Potter and Kaylee Thornsberry (Class of 2021). MSU Art & Design faculty emeriti Robert Franzini and Joe Sartor also contributed.

"Public art is a fantastic way for an artist to share their work outside a traditional gallery venue, and the mural's location is in a highly visible area of downtown Morehead," said Elizabeth Mesa-Gaido, professor of art at MSU. "It's exciting to see several of our current students and alumni being so visible in our community, as well as presenting their creative work alongside former faculty. Their paintings are a great addition to the growing number of public art pieces in Morehead, and their selection to participate in the mural project is a testament to the quality of their creative work."

Jenkins said his design, which harkened back to the region's annual Cave Run Storytelling Festival, blended a vital memory of his childhood with his love of landscapes.

"It feels really gratifying to get work displayed, especially in my hometown," Jenkins said. "It is the largest work I've created, and I am proud of it considering the time allotted to create it."

Lowe's panel painting of a barn in Rowan County represents her love of Appalachian landscapes. She said using art to bring people together coincides with her goals of either working in arts administration or as an art professor after graduating from MSU in 2023.

"Along with the mural, it inspires me to use my art to invite everyone in the community together to create a great place to live."

Thornsberry, whose work is also featured in the "Winged Animals of Kentucky" murals at Peggy's Place in the City of Morehead's Don Greenhill Park (the Eagle wings are her contribution), contributed two panels to the mural.

"I tried to think of things that Rowan County is known for one of those things that came to mind was musky fishing, and the other was Lockegee (Rock)," Thornsberry said. "I was thinking about eating in Pop's Barbecue and seeing the mounted muskies and the awards and advertisements for the tournaments, and that is what led to the muskie painting. For Lockegee, it's something that I feel like everyone knows about. It is a huge attraction for the college students."

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.

Photo: MSU art students, alumni and emeritus faculty helped create the 18-panel Morehead Rotary Club mural on the side of Pasquale's restaurant in downtown Morehead. Image courtesy of Macie Lowe.

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MSU undergraduate research highlighted at Posters-at-the-Capitol

Once again, Morehead State University students demonstrated their experience with hands-on research at Posters-at-the-Capitol, held Thursday, March 3, at the State Capitol in Frankfort.

Posters-at-the-Capitol is an event hosted collaboratively by Eastern Kentucky University, Kentucky Community and Technical College System, Kentucky State University, Morehead State University, Murray State University, Northern Kentucky University, University of Kentucky, University of Louisville and Western Kentucky University. It provides undergraduate students with the opportunity to engage in scholarship, research and creative work important to their educational experience and professional development. It allows members of Kentucky's legislature and the governor the opportunity to understand the importance of undergraduate research better.

"Posters-at-the-Capitol is a unique opportunity for our students to showcase their research on a state-wide stage. Legislators attended and enjoyed speaking with the student researchers and learning more about the positive impact the research makes on the Commonwealth," said Megan Boone, director of MSU's Office of Career Services. "Undergraduate research is a hands-on experience that prepares one for a career. Employers and graduate programs value the critical thinking, oral communication and written communication skills that are developed during the research process."

Research presentations include:

- Michael Bogucki of Grayson; Dankel Wohlfarth of Williamsburg; "Boogaloo Bois."
- Hannah Elizabeth Brewer of Pine Ridge; Andrea Parish of Olive Hill; Annette Hines, TRiO academic counselor; Angela Renee Rowe, program coordinator and manager of MSUTeach; "C2C STEM Collaboration."

- Johnna Brown of Winchester, Madison Cornelius of Danville; Reganne Miller of Carlisle; Daisy Pratt of Jamestown; Dr. Gregory Corso, chair of the Department of Psychology; "Accuracy and Engagement Resulting from Different Presentation Formats."
- Johnna Brown of Winchester, Madison Cornelius of Danville; Reganne Miller of Carlisle; Daisy Pratt of Jamestown; Dr. Gregory Corso, chair of the Department of Psychology; "Aspects of Personality Involved in Persistence."
- Johnna Brown of Winchester; Madison Cornelius of Danville; Reganne Miller of Carlisle; Daisy Pratt of Jamestown; Dr. Gregory Corso, chair of the Department of Psychology; "Effect of Visual-Audio Redundancy on Serial Recall Accuracy."
- Caitlyn Burdine of Frankfort; Peyton Rose of Versailles; Dr. Ahmad Hassan, associate professor of management; "The Influence of CEO Gender on Firm's Competitive Intensity."
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MSU undergraduate research highlighted at Posters-at-the-Capitol

Once again, Morehead State University students demonstrated their experience with hands-on research at Posters-at-the-Capitol, held Thursday, March 3, at the State Capitol in Frankfort.

Posters-at-the-Capitol is an event hosted collaboratively by Eastern Kentucky University, Kentucky Community and Technical College System, Kentucky State University, Morehead State University, Murray State University, Northern Kentucky University, University of Kentucky, University of Louisville and Western Kentucky University. It provides undergraduate students with the opportunity to engage in scholarship, research and creative work important to their educational experience and professional development. It allows members of Kentucky's legislature and the governor the opportunity to understand the importance of undergraduate research better.

"Posters-at-the-Capitol is a unique opportunity for our students to showcase their research on a state-wide stage. Legislators attended and enjoyed speaking with the student researchers and learning more about the positive impact the research makes on the Commonwealth," said Megan Boone, director of MSU's Office of Career Services. "Undergraduate research is a hands-on experience that prepares one for a career. Employers and graduate programs value the critical thinking, oral communication and written communication skills that are developed during the research process."

Research presentations include:

- Michael Bogucki of Grayson; Daniel Wohlfarth of Williamsburg; Clay LaBreche, director of international student services; Dr. Elizabeth Perkins, associate professor of criminology; "Boogaloo Bois."

- Hannah Elizabeth Brewer of Pine Ridge; Andrea Parish of Olive Hill; Annette Hines, TRiO academic counselor; Angela Renee Rowe, program coordinator and manager of MSUTeach; "C2C STEM Collaboration."
- Johnna Brown of Winchester, Madison Cornelius of Danville; Reganne Miller of Carlisle; Daisy Pratt of Jamestown; Dr. Gregory Corso, chair of the Department of Psychology; "Accuracy and Engagement Resulting from Different Presentation Formats."
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Dr. Gary Houchens and Dr. Andrea Abrams to discuss critical race theory

Morehead State University's Department of History, Philosophy, Politics, Global Studies and Legal Studies will host a "Forum on Critical Race Theory and the Future of Education" at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 24, in the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC) Theater.

The discussion features Dr. Andrea Abrams, vice president for diversity, equity, and inclusion at Centre College, and Dr. Gary Houchens, professor of educational administration at Western Kentucky University.

The forum features a discussion on critical race theory and education, including the Kentucky General Assembly's proposed Senate Bill 138 and House Bill 487, which could establish social studies curricula for K-12 classrooms and impact how race, gender and LGBTQ issues are discussed in Kentucky classrooms.

Dr. Andrea Abrams is the author of "God and Blackness: Race, Gender and Identity in a Middle-Class Afrocentric Church." Her research focuses on racial and gender issues in the South. Abrams has a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Anthropology from Agnes Scott College. She earned a Master of Arts in Anthropology, a graduate certificate in women's studies and a Ph.D. in Anthropology from Emory University.

Dr. Gary Houchens is a former middle school teacher, school principal and K-12 district-level administrator who now serves as professor of educational administration at Western Kentucky University. He serves on the board of directors for EdChoice Kentucky and the Board of Scholars for the Bluegrass Institute for Public Policy Solutions. Houchens is a senior fellow with the Pegasus Institute and a policy advisor for Commonwealth Educational Opportunities. Houchens served on the Kentucky Board of Education from 2016-19, where he was chair of the Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Committee.

"Both Dr. Abrams and Dr. Houchens are well respected in their fields by their peers. Both have extensive knowledge of the various ways academics utilize critical race theory in their research and teaching," said Dr. Ben Fitzpatrick, assistant professor of history. "Overall, Dr. Abrams and Dr. Houchens will provide nuanced and informed opinions in an imperative debate about the future of education in Kentucky."

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

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MSU's Bob Twiggs inducted into Space and Satellite Hall of Fame

Bob Twiggs, Morehead State professor emeritus of space systems engineering, is among the 2022 inductees into the Space and Satellite Hall of Fame by the Space & Satellite Professionals International (SSPI).

Twiggs came to Morehead State in 2009 and retired in 2018 and was instrumental in helping build MSU's Space Systems Engineering programs. He is known in the space and satellite industry and academia as the "Father of the CubeSat" for his co-development of the CubeSat reference design and P-Pod Deployer for miniaturized satellites. The tiny satellites no bigger than a loaf of bread have become the de facto industry standard for Pico satellites since its development in 1998, with more than 1,600 successful launches to date. Twiggs also developed and co-developed other original concepts, including the CricketSat, CanSat, ThinSat and the PocketQube for educational applications in space.

"Bob Twiggs was an inspiration- to our students, our staff and our faculty. He is a true innovator and entrepreneur. His engineering excellence combined with his maverick approach to innovation served as a model for our approach to the development of small satellite technologies," said Dr. Ben Malphrus, executive director of MSU's Space Science Center. "We are tremendously excited about Bob Twigg's induction into the SSPI Hall of Fame. It is extremely well-deserved. Bob is a visionary and inspired us all."

To explore MSU's Department of Physics, Earth Science and Space Systems Engineering programs, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/phes, email phes@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2381.

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Danford to deliver lecture on women and art history

Rachel Danford, assistant professor of art history and assistant director of women's, gender, and sexuality studies at Marshall University, will give a guest lecture about the impact of women on art history Wednesday, March 23, 4-6 p.m. in Rader Hall, room 111. The lecture is titled "Treasures of Empresses and Abbesses: Precious Metalwork in Ottonian Germany." Danford will speak about objects made by and for women in the Ottonian imperial family from the 10th-11th centuries in Germany. Melissa Yungbluth, director of MSU's Golding-Yang Gallery and a member of MSU's gender studies leadership team, said the artwork Danford will be discussing was vital to the rise of the Ottoman Empire.

"It's a big family with lots of interesting members, and the art associated with the women, in particular, is unusual. The women played a key role in building up the dynasty," she said.

Danford specializes in the art and architecture of Late Antiquity and the early Middle Ages, with research interests in materials and media theory, monumental decoration systems, the reception of classical antiquity in the Middle Ages, and medieval theories of creativity and innovation. She earned a Ph.D. in the History of Art from Johns Hopkins University (2016) and holds a B.A. in art history, with a minor in archaeology, from Stanford University (2008). She joined Marshall's faculty in 2017.

"Dr. Danford will add depth to what our art history program is most known for, but I also want the students that attend the lecture to walk away feeling more empowered. Hearing tales of strong, leading women from centuries ago," Yungbluth said.

The lecture is sponsored by MSU's Gender Studies program and the Caudill College of

Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

To learn more about gender studies at MSU, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/genderstudies, email Program Director and Professor of Sociology, Dr. Bernadette Barton, at b.barton@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2710.

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Costume Shop sponsors Sew-A-Bear event

The costume shop in Morehead State's theatre program is sponsoring an event that lets students, faculty and staff help local charities while participating in a fun activity.

The costume shop is holding workshops to make stuffed bears for charity. No experience is necessary, and participants will receive instructions on how to sew and stuff the toys. The bears will be donated to a local charity. Last semester, the project donated 120 bears to DOVES domestic violence shelter, the Children's Advocacy Center, and local police and fire departments. Costume Shop Supervisor and Lecturer of Theatre Becky Scott said once the bears were distributed last semester, she was immediately contacted and asked to make more.

The workshops will be held from 2:30 to 5 p.m. on the following dates:

Monday, April 11

Wednesday, April 13

Monday, April 25

Wednesday, April 27

"The bears give an opportunity for MSU students and staff to make a charity contribution without a lot of prep work on their part," said Scott. "We provide supplies and instruction. It is a great event for students in organizations that require community service or philanthropy hours."

For more information about the Sew-a-Bear workshops, email Scott at r.scott@moreheadstate.edu.

To learn more about theatre programs at MSU, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/theatre, email mtd@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2170.

Top Photo: Students sewed bears that will be donated to local charities at a recent Sew-a-Bear workshop hosted by MSU's Costume Shop.

Bottom Photo: Makayla McMurtrey, a senior global studies major from Winchester, sorts bears made by students during a recent Sew-a-Bear workshop.

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MSU Foundation announces Burke-Messer Memorial Scholarship Endowment

The MSU Foundation has announced the establishment of the Burke-Messer Memorial Scholarship Endowment. This endowment, made possible by individual contributions and an estate gift commitment, provides scholarship support to full-time incoming first-year students from Eastern Kentucky, with preference given to female students.

Created by two-time MSU graduate Dr. N. Peggy Burke (Class of 1956, 1957), the scholarship is named after her parents to recognize the privately supported scholarships that made her college education possible.

"Without the financial support I received, I would have never been able to go to college myself," she said. "I want to 'pay it forward' by enabling future students to achieve their educational dreams."

Following her graduation from MSU, Burke went on to earn a Ph.D. in Physical Education. She joined the University of Iowa faculty in health and sports studies and eventually became chair of the department. She was a passionate advocate of women in sports throughout her career, receiving awards for her efforts that included the National Association of Collegiate Women Athletics Administrators Lifetime Achievement Award. These accomplishments led to her induction into the MSU Alumni Hall of Fame in 1976.

Dr. Burke has remained a loyal supporter of MSU for many decades. This scholarship commitment ensures her continued support for generations to come. When fully funded, the Burke-Messer Memorial Scholarship Endowment will provide a \$10,000 renewable scholarship to an MSU student.

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

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Senior art exhibit opens March 30

Seniors graduating from Morehead State's Department of Art and Design will have a chance to showcase their work during the annual senior art show and exhibit.

"Everything Considered: 2022 MSU Art & Design Senior Juried Exhibition" runs from Wednesday, March 30, to Wednesday, April 13. An opening reception will be held Wednesday, March 30, 5-7 p.m. in the Golding-Yang Art Gallery in the Claypool-Young Art Building on MSU's campus. The show will feature more than 77 pieces of mixed media art by seniors graduating from the program in May. Gallery Director and Instructor of Art and Design Melissa Yungbluth and Quinn Maher, instructor of ceramics, will serve as jurors for the exhibit.

Yungbluth said the exhibit serves two purposes: to give students experience with a professional gallery venue and show how much they have grown artistically since the sophomore exhibit.

"The majority of them have not exhibited since the sophomore exhibition, "Works in Progress," where we got a glimpse of where the work was in the program. "Everything Considered" is a response to the sophomore title "Works in Progress" in that as a student matures in the program, they are asked to think about the why's and how's of making their work," Yungbluth said.

The Golding-Yang Gallery is open to the public Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Masks are required for entry. To learn more, email Yungbluth at myungbluth@moreheadstate.edu.

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

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MSU Department of English presents author Juliet Escoria

Morehead State University's Department of English presents a virtual presentation by author Juliet Escoria titled "Writing Out of Tradition: On Alternative Literature." The event is at 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 30, and is free and open to the public.

Juliet Escoria is the author of the books "Juliet the Maniac," "Black Cloud" and "Witch Hunt." She will be discussing the Alternative Literature (Alt Lit) writing movement from the early 2010s. The movement was influenced by online spaces and emphasized subject matter including mental illness from an honest perspective. She will also be reading her original work.

"Juliet Escoria's work—from her short story collection, 'Black Cloud' to her recent novel 'Juliet the Maniac'—seeks to illuminate stories of mental health struggles, existentialism, and what the word 'genre' really means," said Morgan Byrne, instructor of English at MSU. "In bringing her to Morehead State University, our students, faculty, staff and the general public will be treated to work divorced from traditional forms of literature, allowing attendees to broaden their scope in understanding writing, reading and being."

You can view Juliet Escoria's presentation online. Dr. Sylvia Henneberg, interim associate dean of the School of English, Communication, Media and Languages, will stream it live via Webex. Go to <https://moreheadstate.webex.com/meet/s.henneberg> or join by phone, dial 415-655-0003 and use access code: 160 551 2835.

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MSU Theatre presents 'Lucia'

Morehead State University's Department of Music, Theatre and Dance will present its third production of the 2021-22 theatrical season with a production of Rebecca Gorman O'Neill's "Lucia."

The play takes place at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays, March 31-April 2, and April 7-9. There are matinee performances at 2 p.m. Sundays, April 3 and 10. All performances are in the Lucille Caudill Little (LCL) Theatre in Breckinridge Hall.

"Lucia" centers around the title character of Lucia (pronounced "loo-CHEE-ah") Joyce, a former professional dancer and the daughter of iconic authors James Joyce and Nora Barnacle. She was romantically involved with Samuel Beckett before he became an accomplished author and was once a patient of psychoanalyst Carl Jung. Lucia spent the last two-thirds of her life in mental health facilities, her story overshadowed by famous men, especially her father. Lucia's light shines brightest in this multi-genre play, illuminating a path for others like her.

Greg Carlisle, associate professor of theatre at MSU, is the director of "Lucia." He said he learned of Lucia Joyce a few years ago and considered her story "captivating, heartbreaking, and inspiring." Shortly after he learned about Lucia, one of his students from 16 years ago contacted him about a different project and had mentioned his friend had written an unpublished play about Lucia Joyce and asked if he would like to read it.

"I responded with an enthusiastic 'yes,'" Carlisle said. "I loved the play because it not only further illuminated Lucia's story for me, but the play is richly structured, each scene tied to both a chapter of Lucia's father's novel 'Ulysses' and to a genre of theatre."

Carlisle also wanted to incorporate dance into the production and contacted "Lucia" playwright O'Neill. He collaborated with Dr. Natasha Davis, associate professor of

dance and assistant dean of the Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, to incorporate a three-person dance ensemble into the production.

"The biggest challenge choreographically has been providing a well-balanced mix of historical dance (1920s expressionist dance also known as modern dance) with contemporary movements of today while ensuring the dancers and the audience can see the foundations of modern dance and examine how it began in comparison with where it is today," Davis said.

Carlisle said this mix of theatrical genres and dance choreography has allowed MSU students to tell an essential story in a unique way.

"I want everyone to learn about Lucia. I can't believe I only learned about her recently, and I hope everyone gets as interested in her story as I did," he said. "I hope that anyone in the audience who feels that they struggle to express their creativity will be inspired by Lucia's story to shine their light."

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.

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

Wearing masks and facial coverings during the performance is recommended, but not required.

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

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MSU hosts regional Technology Student Association competition

Morehead State University's School of Engineering and Computer Science (SECS) hosted the 25th annual Technology Student Association (TSA) competition Friday, March 4, 2022.

Attendees included 230 students and 15 faculty advisors from 10 regional middle and high schools. TSA chapters from the following schools participated in the event:

- Breathitt County High School
- Bryan Station High School
- Carter County Career and Technical Center
- Fleming County High School
- Highlands High School
- Mason County High School
- Morgan County High School
- Raceland-Worthington High School
- Raceland-Worthington Middle School
- Rowan County Senior High School
- Russell Area Technical Center

The students participated in different events based on the concepts covered in the students' courses in engineering technology education. This regional event aims to prepare and evaluate the participating students' projects before going to the state competition. The regional competition allows the students to improve their projects for state competition based on the feedback they receive from SECS faculty and staff.

Students collaborated with other students during the competitive events and networked

with SECS faculty, staff, and student volunteers.

Bryan Station High School's TSA chapter earned 14 different awards, including nine first-place, four second-place and one third-place. Highlands High School came in a close second with 13 awards, including five first-place, four second-place, one third-place and one special event award. Carter County High School students won 10 awards, including eight first place and two third place. Other competition results were as follows:

- Breathitt County High School: two second-place awards.
- Fleming County High School: one first-place and four second-place awards.
- Mason County High School: one second-place award.
- Morgan County High School: two first-place awards.
- Raceland-Worthington High School: one first-place, two second-place, and two third-place awards.
- Raceland-Worthington Middle School: four first-place, four second-place and two third-place awards.
- Rowan County Senior High School: one second-place and three third-place awards.
- Russell Area Technical School: two first-place, two second-place and three third-place awards.

"Since 1997, the Department of Engineering and Technology Management department has hosted the regional Technology Students Association competition on the MSU campus," said Dr. Ahmad Zargari, associate dean for the SECS. "The regional competition allows students to receive feedback from MSU faculty/staff and prepare for the state and national competitions."

To learn more about MSU's School of Engineering and Computer Science programs, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/secs, email secs@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2418.

Photo Caption: Regional TSA officers, from left to right: Erin Pease, vice president, Fleming County High School; Jennifer Nguyen, president, Carter County Career and Technical Center; and Kalynn Pease secretary, Fleming County High School.

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Metropolitan Opera Orchestra trombonist John Romero serves in residency, performs at MSU

Morehead State University's Department of Music, Theatre and Dance will host John Romero, principal trombonist of the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra, as an artist-in-residence at MSU.

Romero's residency is from March 31 through April 1. During his visit, he will lecture on diversity, equity and inclusion for music education students and teach a masterclass to MSU brass students. His residency concludes with a recital at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 1, at the Duncan Recital Hall in Baird Music Hall. The performance is free and open to the public.

Romero has served in his role with the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra since 2018. Before that, he held the same position in the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra from 2016 to 2018. He currently teaches at Rutgers University, the Bard College Conservatory of Music, and the Mannes School of Music. He has performed solo recitals and led masterclasses at the Juilliard School of Music, The Manhattan School of Music, and the 2019 International Trombone Festival. Romero also competed in the first-ever brass division of the 2019 XVI Tchaikovsky Competition in St. Petersburg, Russia. Romero's recordings of Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) All-State Etudes for trombone and trumpet have become widely viewed on YouTube.

Dr. Russ Zokaites, visiting assistant professor of music - trombone, organized the event and believes MSU students can gain helpful knowledge from this world-class musician.

"As a member of the Metropolitan Opera, he is one of the best trombonists in the world. John is also active on social media and has a large following. This combination of skills is a great opportunity for our students," he said. "They will get to listen and work with a great musician and a young entrepreneur who is skilled in 21st-century technology."

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

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Artwork by MSU alumna Thornsberry publicly displayed in Morehead, Pikeville

Regardless of the artistic media she works in, Kaylee Thornsberry (Class of 2021) doesn't want to keep her work to herself.

"I am interested in any art opportunity that is shared with me or that I come across," Thornsberry said. "Every artist is looking for an opportunity for their work to be seen."

Some of Thornsberry's recent art in Morehead and Pikeville is getting seen by many people every day – she's created some large-scale, public pieces that provide art to residents, out-of-towners and tourists alike.

Thornsberry is from West Liberty and is a recipient of W. Paul and Lucille Caudill Little Endowment for the Study of Arts. She earned a Bachelor of Fine Art (BFA) in Art and Arts Teaching P-12, Bachelor of Arts with certification in December 2021.

Thornsberry said the most beneficial parts of being an art student at MSU were the atmosphere of the Claypool-Young Art Building, the mentorship she received from faculty and the smaller class sizes that led to more personalized attention. She chose to pursue a BFA because of the challenge and the opportunities to present her work in galleries.

"For me, I like to push myself and if I'm going to do something, I want to do it to the best of my ability, so for me, that's what BFA was," Thornsberry said.

As Thornsberry grew as an artist, her work garnered the interests of MSU professors on a committee to select artists to contribute to the "Winged Animals of Kentucky" murals at Peggy's Place in the City of Morehead's Don Greenhill Park (the Eagle wings are her contribution). She also contributed two panels to the 18-panel Rotary Club mural on the side of Pasquale's restaurant in downtown Morehead.

She also submitted work to the Pikeville Main Street program for its artistic bears that appear around downtown (the bear is the University of Pikeville's mascot).

"I decided to enter, not knowing how much of a chance I had or how competitive the entry would be. I usually have the mindset if you don't enter, you definitely won't be chosen and if you do, the worst that can happen is you don't get chosen," she said. "In art, you have to learn how to deal with disappointment. When I got the call that I had a bear chosen, I was over the moon. Over the phone, I asked which design of mine was chosen, and that's when they told me they'd actually like to talk to me about that they wanted to pursue both and I was even more blown away. I felt like my art career was moving in the right direction."

Currently, Thornsberry is an art teacher at West Carter High School in Olive Hill, and continues to work as an independent artist. She is working on a new series and doing commissioned drawings, paintings and sculptures throughout the year. She will be getting another public art opportunity after being chosen to paint a fiberglass horse for Horsemania 2022 in Lexington.

"I will always be looking for more public art opportunities. I did really enjoy the mural work and I will be looking for more opportunities like those," she said. "My career aspirations are pretty open. I am up for anything that comes my way."

To learn more about Kaylee Thornsberry's artwork, visit www.kayleethornsberry.com.

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.

Photo, top: Kaylee Thornsberry (Class of 2021) pictured with the two panels she contributed to the Morehead Rotary Club Mural in downtown Morehead.

Photo, right: Kaylee Thornsberry created eagle wings for the "Winged Animals of Kentucky" murals at Peggy's Place in the City of Morehead's Don Greenhill Park.

Photo, left: The Pikeville Main Street program, which places artistic bears around downtown Pikeville, selected Kaylee Thornsberry's submission as one of the pieces to be displayed.

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Board of Regents, Audit Committee to meet March 31

Morehead State University's Board of Regents will hold its quarterly meeting Thursday, March 31, at 9:30 a.m. in room 329 of the Adron Doran University Center, following a meeting of the Audit Committee at 9:15 a.m.

The audit committee will accept the 2020-21 NCAA Agreed Upon Procedures Report and the WMKY audit. The committee will also vote to approve the reappointment of the University's auditing firm and the audit price and the scope of the annual fiscal year audit. The committee will also hear a report on the status of current audits from Internal Auditor Joe Hunsucker.

Following the audit committee, the Board of Regents will meet and recognize donors, faculty, staff and students.

The board will review:

- Approval of items approved by the Audit Committee.
- Ratification of personnel actions.
- Approval of a coaching contract.
- Acceptance of a policy revision.
- Approval of faculty tenure with promotion.
- Approval of the MSU Founder's Award honoree.
- The establishment of an ad-hoc committee to review the Board Bylaws.

The board will also vote on several recommended actions, including:

- Approval of 2022-23 tuition, mandatory fees and housing rates.

- Acceptance of the second quarter financial report and ratification of the amended operating budget.
- Approval of employee compensation.
- Approval of an extension of the University's banking services contract with US Bank.
- Approval of delegation of the University's optional retirement plan.
- Approval of the demolition of a residential structure.

The board will also hear from University President Dr. Jay Morgan, who will deliver a legislative update and a report on the University's 100/135-year celebration. The board will also hear a presentation on University debt refinancing from Vice President for Fiscal Services Mary Fister-Tucker and a report on the University website redesign project from Vice President for University Advancement Rick Hesterberg.

The board will also elect a chair, vice-chair and secretary and appoint a treasurer at Thursday's meeting. Meeting dates for the coming fiscal year will also be set.

The next quarterly Board of Regents meeting is Thursday, June 16.

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MSU earns three Educational Advertising Awards

Morehead State University's Office of Communications & Marketing has won three awards for digital marketing at the 37th Annual Educational Advertising Awards.

Communications and Marketing received a Silver Award in Social Media Content for the @moreheadstate Instagram account and two Merit Awards, one for Digital Video Ad-Less Than 2 Minutes for the "Hike Eagle Lake" video and one for Student Viewbook for the 2021-22 MSU Viewbook (a publication given to prospective students highlighting the University's programs, scholarships and facilities).

The Educational Advertising Awards submissions are judged against nationwide programs and marketing campaigns by a national panel of industry specialists who scored them based on message impact, creativity and marketing execution. This year, the EAA received over 2,000 entries from over a thousand colleges, universities and secondary schools from all 50 states and several foreign countries.

"We have an abundance of talent on our campus," said Rick Hesterberg, vice president of university advancement. "And I am elated that our Communications & Marketing team is being recognized for their creative energy and all of their efforts for effectively promoting our University and distinguishing what makes Morehead State so special."

Follow Morehead State University on Instagram at www.instagram.com/moreheadstate.

Watch the Hike Eagle Lake video at <https://youtu.be/J9OAcROIA9Y>.

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Morehead State's Lunar IceCube tentatively set for late spring launch aboard Artemis I

A satellite built by students and faculty at Morehead State is tentatively scheduled to head into space late this spring aboard the most powerful spacecraft ever made as part of a NASA mission to the moon.

The satellite, Lunar IceCube, passed environmental testing last summer and was delivered to NASA's Kennedy Space Center to be installed as a secondary payload on the Artemis I mission, tentatively scheduled for an April launch date. The satellite will use a plasma drive propulsion system to take it on a circuitous route to the moon. It will orbit and investigate the transportation physics of water ice on the lunar surface to support a lunar outpost that NASA plans to develop. NASA hopes that there is enough water on the moon to support future human and robotic solar system exploration.

The Lunar IceCube team includes several faculty and staff members of the Space Science Center and more than 50 students at Morehead State, in addition to a small number of scientists and engineers from NASA Goddard Spaceflight Center, the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, the NASA Independent Verification and Validation Center and the Busek Space Propulsion company.

Lunar IceCube's mission will last approximately 18 months and the spacecraft will perform hundreds of orbits of the moon. The Mission Operations Center (MOC) in the Space Science Center at Morehead State University will operate the mission. The team will use NASA's Deep Space Network and Morehead State University's own 21-meter ground station antenna to send commands to the spacecraft and downlink data and telemetry.

"Lunar IceCube is one of the first of a generation of higher capability CubeSat spacecraft that represents a transition of the technology from Low Earth Orbiting (LEO) satellites to Interplanetary missions," said Nathan Fite, MSU space systems engineer and Lunar ICECube program manager. "The Artemis 1 missions bridge the gap between LEO CubeSats and larger interplanetary space missions."

For more information about Lunar IceCube and the Artemis I mission, visit <https://go.nasa.gov/3wgvJVO>.

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UPDATE: Trombonists Brian Hecht and Joseph Rodriguez serve in residency, perform at MSU

Morehead State University's Department of Music, Theatre and Dance will host Brian Hecht, utility trombone for the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, and Joseph Rodriguez, trombonist for the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, as artists-in-residence at MSU.

Hecht and Rodriguez's residency is Friday, April 1. During their visit, they will teach a masterclass to MSU brass students. Their residency concludes with a recital at 7:30 p.m. at the Duncan Recital Hall in Baird Music Hall. The performance is free and open to the public.

Brian Hecht has been a utility trombone for the Dallas Symphony since 2021. Before that, he was a bass trombonist for The United States Navy Band from 2009 before taking the bass trombonist position for the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra in 2013. Hecht is an international soloist for symphonies, trombone choirs, orchestras and ensembles nationwide. He has performed with prominent ensembles like the New York Philharmonic, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the San Francisco Symphony, the Washington National Opera, and the Kennedy Center Ballet.

Joseph Rodriguez has been a trombonist with the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra since 2015. Before that, he was the acting principal trombonist for the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra and held positions with the Philharmonia Zurich at the Zurich Opera House, the Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra and the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra. Rodriguez has served as faculty for Northern Illinois University, Wheaton College Conservatory of Music and Concordia University. In 2009 and 2010, he toured for 17 weeks with the "Star Wars in Concert" orchestra featuring narrator and C3PO actor Anthony Daniels.

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

Photos: Trombonists Brian Hecht (right) and Joseph Rodriguez (left) will be artists-in-residency and perform at MSU on Friday, April.

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Craft Academy student to compete in World Robotics Competition

Shawn Nelson, a junior at Morehead State's Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Math, is a finalist for the FIRST® Tech Challenge Dean's List Award.

Nelson is from Jefferson County and is one of only two Kentuckians to be named as finalists to represent the state at the FIRST® World Robotics Competition in Houston next month. He said he first heard about FIRST® Robotics from his older sister, who also competed in events in the past. He said being a student at the Craft Academy allowed him to build a strong robotics team.

"Craft allowed me to focus on the other aspects of building a team without focusing on just the financial fundraising," Nelson said. "I really enjoyed several aspects of the robotics team - from working hands-on and helping to build the robot to learning computer programming. I also enjoyed leading others on the team and providing an opportunity for the other members to participate and learn."

The mission of FIRST® is to inspire young people to be science and technology leaders and innovators by engaging them in exciting mentor-based programs that build science, engineering, and technology skills, inspire innovation and foster well-rounded life capabilities, including self-confidence, communication, and leadership.

"I am humbled to represent my team, Craft Academy and Kentucky as a Dean's List Finalist. It has been a tremendous amount of hard work to get to reach this goal and I am thankful for all who have supported and sacrificed along the way," Nelson added.

The Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics is a dual-credit academy for academically exceptional Kentucky students. Craft Academy provides

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