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SBDC to host workshop in Paintsville

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A workshop, titled "Learn How to Effectively Market Your Business Using Facebook," will be offered by Morehead State University's East Kentucky Small Business Development Center (SBDC) on Dec. 13.

Whether you are a new or excising business, the Small Business Development Center will show you the benefits of having a presence on Facebook. The session will demonstrate how to create a Facebook business page, and how to market your products or services using your Facebook page.

The free workshop will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 13, from 5-7 p.m. at offices located at 224 Main Street, in downtown Paintsville.

The workshop is free for all participants; however, seating is limited and advance registration is required.

Training programs, sponsored or co-sponsored by SBDC, are available to all individuals without regard to race, color, sex, creed or national origin. Special arrangements will be made for those with disabilities if requested in advance.

For a list of upcoming events, you may visit the MSU SBDC website at www.moreheadstate.edu/sbdc.

Additional information and pre-registration are available by calling the Paintsville Small Business Development Center at 606-788-7272, e-mail Michelle Spriggs at m.spriggs@moreheadstate.edu or register online at www.moreheadstate.edu/sbdc.

MSU employees honored for service

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Several Morehead State University employees were honored for attaining milestones in their years of service with the University. MSU Chief Financial Officer and Vice President for Administration Mike Walters 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: Sherry Miller, 5; Tina Stafford, 15; Becky Maggard, 10; Mark Schafer, 25; David Smith, 10; and Walters. Second row from left: Myra Mayse, 30; Janet Cline, 5; Jing Zhang, 5; Carry Harris, 10; and Evangeline Day, 10. Third row from left: Michele Walters, 10; Jennifer Trent, 5; Becky Alfrey, 5; Kevin Anderson, 5; Scott Johnson, 15; and Linda Wilson, 15.

CPS forum slated for Dec. 6

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Morehead State University's weekly Forum on Culture, Politics and Society will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 7:30 p.m. in 002 Breckinridge Hall.

The topic will be "Merry Christmas: Debating Jesus and Santa."

Drs. Scott Davison, professor of philosophy, and Ric Caric, professor of international and interdisciplinary studies, will discuss the relative merits of Santa Claus and Jesus.

The forum, sponsored by the Department of International and Interdisciplinary Studies and the Master's in Social Sciences Program, is open to all MSU students, faculty and staff.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Caric at 606-783-2144 or e-mailing r.caric@moreheadstate.edu.

Dr. Prater named president of SVA

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Dr. Phil Prater, professor of veterinary technology at Morehead State University was installed as the president of the Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association in Louisville.

The KVMA is the largest veterinary organization in the state which maintains a membership of more than 1,000 veterinarians. The organization promotes all areas of animal health and well-being across all species and across all disciplines of veterinary medicine and surgery.

Dr. Prater joined the faculty of MSU's Veterinary Technology Program in 1988. His primary responsibilities include teaching large animal clinical procedures and health maintenance of the equine and food animal herds on the University Farm. He serves on the Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association's Board of Directors and on the advisory board of the Kentucky Cattleman's Association and the Kentucky Beef Network.

He has authored and co-authored several peer reviewed articles and two book chapters on large and small animal reproduction. Dr. Prater serves as faculty adviser to MSU's Pre-Veterinary Medicine students and the Pre-Vet club.

Dr. Prater was named the Veterinarian of the Year by the KVMA, and also received the Outstanding Senior

Teacher Award from the American Association of Colleges of Agriculture and Renewable Resources. In 2008, Dr. Prater was given the University's Distinguished Teacher Award, and received the rank of full professor.

For more information on the Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association or the veterinary profession in general, contact Dr. Prater at 606-783-9364 or e-mail him at p.prater@moreheadstate.edu.

MSUPD ranked first by StateUniversity.com

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Morehead State University's Police Department has been recognized by StateUniversity.com as ranking first in Kentucky for Highest Safety Rating.

"We are very pleased," said Madonna Weathers, vice president for student life. "Chief (Matt) Sparks and his entire staff should be commended for the great job they are doing."

MSUPD had a 93.46 rating. Northern Kentucky University (90.33) was second, followed by Western Kentucky (87.37), Murray State University (85.51) and University of Louisville (85.18). Rounding out the state universities were Eastern Kentucky University (82.46), University of Kentucky (73.28) and Kentucky State University (57.83).

StateUniversity.com, a leading Web site for college information, released the rankings of the safest colleges and universities in the U.S. The Safest Schools findings are based on incidents of campus crime as reported by campus safety officials.

As part of the Safest Schools ranking, the site analyzed crime statistics for 450 colleges and universities and assigned a safety rating to each school. Safety ratings are determined based on the number of occurrences of aggravated assault, robbery, burglary, theft/larceny, motor vehicle theft, forcible rape, and murder on campus.

Violent crime is given more weight in the ranking system and has a greater effect on the safety rating than non-violent crime such as theft.

"Our whole unit works hard every day to keep Morehead State safe," said Sparks. "We are very proud of this accomplishment. We have great support from the MSU administration and it shows in a ranking like this."

The department is under its third, five-year certificate of accreditation by the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police.

MSUPD has 16 full-time officers and 11 support staff.

To view the rankings visit: www.stateuniversity.com/rank by state/safety score rank/KY.html

Additional information on the MSUPD is available by calling Sparks at 606-783-2035.

'Scenes from a Lost America' open through March 31

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Morehead State University's Kentucky Folk Art Center has announced its upcoming exhibition, "Krause & Spellmann: Scenes from a Lost America."

The opening reception will be held on Thursday, Dec. 8, 5-7 p.m. The exhibition will remain on display through March 31.

"Scenes from a Lost America" will feature more than 50 paintings by Jo Neace Krause and Charles Spellmann, two of the south's most interesting self-taught painters. The exhibit showcases two very different bodies of work and includes more than 50 paintings produced since 1998.

The paintings of Krause and Spellmann are contemplative. Without reference to personal visions, folk tradition, art history, or coded religious iconography, these two artists create works that inspire insights into aspects of the broader American experience that are otherwise largely obscured from view.

Krause was born in Breathitt County in the 1930s. Though she has lived all over, most recently in Tennessee, her subject matter is often dominated by her childhood experiences in eastern Kentucky during the final years of the Great Depression. There are scenes of people she knew, the landscape, many portraits of women she remembers.

Spellmann was born in Texas in the late 1930s. Today, he lives in the Arkansas Delta where he continues to work fulltime as a psychologist. His paintings depict moments of everyday life in the American south, and most are character studies. There are people dancing in honky-tonks, others caught midway in conversation, people in church.

"There is something about the outwardly less cluttered life of rural America that lays bare the experience and emotions lived there, stripped down and raw, unobscured by the inevitable social, economic or logistical muddle of urban or suburban living," said Adrian Swain, KFAC's artistic director. "This is what we find in the work of Spellmann and Krause: two very different sets of observations on the human condition shaped by the parallel but very different life experiences of the artists. The art speaks for itself with infinitely more effect than mere written work could summon. Look to these paintings for human frailty, resilience, compassion and fresh air."

Kentucky Folk Art Center is a cultural, educational and economic development service of Morehead State University. The Center is open Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 606-783-2204 or go to www.kyfolkart.org.

CPE joins forces to accelerate improvements in student learning outcomes and increase student success

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The Association of American Colleges and Universities and the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education announced today that Kentucky is the seventh official state partner in its continuing national initiative, Liberal Education and America's Promise (LEAP): Excellence for Everyone as a Nation Goes to College. Using LEAP resources and the outcomes frameworks developed in the initiative, Kentucky colleges and universities already have been working to clarify what common learning outcomes all Kentucky two-year and four-year college students should be able to demonstrate to ensure they are receiving quality undergraduate degrees.

"The Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education sought to become a LEAP partner state because the goals of LEAP are so congruent with our new 2011-15 strategic agenda for Kentucky postsecondary and adult education, Stronger by Degrees," said Robert L. King, president of the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education. "The assessment strategies and development of high-impact educational practices we will be developing and testing as a part of our involvement with the LEAP initiative will be critical to meeting our goal of increasing high-quality degree production and completion rates at all levels."

In addition to becoming a LEAP partner state, Kentucky is also one of eight states involved in AAC&U's new Quality Collaboratives initiative, funded with support from the Lumina Foundation. Through that initiative, Kentucky will work together with other participating states to learn from one another and develop consensus frameworks of learning outcomes—articulated in the recently released Degree Qualifications Profile—that chart levels of competence which every college student should achieve and integrate in five areas: broad and specialized knowledge, intellectual skills, applied learning, and civic learning.

Using this framework, Kentucky and the other states will test a family of approaches that assess learning demonstrated in samples of students' actual work. This family of assessment approaches will help campuses develop educational practices that:

- · Ensure that students achieve essential outcomes at appropriately high levels;
- · Document students' attainment of outcomes; and
- · Facilitate students' transfer of courses and competencies from two-year institutions to four-year institutions on their way to completing college degrees.

"Colleges and universities across the state of Kentucky already are working to ensure that graduates achieve the kinds of learning that will best position them for success in today's turbulent global environment," said AAC&U President Carol Geary Schneider. "AAC&U is pleased to partner with these institutions to accelerate their learning improvement efforts and shine a national spotlight on the high-impact educational practices Kentucky colleges and universities already are developing."

For information about LEAP Kentucky, see www.aacu.org/leap/kentucky.cfm.

Hutchinson to be the student speaker for Fall Commencement

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Kasey LaVaughn Hutchinson of Maysville will be the student speaker for Morehead State University's Fall Commencement on Saturday, Dec. 17.

During the ceremony that begins at 10:30 a.m. in the Academic-Athletic Center, MSU President Wayne D. Andrews will confer degrees on 672 graduate and undergraduate students.

A 1999 graduate of Mason County High School, Hutchinson is the daughter of Billy Cropper of Mays Lick, and Beverly Stanfield of Tollesboro and wife of Nathan Hutchinson.

Rowan County native Dr. J. David Richardson, a senior faculty member at the University of Louisville and surgeon with University Surgical Associates, will be presented an honorary Doctor of Science degree during Winter Commencement.

Hutchinson is a candidate for a bachelor's degree in elementary education.

After completing high school in 1999, she attended Maysville Community College where she received an Associate in Applied Science degree with an accounting option in May 2003.

From 2004 until returning to school in the spring of 2008, Hutchinson operated a private at home daycare. When she returned to school at Maysville Community and Technical College, and started to work toward her bachelor's degree in elementary education.

While attending Maysville Community College and Morehead State University, Hutchinson has been on the dean's list each semester from 2008 to present.

A member of New Beginning in Washington, Hutchinson is a Sunday school teacher for pre-school children.

Along with being a mother of two daughters (Beverly Sue and Haleigh), she is an assistant Girl Scout troop leader and volunteers as a coach for fifth and sixth grade girls' basketball team.

After graduation, Hutchinson will pursue a career in elementary education, while working toward a master's degree.

For the commencement exercises, the grand marshal and mace bearer will be Dr. John Hennen, professor of history, who received the 2011 Distinguished Teacher Award.

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

Student marshals will be Jared May of Paintsville and Sasha Reinhardt of Morehead, Graduate Programs; Joshua Bradley of Morehead and Aaron Ellis of Ashland, College of Science and Technology; Jess Wheeler of Buckhorn and Amanda Moore of Mt. Sterling, College of Business and Public Affairs; Elizabeth Waymeyer of Alexandria and Rebbeca Hall of Butler, College of Education; Christopher Mullins of Walton and Adrian Tapp of Somerset, Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

Emma Lucas of Flatwoods will sing the national anthem; Blake Huffaker of Troy, Ohio, 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, Clyde James of Morehead.

Additional information on Fall Commencement exercises is available by calling 606-783-2008.

Drs. Oyen, Baruth to teach, perform at LSM academy and festival

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Morehead State University's Dr. David Oyen, associate professor of music and president of the Kentucky Music Teachers Association, and Dr. Lori Baruth, assistant professor of clarinet, will teach and perform at the 31st annual Lutheran Summer Music Academy and Festival (LSM) which will take place June 24 through July 22 at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa.

Dr. Oyen will serve as bassoon teacher and performer while Dr. Baruth will serve as clarinet teacher and performer.

The residential music training academy serves more than 150 student musicians grades 8-12 from across the United States and features three major ensembles: band, orchestra and choir, as well as a comprehensive keyboard and organ program.

As a member of the artistic faculty since 1997, Dr. Oyen will maintain a private studio, coach a small ensemble, teach musicianship, perform with Movere Wind Quintet faculty ensemble, and chair the LSM woodwind department.

Additionally, he will perform in solo recitals and as a member of the Bach Cantata orchestra.

As a member of the artistic faculty, Dr. Baruth will maintain a private studio, coach a small ensemble, teach musicianship, and perform with Movere Wind Quintet faculty ensemble. Additionally, she will perform in solo

recitals and play as a member of the LSM Bach Cantata orchestra.

Selected through a competitive application and audition process, clarinet students at LSM participate in a comprehensive curriculum that includes individual instrument lessons; a chamber ensemble; musicianship classes; symphony orchestra and/or band; and also may include electives like jazz improvisation, conducting and collegium musicum.

LSM students are served by a roster of 34 faculty artists – esteemed practicing professional musicians and academicians from throughout the United States.

Additional information is available by contacting Beth Burns, executive director, at 888-635-6583.

BOR approves full-time faculty and staff pay supplement

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Morehead State University's Board of Regents approved a mid-year pay supplement of \$750 for each full-time faculty and staff member employed prior to July 1, on Thursday, Dec. 8, during its quarterly meeting.

"I want to take this opportunity to thank each member of the faculty and staff for their hard work and commitment to Morehead State University," said President Wayne D. Andrews. "Their efforts, both individually and collectively, have enabled the University to move forward during a time of severe economic challenges. In identifying and implementing multiple cost-saving initiatives, the faculty and staff have enabled the University to operate more effectively and efficiently. As a result, we have been able to generate an institutional fund balance to support a one-time \$750 mid-year pay supplement.

"I am hopeful that it will assist many families with end-of-the-year expenditures and rising utility costs during the upcoming winter months. All mid-year pay supplement checks will be printed and distributed through departmental supervisors during the week of Dec. 12-16," said Dr. Andrews.

The amount will be subject to tax and retirement deductions and it's for full-time faculty and staff member employed prior to July 1, in an authorized position funded in the University's unrestricted operating budget and serving in a non-probationary performance status.

The Board passed a resolution honoring the volleyball team, which advanced for the first time in school history to the NCAA Tournament. Coach Jaime Gordon's squad set an MSU and Ohio Valley Conference record and finished 19-1 in the regular conference season.

The spotlight presentation was an update on the comprehensive campaign.

During its regular scheduled quarterly meeting, the Regents approved the 2011 fall graduates and an honorary doctoral degree for alumnus Dr. J. David Richardson. The ceremony will be held Saturday, Dec. 17, at 10:30 a.m. in the Academic-Athletic Center.

The Board also accepted the 2010-11 financial audit report and amended operating budget; accepted the first quarter financial report and amended operating budget; the 2012-14 executive branch budget; approved a Bachelor of Science degree in Biomedical Sciences and Veterinary Science; heard reports on the health insurance plan for 2012; received the 2011 final fall enrollment figures and written requests for disposal of real property.

Dr. Andrews also presented the Regents with his report.

The next scheduled quarterly meeting will be held Thursday, March 15.

Dr. Richardson to receive honorary Doctor of Science degree

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Dr. J. David Richardson, a senior faculty member at the University of Louisville and surgeon with University Surgical Associates, will be presented an honorary Doctor of Science degree during Morehead State University's Fall Commencement, Saturday, Dec. 17.

During the ceremony that begins at 10:30 a.m. in the Academic-Athletic Center, MSU President Wayne D. Andrews will confer degrees on 672 graduate and undergraduate students.

A native of Rowan County, Dr. Richardson received his B.S. degree from MSU in 1966. He graduated with high distinction from the University of Kentucky Medical School. He completed surgical training at the University of Texas in San Antonio in general surgery followed by additional training in cardiothoracic surgery.

Earlier this year, he was named the 2011 Ephraim McDowell Physician of the Year for the state.

He has board certification in general surgery by the American Board of Surgery and in thoracic surgery by the American Board of Thoracic Surgery. In addition, he holds special certificates of added qualifications from the American Board of Surgery in vascular surgery and surgical critical care. He was listed as one of the "Best Doctors" in America by U.S. News and World Report.

His leadership roles in the Louisville, Kentucky, Southern, Southeastern and Western surgical societies culminated in his 2003 appointment as a regent of the American College of Surgeons (ACS), a position no Kentuckian had held for 75 years. He is currently chair of the board of regents of the 75,000 member organization, the largest in the world.

Through his work with the American Board of Surgery, the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma and the American Board of Emergency Medicine, he has helped set national standards for surgical board certification, surgical residency programs, trauma systems and trauma care.

Dr. Richardson is interested in a broad range of general surgery including abdominal, vascular and esophageal surgery.

A distinguished medical author of more than 400 articles and book chapters, Dr. Richardson has been president of many major surgical organizations including the Southeastern Surgical Congress, the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma, and the Western Surgical Association. He also has been chairman of the American Board of Surgery, where he is still a senior director.

Among his numerous awards as an educator, Dr. Richardson has been honored with the University of Louisville's Golden Apple, Hiram C. Polk Jr. and Red Apple awards, as well as the 2006 Doctors' Ball "Excellence in Education" award.

Nationally known for owning thoroughbred horses, he is a director of the Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders of America and a member of the Jockey Club.

He was inducted into the MSU Alumni Hall of Fame in 1995.

Dr. Richardson and his wife, Suzanne, have three children.

Additional information on Fall Commencement exercises is available by calling 606-783-2008.

MSPR announces special programs for the holiday season

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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. 19, and run through Monday, Dec. 26.

The lineup includes:

Monday, Dec. 19

9 a.m. Welcome Christmas! 10 a.m. Carols Then and Now 10:30 a.m. The Spirit of Christmas 11 a.m. Choral Christmas Card Noon Christmas Daybreak

Tuesday, Dec. 20

9 a.m. Echoes of Christmas 10 a.m. Leroy Anderson Christmas 11 a.m. Cantus: All is Calm

Noon The Rose Ensemble: A Spanish Renaissance Christmas

Wednesday, Dec. 21

9 a.m. Hanukkah Lights 2011 10 a.m. Chanukah in Story and Song 11 a.m. St. Olaf Christmas Festival 1 p.m. Tchaikovsky's The Nutcracker

Thursday, Dec. 22

9 a.m. A Chanticleer Christmas 10 a.m. Christmas with Morehouse and Spelman Glee Clubs 11 a.m. Rejoice and Be Glad 11:30 a.m. Sing We Now of Christmas Noon The Christmas Revels 1 p.m. A Paul Winter Solstice Concert

Friday, Dec. 23

9 a.m. Jonathan Winters' A Christmas Carol 10 a.m. MSU Faculty Brass Quintet Holiday Concert 11 a.m. Children's Holiday Hour 2011 Noon Christmas Joy 12:30 p.m. Handel's Messiah

Saturday, Dec. 24

4 p.m. An Acoustic Christmas

5 p.m. Children's Holiday Hour 2011

8 p.m. Welcome Christmas!

9 p.m. Christmas with Morehouse and Spelman Glee Clubs

10 p.m. Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Sunday, Dec. 25

Midnight - 8 a.m. Holiday specials encore 8 a.m. Jonathan Winters' A Christmas Carol 9 a.m. Lassans and Carols from Washington Nat

9 a.m. Lessons and Carols from Washington National Cathedral 2011

11 a.m. Bluegrass Sunday Christmas

2 p.m. Pickin' Parlor Christmas

4 p.m. Tinsel Tales 2

8 p.m. Kim Burrell's Jazz Gospel Holiday

9 p.m. Joy to the World 2011

10 p.m. Jazz Piano Christmas

Monday, Dec. 26

9 a.m. A Season's Griot

A complete holiday schedule, including program descriptions and repeat airings, are available online at www.msuradio.com.

Morehead State Public Radio broadcasts 24-hours a day from the campus of Morehead State University. Additional information is available by calling MSPR at 606-783-2001.

'Rites of Passage' set for Dec. 14

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Morehead State University's Office of Multicultural Student Services will sponsor its 24th Semi-Annual Rites of Passage Recognition Ceremony on Wednesday, Dec. 14, from 6-8 p.m.

The ceremony will take place in the Crager Room of the Adron Doran University Center.

The purpose of the ceremony is to recognize and celebrate the scholastic achievement of minority and international students at MSU. The students will receive a certificate and gift from the Office of Student Activities, Inclusion and Leadership Development.

All students will receive a special stole during the ceremony. The Black Gospel Ensemble, directed by Dr. Roosevelt Escalante, will perform.

Keynote speaker for this winter's celebration will be Brice Yates, marketing specialist.

Additional information is available by calling Shanté Hearst, coordinator of multiculturalism and inclusion, at 606-783-2071.

Kenneth Faried signs with Denver

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Denver Nugget Executive Vice President of Basketball Operations Masai Ujiri announced that the team has signed Morehead State graduate and former men's basketball player Kenneth Faried to a contract.

According to a release from the team, per team policy, terms of the deal were not released.

Faried was taken in the first round of the June 2011 NBA Draft, which was held at the Prudential Center in his hometown of Newark, N.J.

He was the eighth first-round pick in Ohio Valley Conference history and the first ever for Morehead State.

Faried was the 17th player in Eagle history to be drafted. He is the first player to be taken from MSU since 2004 (Ricky Minard) and will be the fifth OVC player taken in the past 10 years. Tennessee State's Carlos Rogers, taken in 1994 by the then Seattle SuperSonics, was the last first-round pick from the OVC.

The two-time Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Year and three-time OVC Defensive Player of the Year, Faried led Morehead State to its second OVC Tournament championship in the last three years.

He established the NCAA modern-era (post-1973) career rebounding record with 1,673 rebounds. Faried's 86 career double-doubles place him just one behind only Tim Duncan in doubles-doubles in NCAA Division I history.

Faried was named the NABC Defensive Player of the Year and earned seven different All-America honors. The Eagles tied a school record with 25 wins in 2010-11. He led the team with 17.3 points and 14.5 rebounds per game while shooting 62.3 percent from the field.

Vet Tech program achieves 100 percent pass rate

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Morehead State University's Veterinary Technology Program achieved a 100 percent pass rate on the Veterinary Technician National Examination (VTNE) for the class of 2010 and 2011.

VTNE is a comprehensive national exam given to veterinary technician graduates throughout the country to validate the competency of technicians for licensure within each state.

"The 2010 and 2011 classes demonstrated outstanding academic aptitude and clinical skill during the two year training program at MSU," said Dr. Phil Prater, professor of veterinary technology.

"Some graduates in this class are currently working in private veterinary practices, colleges of veterinary medicine, and research and development of veterinary products and services. Others in the class have remained at MSU to finish the requirements for their bachelor's degree in veterinary technology."

According to Dr. Prater, the faculty and staff of the MSU Veterinary Technology Program are extremely proud of the accomplishments of its students, and will continue to strive to make the graduates of the MSU Veterinary Technology Program the very best in the nation.

For further information on the program, contact Amy Staton, veterinary technologist, 606-783-2328 or e-mail at a.staton@moreheadstate.edu.

AET Robotics Team ranks third; May receives scholarship

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Morehead State University's robotics team finished third at the recent collegiate Autonomous/Tele-Operated Robotic Manipulator Contest at the 44th Annual Convention of the Association of Technology, Management, and Applied Engineering (ATMAE) held in Cleveland.

The competitors were from seven other institutions including University of Northern Iowa, Millersville University, Jacksonville State University, East Carolina University, Iowa State University, Mississippi State University and Sam Houston State University.

The MSU Robotics team, using a hybrid tele-operated and autonomous robot, took third place in a competition to pick, sort by color, and deliver ping-pong balls to several goal areas. After a short distance under remote control, the robot first had to search autonomously within a target area for a table containing colored ping-pong balls. The robot then had to pick up as many of the balls as possible, sort them by color, and then drop off the ping-pong balls by color. Points were awarded for the number of balls picked up, as well as for the number successfully delivered to the correct containers. The teams were also required to submit a technical report on their electronics and control strategies, and a poster to showcase the robot. The MSU-AET robot placed second in the task portion of the competition, and third overall.

For their accomplishments, applied engineering and technology students Allen Eden of Brndenburg, Joey Chasteen of Mt. Vernon, Lindsay Lancaster of Flemingsburg, Lakmal Molligoda of Sri Lanka and Cheng Cheng of China were awarded prizes including high-end 3D software, Parallax robotics kits, various textbooks, a cash prize and trophy plaque.

Graduate student Jared May served as the student representative on the ATMAE Board of Accreditation. He participated in the hearings for several institutions seeking program accreditation. May also competed in the graduate student research competition, which highlights scholarly research in master's and doctoral level studies. The competition consisted of a 30-minute presentation, question and answer session, and poster

presentation. May presented his ongoing research titled "Fatigue Analysis and Design of Coronary Stents Using Implicit and Explicit Finite Element Analysis."

May was named the competition winner. He was awarded prizes including a cash prize and award plaque. May also was awarded the 2011 Kate and Cliff Strandberg Masters Student Scholarship.

The scholarship is awarded to students that promote technology and applied engineering as a discipline and have shown leadership potential at the national ATMAE level. He has been selected to publish an article in an upcoming issue of Robot Magazine.

The article will highlight this year's student robotic competition. May and Rick Coscarelli, ATMAE executive director, are also working to publish a series of video testimonials highlighting and promoting the ATMAE organization.

Additional information is available by calling the Department of Applied Engineering and Technology at 606-783-2418.

'Rites of Passage' celebrated

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