

MSU Faculty and Staff:

Our campus is beautiful this time of the year...we hope you can get outside and walk around. Many thanks to all the units and individuals who worked to make Homecoming 2024 a great time – we had a whole week of great events, great weather, and two building groundbreaking.

Dates for Fall 2024:

- November 2 - MSU Open House
- November 5 - Election Day – University closed
- November 27-29 - Thanksgiving Break – University closed
- December 3 - MSU Holiday Carnival
- December 6 - Holiday Luncheon for Employees at the Rock - 11 am – 1 pm
- December 14 - Fall Commencement
- Fall Commencement – December 14 - 10:30 am

University Rankings:

We recently moved up another notch to our highest ranking ever in U.S. News and World Report. Just recently we were ranked the #14 public regional in the South. Thank you to everyone for what you do to make us shine – we are improving our reputation each year and are pushing to be a top ten.

Congratulations and Thank You to:

- Congratulations to Dr. Amy Staton, Associate Professor Veterinary Technology, for her appointment to the Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners. It is always good to have our employees engaged in professional groups such as this.
- Thank you to our staff in Human Resources and other offices who have worked on Open Enrollment. This is a heavy lift each fall and much appreciation to them.
- We are also pleased to announce that we will be accepting a \$9.95 million federal appropriation of funds from Congressman Hal Rogers this week for Space Science.

Grants and Contract Summary:

Many thanks to everyone who has been involved in obtaining grants and contracts for MSU. The following table represents a 6-year summary of how we have trending in total dollars obtained and booked – and it is a positive trend.

2023-2024	\$ 29,090,601
2022-2023	\$ 19,721,839
2021-2022	\$ 15,161,695
2020-2021	\$ 14,574,589
2019-2020	\$ 15,313,883
2018-2019	\$ 13,245,693

Recent Board of Regents Meeting Summary:

Our Board met last week with the following business / items:

- Approval of the prior meeting minutes and ratification of summer 2024 graduates
- Naming of the parking lots of the former Wetherby and Laughlin buildings to the Wetherby Lot and Laughlin Lot
- Approval of conferring an honorary doctorate upon Dr. Aris Cedeno at the Fall 2024 Commencement. Dr. Cedeno is the former and long-time executive Director of the KY Governors Scholars Program, which MSU has hosted for many years
- An extension of the University Strategic Plan until 2028
- Renaming of 3rd Street Eats to 3rd Street General Services Building to reflect that it is no longer a dining venue
- Approval of adding another member to the University Optional Retirement Plan Committee
- Approval of the University compensation increase plan
- Approval to use state asset preservation funds for Phase II renovation of the University Library (the 2nd floor) for summer 2025, and approval to use state funds to repair elevators on campus
- Approval to acquire land with state building funds for the purpose of building our new buildings and for parking
- A report on the MSU Foundation, Inc. which showed the highest investment amount in history, and a report on personal service contracts and annual property leases

Many thanks to everyone,

Jay Morgan

President