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Sport management alum turns passion for golf into successful career

Dean Schneider (Class of 2014) has been playing golf his entire life. The son of a high school golf coach, Schneider started playing the game at age 7, playing in summer tournaments and later joining the high school golf team in his hometown of West Union, Ohio. That earned him a golf scholarship at Morehead State, where he played on the team during his undergraduate years and served as a volunteer assistant coach while in graduate school, earning both his bachelor's and master's degrees in sport management. While in graduate school, Schneider was awarded an internship with the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA).

"(I began) my internship at the LPGA in January 2014 and finished in April, and then a week later, I got offered a job," he said. "

Schneider is now the director of tournament business affairs for the LPGA. Over the summer, he traveled to Evian, France, and Belfast, Northern Ireland, to work on the International Sports Promotion Society (ISPS) Handa World Invitational. The unique co-ed event allows men and women to compete together on the course at Galgorm Castle.

While in Europe, Schneider took some time off from his official duties to travel to Scotland, where he played at St. Andrew's, the world's first golf course, considered the sport's birthplace.

As a graduate student, Schneider worked closely with Dr. Michael Hypes, Dr. Julia Hypes, and Dr. Steven Chen and said they made him feel at home as an Eagle.

"Mr. And Mrs. Hypes did my orientation, and they were very welcoming and comforting," Schneider said. "I graduated with a class of 75, so coming from high school to college was a big step. I liked the fact that I wasn't just a number."

Schneider added he liked the small class sizes and personal attention he received while studying at MSU.

"Whether it was an issue with a homework assignment or a project or if I just wanted to go and talk to them, my professors' doors were always open, and they were always available. And I liked the fact that it was only 18 to 20 students in a classroom because we got to know one another."

To learn more about sport management programs at Morehead State, contact the [School of Business Administration](#) at [606-783-2090](tel:606-783-2090) or email cbt@moreheadstate.edu.

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This performance is one of two KCTM public concerts each year (one each semester) that features all sections of the Traditional Music Ensemble. The students work with their faculty bandleaders to present musical selections that highlight musical styles of the southern Appalachian region, including bluegrass, country, old-time, blues and gospel, among others.

"These concerts are an important part of KCTM's outreach efforts. It is an opportunity for students to gain firsthand performance experience and put their studies into action while also providing high-quality entertainment for our community," said Daxson Lewis, director of KCTM. "I am very appreciative of our community and their continued support of our program and our students. It is encouraging to see our friends in the audience each semester cheering on our students as they hone their craft."

To learn more about MSU's Kentucky Center for Traditional Music and its programs, visit moreheadstate.edu/kctm, email kctm@moreheadstate.edu or call [606-783-9001](tel:606-783-9001).

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Posters-at-the-Capitol displayed MSU undergraduate research

Morehead State University students demonstrated their experience with hands-on research at Posters-at-the-Capitol on Thursday, March 2, at the State Capitol in Frankfort.

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

MSU had 12 posters on diverse topics at the event, and nearly 20 students will share their research. This includes several Craft Academy students. The event will also highlight 10 unique faculty mentors, with some having more than one group of students presenting a poster.

"Dedicated faculty mentors at MSU ensure our students have opportunities to engage in hands-on experiences like undergraduate research. Posters-at-the-Capitol is a unique event where our students compete to have their research highlighted in the Capitol and share with legislators the impact of their research on their communities," said Megan Boone, director of the Center for Career Development and Experiential Education.

"Presenting research at this level really allows students to build in-demand career skills

such as critical thinking, oral communication and written communication and get prepared for career success."

Research presentations include:

Grace Stubblefield of Ashland; Johnna Brown of Winchester; Daisy Pratt of Jamestown; Madison Cornelius of Danville; Dr. Gregory Corso, chair of the Department of Psychology; "Attitudes on Immigration and Border Security: A Method for Change."

Sarah Miller of Mt. Sterling; Kimberly Nettleton, associate professor of early childhood, elementary and special education; "Classroom Management in Kentucky."

Hannah Barrett of Lee County; Steve Shih-Chia Chen, professor of sport management; Christy Trent, instructor of business communication and management; "College students' financial literacy in a Eastern Kentucky regional university."

Riley Williams of Piketon, Ohio; Mary Perkins of Alexandria; Dr. Vijay Subramaniam, associate professor of agribusiness; Dr. Amanda Skidmore, assistant professor of agronomy; "Economic and Financial Feasibility of Rainwater Harvesting Systems at the Derrickson Agricultural Complex."

Johnna Brown of Winchester; Madison Cornelius of Danville; Daisy Pratt of Jamestown; Grace Stubblefield of Ashland; Dr. Gregory Corso, chair of the Department of Psychology; "Effects of Active Learning Strategies and Readability on Exam Outcomes."

Alyssa Renee Turner of Foster; Allison Maria Hall of Falmouth; Dr. Rachel Jo Rogers, visiting assistant professor of research/QEP at the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics; "How Informal STEM Learning Shapes Student Professional Skills."

Jose Garcia of Morehead; Will Wellman of South Shore; Steve Shih-Chia Chen, professor of sport management; Christy Trent, instructor of business communication and management; "LinkedIn Analysis Job Placement for Students in The Sport Management Program of An Eastern Kentucky Public University."

Mann Patel of Somerset; Dr. Heba Elgazeer, assistant professor of computer science; "Road Object Classification using CNN."

Curtis Bair of Grayson; Alexa Cunningham of Crestwood; Dr. Joshua Qualls, assistant professor of mathematics; "Semiclassical Mastermind."

Madison Cornelius of Danville; Johnna Brown of Winchester; Daisy Pratt of Jamestown; Grace Stubblefield of Ashland; Dr. Gregory Corso, chair of the Department of Psychology; "The Effect of Mood Congruency on Word Recall."

Alyssa Renee Turner of Foster; Allison Maria Hall of Falmouth; Jude Christopher Hall of Falmouth; Sager Ishwal Patel of Shepherdsville; Bethany Lucio of Franklin County; Derek Gill of Powell County; Camryn Banbel of West Liberty; Dr. Rachel Jo Rogers,

visiting assistant professor of research/QEP at the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics; Dr. Thomas Kiffmeyer; assistant professor of history; "The Revitalization of Hazel Green Academy."

To learn more about MSU's undergraduate research opportunities, visit moreheadstate.edu/undergraduateresearch or contact the Center for Career Development and Experiential Education at careerservices@moreheadstate.edu or [606-783-2233](tel:606-783-2233).

Photo: MSU President Dr. Jay Morgan (front row, right) pictured with MSU faculty and students who participated in this year's Posters-at-the-Capitol in Frankfort.

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Morehead State University receives \$3 Million in federal funding for nursing, kinesiology and imaging sciences programs

Morehead, KY – Morehead State University is proud to announce that it has been awarded \$3 million in federal funding for its nursing, kinesiology, and imaging sciences programs. The funding, which was announced by U.S. Representative Hal Rogers at an event held on March 6, will be used to upgrade laboratory equipment, simulation equipment, ultrasound and radiography machines, and more.

"We are extremely grateful to Congressman Rogers for his assistance in securing this generous funding which will allow us to provide our students with state-of-the-art equipment and facilities," said Dr. Jay Morgan, president of Morehead State University. "This investment in our nursing, kinesiology, and imaging sciences programs will also help us continue to attract top talent to our campus and prepare our students for success in their future careers."

The federal funding will be used to upgrade equipment and facilities in several key areas, including nursing skills laboratories, kinesiology research labs, and imaging sciences classrooms. The funding will also be used to support the development of new simulation scenarios and to provide training for faculty and staff in the use of new equipment and technology.

"Our students need access to the best opportunities, the best education, and the best equipment to ensure they are competitive upon graduation and prepared to enter the workforce. This investment in MSU's healthcare programs will give our students an added advantage as they train for careers in the healthcare field, and that's why I personally requested and secured this Community Project Funding," said Congressman Rogers, a senior appropriator. "Our ultimate goal is to provide the opportunities that our students need to pursue a degree and career at home in the mountains where they can invest their time and talents to improve the future of Kentucky's Appalachian region."

"Our nursing, kinesiology, and imaging sciences programs are among the best in the state, and this funding will help us build on that success," said Dr. Wayne Miller, dean of the College of Science. "We are excited to be able to offer our students the latest tools and technologies, and we look forward to seeing the impact that this funding will have on our programs and our students."

Morehead State University is committed to providing its students with a world-class education and the resources they need to succeed. The federal funding for the nursing, kinesiology, and imaging sciences programs is just one example of the university's dedication to investing in its students and their future.

For more information about Morehead State University's [Department of Nursing](#), call 606-783-2296 or email nursingdept@moreheadstate.edu. To learn more about programs in the [Department of Kinesiology, Health & Imaging Sciences](#), call 606-783-2180 or email kh@moreheadstate.edu.

Photo Captions:

- rogers-morgan-msu.jpg: L-R, Congressman Hal Rogers and MSU President Jay Morgan
- rogers-msu-nursing.jpg: Congressman Hal Rogers with faculty and students from MSU's nursing program

- rogers-msu-khis.jpg: Congressman Hal Rogers with faculty and students from MSU's Kinesiology, Health, & Imaging Sciences department.

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MSU Concert Choir hosts Chili Cook-Off Dinner and Concert

The MSU Concert Choir is hosting a Chili Cook-Off Dinner and Concert. The event is Tuesday, March 7, at the First Baptist Church, 123 East Main Street in Morehead.

Guests can eat from 5:30 to 7 p.m., with the annual Morehead State University Winter Choral Showcase Concert following at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for the dinner are \$8 and may be purchased from choir members or at the door. The dinner will include dessert and a beverage, and proceeds will support future Concert Choir tours. The concert is free and open to the public.

The Chamber Singers, Vocal Jazz Ensemble and the Black Gospel Ensemble will join Concert Choir for the evening concert. The directors of the ensembles are MSU music professors Dr. Roosevelt Escalante and Dr. Greg Detweiler, and collaborating on the piano is William Murphy, staff accompanist.

Concert Choir will open the concert with multicultural pieces, including "Muusika" from Estonia and the spirituals "Sometimes I Feel" and "Rock-A My Soul." They will also sing "For the Beauty of the Earth" by John Rutter, "Flight Song" by Kim Arnesen, and an arrangement of Dolly Parton's "Light of a Clear Blue Morning."

Chamber Singers will continue in the same vein with the Columbian folksong "Maquerúle" and an arrangement of Bob Dylan's "The Times They Are A-Changin'." They will also sing two love madrigals: "O Stay Sweet Love" and "Rest Sweet Nymphs."

Jazz Vocal Ensemble will sing "Never Give Up," "Don't Think It's Easy," and "Ain't Nobody." The concert will conclude with the Black Gospel Ensemble. They will share

Melodies from Heaven," "Speechless," "We've Come to Worship You," and "Revelation 19:1."

Event tickets to the dinner are accessible to anyone who brings a pot of chili and competes. For more information, please email Dr. Greg Detweiler at g.detweiler@moreheadstate.edu or [606-783-2480](tel:606-783-2480).

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Dr. Harry Burchett became an educational leader through MSU

Before Dr. Harry Burchett (Class of 1995, 1998, 2001, 2018) went on to make an impact in his chosen field, a very literal field impacted him.

Whether earning his Doctor of Education at Morehead State University or taking on his current superintendent position at Harrison County Schools, Burchett credits much of his success to a foundation built on his family's farm in Paintsville.

"Growing up, I watched and later helped them work the farm to help provide for our extended family, friends, and community the fruits of that labor," Burchett said. "In high school and later in college, I learned how those farming principles also apply to just about everything in life."

With parents and grandparents who worked in education, Burchett knew he wanted to follow them to some degree and decided to attend MSU for both its reputation as a teaching school and its affordability. His mother, Patricia Burchett, a stay-at-home mother and full-time farmer, returned to school at MSU and lived on campus with his sisters. They attended Breckinridge Training School while his mother earned a bachelor's degree in education in 1979 while he remained on the farm with his father, Leon Burchett. Patricia later served on MSU's Board of Regents from 1984-86.

Burchett admits he came to MSU's campus one way and (eventually) left another. He did not venture out of his comfort zone for the first year-and-a-half but said he later "re-evaluated my situation and looked to expand my experiences."

"Through participation in student activities and social clubs, I had the opportunity to grow as a leader, travel the country and expand my network in ways that had not

previously been possible," he said. "I learned to appreciate the diversity of the students at MSU and value what each individual could bring to the table. I learned that together, we were much better than we were apart."

Once Burchett earned a Bachelor of Arts in Education and a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science from MSU in 1995, he worked toward a Master of Arts in Education degree and "never really stopped." He always knew he wanted to pursue a career in education administration, getting an up-close look at the process following his father, an agriculture teacher turned school administrator, through front offices, administrative spaces and boardrooms.

"I watched my father navigate issues around the schools much like he would have on the farm," Burchett said. "He always knew where he was headed with any issue. He was proactive in his approach, and he always put the most important things first. I observed these traits, and as a result, education administration just came naturally."

Burchett finished his Master of Arts in Education degree in 1998 while working his first full-time job in education as an instructor for Johnson County Schools as a social sciences teacher. He later earned a Professional Certificate for Instructional Leadership – Principal from MSU in 2001 and a Professional Certificate for Instructional Leadership – School Superintendent from Eastern Kentucky University in 2004.

While furthering his education, Burchett took on more responsibilities through various roles working for Johnson County Schools, including facilities and maintenance director, assistant principal, athletic director, technology director and policy director, before being named assistant superintendent in September 2013.

To further his growth and development as a leader, Burchett enrolled in MSU's Doctor of Education program and found it to be the perfect fit for increasing his competency while providing convenience.

"One of the most beneficial aspects of MSU's program is that it provides a healthy balance of in-person and online learning, which allows students with work and family obligations the flexibility to work at their individual pace," he said. "The requirement to work with diverse peers from across the country creates an environment where experiences of leadership and learning are shared amongst the cohort. This provides for a deeper understanding of the issues and the need to apply a more equitable outcome benefitting all students, staff and community stakeholders."

Burchett earned a Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership from MSU in 2018, shortly before he became superintendent of Harrison County Schools. Whether it was leading from the front during a typical school week or adapting to continue to educate students through the COVID-19 pandemic, he said lessons from the MSU classroom and elsewhere became crucial for success.

"The situational leadership skills founded on the farm and formally studied at MSU were instrumental in helping to guide our students, parents, community and educational teams through the most challenging time of my 28-year career," he said.

Burchett said he would continue to prioritize being a servant leader as superintendent while fostering a spirit of community collaboration and personal care for each student's outcomes. He said if you want to know where his heart is as an educational leader, people in the state can simply turn to a familiar phrase, which he said sank in during the "second phase" of his undergraduate years at MSU.

"The most important lesson I learned, which also happens to be our Kentucky State Motto, is 'United We Stand & Divided We Fall,'" Burchett said. "It seems at times that our community, state and nation have forgotten about the importance of maintaining a united approach to common sense and common goals for all. Always being the optimist, I look forward to a time when we realize the importance of our state's motto once again."

MSU's Doctor of Education program provides you with advanced educational leadership skills while conducting academic research about education. The program's overall goal is to improve the educational attainment of Eastern Kentucky residents.

This online program allows you to tailor the degree to suit your needs. Specializations are available in:

Adult and Higher Education Leadership

P-12 Administrative Leadership

Educational Technology Leadership

Exceptional Child Leadership

The application deadline for MSU's Doctor of Education program is Saturday, April 1.

To learn more about MSU's [Doctor of Education program](#), contact Dr. Tim Simpson, associate dean and director of the program, at tl.simpson@moreheadstate.edu or [606-783-2858](tel:606-783-2858).

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MSU faculty and students shine with support from Kentucky Commercialization Ventures

Kentucky Commercialization Ventures (KCV), an organization that helps faculty and students turn their ideas into tangible products, is helping Morehead State students and professors make their ideas into reality.

Through the Innovation Fellowship Program, KCV selects students and faculty members from Kentucky colleges and universities to participate in an experiential learning program that includes weekly online cohort meetings, independent study with high-quality startup training materials, guided application exercises and weekly coaching sessions with KCV staff and coaches.

Three MSU students were chosen for the program last fall:

Hannah Barrett is a Morehead State's Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics senior from Beattyville.

Sarah Lager, a senior accounting major from Mt. Sterling.

Mary Sherrard, a Craft Academy junior from Grayson.

"I wanted to get involved in the fellowship because it would provide me with the opportunity to learn how to make a pitch deck and file intellectual property," Barrett said. "Throughout the experience, I gained presenting skills, networking skills, and researching skills. I gained a new understanding of how a business really operates."

Another way KCV is helping Eagles succeed is through sponsorship, which allows professors and their students to attend conferences and present their research. Last

year, KCV sponsored professors and students from Morehead State so they could attend the Association of Technology, Management and Applied Engineering (ATMAE) annual conference in Louisville.

Dr. Kouroush Jenab, assistant professor of engineering and technology management; Tyler Blake, a graduate student in Engineering and Technology Management from Flatwoods; and Jeffrey Young, a senior computer science major from Lancaster, presented research on virtual reality (VR) STEM and workforce training platforms. Jenab aims to develop VR STEM and workforce training platforms that would significantly enhance the quality, recruitment, and retention of K-12 students to STEM programs and continue the education of workforces in academic institutes. Jenab earned a KCV's Impact Award for the research in 2022.

Dr. Anindita Paul, assistant professor of engineering and technology management also presented her research on a low-power, all-pass filter with biomedical applications. Paul hopes the technology will one day be able to harness kinetic energy to power biomedical devices that currently require batteries, which must be replaced.

"I want to harvest the energy, and from that energy, I want to power wearable biomedical devices like hearing aids, or there are some visceral biomedical instruments like a pacemaker without having to take it out of the body," Paul said. "It could really be a good thing for patients and doctors."

Paul worked with junior Aidan Ray of Morehead, an engineering technology major with an emphasis on electronics and computers.

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To explore programs in the School of Engineering and Computer Science, email secs@moreheadstate.edu or call [606-783-2090](tel:606-783-2090).

For more information about the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics, email craftacademy@moreheadstate.edu or call [606-783-2093](tel:606-783-2093).

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Construction begins on 12-meter space-tracking antenna

Morehead State space systems engineering students will have even more resources to explore the stars with the installation of the new 12-meter tracking antenna.

The NASA Deep Space Network at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) transferred the antenna to MSU. It will serve as a satellite tracking station for low Earth orbiting (LEO) satellite mission support and a training facility for space systems engineering, astrophysics, and astronomy students, allowing them to gain experience in space mission operations. The instrument will be available for satellite telemetry, tracking and command (TT&C) services. The new antenna will build on the success of the larger 21-meter antenna system used to support NASA satellite and CubeSat missions developed by MSU students and staff. It is on a hilltop overlooking the MSU campus alongside the 21-meter antenna.

The 12-meter project is funded by several grants, including one from the Appalachian Regional Commission announced in late October and through a state appropriation.

Construction on the new antenna is expected to last 3-4 weeks.

For more information about Morehead State's Department of Physics, Earth Science and Space Systems Engineering programs, email phes@moreheadstate.edu or call [606-783-2381](tel:606-783-2381).

Morehead State is a NASA Space Grant University. The Space Grant national network includes over 850 affiliates from universities, colleges, industry, museums, science centers, and state and local agencies.

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Dr. Steve Chen helps students develop solutions for real-world problems

Professor of Sport Management Dr. Steve Chen is helping his students become competent professionals while promoting health education and cross-discipline collaboration on campus.

Chen began teaching at MSU in August 2005 and has worked with students through the Undergraduate Research Fellowship (URF) program for over a decade, actively engaging them in sport management research. Most recently, Chen and his student researchers, senior Sport Management majors William Wellman from South Shore and Jose Garcia-Castro Jr. from Morehead, collaborated with Dr. Christy Trent, instructor of business, to develop a case study involving security at sporting venues. Chen said he's observed tighter security at athletic venues since the 9-11 terrorist attacks. As a result, security personnel at sporting venues have begun searching purses and bags brought into the facilities.

Chen said he presented his students with a case study based on an encounter he witnessed at a sporting event at another state school.

"At Morehead State, even though we have sponsors like Fazoli's and Buffalo Wild Wings, if you bring in stuff from Wendy's or Arby's or somewhere like that, there's no one to say that you can't bring this in, and that's very different from other schools and all the major professional sports venues," he said.

In the scenario, an elderly couple attended a sporting event and tried to bring their own food into the venue but were stopped when security guards searched the wife's purse. They argued that her husband had diabetes and could not eat unhealthy foods at the concession stand. Chen posed the scenario to his students and had them imagine they were the facility manager, asking them how they would deal with such a scenario if they were in charge.

Chen, Wellman, and Garcia-Castro presented the case at the Atlantic Marketing Association annual conference in Savannah, Georgia, in September. It was named the "Best Abstract in Case Study Track."

Chen strongly advocates the URF program, encouraging his students to seek out such opportunities rather than working an off-campus job.

"I inspire them to take every opportunity; if the University provides us funding for undergraduate research, I encourage them to do that instead of getting a job at a gas station or supermarket," Chen said. "So, I have been able to convince some students to buy into that idea. I have been so fortunate and so lucky for those people who have worked with me as individuals. Many of them are now quite successful in the field."

Chen is known for more than his research. He was recently honored with KY SHAPE's President's award for his work in health education. KY SHAPE is the state affiliate of SHAPE America, which promotes health and physical education through curriculum development, public advocacy and more. Chen has been involved with KY SHAPE for more than ten years, serving as chief editor of the KY SHAPE Journal and contributing numerous articles to the publication. Chen said he continues to stay involved because he believes in KY SHAPE's mission to promote health and physical activity through all levels of education, and he's proud to be recognized for his contributions.

"I'm very honored to be able to receive that award, the highest the organization gives at a state level," he said. "Research is a fundamental skill and a way to help our students, and I'm sure there's a whole lot of faculty members doing exactly the same thing for their own students in their academic divisions."

Chen said he'd like to see MSU host its own undergraduate research conference someday to highlight more of the work of his colleagues across campus and plans to continue to reach out to faculty in other areas for collaboration opportunities.

Learn more about MSU'S sport management programs by emailing cbt@moreheadstate.edu, or calling [606-783-2090](tel:606-783-2090).

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Dr. Zargari established his relationship with the organization more than 30 years ago. He served as the NAIT (ATMAE) Board of Directors Chair in 2005, was recognized as an ATMAE Senior Fellow in 2019, and currently serves as the Chair of ATMAE's Board of Accreditation. He joined MSU as an Assistant Professor in 1994. In 1998, he led the preparation of MSU's Industrial Technology programs toward NAIT accreditation. Currently, five programs in the School of Engineering and Computer Science, including the Bachelor of Science in Construction and Civil Engineering Technology, Electronics and Computer Engineering Technology, Mechanical and Manufacturing Technology, Bachelor of Science in Technology Management, and Master of Science in Engineering and Technology Management has been ATMAE accredited/reaccredited through November 2026.

"Due to my association and involvement with NAIT/ATMAE, when I joined MSU in 1994, I was able to build a team of motivated MSU faculty to prepare for ATMAE accreditation, and our programs have maintained accreditation since 1998," Zargari said. "I am pleased that I have contributed to ATMAE's mission on promoting academic program accreditation, personal certification, and the professional development for educators and industry professionals, and I am humbled and pleased that the Association of Technology, Management, and Applied Engineering (ATMAE) professionals have recognized my continued contributions."

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Craft Academy student presents research at international conference

Alyssa Turner from Falmouth, a senior at Morehead State's Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics, was a presenter at the International Academic Forum's (IAFOR's) eighth annual International Conference on Education, held in January in Honolulu.

Turner's project, "How Informal STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Learning Shapes Student Professional Skills," was a qualitative analysis of five students who participated in an informal STEM learning experience called the Hazel Green Academy Leadership Team. Using the Social Cognitive Career Theory as a conceptual framework, Turner and Dr. Rachel Rogers, assistant professor of research at the Academy, explored how an informal STEM learning experience impacts STEM interest, self-efficacy, and career goals. While Turner has presented at other conferences, this was her first international conference.

"It was really amazing to be at a conference with professionals from so many different places in the world. Being able to speak with educational professionals and researchers from places like Vietnam and Latin America and connect our educational experiences together was incredible. It's so amazing to hear different perspectives and differences in educational norms and methods and to have educators and researchers far ahead in their careers to be so genuinely interested in my research," Turner said.

Turner said she and Rogers spent about three months working on the project to prepare for the conference. During that time, she learned various skills, including written and oral communication and networking skills and an increased understanding of qualitative research methods. But perhaps most importantly, Turner gained self-confidence.

"One of the most notable benefits I reaped from the experience was an increase in my own self-efficacy. All the experiences and skills I gained made me feel a strong sense of confidence in my own abilities," she said.

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

To learn more about the [Craft Academy](#), email craftacademy@moreheadstate.edu or call [606-783-2093](tel:606-783-2093).

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Cultural Competency Certificate offered online

Morehead State University is now offering an online certification in cultural competency designed to help students create positive social and societal change.

The goal of the cultural competency certificate is to foster an understanding of basic elements of cultural competency, including knowledge, self-awareness, and application of diversity, inclusion, and equity concepts such as various social categories impacting:

- Identity
- Intersectionality
- Perspective-taking
- Privilege
- Oppression
- Implicit and explicit bias
- Microaggressions
- Antiracism
- Allyship
- Cross-cultural dialogue
- Self-reflection

MSU is one of the first public schools in Kentucky to develop a certification in cultural competency that students can list on their resumes. The program can be taken entirely online and requires students to complete four core courses and two electives.

To sign up for the cultural competency certification program, contact Professor of Sociology Dr. Bernadette Barton at b.barton@moreheadstate.edu, or follow the standard undergraduate admissions process.

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MSU implements SpectrumU streaming service

Morehead State University's [Office of Information Technology \(OIT\)](#) will implement SpectrumU as the University's streaming service for faculty, staff and students.

SpectrumU has 150 channels on the MSU campus network, with over 120 channels off campus (limited to one stream while off the MSU network). This also includes a wide selection of on-demand TV shows, movies, and local channels on-campus from Lexington, Huntington, West Virginia, and Charleston, West Virginia.

With a single sign-in using their MSU ID, users can create individualized settings, including favorites, watchlists and recordings, and a default "startup" channel when users open the app or website. Users can also resume watching recorded or watched shows or movies on demand.

"SpectrumU streaming was identified as a needed service here at Morehead State University after our previous streaming provider ended their service on campus abruptly. The new service is a step up from the previous service as now faculty, staff and students can stream while off campus, as well as when they are on campus at MSU," said Jason Crouch, OIT network engineer. "SpectrumU also enables staff and students to watch and record up to 20 hours of Cloud DVR programming on devices such as Roku streaming TVs, Roku devices, Android and Apple Phones."

Compatible devices and software for SpectrumU include:

- All major Android™ smartphones and tablets running Android™ 5 or above.
- iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch running iOS® 11 or above.
- Kindle Fire Phone and all Kindle Fire models, except for the first-generation model.
- Mac: Safari 7 or newer, Firefox 45 or newer, and Chrome 43 or newer.

- PC: Internet Explorer (IE) 11, Chrome 43 or newer, Firefox 45 or newer, or Microsoft Edge 12 or newer.
- Roku: All second-generation or later video players and TVs.
- Apple TV: All fourth and fifth-generation devices using OS 12.0 or newer.
- Please note that not all streaming devices support SpectrumU. Amazon Fire Sticks and Fire TVs, PlayStation, and Xbox are not supported and cannot stream SpectrumU.

OIT created a [knowledge-base article](#) to support users further to assist in setting up devices.

For more information, contact the OIT Customer Service Center at ithelpdesk@moreheadstate.edu or [606-783-HELP \(4357\)](tel:606-783-HELP).

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MSU students plan entrepreneurship event through Level UP Program

Morehead State University's Level UP Program continues to focus on ensuring students graduate with hands-on experiences. Last November, students from the Service Learning Level UP course taught by Dr. Janet Ratliff (Class of 1991, 1992), Elmer and Donna Smith Endowed Chair in Entrepreneurship and Associate Professor of Management/Entrepreneurship, hosted an Entrepreneurship Panel in the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC) Ballroom.

This course included a service learning project. Planning the event enabled students to focus on building teamwork, an in-demand career skill. Kenneth Shaffner, a junior from Louisville, led classmates Jacob Ferry (junior, Aurora, Illinois), Josh McClurg (senior, Lexington), Madelyn Mozeleski (junior, Springfield, Ohio), and Sydney Palla (junior, Morehead) in coordinating the event.

Over 100 students, faculty, and staff attended to learn about what it takes to be a small business owner in Eastern Kentucky. Guests were encouraged to participate by various professors in the Elmer R. Smith College of Business and Technology. The audience listened to the moderated panel of business professionals and could ask questions at the end of the event. Members of the panel included:

- Kasia Bartley from Meadowview Weddings and Events
- Derek Caskey from Sawstone Brewing Co.
- Dr. Joe Curd Jr. from Curd Surveying & Land Consulting, Inc.

"I am here to support our students and faculty as they work to incorporate classroom-based concepts into the community," said Andrew Sexton (Class of 2020, 2022), coordinator of service learning. "These types of mutually beneficial relationships allow students to have networking opportunities, and the community benefits from having informed, motivated consumers."

Ratliff wrote and received a \$5,000 grant titled "Building for the Exchange" through the Appalachian Regional Commission as part of the 2022 Appalachian Teaching Project. After receiving the grant, Ratliff partnered with Downtown Morehead Inc. in a four-prong approach to entrepreneurship in the area, including:

- "Why Shop Local" educational campaign for Morehead students.
- A series of guest speakers invited to classes in the School of Business Administration.
- An entrepreneurship panel with local business owners.
- A presentation of research in Washington, D.C., These four projects were completed as part of the Level UP: Experience Your Future initiative.

"I feel strongly that opportunities like those offered through Level UP are key to producing competitively successful students. Students who have real experiences connecting theory to the realities of practice gain knowledge and confidence that can be communicated, as well as exhibited in all that they do," Ratliff said. "I am so proud of my entire class of students for their dedication to their work and the quality of the work they completed."

To learn more about the Level UP Program at MSU, email levelup@moreheadstate.edu or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/levelup.

For more information about [business](#) programs at MSU, email cbt@moreheadstate.edu or call [606-783-2090](tel:606-783-2090).

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BFA alumna credits Morehead State faculty with nurturing her love of art

Before earning her Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) degree from Morehead State, Sinclaire Marie (Class of 2022) of Tuscon, Arizona, was a working artist. Specializing in ceramics, Marie launched her own business, Clayture Ceramics, while she was still an undergraduate student. Her devotion to the arts led to her current job as the education and events manager at the Gateway Regional Arts Center (GRAC) in Mt. Sterling.

Marie's current role involves planning for the GRAC Academy, which offers public classes in ceramics, painting, drawing, dance, and more. Marie schedules artists to teach the courses and help them design and implement the curriculum. She coordinates GRAC events, such as the Cay R. Lane Events series of performances and lectures, and installs exhibits at the GRAC Gallery. Marie also educates local artists on displaying their work in a professional gallery setting and helps them advertise and sell their work.

"I try to focus on regional and local artists to help them further their careers in the arts, whether that's teaching or experience workshops," she said. "It's a comfortable environment for them to do that here at the arts center so that they can work out the kinks, and we can prepare them to go out into the world and teach."

Marie said her as an Undergraduate Research Fellow at the Golding-Yang Gallery under the supervision of former Gallery Director Melissa Yungbluth gave her a wealth of knowledge while at MSU that has profoundly shaped her career and influences her work to this day.

"Morehead State University has had a very strong impact on where I am today," she said. Marie credits Yungbluth and Professor of Art Lisa Mesa-Gaido, along with Instructor Quinn Maher and Gallery Director Mike Bowen, for teaching her the skills to do what she does now. She said the faculty and her fellow students provided her with a supportive community of artists that allowed her to flourish.

"As a full-time student, having the community there at the art department to be comfortable in exploring my artistic ambitions was really helpful. My classmates there, the environment all the professors there created were phenomenal. I'll remember that for the rest of my life," Marie said, adding she's grateful for her impact on the regional arts community and individual artists and says she couldn't do what she does without the education she received at MSU.

Marie said GRAC offers numerous opportunities for students to gain valuable real-world art experiences. The center has an internship program, students can teach classes for the public at the GRAC, and they can also serve on one of the center's committees.

Explore programs at the GRAC at grackentucky.org.

Learn more about programs in MSU's [Department of Art and Design](#) by emailing arde@moreheadstate.edu or calling [606-783-5048](tel:606-783-5048).

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Renowned Appalachian scholar to speak at MSU

Morehead State will host Dr. Cicero Fain IV, an author and visiting diversity scholar at Marshall University, who will discuss his book, "Black Huntington: An Appalachian Story," on Tuesday, March 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC) Theater.

Published in 2019 by the University of Illinois Press, the book details the many ways that African Americans negotiated the racial climate of the post-Civil War era, tracing the development of the black working class and illustrating how kinship networks, black community development and property ownership, and legal challenges, enabled this African American working class to meet the challenges presented by the institutionalized racism of Jim Crow. Further, Fain's work provides a portrait of Appalachia rarely seen. Usually depicted as a rural region inhabited by whites, "Black Huntington" places urban blacks at center stage.

Sponsors of the event include the Office of Student Activities, MSU Diversity and Inclusion and Dr. Tom Kiffmeyer, associate professor of history.

For more information, contact Kiffmeyer at t.kiffmeyer@moreheadstate.edu or [606-783-5162](tel:606-783-5162).

To learn about programs in MSU's Department of History, Philosophy, Politics, Global Studies & Legal Studies, email hgpl@moreheadstate.edu or call [606-783-2655](tel:606-783-2655).

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Students increase civic engagement through MSU's March for Service Initiative

This month, Morehead State University students in all majors have opportunities to learn the importance and impact of civic engagement through MSU's March for Service Initiative.

MSU faculty designed community and civic engagement volunteer projects throughout March to increase MSU students' civic engagement while incorporating skills developed within their respective majors. Students will also reflect on what they learned and the overall value of their experience.

On Friday, March 10, MSU students specializing in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) helped develop the skill of civic engagement through two different events.

MSU hosted the Eastern Kentucky TSA Regional Conference. The Technology Student Association (TSA) is a national Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) made up of students engaged in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). This event was planned and implemented by faculty across the School of Engineering and Computer Science as part of the March to Service initiative.

MSU students provided feedback to middle and high school students from targeted students from regional schools who will present their STEM projects at upcoming state and national competitions. Students also set up and ran various events that tested competitors' abilities to design a CO₂-powered "dragster" model, pilot a drone, construct a wooden bridge that can bear weight, and more.

"Volunteering for the TSA competition was a fulfilling experience that gave me the opportunity to be more engaged with my fellow classmates, my instructors, and younger students across Kentucky," said Samuel Peck, a junior majoring in mechanical and manufacturing technology from Frenchburg.

At another event at Lappin Hall, MSU's Department of Mathematics hosted its annual Pi Day celebration, inviting MSU students and Rowan County Schools Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) students to a friendly competition to see who could recite the most digits of Pi. The event also included pizza and dessert pies. Activities included teaching students about the value and application of binary and a game featuring factors.

"It is important for Rowan County gifted students to see other people enjoying math. We have enjoyed the day and the opportunity to learn from Morehead State University students," said Genny Jenkins, gifted coordinator and instructor at Rowan County Schools.

"Morehead State University students have the opportunity to be role models and give back to the local community through initiatives such as these," said Andrew Sexton (Class of 2020, 2022), coordinator of service learning coordinating the March to Service Initiative across all majors at MSU. "It is important that we develop well-rounded, engaged citizens as part of the education process."

The March to Service Initiative stems from the Council on Postsecondary Education's Kentucky Graduate Profile. This endeavor ensures that students graduating from Kentucky colleges will develop 10 skills to prepare them for life, including communication, cultural competency and civic engagement.

Community partners interested in working with Morehead State University for future service projects can complete the following survey:

<https://forms.office.com/r/ZHnqPCvvZy>.

To learn more about MSU's Center for Career Development and Experiential Education, visit moreheadstate.edu/career.

Photo, upper right (left to right): Sam Peck of Frenchburg, James Parmley of Sandy Hook and Samuel Lucas of Louisville judged Technology Student Association (TSA) entries from regional high schools and middle schools as part of MSU's March for Service Initiative.

Photo, lower left: Dr. Chris Schroeder (right), professor of mathematics and department chair for the Department of Mathematics, participated in a Pi Day activity with Brigham Cosgriff (left), a student at Rowan County Middle School, during MSU's March for Service Initiative.

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MSU professor earns top prize in competition

Gary Mesa-Gaido, professor of art at Morehead State University, took home a top prize at last year's ArtPrize competition and art showcase in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Mesa-Gaido was the Juried Awards Digital Winner for his entry "Derivations of a Gothic Arch Part 2" and received a prize of \$10,000. It was displayed at the Grand Rapids Community College Paul Collins Gallery last year.

Mesa-Gaido's vision statement describes the six-minute digital animation with audio as a work that "moves through multiple iterations of a gothic arch being pushed and pulled, digitally, in a multitude of directions and shapes that all tie back to the gothic architectural element of the arch."

ArtPrize is an independent art competition that highlights and celebrates international artists across all mediums and displays art in various locations around the city over 18 days. Established in 2009, the 2022 ArtPrize event was the last year of the competition.

"I had no idea how it was going to be received because I had never shown them anywhere before other than my website," Mesa-Gaido said. "The fact that it won a prize is just a mind-boggling experience. I had no idea anyone would even like it, let alone give it an award."

View Mesa-Gaido's [award-winning piece](#).

To learn more about MSU's Art & Design programs, visit moreheadstate.edu/academics/colleges/humanities/creative-arts/art.

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Eagle alum Amelia Howell promoted to DOC program administrator

Kentucky's Department of Corrections (DOC) announced the promotion of Morehead State University legal studies graduate Amelia Howell (Class of 2010) to justice program administrator in the division's Policy and Accreditation Branch. Howell will be responsible for the development, revision and procedural review of all the department's policies and procedures.

A native of West Liberty, Howell will also facilitate the procedural process through the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet's Office of Legal Services and the Legislative Research Commission. Her office is at the Eastern Kentucky Correctional Complex (EKCC) in West Liberty.

"Amelia Howell will be a huge gain to the Policy and Accreditation Branch of the Compliance Division," said John Dunn, DOC compliance division director. "Her enthusiasm and passion for accreditation and policies is unmatched in the department, and her expertise and experience will be a valuable asset to the branch and its mission."

Howell earned a Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies with a minor in criminology in 2010. She was a paralegal for Virginia L. Lawson & Associates in Lexington and Fox Law Office in Olive Hill before she began working for the Kentucky DOC in 2011. Howell started as an office support assistant in human resources at EKCC and worked as an administrative specialist.

In March 2018, Howell took on the role of procedures development specialist II, serving as the institution's accreditation manager, inmate grievance coordinator, policy coordinator, facility tour coordinator and staff litigation coordinator. During her tenure in the Procedures Office, Howell has served on several policy revision committees and internal audit teams across the state.

Howell received the March 2015 Employee of the Month award and the 2017 DOC Achievement Award for EKCC. In 2018, she graduated from EKCC's leadership program. She is also a professional graphic designer, with creations that include the 2022 DOC Commissioner's Challenge Coin, EKCC's 30th Anniversary Challenge Coin, and numerous shirt and flyer designs for the Kentucky Council on Crime and Delinquency. Howell is a current DOC Commissioner's Executive Leadership Program participant.

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Veterinary technology student wins national scholarship

Veterinary Technology Student Briley Brink, a senior from Vincennes, Indiana, was recently awarded a Scholarship from the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (NAVTA) and Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health USA Inc.

Brink is one of only 20 students from across the nation who received the \$2,500 scholarship and the only student from Kentucky to do so. The scholarship is part of NAVTA and Boehringer Ingelheim's Tuition for Technicians (T4T) program.

"By being awarded this scholarship, some of the financial stresses have been lifted off, so I can focus on my schoolwork," Brink said.

To be eligible for a scholarship, students had to meet the following criteria:

- Must be a veterinary technology/nursing student enrolled full-time in an AVMA-accredited program (on-campus or distance learning) that has completed at least one year of program requirements;
- Must submit transcripts showing a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher;
- Must submit a letter confirming current enrollment at full-time status;
- Must submit up to three letters of recommendation;
- Must be a NAVTA Student Member;
- Must submit a 500-word essay addressing one of the following:
 - Where do you see the future of the veterinary technology/nursing profession 5-10 years from now?
 - How will you contribute to the veterinary technology/nursing profession?
 - What are your career goals?

NAVTA members and representatives from Boehringer Ingelheim judged each application and determined the final list of recipients.

Brink is working at the MedVet emergency room in Lexington. She earned her associate degree in veterinary technology last year and will complete her bachelor's degree in May. She said her dream is to one day return to MSU as an instructor.

"Dr. (Amy) Staton has been a big inspiration to me," Brink said. "I was a teaching assistant for this past fall semester with her and absolutely loved helping the first-year vet tech students learn basic skills that will help them throughout their careers."

"I could not have gotten this far in my education if it wasn't for the support and guidance of the vet tech professors at MSU."

NAVTA is a US-based not-for-profit membership community of over 8,500 credentialed veterinary technicians, veterinary assistants and other veterinary support staff involved in veterinary care. NAVTA advances the profession of veterinary technology and veterinary nursing through its advocacy and awareness programs and by providing continuing professional development opportunities. NAVTA supports the veterinary technology and veterinary nursing profession with various programs and benefits, available at <https://navta.net/membership>.

Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health is working on first-in-class innovation for predicting, preventing, and treating diseases in animals. For veterinarians, pet owners, producers, and governments in more than 150 countries, we offer an extensive and innovative portfolio of products and services to improve companion animals' and livestock's health and well-being. Learn more about Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health USA at www.bi-animalhealth.com.

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MSU legal studies student Savannah Eaglin awarded Kentucky Paralegal Association scholarship

Savannah Eaglin, a junior in MSU's legal studies program, was awarded the Kentucky Paralegal Association's (KPA) 2022 Annual Scholarship. As a scholarship recipient, Eaglin also attended the 2022 KPA Conference.

Eaglin, a native of Morehead, is a double major in legal studies and Spanish with a certificate in intelligence studies. She is highly involved in the community, serving as chief defense counsel to the Student Government Association Court and working part-time at Rowan County Judge-Executive Harry Clark's Office. Her areas of interest include legal research, legal writing, and public administration.

Eaglin participates in MSU's Undergraduate Research Fellowship under Dr. Laken Albrink (Class of 2012), assistant professor of legal studies. She is working on designing a role-playing game (RPG) that teaches the principles of property law in various hypothetical applications.

"I am incredibly grateful for Professor Laken Albrink's mentorship and the continual support I have received from my instructors at MSU," Eaglin said. "I look forward to the networking and professional development opportunity the KPA has given me. This scholarship and association will truly help me continue my education and kickstart my career."

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Morehead State to host national orienteering competition

Morehead State University will host the first round of the Flying Pig XXV, an orienteering event attracting hundreds of competitors from around the country. The event takes place on Friday, March 24.

Orienteering is a navigation sport where competitors use a map and compass to find checkpoints on a course. The winner is the fastest person to locate all the checkpoints.

MSU will host the first race, the U.S. Sprint Championships. Carter Caves State Resort Park will host the second race Saturday, March 25. As of early March, 270 participants from 29 states, the District of Columbia and four Canadian provinces had registered for the event. More participants are expected. The campus last hosted the event in 2015.

"Since we were last here, the campus has been transformed. The investment in renovation of the buildings and greenspace will ensure this historic university remains current and attractive to students, faculty and staff," said event director Mike Minium.

"It's also a great place for fast orienteering."

The Flying Pig, hosted by Orienteering Cincinnati, includes the U.S. Individual Orienteering Championships and recreational competitions for newcomers. Orienteering USA, the national federation of the sport, sanctions the event.

Olive Hill and Morehead are part of the Kentucky Trail Towns system. There are 25 Kentucky Trail Towns, all recognized for their draw to those interested in outdoor adventure tourism. People interested in trying orienteering can attend any event; beginner instruction is always available. In addition, there are permanent orienteering courses available at any time at five Kentucky State Park sites:

- Barren River Lake State Park
- Rough River Dam State Park

- E.P. "Tom" Sawyer State Park
- Taylorsville Lake State Park
- Big Bone Lick State Historic Site

For more information about the Flying Pig XXV and orienteering events around the country, visit www.orienteingusa.org.

To learn more about the city of Morehead, go to visitmorehead.com.

Find out more about MSU's campus and what makes it a Top 15 public regional university in the South by visiting moreheadstate.edu.

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Morehead State Public Radio Spring Fundraiser is March 27-31

Morehead State Public Radio's (MSPR's) 2023 Spring Fundraiser and Membership Drive is scheduled for March 27-31. New listeners of MSPR are invited to become members and current members are asked to renew their spring or yearly membership during the drive.

"The number of members who support MSPR help to maintain our grant funding from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB)," said Paul Hitchcock, MSPR general manager. "Our ability to raise funds and increase our membership are important to meet criteria in receiving grants to purchase national programming such as All Things Considered, Morning Edition, The World, and World Café."

The CPB provides Community Service Grants to non-commercial radio and television stations with significant public service programming to their communities. The grants help stations expand their work in education, news, public affairs, or other programming. Qualified stations must meet the criteria for grant funding, including local fundraising and membership.

"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.

An emphasis on local and regional news continues to be an important function of MSPR. Equally important is MSPR's commitment to providing hands-on training and learning opportunities to Morehead State University work-study students year-round.

Financial gifts to MSPR will support student work studies, programming and operations. An option is also available on the online form to designate gifts to MSPR's Enhancement Fund, providing scholarships to qualified students studying at Morehead State University.

“MSPR’s Enhancement Fund was established by a longtime supporter of WMKY. Listeners can choose to contribute to the MSPR Fund for student work studies and local programming, or to the MSPR Enhancement Fund for student scholarships,” noted Hitchcock.

Supporters of MSPR who make a gift of \$60 or more can choose to receive a microphone-design, short sleeve T-shirt.

MSPR-WMKY serves more than 20 counties throughout eastern Kentucky from the campus of Morehead State University. Listeners can enjoy WMKY at 90.3FM, online, by phone app, or smart speaker (“Play WMKY”).

To make an online gift, visit www.wmky.org.

For more information about MSPR, email Hitchcock at p.hitchc@moreheadstate.edu or call [606-783-2334](tel:606-783-2334).

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MSU alum establishes Daniel L. McGowan Lifetime Learning Scholarship Endowment

Daniel L. McGowan (Class of 2001), senior vice president for PNC Investments, has taken his passion for finance and investments and his love for his alma mater and invested in the future of Morehead State students.

McGowan established the Daniel L. McGowan Lifetime Learning Scholarship Endowment – a fund to provide scholarship support to students studying at the Elmer R. Smith College of Business and Technology.

"I'm honored to be able to support students in this way - to help other MSU students, who also share my passion for business and finance," McGowan said. "I hope that my contributions inspire future graduates to continue to give back when they're able, as well."

McGowan was interested in finance, particularly investments, at a young age. He purchased his first mutual fund while in middle school. His interest drove him to MSU, where McGowan earned a Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) in Finance. As a senior, he underwent the management training program with Kroger and was installed as an assistant store manager the day after graduation. He used what he learned in the classroom to work his way up the ranks at PNC Investments. McGowan and his wife, Amy, live in Lexington with their two sons, Connor and Avery.

The scholarship is for students pursuing a degree in the school of business administration from Bath, Boyle, Carter, Clark, Elliott, Estill, Fleming, Garrard, Jackson, Jessamine, Lewis, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Owsley, Powell, Rockcastle, Rowan, Taylor, or Wolfe counties.

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Dr. John Gearhart credits MSU preparation for medical success

Even though he works at one of the country's top-ranked hospitals and medical schools, Dr. John Gearhart (Class of 1971) saw the opportunity to work at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine as more of a stepping stone than a final stop in his medical career.

"I packed my bags and came to Baltimore. And to be fair, I thought I'd be here 6-7-8 years or whatever," he said. "That was 30-something years ago. I'm still waiting."

Gearhart is a professor and chief of pediatric urology at the Charlotte Bloomberg Children's Hospital at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. He has become a sought-after pediatric surgeon, published researcher, guest speaker and impactful professor who has received numerous honors for his contributions to the field.

Baltimore is a long way from Gearhart's Olive Hill home, but it was a journey he attributes to a foundation of knowledge and skills built at Morehead State University.

Gearhart's appreciation for MSU started before he ever became an official student. He went to the Breckinridge Training School on campus for two summers taking summer enrichment courses under the instruction of the late Dr. George Young and Hazel Nolleau.

"I thought to myself, if the quality of the faculty at Morehead is as good as the quality of the faculty of Breck, I think I should go there," he said.

Gearhart admits that earning a Bachelor of Science in Biology in 1971 from MSU was challenging. Science professors like Dr. Matt Pryor and Dr. Gerald DeMoss (Class of 1966, 1968), among others, put Gearhart through his paces, preparing him for the possibility of medical school.

"They were terrific educators, they were very Socratic educators, and they were tough," he recalled. "I thought medical school was comprehensive, but I got a darn good foundation at Morehead State."

Gearhart decided to pursue his medical school education within the Commonwealth, earning his M.D. from the University of Louisville School of Medicine in 1975. He then completed two residencies further South at Augusta University's Medical College of Georgia, the first in general surgery in 1977 and the other in urology in 1980.

Gearhart's interest in urology eventually became more specialized. It led to completing a fellowship in pediatric urology across the pond at the Alder Hey Children's Hospital of the University of Liverpool School of Medicine in 1981.

"I had an unbelievable exposure to complex conditions that you would have a hard time replicating at that time in the United States," he said. "I just thought, what an interesting time of life between 6 and 14 weeks, and that's when all of the major birth defects happen."

After two years working as a urologist at St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia, Gearhart completed a second fellowship in pediatric urology at Johns Hopkins in 1985. This led to him joining the staff at Johns Hopkins and later being hired as a faculty member.

As a surgeon, he specializes in congenital urological defects like bladder exstrophy (bladder developing outside the fetus), ambiguous genitalia and other significant urologic congenital disabilities.

"That's not something people go to cocktail parties and talk about, but it, in a major way, affects the quality of life of young children," he said. "With the skills you've been educated to apply and use, you make a major difference in a child's life, and you go home feeling pretty good about that."

Gearhart currently operates in a "tri-partite role" at Johns Hopkins as a researcher, surgeon, and instructor. With five junior surgeons under his mentorship at the time of his interview, he said it often becomes a highlight passing on his knowledge to future surgeons.

"As I've gotten older, I enjoy those days as much as I like doing big cases all day. The young people is what makes coming to work fun," he said. "They teach me things, too. The old dog learns from the young people, too."

At 71 years old, Gearhart said while he said he would "want to go out top" in his field, he still feels like he has plenty of passion and purpose to keep going. At the time of this interview, he was gearing up for a mission trip to Uganda with Johns Hopkins to perform operations day and night for a week. Over the course of his career, he has provided care to 1,000 patients from the United States and 16 other countries.

Gearhart's contributions were recently recognized with one of the highest honors in his field. He was given the 2022 Richard W. Grady Humanitarian Award. Named for the late Dr. Richard W. Grady of Seattle Children's Hospital, this award recognizes pediatric urologists who have advanced the standards of care for children born with bladder exstrophy.

Despite the success that has taken him to the top of his field, Gearhart still recognizes the impact MSU had on his career. The Alumni Hall of Fame member (inducted in 1987) said if another aspiring medical professional wanted a place to start their journey, he believes they can reach lofty heights by becoming an Eagle.

"I would tell any high school student in Ohio or West Virginia or Kentucky that they would get a superb education there," he said. "If they have any thoughts of professional school, I would encourage them to look at Morehead State very carefully."

Morehead State University students are regularly accepted into professional schools above both state and national averages. To learn about [science](#) programs at MSU, call [606-783-2626](tel:606-783-2626).

Photo, lower left: Dr. John Gearhart (Class of 1971), professor and chief of pediatric urology at the Charlotte Bloomberg Children's Hospital at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, pictured with the recipient of his 1000th bladder exstrophy closure.

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First recipients chosen for MSPR Enhancement Fund scholarship

Five Morehead State University students were selected to receive the first-ever Morehead State Public Radio (MSPR) Enhancement Fund scholarship.

Scholarship recipients are:

- Devin Bartley, a sophomore from Pikeville
- Johnathan Burton, a senior from Hillsboro
- Hannah Grace, a junior from Brownsville
- Sha'Maurie Mosley, a senior from Uniontown, Pennsylvania
- Clay Wallace, a senior from Frankfort.

The scholarship was launched last year as part of the MSPR Enhancement Fund. Established by an anonymous donor, the fund's goal is to provide operational support for the radio station and scholarship support for students who work there as interns and work studies.

To be eligible for the scholarship, students must pursue a degree in convergent media and maintain a 2.5 or higher GPA. The University Scholarship Committee and MSPR General Manager Paul Hitchcock chose the scholarship recipients.

"I congratulate these students on their success and dedication to the mission of Morehead State Public Radio," Hitchcock said. "Support to the MSPR Enhancement Fund directly supports our student work-studies, providing hands-on opportunities in a professional and educational environment. We value the hard work of our student staff and their commitment to our listeners."

The MSPR Fund will also assist in paying for equipment repairs/upgrades and operational costs and help pay for licensing fees for NPR-produced programming.

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Senior art exhibition is March 29 through April 14

Before seniors graduate from Morehead State's Department of Art and Design, they will showcase their work during the annual senior art show and exhibit.

"Everything Considered: 2023 Senior Juried Exhibition" runs from Wednesday, March 29, to Wednesday, April 14. An opening reception will be held Wednesday, March 29, 4-6 p.m. in the Golding-Yang Art Gallery in the Claypool-Young Art Building on MSU's campus. The show will feature over xx pieces of mixed media, paintings, sculptures, photography and more by seniors graduating from the program in May. Gallery Director and Instructor of Art and Design Michael Bowen and art faculty are jurors.

The Golding-Yang Art Gallery, located within the [Claypool-Young Art Building](#), is a pivotal educational and cultural component of the [Department of Art & Design](#), the [Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences](#), the MSU campus and the community at large. The Golding-Yang Gallery is open to the public Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. To learn more, email Bowen at r.bowen@moreheadstate.edu

To explore programs in the Department of Art and Design at MSU, email arde@moreheadstate.edu or call [606-783-2766](tel:606-783-2766).

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Board of Regents to meet March 30

The Morehead State University Board of Regents will meet Thursday, March 30, at 9:45 a.m. in the Adron Doran University Center.

Following students, faculty and staff recognitions, the board will hear recommendations and reports from MSU President Dr. Jay Morgan. Items on the agenda include:

- Approve minutes of the February board meeting, audit committee meeting and executive committee meeting.
- Ratify personnel actions.
- Approve tenure with promotion, tenure, and sabbatical leaves for 2023-24.
- Approve coaches' contracts.
- Approve University's six-year capital plan.
- Approve facility name.

In addition, the board will vote to:

Approve the second quarter financial statements and ratify the amended operating budget.

- Approve state asset preservation funds for 2023-24.
- Authorize President Morgan to approve the acceptance of and disposition of property to the City of Morehead.
- Approve a resolution authorizing the sale of Morehead State University general receipts obligations, 2023 Series A.

The board will also hear reports on university advancement and fundraising from Vice President for University Advancement Rick Hesterberg, and an update on optional

retirement plans from Vice President for Fiscal Services Mary Fister-Tucker. There will also be an update on the university investment policy and the president's report.

The board will also conduct its annual evaluation of Dr. Morgan and its yearly self-evaluation.

The next quarterly board meeting will be held Thursday, June 15.

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MSU hosts first-ever Grad School Blitz

The Morehead State University Graduate School will host the first-ever Grad School Blitz. The event is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, April 13, on the upper patio of the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC).

The Grad School Blitz is for anyone interested in the MSU Graduate School, especially MSU undergraduate students. Earning a graduate degree can increase your earning potential in your chosen field and allow you to advance more quickly in your career.

Staff from the graduate school will meet with students and answer questions. The event will have prizes, giveaways, snacks and refreshments.

Advisors from MSU's four colleges will be there to discuss specific programs. Kiosks will be available for students to apply online, and the University will offer a promo code to waive the application fee so you can apply for free.

"We're excited to host the Grad School Blitz event as it will provide an opportunity to all students on our campus to learn more about graduate school and the impact that it may have on their future success," said Ollie Floyd, graduate advising center coordinator.

"Graduate School gives students the ability to specialize in a specific concentrated area, which can lead to increases in salary, career advancement, or simply a change in their career path. With more than 30 graduate programs offered completely online, it's more convenient than ever to pursue a graduate degree at MSU."

The MSU Graduate School offers quality programs and classes, affordability, flexibility, and convenience. In addition to undergraduate students, an MSU graduate degree is ideal for seasoned professionals requiring the additional skills, credentials, or degrees necessary for career advancement.

To learn more about the [MSU Graduate School](#), email graduate@moreheadstate.edu or call [800-585-6781](tel:800-585-6781).

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Regents meet to recognize faculty, staff and students

The Morehead State University Board of Regents held its quarterly meeting on Thursday, March 30.

MSU Cheerleaders were recognized at the meeting for winning the national championship title. In January, the squads earned a trifecta of national championships at the Universal Cheerleading Association College Nationals in Orlando, Florida, bringing the team total to 52 all-time UCA titles (and one from NCA) for 53 all-time cheer titles.

The board also recognized Randy Manis, instructor of communication, and Head Cheerleading Coach Mark Coleman, for their contributions to the University, and newly elected Student Government Association officers were introduced.

Following the recognitions, the board voted to:

Approve minutes of the February board meeting, audit committee meeting and executive committee meeting.

- Ratify personnel actions.
- Approve tenure with promotion, tenure, and sabbatical leaves for 2023-24.
- Approve coaches' contracts.
- Approve University's six-year capital plan.
- Approve facility name.

The board also voted to:

- Approve the second quarter financial statements and ratify the amended operating budget.
- Approve state asset preservation funds for 2023-24.

- Authorize President Morgan to approve the acceptance of and disposition of property to the City of Morehead.
- Approve a resolution authorizing the sale of Morehead State University general receipts obligations, 2023 Series A.

Board members heard reports on university advancement and fundraising from Vice President for University Advancement Rick Hesterberg, and an update on optional retirement plans from Vice President for Fiscal Services Mary Fister-Tucker, an update on the University investment policy and the president's report.

The board conducted its annual evaluation of Dr. Morgan and its yearly self-evaluation during the meeting.

The next quarterly board meeting will be held Thursday, June 15.

Photos: At the March 30 meeting, MSU's Board of Regents recognized faculty, staff and students.

1. Student recognition: National Championship winners - MSU Cheer Squads
2. Staff recognition: Head Cheer Coach Mark Coleman
3. Faculty recognition: Instructor Randy Manis
4. Newly elected SGA officers were introduced to the board.

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