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‘Inscape’ submissions are now being accepted

“Inscape,” Morehead State University’s juried literary and visual art journal, accepts submissions in three categories.

Competition categories include best cover design, visual art, and writing for the interior of the publication. The deadline to submit work is Jan. 26, 2024.

Prizes are awarded in both visual art competitions, with a first-place prize of \$100 for the selected cover design. There is a \$100 award for the best artwork submitted for the interior of the publication, with second, third, and honorable mention prizes of \$75, \$50, and \$25, respectively. You must be an MSU student to enter the visual art competitions.

Students may submit poetry, fiction, or creative nonfiction for inclusion in the interior of the publication. Prizes of \$100 for first place will be awarded in the poetry, fiction, and creative nonfiction categories. You must be an MSU student to win a literary prize, but submissions for inclusion in the magazine are also open to non-students.

Inscape is an annual MSU publication with a long history of cutting-edge visual and literary art. The first issue was published in 1957. Media and genres of work range from prose, poetry, short stories, long narrative, nonfiction, and creative essays to photography, printmaking, painting, design, drawing, illustration, digital art, mixed media, pottery, and sculpture.

The [Departments of English & Modern Languages](#) and [Communication, Media, Art & Design](#) coordinate the publication.

Additional information and the complete list of competition guidelines are available at www.moreheadstate.edu/inscape.

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Caudill College's Justice Festival set for Oct. 11

Morehead State's Caudill College of Humanities and Social Sciences is hosting the Justice Festival Wednesday, Oct. 11.

This is the third year for the event, which seeks to draw attention to important social justice issues such as poverty, gender inequality, criminal justice reform, and others with a day of lectures, presentations, and discussion panels.

The keynote speaker for the event will be Dr. Henry Cunningham, director of community engagement at the University of Louisville (UofL). Cunningham co-founded and co-directed UofL's International Service Learning Program. He has an extensive international and community development background, having conducted developmental work in several countries. He was assigned to the United Nations, where he worked on sustainable development in developing countries. Cunningham's address will be from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in room 329 of the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC).

"Since its inception, the Justice Festival has become an important part of MSU campus life. It offers faculty, staff, students, and the Rowan County community the opportunity to meet in an inclusive environment that fosters the sharing of research, resources, and tools for those who earnestly seek social justice reforms in their communities," said Dr. Benjamin Fitzpatrick, assistant professor of history. "The Justice Festival seeks to facilitate difficult but constructive dialogues about social justice issues for the University community and Rowan County at large."

[View Justice Festival Schedule of Events](#)

To learn more about MSU's [Caudill College of Humanities and Social Sciences](#), email ccahss@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2650.

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MSU student exhibition ‘Reflections on Culture & Self’ on display in October

Morehead State University will present a multi-location student art exhibition this month.

"Reflections on Culture & Self" will be on display Oct. 9-27 in the Adron Doran University Center and the Camden-Carroll Library (CCL) Diversity Gallery. A reception will take place at 3 p.m. on Oct. 11 in the CCL Diversity Gallery.

The exhibit is co-sponsored by the Eagle Diversity and Inclusion Team and the Department of Communication, Media, Art & Design. This partnership is part of the Eagle Diversity and Inclusion Team's efforts to increase displays of diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging on the campus of Morehead State University.

ADUC's display cases will feature clay pieces by art and non-art majors from Ceramics I courses under the prompts "Replication" and "Historical vs. Contemporary" provided by Visiting Assistant Professor of Ceramics Quinn Maher.

CCL's Diversity Gallery (on the 2nd floor) will display paintings by art students that are representations of "The Self" in self-portraits, symbolic interpretations, or conceptual interpretations of oneself. Students created this art in Professor of Art Gary Mesa-Gaido's Painting II and III courses.

"For some time, the Eagle Diversity and Inclusion Team has been interested in promoting creativity through the arts as one of our many efforts to further conversations related to diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging," said Dr. Caroline Atkins, MSU's chief diversity officer. "This exhibition will do just that. We are grateful for the leadership of the Department of Communication, Music, Art and Design and we look forward to seeing the creativity and imagination of our MSU students."

To learn more about [MSU's Eagle Diversity and Inclusion Team](#), contact Dr. Caroline Atkins at c.atkins@moreheadstate.edu or [606-783-9381](tel:606-783-9381).

For more information about programs in [Art and Design](#) and the Golding-Yang Art Gallery, please email arde@moreheadstate.edu or call [606-783-2766](tel:606-783-2766).

Photos: Artwork by MSU students Cali Jones (upper right) and Maija Wehr (lower left) are among the student-artists on display during the "Reflections on Culture & Self" exhibit. It runs from Oct. 9-27 in the Adron Doran University Center and the Camden-Carroll Library (CCL) Diversity Gallery.

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MSU closed Oct. 6 for Fall Break

Morehead State University will have Fall Break for students Thursday and Friday, Oct. 5 and 6. and will be closed Friday, Oct. 6. Classes will not meet either day, and administrative offices will be closed on Friday.

Select office and service hours on Friday are:

The University Post Office and University Store will be closed.

The Camden-Carroll Library will be open 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

The Recreation and Wellness Center will be open 6 a.m. - 8 p.m. The Pool will be open 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

The [MSU Police Department](#) will be staffed 24-7 during the break. They can be reached at 606-783-2035 or through the LiveSafe smartphone app. In the event of an emergency, always dial 911.

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Employee Benefits Fair set for Oct. 10

Morehead State's Office of Human Resources and Payroll is hosting a Benefits and Wellness Fair for employees on Tuesday, Oct. 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC) ballroom.

Various vendors will be available to provide information about services and answer questions. Health promotions, wellness information, health screenings, and flu shots are among the activities planned.

Take advantage of this opportunity to explore employee benefits options, increase your wellness knowledge, and win door prizes.

For more information, call the [Office of Human Resources and Payroll](#) at 606-783-2097 or email benefits@moreheadstate.edu.

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MSU biology faculty and student win poster awards at IDEA Conference

Dr. Deborah Cook, a postdoctoral research associate in Morehead State's Department of Biology and Chemistry, and Emma Brock, a senior neuroscience major from Corbin, won awards for their presentation posters at the 2023 Southeast Regional Institutional Development Award Program (IDeA) Conference, held in Columbia, South Carolina, Sept. 15-18.

Cook is completing her postdoctoral work in the lab of Dr. Janelle Hare, professor of biology. Her poster, "DNA damage response coregulator ddrR is a global regulator in *Acinetobacter baumannii* 17978," won the highest-scoring postdoctoral fellow and the highest-scoring bioinformatics poster awards. *Acinetobacter baumannii* is a bacterium that commonly causes infections in hospital settings, and many strains have gained resistance to most of the antibiotics currently available. Cook is researching whether the genes regulated by the ddrR gene that co-regulates the DNA damage response in this species could be a therapeutic target for treating infections in the future.

Brock participated in a 2023 KY IDeA Networks of Biomedical Research Excellence (INBRE) summer undergraduate research program and performed her research at the University of Kentucky. Her poster, "Assessing the ratio of genotypes in CHD7 zygotic and maternal zygotic mutant in *Danio Rerio*," earned an honorable mention in the molecular and cellular biology category.

"This experience opened my eyes to both working with a different type of research than I am used to and working with different model organisms. I had never worked with zebrafish before, and I really enjoyed learning new techniques in housing and caring for new models," Brock said.

"Due to this experience introducing me to a new type of research and model organism, I feel more prepared to approach different opportunities with confidence of success. It

also taught me not to internalize failure and to use that failure to inspire different approaches.”

To learn more about Cook’s research, email her at d.cook@moreheadstate.edu or call 606- 783-2295.

For more information on programs in the [Department of Biology and Chemistry](#), email bioc@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2945.

Photo caption: Dr. Deborah Cook won two awards for her poster presentation at the IDeA Conference last month.

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MSU students give back with Make an Impact Day

Morehead State University students gave back through service-learning as MSU hosted its inaugural Make an Impact Day on Sept. 11-12.

In addition to honoring the lives lost during the devastating terrorist attacks on 9/11, Sept. 11 has been transformed in recent years as communities across the nation have come together to make this a day of service. Over 1,000 first-year students participated in Make an Impact Day as part of their First-Year Seminar (FYS) course, working together on one of several service projects.

"Our students embodied 'service-learning' as they got the opportunity to complete hands-on service projects, learn about volunteer opportunities in the area, and develop career skills through Make an Impact Day," said Andrew Sexton (Class of 2020, 2022), coordinator of service learning. "I am glad that we could work together with our community and campus partners to make this event a success – it wouldn't have been possible without them."

Project leads and corresponding project impacts included:

Donating blood through the Kentucky Blood Center, totaling 89 units with the potential to impact over 250 Kentuckians.

Making 140 tie blankets for child patients at St. Claire HealthCare (led by MSU's Herron Leadership Scholars Program).

Writing 250 letters to alumni and donors of MSU scholarships showing appreciation for their financial contributions (led by Alumni Relations and Development).

Voter registration totaling 52 paper registrations and many online registrations (led by representatives of the County Clerk's Office).

Making 480 dog toys from old t-shirts to donate to local animal shelters (led by MSU's Student Government Association).

Planting flags in the ADUC (Adron Doran University Center) Lawn to honor those who died on 9/11 (led by MSU ROTC).

Carson Nichols, a first-year student-athlete from Orange City, Florida, reflected on the event, saying, "Because of this unique experience, I was able to further my teamwork skills and remind myself how important it is to be involved in the community. Often, it is easy to forget how much one individual can change society, but this event reminded me just how much I can help my community. Being able to see other students also sign up to volunteer excites me for the future of Morehead and the lives that will be touched."

"Morehead State University is proud of its designation as a community-engaged institution by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. We are thankful to be integrated into the Morehead community, and we certainly value our mutually beneficial relationships with community partners," said Dr. Christopher Schroeder, interim associate provost. "We believe that Make an Impact Day allowed students to learn first-hand information about volunteer opportunities so that they can continue to be engaged citizens."

For more information about sharing volunteer or other service opportunities, contact Andrew Sexton at [606-783-5493](tel:606-783-5493) or servicelearning@moreheadstate.edu.

To learn about more ways to enhance your education outside of the classroom at MSU, contact the [Center for Career Development and Experiential Education](#) at careerservices@moreheadstate.edu or [606-783-2233](tel:606-783-2233).

Photos: Morehead State first-year students participated in the inaugural Make an Impact Day. Service-learning activities included planting flags to commemorate 9/11 (upper right) and making dog toys to donate to local animal shelters (lower left).

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Star Theater to host activities for Observe the Moon Night Oct. 21

Morehead State's Star Theater will host an open house to celebrate International Observe the Moon Night Saturday, Saturday, Oct. 21, 4:30-7:30 p.m.

Activities will include:

- Planetarium and laser features.
- Space videos in the rotunda of the Space Science Center.
- Live music from Glen and Lisa Ginn.
- Hands-on STEM activities.

The event will conclude with telescopic observation of the moon and stars, weather permitting. Refreshments will be served.

Admission is \$15 for adults, \$10 for kids and seniors. Admission is free for MSU faculty, staff, students, and children under five years old.

International Observe the Moon Night is a worldwide event for moon lovers, held annually since 2010. It's an annual public outreach project sponsored by the Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter mission, the Solar System Exploration Division at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, and other NASA and astronomical organizations that encourages observation, appreciation, and understanding of the moon and its connection to planetary science and exploration. The event is scheduled each northern fall, on a night when the moon is near the first quarter phase.

[Register for the open house](#)

For more information about [MSU's Star Theater](#), email star.theater@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-9593.

Learn about [MSU's Department of Physics, Earth Science, and Space Systems Engineering](#) programs by emailing phes@moreheadstate.edu or calling 606-783-2381.

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Retiree James Buford Crager dies at 83

Morehead State Retiree James Buford Crager (Class of 1961, 1975) of Georgetown, Kentucky, died Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2023, at 83.

After graduating from Prestonsburg High, he attended Morehead State College, where he was captain of the football team and was elected President of the Student Government. Crager was captain of the football team from 1956 to 1961 and holds the school record for the longest kick return. After graduating, he taught and coached at Fairmont High School in Kettering, Ohio.

Crager returned to Morehead State in 1967 as Dean of Students. In 1976, he was promoted to vice president for student affairs and began teaching in the former Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation.

Survivors include his wife Jenny, brother Bobby (Judy Hicks) Crager of Flatwoods, sister Brenda (BJ) Helton and Jack Davis of Louisville; a son Kyle (Kim Calvert) Crager of Georgetown, son Dr. James "Kip" (Jennifer Swartz) Crager of Lexington, and grandchildren Ky (Kelly Fiona) Crager, Kellen (Heather) Crager, Kwyncee Crager, Colten Crager, Holynn Crager, and Cade Crager.

Crager was a lifelong member of the Morehead United Methodist Church and served many years as part of the Democratic Party of Morehead and Rowan County.

Memorial donations may be made to the [James Buford Crager Scholarship Fund](#) at Morehead State University in care of the Morehead State Foundation, 121 E. Second Street, Suite 107, Morehead, KY 40351.

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Dr. Mee-Ryoung Shon to present research at IAFOR conference

Dr. Mee-Ryoung Shon, professor of education at Morehead State, will be a presenter for the International Academic Forum (IAFOR) International Conference on Education, scheduled for January 2024.

The presentation, "Trilateral Approach for the Families of Preschool Children with Special Needs." represents two years of Shon's research involving preschool-aged children with special needs. Shon explored the importance of collaboration between parents, teachers, and others involved in shaping the child's development to ensure positive learning outcomes. The volunteering preschool teachers engaged in Shon's research trained the families of preschool students with special needs with selected target learning materials over a year.

At home, each family played with those guided materials with their child and shared/ reported their playtime experiences with the teachers. Shon provided needed feedback and teacher training as she monitored the project.

"Young preschool children with special needs have limited capacity to communicate and connect to the real world. The surrounding adults play a critical role in the development of these preschoolers," Shon said. "The families indicated they had a better understanding about the quality of playtime, early educational goals for their children, and positive change of the family's playtime at home setting, impacting other siblings."

"The teachers stated they shaped a better understating of family dynamics through multiple trainings and built strong bonds and supports to those families as they both witnessed the progress of the preschool children."

To learn more about Shon's research, email her at m.shon@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2856.

Learn more about MSU's Department of [Early Childhood, Elementary, and Special Education](#) programs by emailing ecese@moreheadstate.edu or calling 606-783-2598.

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Morehead State SGA hosting 2023 Fall Fest Oct. 25

Morehead State University's Student Government Association (SGA) will host over 30 registered student organizations, departments, and nonprofit organizations at the third annual Fall Fest. The event takes place from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25, in the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC) Commons. The event is free and open to the campus community.

Fall Fest will feature various games, prizes, and free food. Attendees can also participate in stuff-a-plush, pumpkin painting, a raffle, and more. Fall Fest will feature live entertainment from MSU's Kentucky Center for Traditional Music's (KCTM) Mountain Music Ambassadors.

SGA wants to bridge the gap between campus and the community through hosting events like Fall Fest. This event allows students to interact with student organizations, find a sense of community, and become more engaged and connected with fellow students on campus.

"Fall Fest exemplifies the true meaning of being a Morehead State Eagle," said Emma Sherman, SGA secretary of campus involvement. "We are bringing the small-town atmosphere to campus while engaging students in a fun and casual way."

For more information, contact Emma Sherman via email at egsherman2@moreheadstate.edu.

To learn more about [student activities at MSU](#), contact studentactivities@moreheadstate.edu or [606-783-2071](tel:606-783-2071).

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Morehead State mourns the death of Adult Education Instructor Jason Justice

Jason Justice (Class of 2006), an adult education instructor at Morehead State, died Monday, Oct. 16 at 45.

Born March 22, 1978, in Morehead, he was the son of Johnnie Justice and Loretta Williams Justice of Clearfield.

Before starting work at the Adult Learning Center in 2020, Justice served as postmaster at the University Post Office since 2014. He was a 1996 graduate of Fleming County High School. He enjoyed sports, reading, and spending time with his family.

Survivors in addition to his parents include one son, Nate Justice of Morehead; two daughters, Lana Justice of Morehead and Molly Justice of Russell; one sister, Melissa (Tony) Cooper of Clearfield; maternal grandmother, Polly Williams of Flemingsburg; a host of aunts, uncles and cousins and other extended family and friends.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, at Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals in Morehead.

A memorial service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 20, at Northcutt and Son Home for Funerals Memorial Chapel with Brother Jack Hinton officiating. Burial will follow in Goddard Cemetery.

View the complete obituary at [Northcutt and Son's website](#).

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Eagles can soar home for Morehead State Homecoming 2023

Next week, Morehead State University alumni, friends, students, faculty, and staff gather in their second home to reconnect at MSU Homecoming 2023.

Homecoming 2023 will celebrate all things MSU through numerous events and activities during the week of Oct. 30 through Nov. 4. The celebration will include Halloween-themed activities for the community and events and many of the MSU traditions that make Homecoming a yearly event for people to celebrate their school spirit in blue and gold.

“We are so excited to host our alumni, along with their friends and family, for this year's Homecoming festivities,” said Mikayla Davis (Class of 2021), alumni relations and event officer. “Morehead State University is such a special place and Homecoming reminds us of that each year.”

MSU HOMECOMING 2023

MONDAY, OCT. 30

Beakers Boo Bash Family Costume Party, 5-7 p.m., Adron Doran University Center (ADUC) Ballrooms A & B. Community event sponsored by the MSU Alumni Association.

TUESDAY, OCT. 31

Say Boo to Drugs Trick or Treat, 6-8 p.m., Main Street in Morehead. Community event sponsored by Downtown Morehead.

MSU Student Stuff-a-Plush, 7:30 p.m., Prefontaine Pub, ADUC. MSU student event sponsored by the Campus Activities Board.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 1

Brew & GOLD (for MSU graduates of the last decade), 5-7 p.m., Sawstone Brewing Company, Second Floor. Sponsored by MSU Young Alumni and the Morehead Young Professionals Association (YPA).

MSU Trivia Night, 7 p.m., Battson Oates Entertainment District. Community event sponsored by Downtown Morehead and the MSU Alumni Association.

THURSDAY, NOV. 2

Morehead-Rowan County Chamber Luncheon, Noon-1 p.m., Morehead Conference Center. Community/chamber member event sponsored by the Morehead-Rowan County Chamber of Commerce and Morehead State University.

Homecoming Parade, 6 p.m., Main Street in Morehead. Want to register to participate in the parade? Register an entry [here](#). The deadline to register for the parade is Friday, Oct. 27. Community event sponsored by the MSU Office of Student Affairs.

Morehead State University Women's Volleyball Game vs. Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE) Cougars, 6 p.m., Johnson Arena.

Beaker Bash, following parade, Prefontaine Pub. MSU student event hosted by the Campus Activities Board.

FRIDAY, NOV. 3

Memorial Brick Ceremony, 11:30 a.m., Memorial Plaza, Little Bell Tower. Community event sponsored by the MSU Retirees Association.

Unveiling of Centennial Soaring Eagle Statue, Noon, ADUC Plaza. Community event sponsored by Morehead State University.

Morehead State University Women's Volleyball Game vs. Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE) Cougars, Noon, Johnson Arena.

Excelling Eagles Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., ADUC Ballroom A. Invitation-only event sponsored by the MSU Alumni Association.

Homecoming Kickoff Reception Celebration, 5 p.m., ADUC Third Floor Reception Space and Ballroom C. Alumni event sponsored by the MSU Alumni Association.

Homecoming Alumni Awards Ceremony, 7 p.m., ADUC Ballrooms A & B. Alumni and community event sponsored by the MSU Alumni Association.

SATURDAY, NOV. 4

Breakfast with Beaker, 10 a.m., The Rocky Adkins Dining Commons (The Rock).

Homecoming Tailgating Lot Opens, 10 a.m., Eagle Rally Zone, Jayne Stadium/AAC Parking Lot.

Alumni and community event hosted by MSU Athletics.

Eagle's Landing Tailgate Deck, 11 a.m., Patio and East Lobby, Academic-Athletic Center (AAC). Alumni event sponsored by the MSU Alumni Association.

Eagle Walk, 1:10 p.m., Eagle Rally Zone/Tailgate Area. Alumni and community event sponsored by the MSU Marching Band and MSU Athletics.

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NEWS RELEASE

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---

Morehead State to offer vascular sonography degree concentration

Morehead State's Diagnostic Medical Sonography (DMS) program will offer a new [vascular sonography concentration](#) beginning in the fall 2024 semester.

DMS students who choose the concentration will learn how to perform a vascular sonographic examination and can sit for the vascular sonography board examination. Vascular sonography is a noninvasive test healthcare providers use to determine how blood flows in arteries and veins in your arms, neck, and legs to diagnose blood clots, narrowed blood vessels, and other vascular health conditions.

Students in the program will receive hands-on learning in MSU's imaging sciences facilities and through clinical placements in healthcare facilities throughout the region.

Jennifer Clark is an assistant professor of imaging sciences and the DMS program director. She said there is a high demand for vascular sonographers in Kentucky.

"There is a great need for vascular sonographers in our region," Clark said. "Our health care facilities request we produce vascular sonographers, and it is our duty to fill the need of our region to better patient care."

To learn more about the program, contact Clark at je.clark@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783- 2646.

Learn more about MSU's [imaging sciences programs](#) by emailing is@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2180.

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Eagles can soar home for Morehead State Homecoming 2023

Next week, Morehead State University alumni, friends, students, faculty, and staff gather in their second home to reconnect at MSU Homecoming 2023.

Homecoming 2023 will celebrate all things MSU through numerous events and activities during the week of Oct. 30 through Nov. 4. The celebration will include Halloween-themed activities for the community and events and many of the MSU traditions that make Homecoming a yearly event for people to celebrate their school spirit in blue and gold.

“We are so excited to host our alumni, along with their friends and family, for this year's Homecoming festivities,” said Mikayla Ray (Class of 2021), alumni relations and event officer. “Morehead State University is such a special place and Homecoming reminds us of that each year.”

MSU HOMECOMING 2023

MONDAY, OCT. 30

Beakers Boo Bash Family Costume Party, 5-7 p.m., Adron Doran University Center (ADUC) Ballrooms A & B. Community event sponsored by the MSU Alumni Association.

TUESDAY, OCT. 31

Say Boo to Drugs Trick or Treat, 6-8 p.m., Main Street in Morehead. Community event sponsored by Downtown Morehead.

MSU Student Stuff-a-Plush, 7:30 p.m., Prefontaine Pub, ADUC. MSU student event sponsored by the Campus Activities Board.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 1

Brew & GOLD (for MSU graduates of the last decade), 5-7 p.m., Sawstone Brewing Company, Second Floor. Sponsored by MSU Young Alumni and the Morehead Young Professionals Association (YPA).

MSU Trivia Night, 7 p.m., Battson Oates Entertainment District. Community event sponsored by Downtown Morehead and the MSU Alumni Association.

THURSDAY, NOV. 2

Morehead-Rowan County Chamber Luncheon, Noon-1 p.m., Morehead Conference Center. Community/chamber member event sponsored by the Morehead-Rowan County Chamber of Commerce and Morehead State University.

Homecoming Parade, 6 p.m., Main Street in Morehead. Want to register to participate in the parade? Register an entry [here](#). The deadline to register for the parade is Friday, Oct. 27. Community event sponsored by the MSU Office of Student Affairs.

Morehead State University Women's Volleyball Game vs. Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE) Cougars, 6 p.m., Johnson Arena.

Beaker Bash, following parade, Prefontaine Pub. MSU student event hosted by the Campus Activities Board.

FRIDAY, NOV. 3

Memorial Brick Ceremony, 11:30 a.m., Memorial Plaza, Little Bell Tower. Community event sponsored by the MSU Retirees Association.

Unveiling of Centennial Soaring Eagle Statue, Noon, ADUC Plaza. Community event sponsored by Morehead State University.

Morehead State University Women's Volleyball Game vs. Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE) Cougars, Noon, Johnson Arena.

Excelling Eagles Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., ADUC Ballroom A. Invitation-only event sponsored by the MSU Alumni Association.

Homecoming Kickoff Reception Celebration, 5 p.m., ADUC Third Floor Reception Space and Ballroom C. Alumni event sponsored by the MSU Alumni Association.

Homecoming Alumni Awards Ceremony, 7 p.m., ADUC Ballrooms A & B. Alumni and community event sponsored by the MSU Alumni Association.

SATURDAY, NOV. 4

Breakfast with Beaker, 10 a.m., The Rocky Adkins Dining Commons (The Rock).

Homecoming Tailgating Lot Opens, 10 a.m., Eagle Rally Zone, Jayne Stadium/AAC Parking Lot.

Alumni and community event hosted by MSU Athletics.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---

Louise and Ernani D'Emidio Scholarship established

The Morehead State University Foundation announced the establishment of the Louise Antonini and Ernani D'Emidio Scholarship Endowment, a fund to benefit MSU students. The scholarship's first recipient is Anabel Peterman, a senior traditional music major from Carlisle and a graduate of the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics.

Louise Pauline Antonini D'Emidio graduated from the then-named Morehead State Teachers College in 1943 with a Bachelor of Arts in Education with vocal and instrumental music majors. She made the All-State Kentucky Collegiate Chorus and the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities list as a student. She was also a Kappa Delta Phi (Epsilon Theta Chapter) Sorority member. She later spent 30 years as a vocal and instrumental teacher in New Jersey. She also founded a youth choir and shared her soprano voice, along with her abilities on piano and violin, with generations as a mentor and a performer.

Her husband Ernani John D'Emidio graduated from De Witt Clinton High School in the Bronx, New York, and later the New York School of Fine Arts and the Leonardo DaVinci Art School. During World War II, he served five years as a combat photographer in the South Pacific Area. He photographed Hollywood stars like Gary Cooper, Jack Benny, Carole Landis, and Una Merkle. He later had a distinguished photography career working in advertising for 46 years.

Russ D'Emidio, Louise and Ernani's son, created the scholarship in their honor. He established the scholarship to coincide with the 80th anniversary of Louise's graduation from MSU.

"My mother was only able to attend college because of a scholarship, and I hope this scholarship enhances someone's life just like the scholarship did for my mom 80 years ago," Russ said. "Education and helping others were so important to my mom. I am honored to be able to give back to her alma mater in her memory."

Scholarship recipients must be full-time juniors or senior students pursuing a [Bachelor of Music, a Bachelor of Arts in Music, or a Bachelor of Music Education](#). Recipients must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. The scholarship is a one-time, non-renewable reward and recipients are eligible to reapply.

At Morehead State University, 95% of students receive some form of financial aid. The MSU Foundation is instrumental in assisting with scholarship support. The Foundation's endowment, valued at over \$70 million, manages nearly 600 funds to support MSU students.

If you want to establish a scholarship or make a planned gift commitment, contact MSU's Office of Alumni Relations and Development at [606-783-2033](tel:606-783-2033), email giving@moreheadstate.edu or visit alumni.moreheadstate.edu.

Photo: Anabel Peterman, a senior traditional music major from Carlisle, is the first recipient of the Louise Antonini and Ernani D'Emidio Scholarship Endowment.

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MSU Retiree Robert “Bob” Wolfe dies at 88

Retired Assistant Professor of Agriculture and Horticulture Robert “Bob” Henry Wolfe died Sunday, Oct. 22, 2023, at 88.

Wolfe started at Morehead State in 1967 and taught horticulture and agriculture until his retirement in 1999. He was active in several University committees and special projects, including the Derrickson Agricultural Complex, the Mountaintop Agriculture Complex (Martiki), the MSU Horse Show, Alpha Gamma Rho advisor, and member and president of the MSU Faculty Senate. He was a lifelong member of the Morehead Men’s Club and MSU Retirees Association. Prior to teaching, he served as a County Extension Agent in Morgan, Pike, and Rowan counties.

Wolfe also participated in many community service and civic organizations, including the Rowan County Public Library Board of Trustees, Lee Cemetery Board of Trustees, Morehead Tree Board and Tree Walk Committees, Morehead Streetscape and Beautification Committees, Morehead-Rowan County-Lakeview Heights Joint Planning Commission, Morehead Tomorrow Committee, American Association of Kidney Patients, and Central Kentucky Horse Show Association.

Mr. Wolfe was a member of the MSU Foundation's Visionary Society. He recently established a scholarship endowment to honor his daughter Ramona and her ongoing commitment to the Epsilon Theta Chapter of Chi Omega. The Wolfe-Gardner Family Scholarship Endowment will be created through an estate gift from Mr. Wolfe.

Survivors include his daughters, Robin (Patrick) Morley of Danville and Ramona Gardner of Morehead; grandchildren, Cory Gardner of Morehead and Amelia (Zach) Murray of Las Vegas, NV; and two great-grandchildren, Aspen and London Murray; two brothers, Russell (Jocelyn) Wolfe of Manchester and Ronald (Hope) Wolfe of Monticello, IL a sister, Sandra Still of Berea; his brother-in-law, Roger (Rena) Lance of Arden, NC, and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

A graveside service for family and friends will be held on Thursday, Oct. 26, 2023, at 2 p.m. at Lee Cemetery with Roger Lance and Cory Gardner presiding.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the MSU Foundation to support the Wolfe-Gardner Family Scholarship Fund. Contributions may be made by visiting alumni.moreheadstate.edu/wolfe or via mail to the MSU Foundation, P.O. Box 628, Morehead, KY 40351.

[Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals](#) in Morehead is in charge of arrangements.



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Morehead State joins JED Campus for student mental health support

Morehead State University has joined The Jed Foundation (JED) as a JED Campus to support student mental health and wellbeing.

JED Campus is a nationwide initiative of JED, a nonprofit that protects emotional health and prevents suicide for our nation's teens and young adults. The goal is to help schools evaluate and strengthen their mental health, substance misuse, and suicide prevention programs and systems. This will ensure schools have the most effective mental health safety nets possible.

By joining JED Campus, MSU is one of over 400 campuses engaged in the program. JED Campuses execute a multi-year strategic collaboration that helps create positive, lasting, systemic change in the campus community.

MSU's membership in JED Campus begins with assembling an interdisciplinary, campus-wide team to assess, support, and implement program, policy, and system improvements. It also includes completing a confidential self-assessment survey on its mental health promotion, substance use, and suicide prevention efforts.

After the assessment is complete, JED subject matter experts will provide Morehead State with feedback identifying successes and opportunities for improvement. For four years, MSU will collaborate with JED to help implement enhancements.

"We're excited to partner with the Jed Foundation to support this important initiative. Student mental health has emerged as a growing concern nationwide, and our institution is not an exception to this trend," said Max Ammons, MSU's dean of students.

"The tools and expertise that are available through the JED Campus initiative enable us to better understand our students' mental health, wellbeing, and sources of support and then apply best practices to help our students be healthy and successful in their academic pursuits."

For more information about JED Campus, visit <https://jedfoundation.org/our-work/higher-ed>.

To learn more about [MSU's mental health services](#), contact Counseling and Health Services at counselingandhealthservices@moreheadstate.edu or [606-783-2055](tel:606-783-2055).

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The ALA presents leadership career paths for younger faculty and staff and provides guidance in developing skills for effective institutional leadership. The academy's objectives include leadership theories, styles, concepts, and challenges while preparing faculty and staff to lead effectively in higher education.

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- Departmental Budgets & Finance
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Dr. Jason Adkins co-authors article on disaster preparedness

Morehead State University Assistant Professor of Political Science Dr. Jason Adkins recently authored an article in the journal *Politics and Religion* published by Cambridge University Press.

Adkins, along with Dr. Paul A. Djupe, professor of political science at Denison University, and Dr. Jacob R. Neihesiel, associate professor of political science at the University at Buffalo, co-authored the article, "Preparedness Behavior and the Apocalypse: Religion and Politics in the post-2020 Election Era."

Disaster preparedness is a term that usually means preparing for a long-term event that disrupts standard supplies and is more severe than preparing for severe weather storms. According to the study, belief in a coming apocalypse strongly correlates to disaster-prepping behavior.

Using an original survey experiment fielded online in the spring of 2021, Adkins and his co-authors also tested whether various religious factors besides belief in a coming apocalypse accounted for prepping behavior. Motivations for disaster prepping include a Christian apocalypse linked to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, along with signs of a possible Second Coming, including political upheaval, climate change, and severe storms. Election results where individuals vehemently oppose the winner also prompted disaster prepping, as evidenced by social media posts by religious leaders and others, that link an election win to a coming apocalypse.

"We know that there are religious leaders and others who believe in an apocalypse who think we need to prepare for an apocalypse," Adkins said. "While specific religious motivations for prepping were not supported by our results, we still see a link between belief in an apocalypse to prepping."

The article is available for free online on the [journal's official website](#).

Adkins also serves as coordinator of the political science major and minor at MSU. To learn more about the [political science program at MSU](#), email jm.adkins@moreheadstate.edu or call [606-783-2144](tel:606-783-2144).

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Art instructor Quinn Maher receives grant for ceramics equipment

Morehead State University Instructor of Ceramics Quinn Maher received a \$25,000 grant from the Windgate Foundation. MSU will use the funds to update ceramics equipment like kilns and clay mixers for the Department Communication, Media, Art & Design and MSU's Ceramic Guild.

Maher said when he came to MSU in the fall of 2021, he took stock of equipment and found many electric kilns needed to be updated and required maintenance. He started to look for outside funding opportunities and discovered the Windgate Foundation after working at the Anderson Ranch Arts Center in Snowmass Village, Colorado.

"I witnessed how influential those awards could be for the ceramics program and the students that participate within that organization," he said. "I figured it was a long shot, but I want to build the best ceramics program I can here at MSU."

With the support of Dr. Sylvia Henneberg, dean of the Caudill College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences, Maher reached out to Nellie Middleton in the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs. They drafted a proposal and submitted an application that resulted in the \$25,000 grant.

"With the funds received, I have been able to replace three old electric kilns with the newest models on the market, as well as a new small test electric kiln. We were also able to purchase a clay mixer to help our studio better recycle clay scraps generated from projects," Maher said.

The MSU Ceramics Guild has already utilized the new equipment working with the charitable organization Rowan County Christmas, creating and donating bowls for the Empty Bowls fundraiser on Thursday, Nov. 2, at the American Legion Post 126 in Morehead.

"My goals are that upgrading the ceramic studio equipment will not only help serve the students of Morehead State but allow for continued opportunities for community

members and programs, as well as a recruiting tool for the department,” Maher said. “These new additions have greatly improved the efficiency and safety for our students, as well as giving our students the best opportunities to create their artworks and prepare for a professional future.”

For more information about programs in the [Department of Communication, Media, Art & Design](#), please email arde@moreheadstate.edu or call [606-783-2766](tel:606-783-2766).

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Morehead State Open House is Nov. 11

Morehead State University combines a sense of community, small class sizes, and hands-on learning to help you SOAR Higher. It is why MSU has been named one of the Top 20 best public regional universities in the South by U.S. News & World Report.

Future Eagles can learn more about MSU at Open House at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 11, in the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC).

By signing up, prospective students and families can:

- Speak with faculty from our academic programs.
- Get guidance from financial aid representatives.
- Learn about advising, tutoring, career planning and other student success services.
- Eat lunch with students, faculty, and staff.
- Take a tour of MSU's campus.

"Our goal is to make it convenient to get answers to questions about starting college by bringing deans, department chairs, and faculty from our academic programs, as well as staff from admissions, financial aid, housing and many more services, together in one place," said Holly Pollock, director of undergraduate admissions.

"Families will hear success stories about our graduates and learn statistics demonstrating the academic quality offered at MSU."

For those who apply for admission at Open House, MSU will waive the \$30 application fee—turning in transcripts and test scores at the event to qualify applicants for the fee waiver.

MSU's Open House event attendees will receive complimentary tickets to cheer on the Eagle Football team. The Eagles will take on Davidson on Nov. 11. The game starts at 1 p.m. at Jayne Stadium.

MSU's Open House also provides information and a campus tour for high school students interested in attending the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics. Please indicate your interest in the Craft Academy on your registration form.

Students and families are encouraged to [register online for Open House](#).

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

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