

News Items for 2015 - February

Audible alert system test Monday

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Morehead State University will conduct the monthly test of its audible alert system on Monday, Feb. 2, 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, located on Ginger and Cartmell halls along with Jayne Stadium, are designed primarily to alert pedestrians on campus sidewalks and streets.

Faculty, staff and students also can be notified by signing up for Eagle Alerts (e2Campus).

Additional information on MSU's emergency procedures can be found on the MSU website at www.moreheadstate.edu/emergency/.

Alumni HOF nominees sought

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The Morehead State University Alumni Association Board of Directors is accepting nominations for its most prestigious honor, the Hall of Fame Award.

“We are seeking to honor our most outstanding alumni,” said Mindy Highley, executive vice president of the MSU Alumni Association. “Candidates must have achieved excellence in their profession, provided exceptional community service and been recognized at the local, state or national level.”

Submissions will be accepted until Wednesday, April 1.

To meet the criteria, the individual:

- must have graduated from MSU at least 10 years prior to the time of nomination;
- must be a responsible, respected citizen of good character in their community and profession;
- must have remained in contact and shown support for Morehead State;

Nominations should include the name, address and graduation year of the nominee; reasons why this individual should be considered; honors and awards; and name and contact information of the person making the nomination.

Materials can be submitted online at www.moreheadstate.edu/alumni or may be sent to the Alumni Association, Morehead State University, 150 University Blvd., Box 1887, Morehead, KY 40351.

Individuals will be inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame on Friday, Oct. 9, during the 2015 Homecoming Weekend.

Additional information is available by calling the Alumni Association at 606-783-2033 or 800-783-ALUM (2586).

Postponements and cancelations

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Morehead State University's Craft Academy is on Plan B for Saturday, Feb. 21. Candidates for interviews should check email for more details.

The performances of 'Cleaning Closets' scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 21, and Sunday, Feb. 22, are canceled. There may be a Monday evening performance if the weather allows, please call the Theatre Box Office to confirm at 783-2170.

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TMMK honored for \$100K gift

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A \$100,000 donation from Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Kentucky to Morehead State University is helping make MSU's 21st Century Center for Manufacturing Systems a reality. The center is the first of its kind in the region and will allow students in the Applied Engineering and Technology Department access to hands-on learning opportunities with industry-leading technology.

The initiative tackles head-on the critical issue of workforce development in Kentucky and the nation. This new center will help prepare the next generation of highly skilled workers.

"Toyota is proud to support MSU in developing young people in the critical fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics," said Rick Hesterberg, Toyota Motor Engineering and Manufacturing, North America. "The auto industry faces a shortage of skilled workers coming out of college. It is these well-trained students we need to work with robotics and other cutting-edge technologies in our Georgetown plant and throughout the company."

Dr. Ahmad Zargari, AET Department's professor and chair is excited about the opportunities this facility will provide MSU students.

"The Center will enhance our potential to teach state of the art technologies, conduct applied research and aid technology transfer to industries that will ultimately attract more high-tech employers to the Eastern Kentucky region".

AET faculty members are experts in their fields and stay current by conducting scholarly research and continually engaging with industry in our area. The department also offers opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students to participate in research projects, internships and other experiential learning that will give students the knowledge and practical skills to pursue high-tech careers after graduation.

Last fall, the MSU Foundation and MSU's Department of Applied Engineering and Technology accepted a challenge grant from the James Graham Brown Foundation of Louisville to develop a state-of-the-art 21st Century Center for Manufacturing Systems. Thanks to the James Graham Brown Foundation's \$497,000 matching grant and generous contributions from various donors, including the major gift from Toyota, this project will soon become reality.

“Morehead State University is committed to expanding and modernizing its programming and facilities to meet the needs of a changing economy and job market,” said Dr. Wayne Andrews, MSU president. “We sincerely appreciate the support of Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Kentucky.”

Toyota’s donation was recognized during the Jan. 31 basketball game.

Additional information is available from the MSU Foundation at 606-783-2033.

About Toyota Kentucky

Toyota’s largest vehicle manufacturing plant in North America, Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Kentucky, Inc. (Toyota Kentucky) produced the first American-made Camry in 1988. More than 10 million vehicles have rolled off Toyota’s assembly line in Georgetown, where full-time employment is around 7,000 people and investment tops \$5.9 billion. In addition to the Camry, America’s best-selling car, Toyota Kentucky manufactures the Camry Hybrid, Avalon, Avalon Hybrid and Venza, and four-cylinder and V-6 engines. Beginning late 2015, the plant will begin production of the first U.S.-assembled Lexus, adding 50,000 vehicles to its current annual capacity of 500,000 (engine production capacity: 600,000). More than \$56 million has been donated by Toyota’s Kentucky plant to non-profit organizations throughout the state. For more information about Toyota Kentucky, visit

www.toyotaky.com

'Meet MSU Days' announced

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Morehead State University's Transition Center in the Office of Enrollment Services has announced six "Meet MSU Days" for prospective Adult, Transfer, and Military/Veteran students interested in learning more about Morehead State.

Representatives will be present from key academic departments and enrollment services. Information will also be available about 2+2 agreements (completer degrees), Kentucky Community and Technical College System transfer scholarships, online programs and VA/Military Educational Benefits. Application fees will be waived for students attending these events.

The dates, times, and locations of the programs are:

- March 17, Somerset CC, North Laurel Campus, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- March 24, Maysville CTC, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.;
- March 25, Bluegrass CTC, Cooper Campus, 9 to 11 a.m., Newtown Campus, 1 to 3 p.m.;
- March 31, Hazard CTC, Hazard Campus/UCM, to 3 p.m.;
- April 6, Big Sandy CTC, Prestonsburg Campus, noon to 3 p.m.;
- April 9, Southeast Kentucky CTC, Whitesburg Campus 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

MSU offers online bachelor's degree "completer" programs designed primarily for graduates of KCTCS. These programs are designed to allow KCTCS graduates to earn bachelor's degrees while continuing to meet work and family obligations and without traveling long distances. MSU also offers courses at our 5 Regional Campuses (Ashland, Hazard/University Center of the Mountains, Mt. Sterling, Prestonsburg and West Liberty) and via the Internet, providing busy adults the opportunity to complete class work at a time and place convenient to them.

At each event, emphasis will be placed on seamless transition from KCTCS to Morehead State University and no registration is necessary. Students bringing all official transcripts may be admitted provided they meet MSU admission requirements.

Additional information is available by contacting Jen Timmermann, transfer senior enrollment services counselor, at 606-783-5488 or e-mail, j.timmermann@moreheadstate.edu or Jill McBride, adult learner coordinator/ project graduate and student veteran liaison, 606-783-2000 or email, j.mcbride@moreheadstate.edu .

MSUCorps accepting donations, applications for 'Build-A-Bed' project

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The MSUCorps AmeriCorps program and its partners are gearing up for its fifth annual Morehead Build-A-Bed Project to provide beds to children who are living in homes with not enough beds or none at all.

The goal is to give beds to children PK-12, who are forced to sleep on floors, couches, or in beds with multiple other children or family members. This project has provided nearly 400 beds to children in Eastern Kentucky since it began in 2010. A committee has set this year's goal to build 160 beds.

Each child receives a brand new bed and mattress along with a bedtime bag containing sheets, pillow, blanket, stuffed animal, book, alarm clock or nightlight and a hygiene kit.

The beds will be built on Saturday, April 25, at the Carl Perkins Center. Recipients are expected to pick up their beds on the day of the build.

The project is currently accepting applications from Bath, Bourbon, Boyd, Bracken, Breathitt, Carter, Clark, Elliott, Fleming, Floyd, Greenup, Harrison, Johnson, Knott, Lawrence, Lee, Letcher, Lewis, Magoffin, Martin, Mason, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Nicholas, Pike, Powell, Robertson, Rowan, and Wolfe counties.

Applications can be found at www.moreheadstate.edu/buildabed. Deadline to submit is March 6.

MSUCorps has partnered with outreach groups including: Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), Center for Regional Engagement (CRE), Center for Adult Education and College Access (AECA), Gateway Homeless Shelter, Frenchburg Job Corps CCC, Educational Talent Search (ETS), Rowan YouthBuild and Kentucky AmeriCorps programs.

Bed sponsorship is \$150 and comes with your names on the Build-A-Bed T-shirt.

Any donation is appreciated. Checks may be made to: MSUCorps, Morehead State University, 201 Education Services Building, Morehead, Kentucky, 40351.

Details about how to help MSU Build-A-Bed project and application materials can be found at the website: www.moreheadstate.edu/buildabed.

Additional information is available by contacting Mary Claire Williams, program director for MSUCorps, at 606-783-2719 or at mc.williams@moreheadstate.edu.

MSU inclement weather plan

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Morehead State University has developed a plan for announcing emergency delays and cancellations. These are most often associated with inclement weather and unpredictable weather patterns occurring in the winter months.

The University will select one of two options when dealing with delays that may affect the daily schedule of students, faculty, staff and/or visitors to the main campus. When road conditions are problematic, MSU employees and students should exercise good judgment in traveling to and from campus. Those concerned that weather conditions make it too dangerous for travel to campus should follow pre-determined procedures regarding class attendance and work assignments.

Plan A: MSU is closed. All administrative offices will be closed and classes will not meet.

Plan B: MSU will operate on a two-hour delay. Offices will open at 10 a.m. Students begin the day with the 10:20 a.m. class.

Essential service personnel will continue to report at regularly scheduled time when either plan is in operation. Each division will identify essential personnel and services to be maintained. Employees should direct questions/concerns to their immediate supervisor.

Decisions regarding regional campus closings and classes held at off campus sites will be made on an individual basis as appropriate for the service area and situations in the region.

The University uses e2Campus/Omnilert to notify the campus community of safety, weather and other emergencies by text message and email. Alerts also are delivered by email to all MSU students and employees, as well as through the MSU website (www.moreheadstate.edu), Facebook page (www.facebook.com/MoreheadStateUniversity), and Twitter (@moreheadstate).

Subscribe to and manage these services at www.moreheadstate.edu/eaglealerts/.

Notices also are released to area radio and television stations.

Open House set for March 7

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Morehead State University's Office of Enrollment Services will host its next Open House program Saturday, March 7, from 9 a.m. until noon in the Adron Doran University Center on the Morehead campus.

[\(View photo gallery of Jan. 31 Open House\)](#)

According to enrollment services, the Open House events are 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 11th year running.

University representatives will be available to meet students and their 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, director of undergraduate admissions.

"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 much more about this event or to complete an online registration, you may visit www.moreheadstate.edu/openhouse/.

Additional information is available by calling enrollment services at 606-783-2000 or 800-585-6781.

MSPR to host CAB meeting

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The Community Advisory Board for Morehead State Public Radio will conduct its quarterly meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 11, at 6 p.m.

The meeting will be held in the MSPR studios in Breckinridge Hall on the Morehead State University campus. Meetings of the board are open to the public.

WMKY (90.3 FM) is the flagship station for the network. MSPR serves more than 20 counties in Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia.

Additional information is available on MSPR's website at www.wmky.org or from Paul Hitchcock, general manager, at 606-783-2001 or email wmky@moreheadstate.edu.

MSU to take part in ‘RecycleMania’

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Morehead State University will participate in “RecycleMania,” a nationwide competition against other higher education institutions that encourages recycling with rewarding opportunities for the schools and students through March 31.

MSU students may participate in the “Recyclemania” competition by:

- Practicing the 3 R’s: Reduce, Reuse & Recycle;
- Joining the MyActions social media platform at www.campus.myactions.org and start earning personal badges and points for our school. You also can vote for your favorite contest entries by liking the entry;
- Get Caught Green Handed for a chance to win prizes;
- Entering the Trash to Treasure photo contest for a chance to win prizes;
- Entering our 3 R’s video contest for a chance to win prizes;
- Following on Facebook and Twitter for the latest stats, news and contest entries;
- Visiting the information table second floor of the Adron Doran University Center on Feb. 4 and 5 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. for giveaways and contest information;
- Attending a showing of the movie “Trashed” in March (date and time to be announced);
- Encouraging friends and colleagues to do their part and practice the 3 R’s.

Visit the Earthwise Eagles [Facebook](#) page and [Twitter](#) for additional information about the school competitions and a chance to win great prizes.

RecycleMania is sponsored by the [MSU’s Sustainability Committee](#).

MSU to host 'Social Justice Drive-In Conference'

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UPDATE: 2-18-15 The Social Justice Conference scheduled for Friday, Feb. 20, 2015, has been postponed until April 2015 due to current weather conditions. For updates and details, contact the Office of Student Activities, Inclusion and Leadership at SAIL@moreheadstate.edu or 606-783-2071.

 Morehead State University's [Office of Student Activities, Inclusion and Leadership](#) (SAIL) will present "The Social Justice Drive-In Conference" Feb. 19 and 20.

The statewide conference is for college students and community members throughout Kentucky to learn more about student activism, social justice, overcoming bullying and taking positive steps toward equality.

The two-day event will instruct, encourage and invite participants to reach and achieve their goals and aspirations as activists in support of their fight against privilege and heterosexism, violence against women, police brutality, voter suppression and other political, social and educational movements.

This event is free and open to the public.

[Registration](#) will be held Thursday, Feb. 19, from 3-4:30 p.m. at the Adron Doran University Center and 5-7 p.m. at Button Auditorium. Participants may register online at www.moreheadstate.edu/inclusion.

"Any One of Us: Words from Prison?" will be performed at 7 p.m. at Button Auditorium. Admission is \$2 or a non-perishable food item. All of the proceeds go to Gateway Helping Hands.

Welcoming remarks by Ricardo Nazario-Colon, MSU's student activities, inclusion and leadership (SAIL) director, will be held Friday, Feb. 20, from 8-9:30 a.m. Three breakout sessions will be held along with a multicultural career panel.

Keynote speakers will be: Airickca Gordon-Taylor, executive director of the Mamie Till Mobley Memorial Foundation, and Jasmine Rand, attorney.

Gordon-Taylor will be the afternoon speaker (3:30-4:30 p.m.). She is a cousin to Emmett Louis Till and his mother, Mamie Till Mobley. She spent much of her childhood in the home with Mamie that she was often referred to as the grandchild Mamie never had and was embraced by her resilient legacy in subsequent years. Shortly after the passing of Mamie Till Mobley in 2003, Gordon-Taylor revived the Emmett Till Players. She travels the country as a human rights activist speaking at various schools,

universities, churches, conferences, and community rallies; most recently traveling as a guest to Seoul Korea as a representative of the U.S. attending the World Alliance of Religion Peace Summit.

Gordon-Taylor has been a featured guest on numerous TV and radio programs and a featured panelist for Socialism Conferences 2012 and 2014, Rainbow PUSH Hip-Hop Summit 2013 and awarded the 2014 Black Mother's with Son's Award by the Pocono Mountains Film Festival. She honors the inheritance of her legacy and continues the foundation's mantra of Remembering the Past and Educating the Future.

In the evening, there will be a screening of the movie "Dear White People" and Rand will close the event with her speech at 7:30 p.m.

Rand is probably best known as the attorney of the Trayvon Martin family and from her countless appearances in the media concerning this case. A champion for civil and human rights - the National Bar Association recognized Rand one of the Nation's Best Advocates Top 40 Lawyers Under 40 in the United States.

She will share her insight, experience and pioneering efforts for social justice and empowerment as an exclusive speaker with American Program Bureau.

Rand is not only a, professor, national legal analyst, international legal consultant, lecturer, columnist and civil rights leader, she is also the founding attorney of RAND LAW, L.L.C., a Miami-based civil litigation firm. In addition to networks such as, CNN, MSNBC, HLN and Fox, Rand also appears on numerous international networks in Jamaica, Colombia and Japan.

Additional information is available by contacting Amberly R. Carter, coordinator of multiculturalism and inclusion, at 606-783-2071 or email inclusion@moreheadstate.edu .

Delta Zeta Sorority to host workshop

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