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Dec. 1, 2022
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MOREHEAD, Ky.---

MSU Board of Regents holds meeting Dec. 1

The Morehead State University Board of Regents held its regularly scheduled meeting on Dec. 1, 2022, in the Adron Doran University Center.

The board elected Jessica Sturgill, MSU general counsel, as secretary and voted to approve policy manual updates, asset preservation projects, matches for endowed scholarships and professorships, as well as the fall 2023 housing deposit and a facility naming.

In addition, the board also:

- Accepted the 2021-22 audit report
- Ratified fall 2022 graduates and personnel actions
- Ratified the 2021-22 amended operating budget
- Accepted and ratify the first quarter financial report
- Approved an increase in the scope of the Alumni Tower ground floor renovation project and the scope of the modernization/renovation of Cooper Hall
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After reviewing an initiated grievance submitted to the Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee by Faculty Regent Dr. Annie Adams the Board of Regents unanimously accepted a recommendation from the Executive Committee that MSU President Dr. Jay Morgan did not retaliate against Regent Dr. Annie Adams by recommending to the Board of Regents a change be made to the bylaws concerning the course release as a result of an inquiry from the staff regent who expressed concern about disparate treatment. The Executive Committee, with full board agreement, also noted that President Morgan had a responsibility and performed his duty diligently to inform legal counsel and act to address the violation of state law.

Further, a reasonable and appropriate interpretation and application of KRS 164.330 is that no member of the Board of Regents, including elected regents, may receive compensation beyond the reimbursement of necessary and legitimate expenses related to their service.

In addition, the Executive Committee of the Board of Regents recommends the following:

1. The Executive Committee finds that, in consultation with prior general counsel, current general counsel and outside counsel, the course release previously received by the faculty regent is a form of compensation and in direct violation of KRS 164.330.
2. The Executive Committee finds that shared governance is observed by the faculty regent's representation on the Board of Regents.
3. The Executive Committee agrees with the third recommendation of the Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee and finds that the president diligently works with the Board of Regents, in their entirety, with respect and full transparency.
4. The Executive Committee agrees that Faculty Senate needs to review both PAC-18 and the Faculty Rights and Responsibilities Committee's description so that alternative recommendation channels are available should a university president be named in a future petition of grievance under PAC-18. The Executive Committee recommends that it serve as the sole body to hear future grievances against a president under this policy as the Board of Regents is the sole body with evaluative oversight of the president.

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MSU 2022 Fall Commencement is Dec. 10

Morehead State University has announced details for the 2022 Fall Commencement.

The commencement ceremony will be held for fall and winter 2022 graduates at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, in the Academic-Athletic Center (AAC).

Tickets are not required for guests or graduates and there is no limit on the number of guests who may attend. Guest seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis, and social distancing will not be mandated in the venue.

The student speaker for the 2022 Fall Commencement is Heather Randolph of Sandy Hook. She represents the College of Science and is the daughter of Angela Randolph and Terry Randolph. She will graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN).

As an undergraduate student, Randolph graduated at the top of the nursing program while balancing her obligations with MSU ROTC, enlisting in the National Guard and working two part-time jobs. She is the acting Battalion Commander over a 76-person battalion and will be commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army Reserves Nursing Corps upon graduation.

The following events will also take place the weekend of Fall 2022 Commencement on Friday, Dec. 9:

- Lavender Graduation – 5:30 p.m., ADUC Ballroom A
- ROTC Commissioning Ceremony – 6 p.m., Button Auditorium
- Rites of Passage – 6:30 p.m., ADUC Ballroom A

For more information on MSU's 2022 Fall Commencement and to live stream the ceremonies, visit moreheadstate.edu/graduation.

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Randolph said her older siblings inspired her. Growing up with her oldest brother Nicholas Randolph, currently stationed on active military duty in Hawaii, influenced her to enroll in MSU ROTC to gain leadership skills, a well-rounded education and expanded career opportunities. Meanwhile, her older sister, Natasha Knipp, is a traveling nurse. She said hearing stories from the field and the impact she was making in people's lives led her to pursue a degree in nursing.

"I kind of saw what she did, saw the results that she saw," she said. "I think it's the best occupation that you can do as far as helping people."

Randolph earned the 2022 Undergraduate Nursing Research Award in October 2022. She earned the Outstanding Baccalaureate Nursing Program-Prelicensure Senior Level Student Award in May 2022 and the Outstanding Baccalaureate Nursing Program-Prelicensure Junior Level Award in April 2021.

She is a PRN nurse extern at St. Claire Regional HealthCare in Morehead, a position she's held since July 2021. Before that, she was a part-time emergency medical technician (EMT) with the Elliott County Ambulance Station from July 2019 to January 2022. She is a member of the Kentucky Nurses Association and the Student Nurses Association. As a student, Randolph also completed more than 120 hours of community

service. Most recently, she helped with flood relief efforts in Eastern Kentucky through flood cleanups organized by the BSN program and MSU ROTC.

Randolph said that even with her busy schedule, volunteering and giving back to her community helped her keep things in perspective.

"(It's) just that constant reminder there are people that need more help than I do," she said. "Instead of watching the next episode of TV, maybe go out and help somebody."

Randolph's immediate goal after graduation is to become an intensive care unit (ICU) nurse with long-term career aspirations to become a certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA). She said being nominated and selected to speak in front of her classmates was a surprise and she said she would take a moment to express the value of her MSU experience before she and her classmates move on to pursue their dreams.

"There's a lot of core memories we take from Morehead State, relationships we built, but it's a good time to look back and reminisce on those times while looking forward to the future," Randolph said. "We are the generation that is going to create tomorrow."

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Grant will improve digital learning in agronomy

Dr. Amanda Skidmore, assistant professor of agronomy at Morehead State, was recently awarded a grant to enhance the use of digital technology in one of her classes.

The \$2,000 grant from Course Hero will help students in Skidmore's AGR 300-Soils class to create digital learning tools. According to the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (OSRP), students will design educational tools, including infographics, podcasts and videos, that will help educate their peers and future students who take the course. The grant funds will pay for a computer, microphones and design software for students to use for the project.

Course Hero Teaching Grants are provided by Scholarship America, the nation's largest nonprofit, private scholarship organization. To learn more, visit <https://scholarshipamerica.org>.

To explore MSU's Department of Agricultural Sciences programs, visit moreheadstate.edu/academics/colleges/science/agricultural-sciences/index, email agsi@moreheadstate.edu or call [606-783-2662](tel:606-783-2662).

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MSU hosts collection event for Eastern Kentucky Toy Drive

Morehead State University is helping children and families affected by flooding this holiday season.

The University is partnering with Kentucky First Lady Britainy Beshear for the Eastern Kentucky Toy Drive by organizing a collection event during the MSU Eagles Men's Basketball game against East Tennessee State University at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, at Ellis T. Johnson Arena.

MSU is collecting donations of new, unwrapped toys for families affected by the historic flooding that hit Eastern Kentucky this past summer. For each new toy donated at the basketball game, guests will receive a complimentary concessions voucher for popcorn and a fountain drink.

Starting today (Wednesday, Dec. 11), donors can drop off toys at the Office of Student Affairs at 227 Adron Doran University Center (ADUC) and the Academic Athletic Center (AAC) during business hours. MSU is accepting donations at these locations until 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15.

MSU, Murray State University, Northern Kentucky University, and the University of Kentucky are collaborating with First Lady Beshear on this toy drive. There are various drop-off locations on UK's campus and Kroger stores in Somerset, Richmond and Prospect. Murray State and NKU will also hold collections during upcoming athletic events. The toy drive also accepts donations by mail. All gifts will be delivered to Eastern Kentucky and distributed to children during special holiday events hosted by the First Lady.

"For many of us, the holidays are a time for being at home surrounded by family and friends. But this year, many in Eastern Kentucky have suffered a tragedy. They've lost everything, including their homes and maybe even someone they love," First Lady Beshear said. "With your help, we can make this season a little easier for those who are working to rebuild their lives after the floods by donating a toy to bring a child hope and joy during the holidays."

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75 Theatre Court
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MSU recognizes graduates at Fall 2022 Commencement

Morehead State University honored nearly 500 graduates at ceremonies on Dec. 10.

Graduates celebrated their academic accomplishments with family, friends, loved ones and the MSU community. It included congratulations from MSU President Dr. Jay Morgan.

The ceremony honored graduates of the Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, the Elmer R. Smith College of Business and Technology, the College of Science, and the Ernst and Sara Lane Volgenau College of Education.

Heather L. Randolph (Class of 2022) of Sandy Hook served as the commencement speaker representing the College of Science. MSU ROTC commissioned Randolph as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army Reserves Nursing Corps. Randolph's immediate goal after graduation is to become an intensive care unit (ICU) nurse with long-term career aspirations to become a certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA).

"I hope each of us achieve every goal we set and make steps toward a better tomorrow," Randolph said. "The world is constantly changing. We can all envision a better future. So let us make efforts to bring this vision to life. As we take those next steps, wherever those lead us, I hope you strive to better not only yourself but those around you. Be that person that goes the extra mile."

ROTC students commissioned as second lieutenant during the ceremony were Isaac David Crumbaker (Class of 2022) of Finchville; Benjamin Glen Hutchinson (Class of 2022) of Morehead; Nicholas Austin J. Kline (Class of 2022) of Beecher City, Illinois; and Heather L. Randolph (Class of 2022) of Sandy Hook. Maj. Stephen Strack administered the oath. These ROTC students were also recognized in a separate ceremony on Dec. 9, along with commissioned ROTC students John F. Greene (Class of 2022) of Lexington and Elisabeth K. Hufana (Class of 2022) of Lexington.

Photo gallery: <https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjAiVSx>

Video highlights: <https://youtu.be/GXVX7TAw9xU>

View the Fall 2022 Commencement program at moreheadstate.edu/graduation.

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The Keith Family takes pride in 50 years of Eagle legacy

Mark Keith (Class of 1972) celebrated 50 years this year since he walked across the stage as an Eagle on May 14, 1972. An added element made this year's reunion extra special.

Mark witnessed his two grandsons, Matteo Vallejo (Class of 2022) and Jordan Vallejo (Class of 2022), graduate from MSU. Jordan earned a Bachelor of Arts in Education, and Matteo earned a Master of Business Administration. They took the stage to accept their degrees this year on May 14, 50 years to the day after Mark earned his MSU college degree.

Matteo and Jordan weren't the first members of the family to follow in his footsteps, either. Several of the Keith family are proud MSU alumni. Mark's wife Anne (Class of 1974) and two of Mark's siblings also graduated from MSU in 1974. A daughter, Becky, a granddaughter-in-law and nephews followed. His late son, Mark William Keith, attended MSU before tragically passing in an auto accident over Christmas break as a sophomore in 2000.

Mark intended to celebrate his 50th anniversary of graduating from MSU by traveling to campus with his grandsons and attending the 2022 Homecoming football game this past October. A fall caused him to be unable to make the drive over from Winchester, but Mark's pride in Morehead State goes with him whether at home, on campus, or anywhere in between.

For the Keith family, MSU became more than just a school. It became an integral part of their story that tied them all even closer together.

"Mark has always loved Morehead State University so much," Anne said. "He loved MSU sports, and we would bring our children to home games as often as we could. This year was so special, as he got to commemorate 50 years by watching two more family members graduate 50 years to the day after he did. For the University to tell our story will mean so much to him."

Do you have an MSU Legacy story you would like to share? Send an email to alumni@moreheadstate.edu. We may feature you in an upcoming legacy spotlight.

Join the MSU Alumni Association at alumni.moreheadstate.edu or call [606-783-2033](tel:606-783-2033).

Photo, upper right: Mark Keith (Class of 1972) and his wife, Anne (Class of 1974), when Keith graduated in 1972.

Photo, lower left: Mark Keith (center) pictured with his grandsons Jordan Vallejo (Class of 2022, left) and Matteo Vallejo (Class of 2022, right)

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