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MSU hosts INSIGHT camp for visually impaired students

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"The welcome mat has been out for us all the time at MSU," Hill said. "We've always worked well as a team with MSU to offer and improve the program and it's all student-driven; it's all for the students. The camp gives students a chance to see what they can do and what they need to work on to prepare for the transition to college life."

The program is offered to students who have completed the 10th, 11th or 12th grade and gives them a real-world college experience, including living in a residence hall, attending academic classes and practicing orientation and mobility skills in a campus environment.

For more information about INSIGHT, visit www.ksb.kyschools.us/Content/30 or email Hill at connie.hill@ksb.kyschools.us.

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Morehead State's Spring 2022 Dean's List announced

Morehead State ranks among the Top 25 best public universities in the South according to U.S. News & World Report's "Best Colleges 2022." MSU is also recognized for Best Undergraduate Teaching, Best Colleges for Veterans and made the list of Best Value Schools.

The Spring 2022 Dean's List is now available online. The accomplishments of these students reflect our commitment to academic excellence and student success.

To qualify for the Dean's List, students must have completed at least 12 undergraduate credit hours and earned at least a 3.5 GPA for the current semester.

To view the list, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/deanslist.

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MSU BUSINESS STUDENTS GAIN CAREER-READY EXPERIENCE

Students in Morehead State's Elmer R. Smith College of Business and Technology not only learn in the classroom; they also receive real-world business experience that will give them an edge as they build their careers.

Recently, several MSU business students got to explore entrepreneurship firsthand at the 2022 Kentucky Pitch competition, with two students taking home top honors. Students who enter the competition pitch their business ideas to an audience of investors, community leaders and the public. Prize money and business support are given to those students whose business demonstrates innovation and the potential to create future jobs for Kentuckians.

Dr. Janet Ratliff, associate professor of management and entrepreneurship, said she enjoys helping her students develop their ideas into potential new businesses.

"I truly enjoy the excitement and passion my students exhibit when they work together to create and further develop businesses," she said. "I have the unique opportunity each and every day to get to work with these amazing students and help them to be the very best they can."

Lauren Partin, a junior accounting major from Peebles, Ohio, won first place in the exploratory track with her business idea, H2O Leak Pro. The product attaches to the water line going into a building and shuts the water off when excessive use is detected, preventing potential water damage from leaks. Partin was awarded \$5,000 to help expand her idea.

"This was the best thing I could have done for my product. I am so glad that I took the chance of integrity in this competition," Partin said.

Senior small business management and entrepreneurship major Sydnee Shoupe from Greenup won a sponsorship to participate in Aviatra Accelerators in the developed track. The program, offered through Northern Kentucky University, will provide Shoupe with in-person and virtual programming to help her advance her business. Her idea, Thrifted Freckles, is an online thrift store that allows customers to shop safely from the comfort of their own homes. Shoupe said the competition gave her invaluable experience she'll carry into her professional life.

"This entire experience helped me to grow my knowledge in my business, while also networking with others," she said.

Partin and Shoupe received support and feedback on their pitch ideas and presentations from a team of their fellow students, who served as project consultants. They were:

- Elise Cahill, a senior accounting major from Lexington.
- Madison Dennis, a junior business management major from Morehead.

- M'Shae Mathews, a senior business management major from Morehead.
- Amelia Napier, a senior small business management and entrepreneurship major from Carrollton.

For more information about the Smith College of Business and Technology programs, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/cbt, email cbt@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2174.

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MOREHEAD STATE EQUESTRIAN TEAM COMPETES AT NATIONALS

Morehead State's Equestrian Team competed at the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) national competition, with several riders and horses winning awards.

Senior Jordyn Bagnall, a nursing major from **Jupiter, Florida**, and MSU hunter seat team captain, was crowned as reserve champion in the open hunter seat equitation on the flat. Bagnall won 6th place in the open hunter seat equitation over fences classes.

Rudy Pohlabein (Class of 2022) from **Edgewood** clinched 3rd place in the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) High Point Rider Cup. He competed against the best collegiate western riders in the nation. Riders competed in a two-part class comprised of western horsemanship and reining disciplines.

Junior Andrea Robinson of **Mt. Sterling, Ohio**, an equine science and agribusiness major and Equestrian Team president, was awarded 9th place in her Rookie Western Horsemanship class.

MSU students were not the only ones who were winners at IHSA Nationals. MSU's horse, Juice, a 6-year-old AQHA gelding owned by MSU, was selected by the judges as the most useful horse of the show.

The IHSA nationals were held May 5-8 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

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To learn more about agriculture programs at MSU, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/agriculture, email agsi@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2662.

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Board of Regents meets June 16

Morehead State University's Board of Regents will hold its quarterly meeting Thursday, June 16, at 9:30 a.m. in room 329 of the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC).

Following the roll call, the regents will recognize students, faculty and staff for their contributions to the University.

Under the consent agenda, the regents will vote on the following:

Ratify spring 2022 graduates.

Ratify personnel actions, including approval of the 2022-23 University organizational chart, promotion of faculty, granting of emeritus status, new academic program certificates, and employment contracts.

In addition, the board will:

Accept third-quarter financial report and ratify the amended operating budget.

Approve the 2022-23 University operating budget, fee schedule, personnel roster and capital projects including renovation of Cooper Hall, Alumni Tower, Camden-Carroll Library HVAC/electrical system and recommended amendments to the Board of Regents' bylaws.

The regents will also hear a report from Vice President of Fiscal Services Mary Fister-Tucker, an update on the Student Government Association from Regent Emily Wiley, and a report from University President Dr. Jay Morgan. They will also conduct the president's annual evaluation and review a summary of the board's self-evaluation.

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Meg Willis Robbins is Coordinator of Undergraduate Research

Morehead State University's Center for Career Development and Experiential Education is pleased to announce the addition of Meg Willis Robbins as the coordinator of undergraduate research. She will provide support for students interested in undergraduate research through the Undergraduate Research Fellowship program and increase awareness and opportunities for research within the undergraduate experience. She will support students to ensure that they develop and can articulate critical career skills like oral communication, critical thinking, and written communication as part of their research experience.

"Meg is going to be a great asset to the team as we work to ensure all MSU graduates have hands-on experience inside and outside the classroom that prepares them for future careers," said Megan Boone, director of the Center for Career Development and Experiential Education. "She is student-focused and has a passion for competency-based curriculum that embeds critical career skills."

A native of Illinois, Robbins has a Master of Arts in Education from Western Governors University and a Master of Arts in Historical Philosophy and Theology from the Edinburgh University, New College.

Robbins comes to the Center with a lengthy background in education, including K-12 administration and programming, higher education instruction, and continuing and adult education. She developed relationships with employers and community partners to build research, service, and work-based learning opportunities for high school students to encourage them to focus on their career pathways with passion and purpose. She is currently a graduate student at the University of Illinois and is completing her Doctorate in Education, Policy, and Organizational Leadership with an emphasis on learning design and technology.

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- London Henry, Louisville
- Abby Hitzelberger, Louisville
- Lacy Ann Howard, Newport
- DJ Johnson, Vanceburg
- TaMyah Jordan, Frankfort
- Muhammad Khan, Louisville
- Jordan Leslie, Louisville

- Jaiya McCargo, Lexington
- Jontae Moore, Louisville
- Wyatt Neurendorf, Hardinsburg
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- Gracie Smith, Radcliff
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PHOTO CAPTION: Front row, left to right: Gracie Smith, Astrondia Theus, Lacy Ann Howard, Hafsa Furrukh, Brandon Rister, Jacob Adams, Mickie Foard and Elliott Harris. Middle row, left to right: Fatima Gonzalez, Brooklyn Harris, TaMyah Jordan, Abby Hitzelberger, Jaiya McCargo, Naomi Williams, Eric Echeverria and DJ Johnson. Back row, left to right: Jordan Leslie, London Henry, Jontae Moore and Muhammad Khan.

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Board of Regents holds June meeting

Morehead State's Board of Regents held its quarterly meeting Thursday, June 16, at 9:30 a.m. in room 329 of the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC).

Following breakfast and the call to order, the regents recognized Raymond McLain, the retiring director of the Kentucky Center for Traditional Music, for his years of service to the University. Members of the board also honored outgoing Student Regent and Student Government Association President Emily Wiley (Class of 2022) with a resolution recognizing her service to the board and MSU. The board also Megan Boone, director of Career Services and the Center for Career Development and Experiential Education, for her contributions to the University.

Under the consent agenda, the regents voted to:

- Ratify spring 2022 graduates.
- Ratify personnel actions, including approval of the 2022-23 University organizational chart, promotion of faculty, granting of emeritus status, new academic program certificates, and employment contracts.

In addition, the board voted to:

- Accepted the third-quarter financial report and ratified the amended operating budget.
- Approve the 2022-23 University operating budget, fee schedule, personnel roster and capital projects including renovation of Cooper Hall, Alumni Tower, Camden-Carroll Library HVAC/electrical system and recommended amendments to the Board of Regents' bylaws.

The regents heard a report from Vice President of Fiscal Services Mary Fister-Tucker, an update on the Student Government Association and a report from University President Dr. Jay Morgan. They also conducted the president's annual evaluation and reviewed a summary of the board's self-evaluation.

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Left photo: Outgoing Student Government Association President Emily Wiley was recognized for her service to MSU during Thursday's Board of Regents meeting. Pictured from left to right are: Board of Regents Chair Eric Howard, Wiley and MSU president Dr. Jay Morgan.

Right photo: Raymond McLain, retiring director of the Kentucky Center for Traditional Music, and Career Services Director Megan Boone were recognized during Thursday's Board of Regents meeting for their years of service to MSU students and the campus community. Pictured from left to right are McLain, Boone and MSU President Dr. Jay Morgan.

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Matt Tackett named president of Southern Economic Development Council

This month, the Southern Economic Development Center (SEDC), North America's oldest and largest professional association for economic development, named Morehead State University alumnus Matt Tackett (Class of 2005, 2007) its president. He will be replacing retiring president Gene Stinson and implementing the organization's mission to provide information, guidance and leadership to the American South's economic development practitioners.

Tackett is from Prestonsburg. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Government in 2005 and a Master of Public Administration (MPA) in 2007. Before becoming president of SEDC, Tackett served as president and CEO of the Kentucky Association for Economic Development, an economic development membership organization with multiple businesses representing 965 members statewide. Before that, he was executive director of the Kentucky Gas Association and served in federal grant programs and the Office of the Governor of Kentucky. He is currently the owner of a consulting firm focused on economic advocacy and governmental affairs.

"This is an exciting time at SEDC. More importantly, this is an exciting time in the American South," Tackett said in an announcement video on his personal Facebook page. "I am incredibly honored that you have welcomed my family and I to this organization."

Founded in 1946, the SEDC spans 17 states and includes over 1,000 members. The nonprofit membership organization advances the economic development profession through conferences and meetings, networking, educational opportunities, research and publications.

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Breckinridge Training School holds 2022 All-School Reunion

Morehead State University's Office of Alumni Relations and Development recently hosted a reunion for alumni of the Breckinridge Training School at the Breckinridge All-School Reunion during the weekend of June 10-12. More than 200 alumni attended the event and reconnected with former classmates and faculty.

Established in 1924 as a laboratory for teacher training, Breckinridge provided education for K-12 until 1982. Through the loyalty of its alumni, the Breckinridge School Society was created in 1993 to keep the spirit of Breck alive in future generations. The society also established the Breckinridge Commemorative Scholarship Endowment – a scholarship fund that provides generous scholarships to descendants of Breck alumni who choose to attend Morehead State University.

The weekend's premier event included a dinner banquet where the most recent scholarship recipients were recognized, and attendees heard an update on the scholarship endowment, now valued at more than \$750,000. In addition, organizers recognized the latest recipient of the George T. Young Award. Presented to individuals who exhibit outstanding service and commitment to the Breckinridge Society and its programming, this year's recipient was John "Skipper" Holley (Breckinridge Class of 1976). A proud Breck graduate who has dedicated years of service to the Breckinridge School Society Board of Governors, Skipper works diligently to maintain and promote the legacy of Breckinridge. The banquet also included remarks from MSU President Dr. Jay Morgan and comments from other Breckinridge alumni.

"This is the seventh All-School Reunion that I've had the privilege to be a part of," said Mindy Highley (MSU Class of 1991, 1993), assistant vice president of Alumni Relations and Development and staff liaison to the Breckinridge School Society. "The loyalty, dedication and camaraderie are just as remarkable this time as it was at the first one."

Breck was a model of strong, innovative teaching and highly motivated students. Through the Breckinridge Commemorative Scholarship Endowment that has been funded by alumni from the school, the legacy of Breckinridge has been kept alive by providing educational opportunities to today's students."

The Breckinridge School Society plans and hosts an all-school reunion on MSU's campus every five years. Initially scheduled for 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic delayed the event, but the spirit and excitement were worth the wait. The next reunion will resume the original five-year schedule in June 2025.

View a photo gallery from the weekend at <https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjzUqe8>.

Are you Breckinridge alumni? To volunteer to serve on the reunion planning committee, contact the Office of Alumni Relations & Development at alumni@moreheadstate.edu, call 606-783-2033 or visit alumni.moreheadstate.edu.

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Jenab wins innovation competition

Dr. Kouroush Jenab, assistant professor of engineering and technology management at Morehead State, has been named a runner-up in the Kentucky Commercialization Ventures (KCV) Innovative Mobile, Public Health and Community-Oriented Technologies (IMPACT) competition.

Jenab was recognized for his idea to use virtual reality (VR) software to create STEM and workforce training platforms to be implemented in K-12 schools in the Commonwealth. The programs would aid in the recruitment and retention of K-12 students into STEM fields.

To learn more about the KCV IMPACT program, visit www.kycommercializationventures.com/post/kcv-impact-competition-awards-six-innovative-projects.

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MSU alum Gene Detherage appointed to Gov. Beshear's Recovery Ready Communities Advisory Council

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Following the passage of House Bill 7, which established an advisory council under the Kentucky Office of Drug Control Policy, Detherage was one of 12 individuals selected from across the state in the fields of recovery, education, business, health care and local government to establish "Recovery Ready" standards.

Detherage, a native of Morehead, earned a Bachelor of Arts in Universities Studies in 2017 and a Master of Public Administration (MPA) in 2020. He was a housing specialist at Pathways Inc. in Grayson from 2015 to 2018 before accepting his current position with The Fletcher Group. He provides technical assistance and community organization to help combat substance abuse.

"The MPA program faculty at MSU are very proud of Mr. Detherage's success working in the addiction recovery space," said Dr. James Masterson, associate professor of political science at MSU. "He was the program's first graduate in the Addiction and Counseling Services Management Area of Concentration. We hope more students will follow in his footsteps, helping our region recover from the adverse effects of the drug epidemic."

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Engelbrecht carries lessons from MSU into OB-GYN residency

As Allison Fletcher Engelbrecht (Class of 2018) begins her 4-year residency at the University of Missouri-Columbia, she said the lessons she learned at MSU stick with her.

Engelbrecht's father, Richard Fletcher (Class of 1992), MSU deputy director of athletics, and mother, Dr. Wendy Fletcher (Class of 1994), are both alumni, and her sister, Reagan Fletcher, will begin her junior year in the fall. She added five of her father's siblings also attended MSU, making it a family tradition. Engelbrecht was selected for the George M. Luckey Jr. Academic Honors program, which included a full undergraduate scholarship.

"Knowing how much debt I was going to be in from medical school, that was a really big selling point for me," she said.

Engelbrecht said she received excellent mentorship and positive support from Professors of Biology Dr. Craig Tuerk and Dr. David Peyton. Their positivity and encouragement helped her throughout her studies.

"I think pre-med is notoriously difficult and many people don't make it through. Dr. Peyton and Dr. Tuerk were just that constant reassurance that we can do it and we can get through it. Even on the very tough days, you had staff and faculty that wanted you to succeed," she said.

Engelbrecht said she felt well-prepared when she entered medical school because of the solid foundation she received at MSU. This included undergraduate research she performed with Dr. Ilsun White, professor of psychology and director of the neuroscience program. The research gave her hands-on experience in a science lab, and she was able to present her research during her freshman year.

After earning her undergraduate degree in biomedical sciences at MSU, Engelbrecht went to the University of Louisville's School of Medicine. In May, she graduated as a Trover Rural Medicine Scholar. She is about to begin her residency, specializing in obstetrics-gynecology. She said she was drawn to the field because a family friend struggled with a premature birth but didn't make a final decision until her third year of medical school.

"I think that there's a lot of responsibility and a lot of honor in getting to walk with families through some of the best times of their lives, but also unfortunately sometimes the worst day of their lives," she said. "It's a really great privilege to get to walk through those hardships and joyous moments with those families."

Allison's first day as "Dr. Engelbrecht" will be July 1.

To learn more about MSU's Department of Biology and Chemistry programs, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/biochem, email bioc@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2945.

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MSU's Level UP Program provides mini-conference for social work students

As a part of Morehead State University's Level UP Program, students in the Social Work 326 course engaged in hands-on experience as part of their practicum, where they apply what they are learning in the classroom at employer sites.

A Level UP grant allowed students to attend a mini-conference outside their regular classroom environment. The event focused on guest speakers from the Morehead region sharing their experiences as professionals practicing social work in a rural area. They networked with Paul Semisch, Gateway Homeless Coalition; Allie Heaton, Pathways, Inc.; Amanda Skaggs, St. Claire HealthCare; and Jennifer Schworm and Chelsea Lewis, Kentucky Cabinet for Health & Family Services.

"The Level UP program has really helped me to focus on the career skill of professionalism with our social work students," said Rebecca Davison, instructor of social work at MSU. "The students gain specific experience through their practicums in the field, but this mini-conference has brought a broader focus to what it means to be a professional in the field of social work and apply a standard of excellence, integrity and sense of self. It is rewarding to see students make connections between social work concepts discussed in the classroom and the reality of the day-to-day work of professional social work practice."

"Hearing from professionals in the field of social work helped me to see exactly what I will be doing," said Lydia Farmer, a senior social work major from Winchester. "My hands-on practicum has taught me that classwork is different from fieldwork. Having to dress business casual and practice asking questions in a professional way at this mini-conference has really allowed me to work on developing my professional communication skills. I feel confident beginning my career."

The grant also supports students traveling to Lexington to visit employer sites, showing the contrasting macro-level issues in a rural area with those in an urban area.

Megan Boone, interim director for MSU's Center for Career Development and Experiential Education, said Level UP classes and activities set students up for future success.

"This is the goal of the Level UP Program: Students focusing on career success throughout their academic career and having the opportunity to apply knowledge from their major to career-oriented situations," Boone said.

Level UP is an initiative to ensure students can 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: Students from the Level UP class Social Work 326 participated in a mini-conference where they learned about professionalism in the field and networked with working professionals.

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MSU closed July 1 and 4 for Independence Day

Morehead State will be closed Friday, July 1, and Monday, July 4, in honor of Independence Day. Administrative offices will be closed, and classes will not meet.

The Camden-Carroll Library, University Post Office and University Store will be closed July 1-4 and reopen Tuesday, July 5.

The Recreation and Wellness Center will be open Friday, July 1, from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. The center will be closed from Saturday, July 2 through Monday, July 4, and will reopen Tuesday, July 5.

The University Police Department will be staffed 24-7 for the duration of the holiday. The department can be reached at 606-783-2035 or via the LiveSafe smartphone app. In the event of an emergency, always dial 911.

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