

MSU Faculty and Staff:

We hope that the semester is off to a good start for you and appreciate what you do each day for our students.

We are still working through fall enrollment counts, and will have a better feel for final enrollment in a few weeks. However, and to a positive point, our residential housing occupancy rates are up several percentage points over last fall – which is a good trend to have and is a proven mechanism to assist with retention and student success.

As we move through the semester we are continuing to monitor and push student retention and graduation as a marker of success. If you see that any student(s) are falling behind academically, exhibiting other personal struggles, or are in need of assistance, please let the appropriate people on campus know so that they can follow-up on the student. Don't forget about our tutoring center, counseling services, and a variety of other support options for students.

Please also encourage students who you are working and interacting with to be involved outside the classroom through internships, student work, Greek life, athletics, intramurals, clubs, societies, mentoring, study abroad, service learning, etc. All of these are proven supports for student success.

As you know we are also pushing to advance our rankings in a variety of areas. Thus, we are pleased to pass along to the campus that Morehead State University was recently ranked as the top public university in Kentucky in 2018 in the following consensus ranking below. We did fall behind several private colleges, but emerged as the top public. This is a testament to the good work that all of our faculty and staff do each day, as well as having good students.

Thanks for what you do – your contributions do make a difference.

Jay Morgan