

10 alumni to serve in 2009 legislative session

Ten Morehead State University alumni again will be among the 138 lawmakers serving in the 2009 session of the Kentucky General Assembly which opens Jan. 6.

Three MSU alumni serve in the Kentucky Senate. Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, D-Drift, is the minority caucus chair. He is starting his third four-year term. Sen. Charlie Borders, R-Grayson, chairs the Appropriations and Revenue Committee. He is serving his fourth term. The other MSU grad in the upper chamber is Sen. Walter Blevins, D-Sandy Hook, beginning his fifth term.

Seven MSU alumni serve in the Kentucky House. Rep. Rocky Adkins, D-Sandy Hook, is the majority floor leader, the second highest position in that chamber. He is starting his 11th two-year term. Rep. Hubert Collins, D-Wittensville, chairs the Transportation Committee. He is beginning his ninth term.

Rep. John Will Stacy, D-West Liberty, chairs the Education Budget Review Subcommittee of the Appropriations and Revenue Committee. He is starting his eighth term. Rep. Robin Webb, D-Grayson, is first vice chair of the Appropriations and Revenue Committee. She is beginning her fifth term.

Rep. Mike Denham, D-Maysville, is vice chair of three committees - Agriculture and Small Business, Banking and Insurance, and Local Government. He is starting his fourth term. The other MSU alumni in the House are Rep. Jimmy Higdon, R-Lebanon, beginning his third term, and Rep. Carl Rollins, D-Midway, starting his second term.

The organizational phase of the 30-day session opens Jan. 6 and runs four days. The legislators return to the Capitol on Feb. 3 for the final 26 days. The session must end March 24.

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Audible alert system test today

Morehead State University will conduct its monthly test of its audible alert system on Monday, Dec. 1, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

The system consists of three speakers that use an alert tone as well as voice messages to warn the campus during an emergency. The high powered amplifiers are located on Ginger and Cartmell halls along with Jayne Stadium.

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Board of Regents meeting set for Dec. 4

EVENT: Board of Regents Meeting

DATE: Dec. 4, 2008

TIME: 9 a.m.

SITE: Riggle Room, Adron Doran University Center

The Board will be asked to approve the 2008 winter graduates and granting of honorary degrees.

The Regents will accept the 2007-08 Audit Report and Amended Operating Budget, and the First Quarter Financial Report and Amended Operating Budget.

They also will hear the final report on fall 2008 enrollment, health insurance plan for 2009, personal service contracts, gift income and a sabbatical leave report.

The Board will have part three of its orientation session and have an update of the president's report.

Prior to the Board Meeting, the Audit Committee will meet at 8 a.m.

Media representatives planning to attend the session should call the Media Relations Office at (606) 783-2030 before 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 3.

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Wellness Center sets December hours

Morehead State University's Wellness Center has announced its hours for December.

The Wellness Center beginning on Dec. 8-11, will close one hour earlier than normal.

Beginning Monday, Dec. 15, hours of operation will be 6-9 a.m., 11 a.m.-2 p.m., and 4-7 p.m. Dec. 15-18 and Dec. 22-23. On Friday, Dec. 19, hours of operation will be 6-9 a.m. and 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

On Saturday, Dec. 20 and Saturday, Dec. 27, the Wellness Center will be open 9 a.m.-2 p.m. while on Sunday, Dec. 21 and Sunday, Dec. 28, the hours will be 1-4 p.m.

The Wellness Center will be closed Dec. 24-26; but will be open from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. on Dec. 29 and Dec. 30 and 8 a.m.-noon on Dec. 31.

During finals week Dec. 8-12, the center will be using the calming effects of colors to eliminate distracting stressors that may hinder personal performance or affect emotional and physical well-being.

More information on MSU's Wellness Center is available by calling (606) 783-2083.

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MSU students take top honors at annual KAS

Several Morehead State University students recently participated in the undergraduate student research paper and poster competition at the annual Kentucky Academy of Science conference in Lexington.

Ten MSU undergraduate students won awards in a variety of categories in the research paper and poster competition during the conference.

Among the winners are Joshua Bradley, Morehead freshman, first place for his Power Point presentation Computer and Information Sciences; Tyler Elam, Morehead senior, second place for his poster presentation in Microbiology; Daniel Graves, Maysville freshman, first place for his poster presentation in Physics and Astronomy; William Hankinson, Morehead junior, first place for his poster presentation in Physiology and Biochemistry;

Jared May, Swamp Branch junior, third place for his Power Point presentation in Engineering; Britney Maynard, Belfry freshman, second place for her poster presentation in Psychology; John Mosley, Morehead senior, first place for his Power Point presentation in Mathematics; Channing Richardson, Grayson senior, first place for his Power Point presentation in Botany; Cassie Watkins, Vanclave junior, second place for her Power Point presentation in Psychology; and Samuel Williams, Morehead senior, first place for his Power Point presentation in Geology.

The Kentucky Academy of Science is a non-profit organization whose goals are to encourage scientific research, promote the diffusion of scientific knowledge and unify the scientific interests of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Established in 1914, the Academy is an affiliate of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the National Association of Academies of Science.

More information is available by calling the MSU College of Science and Technology at (606) 783-2158.

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Valerio to be student speaker at Winter Commencement

Kimberly F. Valerio of Frenchburg will be the student speaker for Morehead State University's Winter Commencement on Saturday, Dec. 13.

During the ceremony that begins at 10:30 a.m. in the Academic-Athletic Center, MSU President Wayne D. Andrews will confer degrees on 552 graduate and undergraduate students.

Valerio is a candidate for a Bachelor of Arts degree in the College of Education. An honors graduate, she has completed a degree in elementary education, preschool through fifth grades, and special education, learning and behavior disorders (LBD) P-12.

The honorary Doctor of Public Service degrees will be presented to Dr. Sue Y. Luckey and Dr. George McFarland Luckey Jr. of Morehead during the exercises.

A Hazard native, Valerio earned an Associate Degree of Applied Science in human sciences from Hazard Community College. After six years of working as an extended services coordinator for a public school system, she returned to college at MSU.

Valerio recently completed back-to-back student teaching assignments at Botts Elementary School and Menifee County High School.

She is active in several professional educational organizations, including Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society, Kentucky Education Association-Student Program, and Council for Exceptional Students. She also is a member of the Appalachian Writer's Association.

The daughter of Teresa Godsey and the late Charles Godsey, she has been listed on the MSU's Dean's List each semester.

During time at MSU, she participated in several Kappa Delta Pi events, including fund raisers and literacy events.

She has one son, Jacob. She is active at his school, chaperoning functions and events. In her spare time, she enjoys writing poetry and short stories.

For the commencement exercises, the grand marshal and mace bearer will be Dr. Phillip Prater, associate professor of veterinary technology, who received the 2008 Distinguished Teacher Award.

Faculty marshals will be Dr. Frances L. Helphinstine, professor of English, and Dr. Dora Ahmadi, chair of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Sciences.

Student marshals will be Christopher Prewitt of London, and Kate Sureck of Warrick, Ind., Graduate Programs; Nathan Fite of Wheelersburg, Ohio, and Jessica Hankinson of Flatwoods, College of Science and Technology; Erica Belmont of Ft. Thomas and Nathan Mills of Pikeville, College of Business; Jessica Carter of Morehead and Robert Ward of Ashland, College of Education; Jenny Hipple of Morehead and Kayla Sheppard of Lovely, Caudill College of Humanities.

Danielle Wilson, Lexington senior, will sing the national anthem; Dustin Stevens, Morehead junior, will lead the alma mater; and MSU's Black Gospel Ensemble, directed by Dr. Roosevelt Escalante, will perform during the commencement program.

Following the ceremony, the newest alumni will be inducted into the MSU Alumni Association Inc. by its president, Patricia Dorton Whitaker of Cincinnati.

Refreshments for graduates and their families, hosted by each college's dean and faculty, will be served immediately after the ceremony. The reception is co-sponsored by the Alumni Association.

Additional information on Winter Commencement exercises is available by calling (606) 783-2008.

Posted: 12-3-08

Hawkins receives honor

Julia Hawkins, director of career services at Morehead State University, has been selected as an Honored Member of the Biltmore Who's Who Executive and Professional Registry.

The selection recognized her outstanding achievements in the education field.

Hawkins always has been fascinated by how people make decisions. While she was studying psychology at the University of Michigan, she was curious as to why and how people, especially women, select their careers.

Her primary goal is to build a career center at MSU which partners with faculty, staff, and employers to help prepare graduates for the global workforce. Her personal aspiration includes leaving a legacy in which students will remember her staff. She enjoys using her professional training in the Meyers Briggs Type Indicator to train employees to work as teams.

Hawkins is very proud to have been part of the team of professionals that researched and wrote a proposal for the Governor's Task Force on the Economic Status of Kentucky's Women.

She belongs to a vast array of affiliations such as the National Association of Colleges and Employers, Kentucky Association of Colleges and Employers, National Career Development Association, and American Association of University Women.

For the past few years, she has been practicing meditation and has become involved in building a labyrinth for First Christian Church in Morehead.

In her spare time, she enjoys writing and cooking, and is an avid reader. She edited and published a book of her husband's poetry after he passed away and gave it to his children for Christmas.

Additional information is available by calling Hawkins at (606) 783-2233.

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President Andrews to host session with faculty and staff on Dec. 5

President Wayne D. Andrews will host the second of two public meetings with Morehead State University faculty and staff members on Friday, Dec. 5. The session will be held at 9 a.m. in 419 Reed Hall.

More than 120 faculty and staff attended the first meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 2.

Those who choose not to ask questions in public are welcome to submit them to him via e-mail at presidentandrews@moreheadstate.edu .
Dr. Andrews stated:

"I realize that state and national economic conditions are sources of anxiety for our employees and their families. We also have some internal matters that have created a degree of unease, such as the academic audit and the general education review. It is important that we have open conversation about these and other matters that may be causing stress for any of us."

He added that the sessions are part of his ongoing effort to improve communications with members of the MSU family.

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MSU police offers campus safety tips

As the fall semester begins to wind down, Morehead State University's Police Department offers this advice to the campus community: Be aware of your surroundings and take the necessary precautions to avoid loss of your belongings.

"It is not uncommon to see an increase in crime at this time of year," said MSU Police Chief Matt Sparks. "On the campus, everyone is busy with the end of the year activities and fail to adhere to the safety rules that they usually follow."

Purses, wallets, cell phones, I-pods and textbooks are among the list of items that are reported missing most often.

Always on the lookout for suspicious activity, an increase in the number of reports of theft has police officers being ever more vigilant. Students, as well as faculty and staff, are urged to take all necessary measures to secure and protect personal belongings in residence halls, offices and vehicles, in addition to office equipment and other vulnerable items.

"We want to remind you to take the extra time to secure items in the trunk or under the seat before leaving your automobile," Chief Sparks said. "The threat of a break-in is reduced if your belongings are not visible. Remember to lock your vehicle before leaving it in the parking area."

University police remind students to also practice safety in the residence halls:

- Make sure your door is locked when leaving your room, even if you are only going next door. It takes less than 10 seconds for a thief to enter an open room and steal property.
- Do not leave messages on phones, My Space or other computer accounts, indicating how long you will be away or when you expect to return.
- Follow the safety in numbers rule when going out at night and arrange to go with friends/roommates. It is a good practice to scan your surroundings whether walking on campus, traveling by automobile or enjoying a shopping excursion.
- Do not leave valuables or property (purses, backpacks, books, personal identification, etc.) visible in or around the office or living area.
- Keep emergency numbers by the phone. Call 911 to report any suspicious person or activity.
- Everyone should take the time to be aware of their surroundings and any unusual activity.

Additional information is available by calling the MSU Police Department at (606) 783-2035.

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Kappa Delta Pi inducts students into honor society

Morehead State University's Kappa Delta Pi recently inducted 12 honors students into the international honor society.

Students were recognized for their academic achievement and leadership in the field of education. The inductees represented several program areas in the College of Education such as elementary education, middle grades education, secondary education and special education.

The ceremony was held in the Commonwealth Room of the Adron Doran University Center. In attendance were: Dr. Daniel Grace, associate professor of education, who provided the welcome address, Dr. Kimberlee Sharp, assistant professor of education and adviser of MSU's Epsilon Theta Chapter, along with KDP officers, members, and the inductees and their families.

Kappa Delta Pi's mission is to foster service, scholarship, and professional growth among its members. The Epsilon Theta Chapter of KDP at Morehead State achieves this by involving its members in community service, fund raising and professional development activities.

The inductees include:

Julie Bowen, Stanton senior; Beverly DePaola, Mt. Sterling junior; Heather Ensor, Mt. Sterling junior; Tasha Ferrell, Wellington senior; Kristy Gardner, Wallingford senior; Christina Gibson, Hindman senior; Jacquelynn Hall, Pikeville senior; Shirley Maroudas, Forest Hills senior; Allieshae Prater, Grayson junior; Maggie Romance, Cub Run junior; Joelle Sprague, Lawrenceburg junior; Jennifer Steele, Winchester junior.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Sharp at (606) 783-2853.

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Regents hear outline of impact of potential budget cuts

President Wayne D. Andrews outlined to Morehead State University's Board of Regents on Thursday (Dec. 4) the impact statement submitted to Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education concerning a potential four percent state budget cut.

Gov. Steve Beshear late last month requested such plans from each state agency and public university. A four percent budget cut would mean \$1.8 million for MSU. That would follow a six percent reduction last fiscal year (2007-08).

Dr. Andrews' possible strategies include:

- Implement a hiring freeze on all current vacant positions;
- Conduct a comprehensive analysis on the viability of maintaining each of the five regional campuses;
- Considering the possibility of capping enrollment;
- Reassess institutional investments in merit-based student aid;
- Revise timelines and cost projections due to inflation on capital projects scheduled in the Campus Master Plan;
- Delay scheduled capital renewal and maintenance projects; and
- Adjust the timeline for remaining components of the institution's main computing system.

"After taking the cut last year, we just don't have the same flexibility that we did," said Dr. Andrews. "We want to make adjustments that will have the least impact on the education of our students."

During its regular schedule quarterly meeting, the Regents approved the 2008 winter graduates along with the granting of honorary doctoral degrees to Dr. Sue Y. Luckey and Dr. George M. Luckey, retired faculty members. The ceremony will be held Saturday, Dec. 13, at 10:30 a.m. in the Academic-Athletic Center.

The Board also accepted the 2007-2008 financial audit conducted by the Lexington CPA firm of Dean, Dorton and Ford and approved the demolition of Wilson and Regents halls.

The next regular scheduled quarterly meeting will be held Thursday, March 12.

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MSU retirees talk with H-L publisher

On a recent tour of the Lexington Herald-Leader, members of the Morehead State University Retirees Association had an opportunity to talk with the newspaper's publisher, Tim Kelly. Among those enjoying the conversation were, from left, Merl Allen, Joan Meadows, Kelly, David Cutts and Ron Fiel. That same trip also included a visit to the Jif Peanut Butter factory and lunch at the Calistoga Cafe.

Free courses offered to high school seniors

High school seniors who want to get a head start on their college career may enroll in a class at Morehead State University. Seniors with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 may take up to six hours of college courses tuition-free in the 2008-09 academic year.

Students may choose from 100 or 200 level courses on the class schedule. Classes will be offered at the Morehead, Mt. Sterling and West Liberty campuses and online.

Students are responsible for textbooks and course fees. Textbooks for the classes are available from the University Bookstore, located in the Adron Doran University Center on the Morehead campus.

Orders may be placed by calling (888) STORE-05 or via the Internet at www.bookstore.moreheadstate.edu . Purchases will be shipped to the address specified by the student.

Classes at MSU for the spring semester begin on Monday, Jan. 12, at all locations. The term ends May 8.

Additional information and application forms are available by calling Tina Stafford, MSU's distance education director, at (800) 585-6781, option #3; MSU at Mt. Sterling, (859) 498-0780 or (866) 870-0809; or MSU at West Liberty, (800) 648-5371 or (606) 743-1500.

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Luckeys to be honored at Winter Commencement

A husband-and-wife team of faculty members with a total of 82 years of service to Morehead State University are being honored with honorary doctoral degrees at MSU's Winter Commencement, Saturday, Dec. 13.

Dr. George M. (Mac) Luckey Jr., professor emeritus of philosophy, and Dr. Sue Y. Luckey, professor emerita of business, each are receiving the degree of Doctor of Public Service for their distinguished academic careers.

A native of Paris, Tenn., Dr. George Luckey served from 1961 to 2003. His work resulted in the University's academic honors program being named in his honor. Among his achievements are receipt of the Outstanding Teacher Award, development of the University's orientation program for new faculty members, establishment of the Center for Critical Thinking and speaking at an international conference in England on success of first-year college students.

A native of Bakersville, N.C., Dr. Sue Luckey served from 1963 to 2003. Her accomplishments include serving as a department chair, developing MSU 101 as a new student orientation course and being a founder of the MSU Retirees Association. The retiree group is touted as a national model by the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE). She currently serves as national vice president of AROHE.

The Luckeys live in Morehead much of the year and remain active in MSU events.

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Additional information on Winter Commencement exercises is available by calling (606) 783-2008.

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MSU honored at national FFA convention

Morehead State University was honored by the National Future Farmers of America Organization for its 10 years of participation in the National Agricultural Career Show and for the University's support in helping FFA members explore their futures.

The presentation was made during the National FFA Convention held in Indianapolis.

The career show was an integral part of the National FFA Convention and highlighted career opportunities for agricultural students. Representatives of agribusiness, universities and industry associations met with students throughout the three-day event.

More than 405 participating exhibitors showcased the diversity of agriculture and its related fields and presented helpful information. A total of 54,000 members, advisers, supporters and guests attended the convention and career show.

The theme for this year's event was "Step Up, Stand Out," which celebrated student promise, spirit and success.

As part of the American public education system, FFA and agricultural education respond to the needs of local communities. FFA is a national youth organization of 507,763 student members preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture with 7,439 local chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Additional information is available by calling MSU's Department of Agricultural and Human Sciences at (606) 783-2662.

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MSU's Small Business Development Center receives funding

Morehead State University's Small Business Development Center has received funding from the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Kentucky. Making the check presentation are, from left, Adam Howard, field representative for U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell; MSU President Wayne D. Andrews; Kenneth Slone, USDA Rural Development state director; Pat Wooton, field representative for U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers; and Darlynn Barber, field representative for U.S. Sen. Jim Bunning. MSU's SBDC provides one-on-one counseling and group training programs for small and emerging businesses located throughout its 25-county service area.

Grad students take honors at KAS

Several Morehead State University graduate students recently participated in the graduate research competition at the annual Kentucky Academy of Science conference in Lexington.

Six MSU students won awards in a variety of categories in the research competition during the conference.

Among the winners are Lincoln Sloas, Flemingsburg, criminology/IRAPP student, second place for his PowerPoint presentation in anthropology and sociology; Marc Beck, Germany, industrial and engineering technology/Space Science Center student, first place for his PowerPoint presentation in physics and astronomy; Levi Castle, Paintsville, biology student, second place for his PowerPoint presentation in physiology and anatomy; Andrew Hancock, Lexington, psychology student, second place for his PowerPoint presentation in psychology; Julie Cash, Morehead, psychology student, second place for her PowerPoint presentation in psychology; and James Evans, Lovely, biology student, second place for his PowerPoint presentation in zoology.

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More information is available by calling MSU's College of Science and Technology at (606) 783-2158.

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MSPR to give away 'An Evening with Garrison Keillor'

Morehead State Public Radio is giving away two (2) tickets for "An Evening with Garrison Keillor." The event will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 20, at 7 p.m. at the historic Paramount Arts Center in Ashland.

Included with the two reserved center stage tickets are a \$20 gift card for stores located in the Ashland Town Center Mall and a \$25 gift certificate at the Fiesta Bravo Restaurante.

MSPR and Morehead State University at Ashland are sponsoring the event.

The host of the popular "A Prairie Home Companion" radio program, Keillor is an author of 12 books and recipient of numerous awards including a Grammy Award for his recording of Lake Wobegon Days. He is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and National Radio halls of fame.

MSPR broadcasts "A Prairie Home Companion" Saturdays at 6 p.m.

Entries will be accepted through the online registration form at msuradio.com. Entries also will be accepted by mail and should be mailed to An Evening with Garrison Keillor Ticket Giveaway, Morehead State Public Radio, 150 University Boulevard, Box 903, Morehead, KY 40351.

All entries must be received by 3:59 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 12. Prize drawings will be held during classical music on Tuesday, Dec. 16.

Registrations by phone or fax will not be accepted. Entrants must be at least 18 years of age. Employees and their families of Morehead State Public Radio, MSPR Community Advisory Board members and associates of MSPR are not eligible for this drawing.

Morehead State Public Radio broadcasts 24 hours a day from the campus of Morehead State University. WMKY (90.3FM) serves as the flagship station for the MSPR network, which includes WOCS in Booneville and a translator in Inez. MSPR serves more than 40 counties in Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia.

Additional information is available by calling MSPR at (800) 286-9659 or (606) 783-2001.

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Spring semester reminders

Morehead State University is issuing several important reminders about the 2009 spring semester.

Monday, Jan. 5, is the last day for payment in full or completion of the online Statement of Intent. Beginning Tuesday, Jan. 6, a late fee will be in effect and class schedules will be dropped for students who have not paid in full or completed the online Statement of Intent.

Residence halls will open at 8 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 8. Academic advising in departments on campus will be offered on Thursday, Jan. 8, and Friday, Jan. 9 from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Academic Services, located on the second floor of Allie Young Hall, will be open to assist students on these days from 8 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. All university offices will be open from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

On Saturday, Jan. 10, representatives from Academic Services, First Year Programs and Account Activation will be available on the first floor of the Adron Doran University Center from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. to assist students. The Office of Enrollment Services (admissions and financial aid) and the Office of Student Housing also will be open to provide assistance from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The University Bookstore, located in ADUC, also will be open on Saturday, Jan. 10, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Classes for the spring semester begin on Monday, Jan. 12.

More information is available by contacting MSU's Office of Enrollment Services at (606) 783-2000; the Office of First Year Programs at (606) 783-5208; or by visiting www.moreheadstate.edu/registrar/index.aspx?id=3791.

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Former SUNY chief named CPE president

The Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education today (Dec. 9) unanimously named Robert L. King as its third president. King will officially begin his term no later than April 1. He replaces Thomas Layzell who retired in September 2007.

King, 61, is the former chancellor of the State University of New York (SUNY), the largest higher education system in the country with 64 campuses and an annual operating budget of \$8.5 billion. He

presently serves as president and CEO of the Arizona Community Foundation, a statewide charitable foundation with a strong focus on education, economic development and scientific research.

Since June, the Council has been operating under the oversight of Interim Council President Richard Crofts. Crofts will assist with an orderly transition. The current plan is for Crofts to remain in his position through the end of January.

King's appointment concludes a nationwide search that identified a pool of 40 highly qualified candidates.

King's three-year contract includes a \$360,000 salary, \$40,000 for housing or deferred compensation and a state vehicle. By statute, the president of the Council must make more than the base salary of the highest paid public university president which is \$352,000.

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Nash adds duties as national cheer coach

Morehead State University's Tony Nash, spirit coordinator, has been named a head coach of the USA Cheer national team.

The USA Federation for Sport Cheerleading, also known as USA Cheer, has begun the process of selecting two national teams to represent the United States at the International Cheer Union's 2009 World Cup. Sixty top cheerleaders will be chosen to form an all-girl and a coed team.

Nash was named head coach of the national teams along with James Speed, head coach of the University of Louisville cheerleading squads, and Jomo Thompson, head coach of the University of Kentucky cheerleading squads.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for the cheerleading industry," said Nash. "I am excited to be a part of this event to help promote and coach Team USA. We will work with some of the best athletes from all across the United States, and I think it is an honor to represent our country at the international level," he said.

The announcement of the USA Cheer national team will be made on Jan. 18 during the 2009 College Cheerleading and Dance Team National Championship at the Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando, Fla.

Nash is in his fifth year as the head cheerleading coach and spirit coordinator at MSU. He has led the MSU teams to six national championships. MSU has won an unprecedented 24 UCA College National Championships.

Additional information is available by contacting Nash at (606) 783-9495 or by visiting www.usacheer.net.

Posted: 12-10-08

SBDC's Barber joins Million Dollar Loan Club

Morehead State University's David Barber was one of five consultants of the Kentucky Small Business Development Center recently inducted into its 2008 Million Dollar Loan Club.

Barber, director of the Morehead SBDC, was joined by Tom Hales of Paducah and Murray State University; Chanca "Toni" Cardell of Louisville and Greater Louisville Inc.; Patricia Krausman of Elizabethtown and University of Kentucky; and Rich Horn of Bowling Green and Western Kentucky University.

The Million Dollar Loan Club is exclusive to KSBDC management consultants who help small business clients secure more than a million dollars of capital in the communities they serve. In total, KSBDC consultants helped small businesses secure nearly \$25 million during the 2007-08 fiscal year.

"It is an honor to have five consultants reach this milestone," said Dr. Becky Naugle, KSBDC state director. "Helping small businesses access the capital needed to succeed is one of our primary services."

The Kentucky Small Business Development Center is a network of 17 service centers located throughout the Commonwealth that help start-up and existing businesses succeed by offering high quality, in-depth and hands-on services. These services include: no-cost confidential business consultations, affordable business workshops and seminars, research to make informed business decisions and valuable resources.

The Morehead SBDC serves Bath, Bracken, Fleming, Lewis, Mason, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Robertson and Rowan counties.

The office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Additional information is available by calling (606) 783-2895.

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Corbin places second in poetry contest

A Morehead State University English major has won second prize in the Sarabande Flo Gault Student Poetry Contest.

Sean L. Corbin, Mt. Sterling sophomore, won second prize in the contest for his poem "real men." He received a \$200 prize and his poem was featured on the Sarabande Books Web site.

"I'm sure that my colleagues in the creative writing department and the entire Department of English, Foreign Languages and Philosophy join me in congratulating Sean on this accomplishment," said Crystal Wilkinson, MSU visiting assistant professor and writer in residence. "It is certainly a celebratory occasion when a blossoming writer like Sean, who works hard on his craft, receives statewide recognition like this."

Corbin, the son of Walter and Sandy Corbin, won the student poetry award for the spring 2008 edition of Inscape. MSU's art and literary magazine Inscape features prose, poetry, short stories, long narrative, nonfiction and creative essays as well as photography, printmaking, painting, design and digital art.

Sarabande Books, an alternative to mainstream publishing, is a nonprofit literary press located in Louisville. Sarabande Books publishes quality poetry, essays, and short fiction.

More information is available by contacting the MSU Department of English, Foreign Languages and Philosophy at (606) 783-9448.

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MSU named Kentucky Horse Council Educational Partner of the Year

Morehead State University has been named the 2008 Kentucky Horse Council Educational Partner of the Year. The award was announced Nov. 22 at the KHC annual conference.

According to the KHC, the "Educational Partner Award" is designed to recognize a learning institution that recognizes and values the importance of quality achievement through community involvement and outreach. MSU is such a school. The faculty and staff of the equine program are professional, caring, and overwhelming willing to share their knowledge with others. The faculty and staff support community education and students also are encouraged to be part of the educational outreach process."

Dr. Philip Prater, professor of veterinary technology, Dr. Judy Willard, associate professor of equine science, and Dr. Tammy Platt, assistant professor of animal science, accepted on behalf of MSU. MSU shared its facilities, horses, faculty, staff, and students to host the KHC Equine Abuse Investigation Training in October.

"It was an honor to partner with the Kentucky Horse Council in providing an intensive program on Equine Abuse Investigation Training. It allowed several of our faculty, staff and students the opportunity to provide training to individuals in the law enforcement community," said Dr. J. Mike Phillips, chair of Morehead State University's Department of Agricultural and Human Sciences.

Other award recipients were:

The "2008 Trailmaster Award" was presented to Edith Conyers of Mt. Sterling, who during the past two years has focused her efforts on the development of trails in Kentucky. Cindy Rullman was recognized as the "Welfare Advocate of the Year" and "Most Active Association of the Year" was awarded to the Northern Kentucky Horse Network.

The Kentucky Horse Council is a nonprofit organization dedicated, through education, to the protection, growth and development of the equine industry in Kentucky. The Kentucky Horse Council provides educational programs, grants, scholarships, personal liability insurance, trail riding programs, and an annual statewide equine industry.

Additional information about programs in agriculture or veterinary technology is available by calling MSU's Department of Agricultural and Human Sciences at (606) 783-2662.

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Dr. Klecker presents paper at educational research association meeting

Dr. Beverly M. Klecker, associate professor in the Department of Professional Programs at Morehead State University, was a co-presenter at the 37th annual meeting of the Mid-South Educational Research Association in Knoxville, Tenn., Nov. 6.

She and Dr. Ann Chapman, professor of education at Eastern Kentucky University, presented their paper, titled "Advocating the Implementation of Mastery Learning in Higher Education to Increase Student Learning and Retention" at the education conference.

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MSU employees honored for service

Several Morehead State University employees were honored for attaining milestones in their years of service with the University. MSU President Wayne D. Andrews congratulated each employee as he presented them with a service pin symbolic of the achievement. Among those participating in the ceremony were, front row from left: Keith Kappes, 40; Dr. Wayne D. Andrews, Donna King, 20; Farrah Baldwin, 5; Susan Morris, 5; Dr. Sam Nataraj, 5; Bridgett Whitt, 5; and John Burton, 10. Second row from left: Paul Hitchcock, 20; Dr. Latonya Hesterberg, 5; Darlene Ramey, 10; Diane Lawson, 5; Bridgett Fultz, 20; Dr. Janelle Hare, 5; Dr. Duane Skaggs, 10; Dr. Katy Carlson, 5; Rhonda Sloan, 10; Dr. Timothy Simpson, 5; and Jill McBride, 5. Third row from left: Dr. Tim O'Brien, 5; Dr. Sam Wright, 5; Dr. Ahmad Hassan, 5; Tammy Boyd, 15; Dr. Timothy Hare, 5; Dr. Ann Andaloro, 5; Jason Blanton, 5; and Rory Fannin, 5.

Beshear calls for smaller budget cut than expected

Morehead State University President Wayne D. Andrews Thursday reacted positively to Gov. Steve Beshear's budget reduction plan because it only requires a giveback of two percent of MSU's state general fund appropriation.

State universities, state agencies and school districts were asked late last month to plan for a four percent reduction in state funding. For MSU, the higher figure represents about \$1.8 million. Tuesday's announcement lowers that to just over \$900,000.

"It is clear that the governor recognizes the importance of education in his budget reduction plan and that higher education is a solution to the state's long term economic challenges, rather than a problem," Dr. Andrews stated. "I believe this is good news and I am optimistic that the General Assembly will help him find solutions to the state's revenue shortfall."

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MSPR announces special programs for the holiday season

Morehead State Public Radio is offering its listeners a variety of special programs in celebration of the upcoming holiday season.

MSPR's holiday programming will begin airing on Monday, Dec. 15, and run through New Year's Day. A full schedule and description of the shows can be found on MSPR's website at www.msuradio.com.

The lineup includes:

Monday, Dec. 15:

10 a.m. - Choirs and Carols: An NPR Christmas;

11 a.m. - Leroy Anderson Christmas;

Noon - Christmas with Madrigalia.

Tuesday, Dec. 16:

10 a.m. - Ring Christmas Bells;

10:30 a.m. - Christmas Glow;

11 a.m. - Welcome Christmas;

Noon - Christmas with Morehouse and Spelman Glee Clubs.

Wednesday, Dec. 17:

10 a.m. - Christmas with the Philadelphia Singers 2008;

11 a.m. - Cantus: All Is Calm;

Noon - Christmas around the Country.

Thursday, Dec. 18:

10 a.m. - A Choral Christmas Card;

11 a.m. - Carols for Dancing;

Noon - Sing We Now of Christmas;

12:30 p.m. - A Christmas Celebration.

Friday, Dec. 19:

10 a.m. - Conspirare: Christ at the Carillon;
11 a.m. - A Paul Winter Solstice Concert;
7 p.m. - An Acoustic Christmas with Jonese Franklin.

Saturday, Dec. 20:

8 p.m. - Fistful of Laughs Comedy Hour: Christmas Special.

Sunday, Dec. 21:

8 p.m. - Jazz at Lincoln Center: Red Hot Holiday Stomp;
9 p.m. - Jazz Piano Christmas XIX;
10 p.m. - Joy to the World 2008.

Monday, Dec. 22:

9 a.m. - Hanukkah Lights 2008;
10 a.m. - Chanukah in Story and Song;
11 a.m. - St. Olaf Christmas Festival;
Noon - Jonathan Winters' A Christmas Carol;
7 p.m. - The Pleasures of Winter of 2008.

Tuesday, Dec. 23:

9 a.m. - Happy Joyous Hanukkah;
10 a.m. - A Chanticleer Christmas;
11 a.m. - Celebrate Christmas;
11:30 a.m. - Christmas Light;
Noon - Echoes of Christmas;
7 p.m. - Tinsel Tales: NPR Christmas Favorites.

Wednesday, Dec. 24:

9 a.m. - Magnificat;
10 a.m. - A Harpist's Christmas;
11 a.m. - The Nutcracker;
1 p.m. - Music of the Baroque Christmas;
7 p.m. - Songs of Joy and Peace: The Yo-Yo Ma Holiday Party;
8 p.m. - Leroy Anderson Christmas;
9 p.m. - Welcome Christmas;
10 p.m. - Christmas with Morehouse and Spelman Glee Clubs;
11 p.m. - Christmas with the Philadelphia Singers 2008.

Thursday, Dec. 25:

9 a.m. - A Gift of Love;
9:30 a.m. - It's Christmas Time;
10 a.m. - Handel's Messiah;
Noon - Lessons and Carols from Washington National Cathedral;
1 p.m. - locally hosted holiday music, including Beethoven's Ninth Symphony;
3 p.m. - Choirs and Carols: An NPR Christmas;
4 p.m. - Christmas with Madrigalia;
5 p.m. - Christmas around the Country;
6 p.m. - A Choral Christmas Card;
7 p.m. - The Rose Ensemble: An Early American Christmas.

Friday, Dec. 26:

10 a.m. - A Season's Griot 2008.

Wednesday, Dec. 31:

8 p.m. - NPR's Toast of the Nation.

Thursday, Jan. 1:

10 a.m. - Songs for a New Year with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra;
10:30 a.m. - Dreams of Courage with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra;
11 a.m. - NPR's New Year's Day from Vienna.

Morehead State Public Radio broadcasts 24 hours a day from the campus of Morehead State University. WMKY (90.3FM) serves as the flagship station for the MSPR network, which includes WOCS in Booneville and a translator in Inez. MSPR serves more than 40 counties in Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia.

Additional information is available by calling MSPR at (606) 783-2001 or visiting www.msuradio.com .
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Imaging Sciences help with holiday spirit

Morehead State University faculty and students in the Department of Imaging Sciences are asking for help this holiday season for the Gateway House in Morehead.

The Gateway Homeless Coalition Inc. runs the Gateway House and provides emergency shelter for adults and children in Rowan and surrounding counties.

MSU Imaging Sciences faculty and student members of Chi Beta Gamma, an imaging science honor society, have been working with the Gateway House this holiday by buying gifts and providing dinner for residents.

Their work with the Gateway House began last year during the holidays. "I wanted to find a community service project to get the students involved," said Dr. Lynda Donathan, assistant professor of imaging sciences. Along with the group Students Pursuing Education in Computed Tomography and Magnetic Resonance, faculty and Chi Beta Gamma members provided a holiday dinner and gifts for all residents last year.

Students and faculty continued their work with the Gateway House after the holiday season. They started a monthly food and hygiene drive, implemented a "baby blitz" last May and painted multiple rooms at the shelter.

Students and faculty say there is still a need for support this season. Gateway House Housing Manager Carmen Black said, "Residents are being pulled away from everything familiar - school, family and homes. It is important that we provide them with familiar comforts."

More residents will move into the Gateway House over the holiday season. MSU imaging science faculty and students urge the community to get involved by donating adult gifts such as winter hats and gloves. Decorations also are needed for the facility.

Information on the Gateway House is available by calling Black at (606) 784-2668. Those wishing to help this holiday season can also take donations directly to the Gateway House at 695 Flemingsburg Road in Morehead.

Posted: 12-12-08

MSU's Winter Commencement a happy event

Kimberly F. Valerio of Frenchburg and more than 500 other Morehead State University students were rejoicing Saturday (Dec. 13) when they participated in the University's Winter Commencement exercises at MSU's Academic-Athletic Center.

There were smiles, cheers and lots of photographs taken as the newest alumni took the ceremonial walk across the stage, signifying the completion of their college degrees. They were greeted by MSU President Wayne D. Andrews who offered a congratulatory handshake to each of those completing graduate and undergraduate degrees.

Valerio, a candidate for a Bachelor of Arts degree in the College of Education, was an honors graduate. She completed a degree in elementary education, preschool through fifth grades, and special education, learning and behavior disorders (LBD) P-12.

A Hazard native, Valerio earned an Associate Degree of Applied Science in human sciences from Hazard Community College. After six years of working as an extended services coordinator for a public school system, she returned to college at MSU.

Valerio recently completed back-to-back student teaching assignments at Botts Elementary School and Menifee County High School.

"It was difficult to say the least to go back to college. I must admit I had second thoughts," said Valerio. "I was quite aware that going back to college at this time of my life was going to be a major transition. Today, we reached our goal and can all be proud."

A husband-and-wife team of faculty members with a total of 82 years of service to MSU were also honored. Sylvia Lovely, chair of the MSU's Board of Regents, presented Dr. George M. (Mac) Luckey Jr., professor emeritus of philosophy, and Dr. Sue Y. Luckey, professor emerita of business, each with Doctor of Public Service degree for their distinguished academic careers.

The Luckeys live in Morehead much of the year and remain active in MSU events.

Following the ceremony, the newest graduates were inducted into the MSU Alumni Association Inc. by its president, Patricia Dorton Whitaker of Cincinnati.

[Click here to view photos of MSU's Winter Commencement](#)

Posted: 12-13-08

Cheerleading Showcase slated for Jan. 11

Morehead State University's coed and all-girl cheerleading squads will host the MSU Cheerleading Showcase on Sunday, Jan. 11, beginning at 4 p.m. at MSU's Academic-Athletic Center.

Area high school, all-star and other collegiate squads also will perform.

Both MSU cheer squads will present their routines before heading off to compete in the UCA College National Cheerleading Championships, Jan. 16-19, in Orlando, Fla. The Universal Cheerleaders Association will sponsor the competition, which will be held at Walt Disney's Wide World of Sports.

The coed and all-girl cheerleading squads placed first in the country in their division in the qualifying round, which consisted of a cheer video and a two-minute video that demonstrated the teams' stunts, pyramids, basket tosses and tumbling skills.

This is a return trip for both groups. In the 2008 competition, the coed squad won its seventh consecutive national title. They have won a total of 18 national championships overall. The all-girl squad placed second in the highly competitive All-Girl Division I. The all-girl squad has won a total of six national championships.

"Placing first in the qualifying round with both teams is a huge accomplishment for us," said Tony Nash, MSU spirit coordinator. "This is the fifth year in a row that both teams have achieved this. We set this as one of our team goals at the beginning of the year," he said.

"Now that we have met our initial goal of qualifying first in the country, our focus changes to a national championship. The competition in Division I continues to become more difficult every year and both teams are challenged every year in Florida. We understand that the target is on our back, so we try to put that aside and concentrate on what we have to do as a team."

Members of the coed squad are: Joseph Arkansas, Charlotte, N.C., senior; Pat Ballew, Callahan, Fla., junior; Alexia Chapparone, Escondido, Calif., junior; Stephenie Crites, Ashland freshman; Tony Crump, San Marcos, Calif., junior; Emily Eversole, Morehead junior; Brandon Garvey, Independence sophomore; Mike Hay, Isonville freshman; Meaghan Huffman, Ludlow sophomore; Brittany Kaczetow, Centereach, N.Y., junior;

Shawn Meyer, Eaton, Ohio, sophomore; Miranda Noel, Waverly, Ohio, senior; O'Shea Parker, Bowling Green senior; Justin Pope, Lexington freshman; Sarah Jayne Ramsey, Whitesburg freshman; Dave Ranck, Morehead senior; Guillermo Rodriguez, Escondido, Calif., senior; Brittany Rogers, Richmond sophomore; David Schuch, Traverse City, Mich., graduate student; Rachel Scriver, Union Grove, Wis., freshman; Kelsey Simpson, Lexington senior; Greg Terlau, Sharonville, Ohio, sophomore; Jeff Van Horn, Fort Collins, Colo., graduate student.

Members of the all-girl squad are: Keri Adami, Snellville, Ga., sophomore; Michelle Barton, Florence sophomore; Ashley Bekken, Muskego, Wis., freshman; Ashley Benjamin, Folsom, Calif., freshman; Crystal Courtney, Orlando, Fla., senior; Kelsey Davis, Madison, Ala., freshman; Gabrielle Davis, Madison, Ala., freshman; Katelyn Ellis, Verona sophomore; Stephanie Faulconer, London freshman; Sara Folwell, Atlanta, junior;

Danielle Garone, North Massapequa, N.Y., senior; Isabella Glinski, Franklin, Tenn., freshman; Brianna Gordon, Madison, Ala., freshman; Jonesheia Hall, Lexington freshman; Anesha Hersey, Lexington freshman; Terresia High, Cambridge, Ohio, junior; Amanda Lewis, Olive Hill senior; Mallory Mingus, Brentwood, Tenn., sophomore; Erica New, Bloomington, Ind., freshman; Jerica Patrick, Ashland freshman; Hayley Pettapiece-Phillips, Pickering, Canada, freshman; Tracie Prickett, Newnan, Ga., sophomore;

Leslie Pulley, Post Falls, Idaho, senior; Kristi Randel, Orangevale, Calif., senior; Tory Roberts, Richmond freshman; Billie Sue Rowe, Appleton, Wis., senior; Krista Sanders, Millbury, Ohio, sophomore; Holly Stromgren, Sammamish, Wash., sophomore; Alison Tinsley, Fenton, Mich., sophomore.

Additional information on the cheerleading showcase is available by calling Nash at (606) 783-9495 or by sending a message to tony.nash@moreheadstate.edu.

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Inaugural 'Repair Affair' accepting applications

The Morehead-Rowan County Chamber of Commerce Leadership Academy, in conjunction with Frontier Housing, Gateway Community Action, and Morehead State University's Center for Regional Engagement, will sponsor the inaugural Morehead-Rowan County Repair Affair volunteer program on Saturday, April 4.

Applications are currently available for home repair on this day.

The Morehead-Rowan County Repair Affair is a community-wide initiative that will address the minor repair needs of low-income, elderly and disabled homeowners in Morehead and Rowan County. Approximately 20 homes will be selected from applications to receive safety, security or energy efficient improvements such as paint, door repair, window replacement, power wash, gutter and/or roof repair and

other services. Repairs also will include installing wheelchair ramps or railing for elderly or persons with a disability to make housing more accessible.

"This project has the potential to touch many lives in our community. From the homeowners who receive assistance to the volunteers who perform the repairs, this event will bring a sense of community and accomplishment to everyone involved," said Wendy Puckett, chair of the Repair Affair committee.

Rowan County residents in need of home repair can obtain an application at Christian Social Services, Office of Family Support, Frontier Housing and at other select locations throughout the community. Completed home repair applications must be received no later than Monday, Feb. 16. If applicants meet the minimal guidelines, they will be contacted to set up a site assessment by one of the Repair Affair team members. Following the assessment process, applicants will be notified if their home is chosen.

Applications for organizations and individuals to volunteer also are available and can be found at the locations mentioned above.

"It is the committee's hope that everyone will come away with a better understanding of our neighbors and their lives while also instilling a feeling of pride in our community that reaches beyond the everyday," said Puckett.

Applications and additional information are available by calling the Morehead-Rowan County Repair Affair committee at (606)-784-2131 or by visiting their Web site at www.mrcrepairaffair.com.

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Rites of Passage held

Morehead State University's Office of Multicultural Student Services sponsored its 20th Annual Rites of Passage Graduation Celebration program on Dec. 10.

Held in the Adron Doran University Center, the ceremony recognized graduating minority and international students for their scholastic achievement while at MSU.

Three seniors participated in the event, including: Deandre A. Florence, Villa Hills; Sharnetta A. Fritts, Carlisle; and P. Michelle Thompson, Morehead.

The evening included a catered dinner, an address by Dr. Ritta Abell, assistant professor of communications, and who is providing 10 hours in the Office of Multicultural Student Services for the 2008-09 academic year, and testimonials given by fall 2008 graduating seniors and graduate students.

Special presentations were made by Dr. Francene Botts-Butler, director of multicultural student services, and Madonna Weathers, vice president for student life, who awarded each participant with a certificate of achievement and a gift.

Students who purchased Kente stoles and international sashes were presented with their stole during a special ceremony. A 17th-century West African tradition, Kente clothes were traditionally bestowed upon African leaders who achieved great academic success. These clothes were presented during symbolic ceremonies and are woven from an array of colors, each with its own unique meaning.

The tradition of "donning the Kente" was instituted at MSU nearly 20 years ago and stoles are representative of sorority and fraternity affiliations, student/organization memberships, as well as specific countries of origin.

Nearly 30 guests were in attendance including MSU President Wayne D. Andrews, campus administrators, faculty, staff, students, and family members.

Additional information is available by calling the Office of Multicultural Student Services at (606) 783-2668.

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MWP participants attend national writing meeting

Nine teacher-leaders from the Morehead Writing Project were among those attending the 2008 National Writing Project Annual Meeting in San Antonio.

The teachers represented five East Kentucky school districts and Morehead State University. Participating were Deanna Mascle of MSU; Kathy Heaberlin and Susan Williams of Russell Independent; Rebecca King of Pikeville Independent; Mark Mantooth and Stephanie Smith of Montgomery County; Austen Reilley and Allison Slone of Rowan County; and Shawna Story of Fleming County.

King and Reilley were chosen to lead sessions at the national conference while Smith participated in a select group as well.

All nine teachers attended workshops and sessions designed to improve their own teaching, to provide leadership for the improvement of writing and literacy in East Kentucky and to help other teachers become teacher-leaders.

The Morehead Writing Project (MWP) has worked to improve student writing achievement by improving the teaching of writing for more than 20 years. A federally- and state-funded professional development program, MWP's mission is to help public school teachers become better writers and writing teachers.

MWP is affiliated with the National Writing Project, Kentucky Writing Project, Kentucky Department of Education and Morehead State University.

The core of the MWP is an invitational four-week Summer Institute, open to 15 of East Kentucky's best public school teachers. All teaching methods are interactive and interdisciplinary. The project also provides year-round contracted and grant-funded outreach programs and teacher training to schools in MSU's 22-county service region.

All MWP programs align with Kentucky Core Content and Program of Studies curricula and the Kentucky Professional Development Standards. As a National Writing Project affiliate, MWP qualifies as an exemplary professional development provider by No Child Left Behind regulations.

The National Writing Project (NWP) is a professional development network that serves teachers of writing at all grade levels, primary through university, and in all subjects. The mission of the NWP is to improve student achievement by improving the teaching of writing and improving learning in the nation's schools. National research studies have confirmed significant gains in writing performance among students of teachers who have participated in NWP programs.

The nearly 200 local sites that make up the NWP network are hosted by universities and colleges serving all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands as well as two associated international sites. Sites work in partnership with area school districts to offer high-quality professional development programs for educators.

Additional information is available by visiting MWP's Web site at <http://moreheadwritingproject.org> ; or by calling Deanna Mascle, MWP site director, at (606) 783-2426.

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Retirees to visit with Chef Michael Haynes

The Morehead State University Retirees Association has a special outing slated for January with Aramark Chef Michael Haynes preparing a brunch which will feature the usual fare along with some dishes from the 2008 Olympics.

The deadline for reservations is Dec. 23 for the event that is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 8, at 10:30 a.m. in the Commonwealth Room, Adron Doran University Center. The cost will be \$13.95 per person and parking will be in the lot next to ADUC with a MSU retiree parking pass.

Haynes, one of several chefs who assisted in the feeding of the Olympic athletes in Beijing this past summer, also will discuss his experiences at the summer games.

Reservations may be made by calling 783-2080 or by e-mail to t.jones@moreheadstate.edu .
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APSI will be held in July

Morehead State University will again provide summer training for educators who teach Advanced Placement courses in their schools.

Advanced Placement Summer Institute (APSI) will be held July 13-17 on the MSU campus. Advanced Placement courses give high school students an opportunity to enhance their studies and strengthen the rigor of the high school curriculum. The Institute includes in-depth instruction and interaction with session leaders, focusing on positive and effective teaching strategies.

Now in its ninth year, the APSI will include instruction in 19 courses: biology, calculus AB, chemistry, economics-macro/micro combined, English language, English literature, environmental science, European history, French language, German Language, human geography, music theory, physics, psychology, Spanish language, statistics, U.S. government and politics, U.S. history and world history.

MSU's program is provided through a partnership with The College Board, a national nonprofit membership association dedicated to preparing, inspiring and connecting students to college. The Board provides educators with information, tools and strategies needed to build and strengthen their professional skills and techniques.

Morehead State University's 2008 APSI program drew 180 educators from Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, North Carolina, Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

Each participant may enroll in one course. The fee is \$425, plus an additional \$50 lab fee for biology, chemistry, environmental science and physics. Applications are available online at www.moreheadstate.edu/occe .

Additional information is available from Tina Stafford, MSU distance education director, by sending a message to t.stafford@moreheadstate.edu or by calling (606) 783-2605 or (800) 585-6781, option 3.

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'The War 1914-1945' exhibit on display at MCHM

A Morehead State University faculty member and two students helped organize an exhibit now on display at the Montgomery County Historical Museum.

The exhibit, "The War 1914-1945," opened on Dec. 7 and will remain on display for one year.

The exhibit was organized by Geroge B. Stone, president of the Montgomery County Historical Society, with the help of Dr. Adrian Mandzy, associate professor of history, and two history students, Joe Marin, Morehead senior, and Eric Hale, Willard senior.

The museum is located next to the courthouse in downtown Mt. Sterling. Hours for the museum are Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and Saturday, 1 until 4 p.m. Other hours are available by appointment.

More information is available by contacting Stone at (859) 498-1371.

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Free ultrasounds to be offered

The Department of Imaging Sciences' Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program at Morehead State University will offer free, two dimensional fetal ultrasounds to expectant mothers during the 2009 spring semester.

The ultrasound examinations will be performed by appointment only on the fourth floor of Reed Hall in the University's sonography lab from Jan. 14-Feb. 26.

The scans are performed by senior level students who will be directly supervised by Marcia Cooper, associate professor of imaging sciences. She is certified in obstetrics and gynecology by the American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers.

The fetal ultrasound scans provide students the experience they need for entering into the sonography workforce.

All volunteers will be asked to sign a consent form stating that the scans are "non-diagnostic" and are performed for educational purposes only. Participants are asked to bring a towel and a VHS tape or DVD-R or DVD-RW to record the images, if desired.

Additional information and appointment times are available by calling MSU's Department of Imaging Sciences at (606) 783-2646.

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Dr. Prindle has bond with singers auditioning for the Met

Morehead State University's Dr. Roma Prindle, associate professor of music, has three close connections to winners of the Metropolitan Opera National Council Kentucky District auditions.

All three winners studied with Dr. Prindle on the MSU campus while they were still in high school. Amanda Balltrip came to the MSU campus to train while she was a high school student in Hazard. "Amanda's father and I went to high school together," said Dr. Prindle, explaining her first connection to Balltrip.

Christopher Conley began working with her while he was a student at Montgomery County High School. Andrea Trusty trained as a student from Morgan County High School.

"Chris and Andrea are probably best remembered for their starring roles in the 2003 OperaWorks production of 'Carmen' here at MSU and on tour," said Dr. Prindle. "What is interesting is that Amanda and her family were in the audience when we performed in Hazard," she said.

All three students trained for about a year and a half. Each came to the MSU campus once a week for instruction. Conley and Trusty both continued their education at MSU. Conley graduated in 2003 and Trusty graduated in 2004. Balltrip attended the University of Kentucky and studied with the late Gail Robinson.

"Even though Amanda went to UK, the three of them became very close and have kept in touch with each other over the years," Dr. Prindle said. "We were just thrilled that they all three won."

The three will advance to the Tri-State Regional Round of the Metropolitan Opera National Council competition, which will be Jan. 18 in Cincinnati. The winner of that round goes on to the national rounds in New York.

Dr. Prindle received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Applied Music from Transylvania University. She holds the Master of Music and Doctor of Musical Arts degrees in Vocal Performance from the Hartt School of Music, where she was a student of tenor Jerome Pruett.

She has performed with several American opera companies, including the Minnesota Opera, Connecticut Opera, Goodspeed Opera, Connecticut Concert Opera, Opera Roanoke and Connecticut Opera Express.

Dr. Prindle was a Midwest Regional Finalist in the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions and created the title role in the world premiere performance of Victoria Fullam's "Mermaid," based on the classic tale by Hans Christian Andersen, with University of Minnesota Opera.

More information is available by calling Dr. Prindle at (606) 783-2481.

Posted: 12-17-08

Research and creative production grants awarded

Several Morehead State University faculty members have been awarded research or creative production grants to further academic exploration.

The awards, ranging from \$1,628 to \$5,000, were granted by the Research and Creative Productions Committee in MSU's Office of Research and Sponsored Programs.

Faculty members and their grant titles are:

Dr. Stacy Baker, associate professor of music, \$4,990 for "Recording of Concert Duets for Tuba and Euphonium."

Dr. Ric Caric, professor of government, \$4,127 for "Sharing a Drink with 'The Other:' African-American Involvement in Philadelphia Popular Culture."

Dr. Jason Holcomb, associate professor of geography, \$2,889 for "Globalization of Custom Harvesting Labor in the Great Plains."

Dr. Philip Krummrich, chair of the Department of English, Foreign Languages and Philosophy, \$5,000 for "Translations of Two Works of Portuguese Literature."

Dr. Allen Risk, professor of biology, \$5,000 for "Botanical Diversity Patterns and Conservation Significance of Mesohabitats of Spaws Creek, Menifee and Morgan Counties, Kentucky."

Dr. Alana Cain Scott, associate professor of history, \$3,119 for "A Payre of Compasses: Religious Toleration in the Work of Charles Herle (1598-1659)."

Dr. Kimberlee Sharp, assistant professor of education, \$1,628 for "Appalachian Middle and High School Social Studies Teachers' Perceptions of Administrative Policies on the Teaching of Controversial Current Events."

Dr. Gordon Towell, professor of music, \$5,000 for "CD Recording of Original Compositions."

Dr. Qingzhou Xu, assistant professor of space science, \$5,000 for "Develop Novel RF MEMS Switches with Improved Reliability through a Mechanical Approach."

Dr. Yuqiu You, assistant professor of industrial and engineering technology, \$4,923 for "Performance Analysis of TCP/IP Sockets in a Remote Commanded Robotic System."

Research grants are available to faculty members desiring to conduct basic or applied research that has potential for contributing to the field of knowledge within their discipline. Creative production grants are available to assist artists in completing a special creative production. Both are competitively awarded grants and designed to assist the researcher/artist in meeting the cost of the proposed project.

Additional information is available by calling the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs at (606) 783-2010.

Posted: 12-17-08

Summer Fellowships announced

Four Morehead State University faculty members have been awarded 2008-09 Summer Fellowships.

The individual summer fellowships in the amount of \$5,000 were granted by the Research and Creative Productions Committee in MSU's Office of Research and Sponsored Programs.

Those receiving these highly competitive awards included:

Jeffrey Hill, associate professor of mass communication, for "Banjo Bill Cornett;"

Jennifer Reis, assistant professor of art, for "Embellished Textile Assemblage Altars: Creation of Body of Work;"

Dr. Timothy Hare, assistant professor of anthropology, for "Urban Administration at Mayapan, Mexico;"

Dr. Sylvia Henneberg, associate professor of English, for "Aging in Contemporary American Poetry."

Research or creative production fellowships are available to faculty members to allow them time in the summer to focus their full attention on scholarly or creative projects.

Additional information is available by calling the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs at (606) 783-2010.

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Richardson KAS winner

Channing Richardson, an environmental science major in the Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy (IRAPP), was the 2008 winner of the Botany undergraduate research competition at the Kentucky Academy of Science held at the University of Kentucky.

Richardson's undergraduate research project, "Floristic inventory of the ferns and fern allies, mosses, hornworts, and liverworts," took place at Carter Caves State Resort Park under the mentorship of Dr. Allen Risk, professor of biological sciences.

Richardson, the son of Kit Richardson and Lynn Felty, is a 2004 graduate of East Carter High School.

"Channing and I conducted research at Carter Caves and four other herbaria and examined their fern collections. He conducted most of the field work in the park himself, however, I went with him to the park a lot.

We also traveled together to four other herbaria and examined their fern collections for specimens other workers had previously collected from Carter Caves. These trips gave him a lot of hands-on fern identification experience," said Dr. Risk.

The pair worked together to generate the species area curve with SPSS (statistical software) which allowed them to show that Carter Caves State Resort Park has more ferns relative to its size than does any other area studied in the region.

"My research has been accepted to the Kentucky Academy of Science journal and I am finishing revisions this week and will be submitting it to the editors of Kentucky Academy of Science," said Richardson.

Undergraduate biology and botany students were judged at the Kentucky Academy of Science's annual competition on scientific merit, knowledge, and understanding of environmental science concepts and Channing's research project has all of these components.

"I applied for a competitive grant through the Kentucky Academy of Science and was awarded \$883 to conduct my research at Carter Caves. The research project involved conducting a literature review, field work and creating tables and graphs.

"I enjoy being outdoors and conducting research allows me to synthesize all of the concepts and theories that I have learned in classes in a very hands-on manner. I am applying to graduate programs in botany and I plan on obtaining a Ph.D in plant ecology.

The mission of The Kentucky Academy of Science is to encourage scientific research, to promote the diffusion of scientific knowledge, and to promote the interaction of science with other sectors in seeking solutions to major social and environmental problems. Most importantly, it seeks to interest the youth of the Commonwealth in science and to encourage them to consider science as a profession.

"Dr. Risk was immensely helpful and has mentored me beyond what would be expected of a normal teacher, his insights and guidance have helped prepare me for graduate school," said Richardson.

Additional information on the Kentucky Academy of Science is available by visiting www.kyscience.org or the Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy at <http://irapp.moreheadstate.edu> , or by calling Dr. Dave Rudy, associate provost for regional engagement and dean of IRAPP, at (606) 783-5419.

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Students honored at EDEE Picture Book Awards Ceremony

Students majoring in education at Morehead State University were recognized by the Camden-Carroll Library for their writing and illustrations of children's picture books.

At the EDEE Picture Book Awards Ceremonies held in early December, students from two EDEE 327 (Literature and Materials for Young Readers) classes were presented with the Best Picture Book award certificates for their work. The students then read their book aloud to those attending the ceremony.

Both classes were taught by Dr. Mattie Decker, associate professor of education.

Bonita Skaggs-Parsons, Sandy Hook senior, won for her "I Can Change the World!" composition. She was a student in EDEE-327, section 002.

Samantha Webb, Springboro, Ohio, junior, received an honorable mention for "The Purple Seeded Sunflower." She was a student in EDEE-327, section 002.

Leeanna Bloomfield, Morehead junior, was presented with the "Best Picture Book Award for "Alligators in My Ears?" She was a student in EDEE-327, section 001.

Elana Burge, Morehead junior, received an honorable mention for "A Touch of Seasons." She was a student in EDEE-327, section 001.

The award-winning book titles will be added to the library's permanent collection.

The program is a joint project between the library and the College of Education's Department of Curriculum and Instruction.

The EDEE Award Committee was comprised of Elsie Pritchard, dean of library services; Dr. Jack Ellis, former director of the Camden-Carroll Library; Ray Bailey, instructional technology librarian; John Burton, library associate, and Jennifer Little, head of user services.

Additional information is available by calling Little at (606) 783-5352.

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KVMA honors MSU project

Morehead State University's Dr. Kimberly Peterson, assistant professor of veterinary technology, and Dr. Mattie Decker, associate professor of education, have been recognized for their work with a special project.

Their project, "Another Chance at Life and Learning: Department of Juvenile Justice Greyhound Program," won the prestigious Kentucky Animal Hall of Fame award. This award is a yearly recognition presented at the annual Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association business luncheon during the Mid-America Conference.

One of the primary goals of Dr. Peterson and Dr. Decker's project is to introduce youth in the juvenile justice system to occupational training through observation and participation in various animal careers. The project creates a unique partnership between at-risk youth and newly retired racing greyhounds.

"The changes that occur within each child working with the greyhounds are profound and lasting," said Dr. Peterson. "The positive environment the greyhounds create extends beyond the immediate handlers into the other youth and the staff."

The dogs live at the Morehead Youth Development Center (MYDC) for a 12-week retraining and obedience course. When they arrive at the center, the greyhounds are conditioned to kennel living and life on the racetrack.

After 12 weeks at the center, the dogs have mastered stairs, learned home life skills and have been taught basic obedience. Their new skills are celebrated at Greyhound Graduation when they move on to their "forever homes."

Many of the new owners attend the graduation ceremony to see the skills the youth have taught the greyhounds. "The ceremony is bittersweet as the youth read examples from their daily journals describing what the greyhound charge has meant to them, in life and learning," said Dr. Peterson.

The journal writing activities are supported by Dr. Decker, who works with the English teacher at MYDC to emphasize discovery and exploration of the human-animal bond.

Both the primary and secondary handlers of the greyhounds keep a journal and attend weekly writing workshops with Dr. Decker. These writings have become an important component documenting their exploration of the effects the presence of the dogs have in the lives of the youth.

The program also focuses on career development through vocational coursework at the center. The youth study basic husbandry skills, animal behavior and care techniques. They learn their obedience training skills through professionally-guided instruction.

MSU's Veterinary Technology Program provides for the medical needs of the greyhounds during their 12-week stay. MSU students work with MYDC students for procedures such as teeth cleaning, immunizations, inserting microchips, running diagnostic specimens and routine examinations.

The introduction of the greyhounds into the lives of at-risk youth, educators, and MSU students and administrators has created an environment where many people have come together to make the project work. "One great thing we've discovered is that the facility-wide incidence rate at MYDC has dropped to 25 percent of what it was before the greyhounds arrived," said Dr. Peterson. "Not only do the dogs have a positive effect on the handlers, but also on the entire population."

As part of the Kentucky Animal Hall of Fame award, the two were presented with a plaque and a monetary award. The monetary award was then presented on behalf of the project to Greyhound Pets of America-Louisville Chapter, the sponsoring adoption organization.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Peterson at (606) 783-2327 or Dr. Decker at (606) 783-2507.

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Holiday closings

Morehead State University's administrative offices will close for the holiday break at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 23. Offices will reopen on Monday, Jan. 5, at 8 a.m.

Camden-Carroll Library, Kentucky Folk Art Center and Kentucky Center for Traditional Music will observe the same schedule.

While the University Bookstore will be closed, patrons may check its Web site for information regarding ordering and shipping during the holiday break.

For those who wish to make an end-of-year gift, the MSU Foundation will continue to accept contributions through the holiday break. The development staff will be available to assist donors with tax-deductible contributions through the end of the calendar year. For information, you may leave a message at (606) 783-2033 or (877) 690-4483 and a staff member will return your call.

The University Post Office will be open Dec. 26, 30 and Jan. 2 from 8-11 a.m. to distribute mail to UPO boxes only. Window service will not be available.

The Wellness Center will be closed Dec. 24-26 and Jan. 1. Hours of operation are available online or patrons may call (606) 783-2083 for specific times the center will be open.

The MSU Police Department will be available at (606) 783-2035 to answer questions and address campus concerns.

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MSU Adult Learning Center donates books

Morehead State University's Adult Learning Center recently donated 50 children's books to the Rowan County Public Library. The books were purchased with a literacy grant from Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. Pictured at the presentation ceremony are, from left, Shayla Dunn, MSU advertising and public relations student; Dr. Emma Perkins, MSU associate professor of art; Allison Modaff, ABE program specialist at the

MSU Adult Learning Center; Opal Fannin, ABE program specialist at the MSU Adult Learning center; Helen Williams, director of the Rowan County Public Library; and Dr. June Grice, MSU assistant professor of music. Dr. Janet McCoy, MSU assistant professor of communication, wrote the literacy grant and serves as the project coordinator.

MSU in third place in OVC Commissioner's Cup race

Morehead State University's Department of Athletics is in third place in the 2008-09 Ohio Valley Conference Commissioner's Cup all-sport trophy standings, after the completion of the fall sport championships.

The Cup is a symbol of overall athletic excellence in conference-sponsored championships.

"We work very hard to facilitate a well-rounded, comprehensive athletics program," said Brian Hutchinson, director of intercollegiate athletics. "After winning our fourth straight OVC academic achievement award and to be in third place for the commissioner's cup competition after the fall sports despite not being able to count our football team's success, I think there is clear evidence that we are effectively working toward our goals. My hat goes off to all our coaches, administrative staff, and most importantly, our student-athletes for focusing on excellence in all facets of our program."

MSU had a first place (tie) finish in volleyball, a third place finish in men's cross country, a third place (tie) finish in soccer and a sixth place finish in women's cross country. Eastern Kentucky is in first place after claiming first-place finishes for men's and women's cross country and football; they also earned a second-place finish in soccer to account for their 41 total points. Murray State, who had a first-place finish in soccer, is second (35.5), followed by Morehead State (30), Tennessee Tech (29), Southeast Missouri (28.5), UT Martin (26), Eastern Illinois (24.5), Jacksonville State (24), Austin Peay (22) and Tennessee State (12.5).

The 2008-09 season marks the first for the re-formatted Commissioner's Cup, which was previously known as the All-Sports Trophy. The award (which started in 1962-63 for men's sports and 1980-81 for women's sports) was previously divided into a Men's All-Sport Champion and a Women's All-Sport Champion. Points were awarded for each of the 18 sponsored sports and each school was required to count its totals from each sport in its grand total.

Beginning this year, only one trophy will be awarded. Schools are required to count point totals for four main sports (football, volleyball, men's basketball and women's basketball) along with their next eight highest point totals from the remaining sports, regardless of gender. Because MSU competes in the Pioneer Football League, it is required by the conference to count baseball as one of its four required sports.

The point system for scoring is as follows: For all sports (except rifle, men's indoor and men's outdoor track - which do not have six participating teams), the first place team earns 10 points, the second place team earns 9 points, etc. For rifle, men's indoor and men's outdoor track and field, the first place team earns 10 points and each subsequent place earns points equal to 1 less than the team that placed one position higher.

A charter member of the Ohio Valley Conference since 1948, MSU sponsors 16 intercollegiate sports.

Additional information is available by calling Hutchinson at (606) 783-2089.

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Higher education rally has been canceled for today, Feb. 3

Higher education rally is Feb. 3

Morehead State University students will join other collegians in voicing their continuing concerns about affordability of higher education at a rally in Frankfort on Tuesday, Feb. 3.

Buses will load at 7:45 a.m. in the Cartmell Hall/Laughlin Health Building parking lot on campus on the morning of the annual rally, according to Michael Harmon, Corydon, Ind., senior, and president of MSU's Student Government Association. The main rally will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the rotunda of the Capitol building.

"Every year college students from all over the Commonwealth gather in Frankfort for the rally," said Harmon. "I believe MSU students have traditionally had the strongest presence at the rally because many of our students are putting themselves through school. We know that a tuition increase today means going without something else tomorrow."

Students who attend the rally will be given the opportunity to meet with legislators who influence tuition rates and other issues. There is no charge to ride the bus, and all participating MSU students will be provided with a free lunch. However, reservations are necessary for all those planning to attend to guarantee food and seat availability.

Registration is available online at www.moreheadstate.edu/sga. Participants will be given a letter confirming their attendance at the conclusion of the rally. Additional information is available by calling the SGA office at 783-2298.

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Register now to be part of MSU's spring semester

If your New Year's resolution is to move forward toward a better life for yourself, Morehead State University can help you take that all-important first step. A variety of courses, designed to meet the region's educational needs, will be offered and it's not too late to enroll in the spring semester classes at any of MSU's campuses.

MSU's spring classes begin Monday, Jan. 11, and registration is now available. Students may view course offerings and complete the registration process through the Datatel WebAdvisor.

There is still time to submit an application for the spring term. Prospective students may call the Office of Enrollment Services at (606) 783-2000 or (800) 585-6781, opt #1 for admissions assistance.

Students also may view and pay their bill online via WebAdvisor. Account balances are due in full one week prior to the start of class - Jan. 4 for the spring term.

Although MSU no longer offers a deferred payment plan, students may now take advantage of a different option to pay their bill at a later date, while at the same time, confirming that they will be attending classes.

If any student is unable to pay their full balance prior to the deadline, they may complete a Statement of Intent, which explains payment requirements. The statement must be completed by Jan. 5 to prevent a student's class schedule from being canceled. This also applies to any student who receives financial aid or scholarships, or whose college expenses are being paid by an outside agency.

MSU offers online bachelor's degree "completer" programs designed primarily for graduates of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS). These programs allow KCTCS graduates to earn bachelor's degrees while continuing to meet work and family obligations and without traveling long distances.

Courses are offered via the Internet, providing busy adults the opportunity to complete class work at a time and place convenient to them.

Textbooks for the classes are available from the University Bookstore, located in the Adron Doran University Center on the Morehead campus. Orders may be placed by calling (888) STORE-05 or via the Internet at www.bookstore.moreheadstate.edu. Purchases will be shipped to the address specified by the student. Additional information is available by calling MSU at Ashland at (606) 327-1777 or (800) 648-5370; MSU at Jackson at (606) 666-2800 or (800) 729-5225; MSU at Mt. Sterling at (859) 499-0780 or (866) 870-0809; MSU at Prestonsburg at (606) 886-2405 or (800) 648-6372; MSU at West Liberty at (606) 743-1500 or (800) 648-5371; MSU's regional campus coordinator at (800) 585-6781, option #3; the Office of the Registrar at (606) 783-2008; or by calling the Office of Enrollment Services at (606) 783-2000.

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MWP hold professional development in Greenup County

The Morehead Writing Project held a professional development activity Saturday, Dec. 13, at Greysbranch Elementary School in Greenup County. MWP is affiliated with Morehead State University, the National Writing Project, the Kentucky Writing Project, and the Kentucky Department of Education.

The event, which focused on technology in the classroom, was organized by Brittany McCullough and Renata Cox of Greysbranch Elementary.

Taking part in the event were Laura Daniels of Fairview Elementary, Susie Payne of Catlettsburg Elementary, Austen Reilley, Summer Institute codirector, of Rowan County Middle School and Deanna Mascle, MWP site director.

Teachers participating included Nancy Brown of McBrayer Elementary; Amanda Applegate of Hillsboro Elementary; Andrea Wolfe of West Carter High School; Kim Rayburn of West Carter Middle School; Wendy Pack of Fleming County High School; and Amanda Adams and Tammy Kelly of Louisa West Elementary.

The Morehead Writing Project (MWP) has worked to improve student writing achievement by improving the teaching of writing in East Kentucky schools for more than 20 years. MWP, a federally- and state-funded professional development program, strives to help public school teachers become better writers and writing teachers.

At the core of the MWP is an invitational four-week summer institute, open to 15 of East Kentucky's best public school teachers. All teaching methods are interactive and interdisciplinary. MWP provides year-round contracted and grant-funded outreach programs and teacher training to schools in MSU's 22-county service region.

All MWP programs align with Kentucky Core Content and Program of Studies curricula and the Kentucky Professional Development Standards. As a National Writing Project affiliate, MWP qualifies as an exemplary professional development provider by No Child Left Behind regulations.

Additional information is available by visiting MWP's Web site at <http://moreheadwritingproject.org>; or by calling Mascle at (606) 783-2426.

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Statement of Intent deadline Jan. 5

A vital step in providing more privacy and convenience to students when accessing their financial accounts at Morehead State University is available online.

The deadline for payment in full or submitting a completed Statement of Intent is Monday, Jan. 5, for the spring semester and is accessible for students through MSU's Web site.

The completed statement confirms a student's intention to return for the spring semester. It also offers them the option to defer paying their account balance in full. MSU's Office of Accounting and Budgetary Control lists full instructions in its "How to Pay Tuition and Fees" on the University's Web site (www.moreheadstate.edu/abc).

The Statement of Intent must be filed electronically by each student after they register for classes each semester, according to Carol Ford, assistant director of accounting and budgetary control.

"All students must complete the Statement of Intent, and either 'accept' or 'opt out' of the terms of the agreement," she said. "By agreeing to the conditions of the statement, students confirm they will attend classes at MSU and acknowledge their bill. It also will give them the choice of extending the period of time they have to pay their account in full."

This requirement also applies to any student who receives financial aid or scholarships, or whose college expenses are being paid by an outside agency, Ford said.

If a student's account is not paid in full or a completed online statement is not on file by Jan. 5, the student's classes will be cancelled. Ford said students are encouraged to read the Statement of Intent carefully and make sure they understand the requirements and deadline dates before agreeing to abide by the terms of this document. Statements are available online on Web Advisor through www.moreheadstate.edu.

Additional information is available by calling the Office of Accounting and Budgetary Control at (606) 783-2019.

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Open House program dates set for spring 2009

Morehead State University's Office of Enrollment Services will host Open House programs on Saturday, Feb. 28, and March 28, from 9 a.m. until noon, the events will be held in the Adron Doran University Center on the Morehead campus.

According to Enrollment Services, the Open House events will be an excellent opportunity for students and families to discover why MSU has been named one of "America's Best Colleges" by U.S. News and World Report for the fifth year running.

University representatives will be available to meet students and families, answer questions, lead campus tours and share information concerning college life.

"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, assistant director of enrollment services. "Families will hear success stories about our graduates and learn some statistics that demonstrate the academic quality offered at MSU."

On one such measure of success, MSU graduates are consistently accepted into professional schools, including medical, dental and pharmacy programs, at rates well above state and national averages.

Students and families are encouraged to register for the Open House. To learn more about this event or to complete an online registration card, you may visit www.moreheadstate.edu/openhouse.

Additional information is available by calling Enrollment Services at (606) 783-2000 or (800) 585-6781.

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VP Kappes to retire

Morehead State University's chief public relations officer is leaving after 40 years on the job.

Keith Kappes, vice president for university relations, is retiring effective Dec. 31. The former newspaper, wire service and broadcast journalist came to MSU in January 1969 from The Associated Press. He was promoted to vice president in July 1990.

"I've had the privilege of reporting to seven presidents of the University and of working each day to help change lives of students and others we serve," Kappes said. "By any measure, MSU is stronger today than at any time in its history and I am very proud of my service to this wonderful institution."

Kappes says he intends to work part-time as a consultant and spend more time with his grandchildren.