

January 2, 2024

MSU Faculty and Staff:

We hope you had a very restful and enjoyable holiday and new year! As the Spring 2024 semester approaches the following University updates may help guide you.

Spring Convocation:

- We will host Convocation on **Wednesday, January 10** in the ADUC Ballrooms. The doors will open at 8:15 am for breakfast, there will be a short program around 8:50 am for information, and we will plan to adjourn at 9:30 am. We hope that you will plan to attend and visit with others.

Dates:

- January 2 – All campus offices open normal business hours.
- January 10 – Spring Convocation, ADUC Ballrooms
- January 11 – Residence halls reopen for returning students – 10 a.m.
- January 11 – The Rock reopens
- January 15 – University closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.
- January 16 – Classes begin
- January 16 – ADUC food court reopens
- March 15 – Floating holiday for employees
- April 27 – MSU Spring Gala
- May 6-10 – Final examination week
- May 11 – Spring Commencement(s)
- A More Detailed Spring Semester Academic Calendar may be found at:
[Calendars | Morehead State University | Kentucky](#)

Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration Event

Each year, the third Monday of January is set aside to honor the life, legacy and impact of the work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. There are a number of activities planned for January 15, 2024, in celebration of the federal MLK holiday. They are as follows:

- Mt. Sterling/Montgomery County MLK, Jr. luncheon. The event will be held at the Clay Community Center from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. The guest speaker will be Dr. Vaughn Little, an administrator in the Jefferson County Public School system. A bus will leave from Howell-McDowell at 10:15 a.m. that morning to transport those who would like to attend. Please RSVP by January 9 to Caroline Atkins at c.atkins@moreheadstate.edu.
- The MLK, Jr. federal holiday is also designated as a national day of service. Several volunteer opportunities in the Rowan County area are being planned for 2-4:00 p.m. For more information, contact Caroline Atkins by January 9 at c.atkins@moreheadstate.edu.
- A movie night and discussion featuring the animated film, Our Friend Martin, are planned for 6 p.m. in the ADUC theater. Weather permitting, a campus march will occur immediately following. Please RSVP by January 9 to Myiah Clemons at mclemons2@moreheadstate.edu.

Inclement Weather Planning:

- Winter is approaching and our inclement weather procedures are the same as they have been in prior years and may be viewed at:
<https://www.moreheadstate.edu/about-msu/emergency-resources/weather-info/>
- As usual, we will make every effort to notify our University community of any schedule alterations with as much advance notice as possible using our website, texting, email, etc. If we have severe weather and it appears that we may have a prolonged cancellation, we ask that all faculty be ready ahead of time should we utilize 'Plan B' and rely on virtual instruction.

Thank You's and Good Job:

- Congratulations to our Regional Education staff of Dan Connell, Matt Hyden, and Summer Bryant for their successful grant of \$2.2 million from the U.S. Department of Education. Thanks to Shannon Harr and staff and Megan Boone for their help on it as well.

Many thanks to everyone and good luck as we prepare for the Spring semester.

Jay Morgan
President