

News Items for 2016 - April

Craft Academy selects second class

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The [Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics](#) at Morehead State University has selected 60 students for its Class of 2018.

“I am extremely pleased to announce the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Class of 2018. These students represent some of the Commonwealth’s best and brightest. The application and selection process was very competitive again this year, and we look forward to welcoming these young scholars to the Morehead State University campus in the fall,” said Dr. Carol Christian, director of the Craft Academy.

The Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics will meet the unique educational needs of academically gifted and talented high school juniors and seniors in the Commonwealth. A college-level curriculum will allow students to finish high school while also completing up to two years of university coursework. It will offer a residential college experience and environment to promote innovation and creative enterprise, developing the full potential of the state’s brightest minds and most promising future leaders.

In addition, the Craft Academy will offer unique, project-based STEM+X courses that will enrich educational experiences and develop competencies in entrepreneurship and innovation, design and creativity, and civic and regional engagement.

Students will live on campus designed for high school aged students. The facility will have meeting and social space and be staffed 24/7. Counselors and advisors also will be available.

Students were selected based on ACT and SAT scores, academic grades from their first two years of high school, interest in advanced STEM careers, responses to application essay questions, interview by the Academy selection committee and recommendations from teachers and others who can attest to the student’s need and preparedness for the program.

At the end of the two years, students will have earned as much as 60 credit hours, finished high school and have the opportunity to further their education at MSU or transfer to any other college/university in Kentucky or elsewhere.

Additional information on the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics is **available by calling Dr. Christian at 606-783-9025.**

Students selected for the Craft Academy Class of 2018 are:

Bath: Margaret Hughes daughter of Freda and Steven Hughes from Bath County High School

Boone: Emmi Fish daughter of Doug Fish and Kaye Tyler Fish from Ryle High School

Bourbon: Anne Park daughter of Harry and Vivian Park from Paris High School

Boyd: Isaac Vinson son of Angela and Zach Vinson from Ashland Blazer High School

Bullitt: Ishika Patel daughter of Kammi I. Patel and Ishwar M. Patel from Riverview High School

Bullitt: Garrett Jones son of Tammy Scrogam and Gary Jones from Riverview High School

Carter: Cade Clark son of Kimberly and Todd Clark from East Carter High School

Carter: Grace Edens daughter of Beth and Neil Edens from East Carter County High School

Carter: Abigail Gillispie daughter of Wayne and Darlene Gillispie from West Carter County High School

Clark: Xan Arnett son of Aaron and Selina Arnett from George Rogers Clark High School

Crittenden: Landon Brooks son of Jeff and Julie Brooks from Crittenden County High School

Crittenden: Corbin Wilson son of William and Mary Wilson from Crittenden County High School

Elliott: Haley Dennis daughter of Lesa and Jeff Dennis from Elliott County High School

Fayette: Sam Mcinteer daughter of Richard and Deb Mcinteer from STEAM Academy

Fayette: Caroline O'Neildaughter of Brent and Tammi O'Neil of LaFayette High School

Fayette: Christian Trowel son of Calvin Trowel and Melanie Trowel from Paul Lawrence Dunbar High School

Fleming: J.D. Kincaid son of Danny Kincaid, Diane Kincaid (step mother) and Sarah Kincaid from Fleming County High School

Fleming: Nathanael Watkins son of James and Christy Watkins from Fleming County High School

Garrard: J.T. Fitzpatrick son of Leigh Ann and Tommy Fitzpatrick from Garrard County High School

Greenup: Brandon Staton son of Kim Staton and James Staton from Russell High School

Hardin: Caleb Buchanan son of Craig and Carrie Buchanan from John Hardin High School

Hardin: Rhianna Clemons daughter of Angela Mullens and Rickey Clemons from Elizabethtown High School

Hardin: Mason Harris son of Tony and Stacie Harris from Central Hardin High School

Hardin: Lenna Yong daughter of Lisa Yong and Inn Hoe Yong from Elizabethtown High School

Jefferson: Melaine Brazel daughter of Michael and Kristen Brazel from Eastern High School

Jefferson: Hayden Hubbuch daughter of Jan Youngblood and Mike Hubbuch from Atherton High School

Jefferson: Alex Jetter son of Beth Immerso from Brown School

Jefferson: Alden Loring son of Mark and Karen Loring from Brown School

Jefferson: Nate Murray son of David and Karen Murray from Louisville Collegiate School

Jessamine: Cameron Arthur son of George and Tracy Arthur from East Jessamine High School

Johnson: Sarrisa Hale daughter of Sandra Hale and William Hale from Johnson Central High School

Johnson: Brooke Hall daughter of Deanna Hall and Ronnie Hall from Johnson Central High School

Kenton: David Chai son of Lucy Hu and Fengming Chai from Simon Kenton High School

Kenton: Michael Mardis son of Jenny Hardorn, Todd Schulkers from Scott High School

Kenton: Haylee Mitchell daughter of Dwight and Angela Mitchell from Simon Kenton High School

Kenton: Brooklyn Sauer daughter of Frank and Maryann Sauer from Simon Kenton High School

Knott: Nadia Richardson daughter of Stephen and Pamela Richardson from Knott County Central High School

Lawrence: Billie McCoy daughter of Bobbie and Oscar McCoy from Lawrence County High School

Madison: Stefan Kwiecinski son of Jaana Kwiecinski and John Kwiecinski from Madison Central High School

Madison: Abigail Williams daughter of Marty and Christine Williams from Madison Southern High School

Meade: Cody Madden son of John and Patricia Madden from Meade County High School

Meade: Michael Thoma son of James and Melanie Thoma from Meade County High School

Meade: Shane Walsburger son of C. Paul Walsburger from Meade County High School

Montgomery: Callie Arnold daughter of Brad and Norma Arnold from Montgomery County High School

Montgomery: Jacquelyn Crump daughter of Jeff and Brenda Crump from Montgomery County High School

Montgomery: Dalton Sparks son of Debbie Sparks and Charlie Sparks Jr from Montgomery County High School

Oldham: Sierra Hauck daughter of Charles and Jennifer Hauck from Oldham County High School

Pendleton: Cullen Beard son of Douglas and Laura Beard from Pendleton County High School

Perry: Alex Vermillion son of Melissa and Kevin Vermillion from Hazard High School

Powell: Graham Fizer son of Barbara Graham and Barry Fizer from Powell County High School

Pulaski: Kelly Brunson daughter of Diane and Craig Brunson from Pulaski County High School

Rowan: Sean Daugherty son of Donald and Michelle Daugherty, Nicholas and Michelle Whitley from Rowan County Sr. High School

Rowan: Trevor Past son of Melodie Past, Michael Harford from Rowan County Sr High School

Scott: Kaylee Whitenack daughter of Darrell Whitenack and Nina Johnson-Whitenack from Scott County High School

Shelby: Jack Dorman son of Kelly Dorman from Shelby County High School

Union: Jolie Baird daughter of Joe and Cara Beth Baird from Union County High School

Wolfe: Makayla Bush daughter of William and Melissa Bush from Wolfe County High School

Wolfe: Savannah Perkins daughter of Darrell Perkins and Elsie Mullins Perkins from Wolfe County High School

Woodford: McKenna Jobe daughter of Susie and Ben Stivers / Jeff Jobe from Woodford County High School

Woodford: Gloria Mullins daughter of Chris and Hope Mullins from Woodford County High School

Audible alert system test Monday

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Morehead State University will conduct the monthly test of its audible alert system on Monday, April 4, 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/.

GC IPL accepting applications for fall institute

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Morehead State University, the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence and the University of Pikeville will host the [Governor's Commonwealth Institute for Parent Leadership](#) (GC IPL) this fall.

The Eastern Kentucky Institute will be held in Hazard Sept. 23-24, Nov. 11-12 and Dec, 2-3 at University Center of the Mountains at Hazard Community and Technical College with lodging accommodations at Hampton Inn of Hazard.

The GC IPL aims to help Kentucky parents become more involved in improving public schools to enhance academic achievement for all students. Participants will be trained in leadership and communication skills, given information that includes achievement data, and provided an explanation of Kentucky's public education system. The institute is open to all parents and caregivers of public school students and those who work with students.

The institute is free; all expenses including meals, lodging, travel and materials will be provided.

“Morehead State University is exceedingly pleased to partner with the Prichard Committee and University of Pikeville in support of the Governor's Commonwealth Institute for Parent Leadership,” said Wayne D. Andrews, MSU president. “We understand the significance of parents being involved in their children's education. This unique initiative engages parents at the grassroots level in improving academic achievement for all students in East Kentucky schools and will prepare parents to become strong partners with their school districts in the education of our young people.”

The deadline to apply is April 15.

Participants will be accepted from the 31-county service region of MSU and UPike, that includes: Bath, Bell, Boyd, Breathitt, Carter, Clay, Elliott, Estill, Fleming, Floyd, Greenup, Harlan, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Lewis, Magoffin, Martin, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Powell, Rowan and Wolfe counties.

To apply online, visit www.gcipl.org and click on “Apply Now” on left hand side of screen, complete the Eastern KY application. To have an application sent to you call Cindy Baumert, 859- 233-9849, ext. 227 or email cbaumert@prichardcommittee.org.

If you have further questions contact Dr. Timothy L. Simpson, the MSU liaison, at 606-783-2858 or email tl.simpson@moreheadstate.edu.

Retirees to hold annual luncheon April 14

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Morehead State University's Retirees Association will hold its annual luncheon and business meeting Thursday, April 14, at noon at the Center for Health Education and Research (CHER Building).

Attendees will be the guests of President and Mrs. Wayne D. Andrews.

Those who have retired during the past year will be recognized and association officers will be elected and installed. MSU leaders will provide comments and updates on the campus.

All former University employees, whether staff or faculty, and their guests are welcome.

The reservation deadline is Monday, April 11.

Limited reserved parking will be available in the Morehead United Methodist Church parking lot. Carpooling to the event is encouraged.

Advance registrations is required and may be made by email to events@moreheadstate.edu or by calling toll-free 1-877-690-4483 or 606-783-2033.

Quickbooks workshop to be held at MCTC campus

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Morehead State University's [Small Business Development Center](#) will sponsor a workshop on how Quickbooks, a financial accounting program, can help small businesses.

The free event will be held at the Maysville Community and Technical College, 1755 U.S. 68, Maysville, Tuesday, April 12, from 6 until 8 p.m.

The class is for new or prospective users to gain information on what the program can do for their business.

Quickbooks is a program that makes it easy for business owners to get customer, get paid, and pay employees, and track sales and expenses. Millions of small business owners have made the program their resource for key services they need to start or manage a business.

Topics which will be discussed include payroll, tracking sales, invoices and expenses, printing checks and invoices, business reports, and inventory.

To register, visit www.ksbdc.org or contact Mark Murphy, SBDC district director, at 606-783-2895 or email m.murphy@moreheadstate.edu.

MSU ranked among '20 great recreation centers at small colleges'

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Morehead State University has been ranked among the top 20 great recreation centers at small colleges by Great Value Colleges. The ranking was published on the organization's website. MSU ranked fourth.

The top 20 great recreation centers at small colleges were selected and ranked based on total number of points. Points were assigned based on the following criteria: affordability (net cost); awards and recognition (international/national accolades); other recognition (inclusion on other noteworthy "top college recreation centers" lists and Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification); and notable features (such as a rock climbing wall, spa amenities, beach volleyball, historical relevance, etc.).

One of the top tier regional public universities in the South, Morehead State University is located in the foothills of the Daniel Boone National Forest. MSU is home to more than 11,000 students and offers classes on campus, at regional campus centers in Ashland, Mount Sterling, Prestonsburg, the University Center of the Mountains, and online.

"At Morehead State, we are committed to providing students with the best opportunities available, from our small class sizes and high quality academic programs to our exciting student life and state-of-the-art campus facilities," said Max Ammons, assistant vice president and dean of students. "We're thrilled to have our campus Recreation and Wellness Center included in this ranking of great recreation centers."

MSU's state-of-the-art Recreation and Wellness Center cost \$24 million, but was 100 percent funded by the students, according to the school. The 100,000-square-foot building houses three basketball courts, a competition size pool with a zip line and vortex, a second outdoor swimming pool with a sun deck, walking track, more than 100 machines, racquetball courts, and more. Completed in 2011, this certified LEED Silver rec center won the Outstanding Sports Facilities award from Recreation Management magazine in 2012 and was featured in Athletic Business' Architectural Showcase.

Great Value Colleges is a premier website that assists students in finding the best degree, school, career options, and resources for a chosen degree and career. From program rankings to degree offerings by state, Great Value Colleges helps students get the best possible education for their money. The site addresses relevant topics, answers frequently asked questions, and offers tips and information related to the entire process.

Read the full article at www.greatvaluecolleges.net/20-great-recreation-centers-at-small-colleges/.

Additional information on the Recreation and Wellness Center is available by calling 606-783-2083 or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/campusrec/.

MSU kicks off 'Step Challenge' against EKU

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Morehead State University employees took their first steps to become healthier on Monday, April 4, as MSU started its "Step Challenge" program. During the next five weeks, University employees will battle the faculty and staff of Eastern Kentucky University to see which group can finish with more steps.

([View photo gallery](#))

A group walk kicked off the event Monday on the lawn in front of Allie Young Hall.

MSU will feature three group walks each week, focusing on a different mapped route each week. The campus walking maps are located on the wellness portal rotator on the main dashboard. Also available on the portal dashboard is a chart that shows how to convert miles or activities to steps. The challenge will end May 9.

If inclement weather is predicted, participants are asked to meet at MSU's Recreation and Wellness Center walking track.

MSU's goal is 43,750,000 steps in 5 weeks (if the University meets the goal participants can receive up to 50 WellPoints).

[Visit to register](#) on the Wellness Portal.

For additional information contact the Health and Wellness Team in the Office of Human Resources and Payroll at 606-783-2097.

MSU confirms 4.5 percent cut

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Morehead State University received a copy of a letter from Governor Bevin ordering the Finance and Administration Cabinet to withhold 4.5 percent of all state universities' 2015-16 appropriation allocation. Bevin's order means that MSU's fourth quarter allocation, which was available to the institution on April 1, 2016, was reduced by \$1,950,300 or 4.5 percent of the institution's entire annual state appropriation for 2015-16.

In a communication to the campus, President Wayne D. Andrews encouraged faculty and staff to stay focused on serving students:

"I continue to carefully monitor the work in Frankfort and am preparing to make the strategic budget decisions necessary to address this cut as well as any other changes that may be included in a final budget. It is most critical that we all stay focused on the work at hand, which is student success. I will provide more details on the budget situation as they become available in the coming days and weeks. Thank you for your patience, focus and good work in serving MSU students."

Regarding the budget status, Andrews said, "While I am disappointed that consensus has not yet been achieved on a budget, I appreciate the House's position to preserve funding for postsecondary education. The hard work and genuine desire by members in both chambers and the Governor to find common ground and resolve outstanding issues provides hope that a solution might be found."

In March, MSU announced a plan for an employee furlough to take place at the end of the fiscal year in anticipation of the 4.5 percent cut. The plan calls for all staff and administrators to take one unpaid furlough day during each of the last five bimonthly pay periods ending June 30, 2016. In the plan, faculty would take a non-recurring salary reduction equal to five contract days in fiscal year 2016-17.

Trent, Blevins participate in County Day of Recognition for National Service

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Morehead Mayor Jim Tom Trent and Rowan County Judge-Executive Walter Blevins joined more than 1,760 elected officials from all 50 states and the District of Columbia, Guam, and Puerto Rico stood together in support of AmeriCorps and Senior Corps and VISTA Programs.

Trent and Blevins participated in a national day of recognition Monday, April 4, to highlight the impact of national service in their cities and thank individuals who serve. Together, the elected officials represent more than 110 million citizens or one-third of all Americans.

County Day of Recognition for National Service is designed to spotlight the impact of national service and thank those who serve. Trent and Blevins signed proclamations declaring April 4 County Day of Recognition for National Service in Morehead and Rowan County.

The two heard from Kentucky AmeriCorps program directors and members, VISTA members, and the Retired and Senior Volunteer program director about the services they provide to the Morehead community.

These services include tutoring and mentoring in the schools, financial counseling for low income families, assistance with transitioning families of violence or homelessness to safe and affordable housing, case management to homeless families, volunteer assistance at local nonprofit agencies such as St. Claire and Christian Social Services, organizing the Build-A-Bed program which provides beds to school age children that do not have a proper place to sleep in their homes.

“Our 104 active retired and senior volunteers provided 8,564 hours of service to Rowan County which is equal to 62,000 dollars in savings at minimum wage,” said Teresa Judd, Retired and Senior Volunteer Program director.

“These national service programs provide many valuable resources to the Morehead area. The AmeriCorps and VISTA members provide hundreds of hours of service to our community that would not be possible through existing staff due to funding and budget cuts in schools and the non-profit sector,” said Mary Claire Williams, MSUCorps project director.

On April 9, 2013, the first-ever Day of Recognition for National Service united mayors across the country to spotlight the impact of national service and honor those who serve. Altogether, 832 mayors in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, Guam, and Puerto Rico officially recognized the work that AmeriCorps members and Senior Corps volunteers are doing to make cities better and stronger.

Additional information is available by contacting Williams at 606-783-2719.

Aerospace industry featured at Ideafestival

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Morehead State University was one of the sponsors for the Ideafestival held at the Morehead Conference Center.

According to the meeting, Kentucky's largest export industry isn't tobacco, automotive or even bourbon. It is aerospace. The aerospace industry exceeded \$8 Billion dollars in 2015 alone.

Ellie Puckett of Space Tango and MSU President Wayne D. Andrews welcomed the group to the event.

Speakers included: Lt. Governor Jenean Hampton; Mike Young, Kentucky Aerospace; Kris Kimel, KSTC; Bob Schena, CEO Rajant Technologies; Danette Wilder, CEO SealingLife Technology) Rick Johnson, Kentucky Innovation Network; Jim Tom Trent, Morehead mayor; Dr. Ben Malphrus, Morehead State University; Dr. Julia Aebersold, University of Louisville MNT Clean Room Manager; Mickey Marrotta, Unmanned Systems Inc.; Michelle Lucas, Higher Orbits, LLC.; Todd Harding, NOAA; Greg Higdon, KAM; and Brad Thomas, East Kentucky Power; Dr. Tim Smith, IAE; Jennifer Carter, SpaceTrek; and Dr. Suzanne Smith, NASA Kentucky, and Rep. Rocky Adkins.

Chief Photographer Tim Holbrook has put together a [photo gallery](#) of the event.

MSU Concert Choir and Chamber Singers will present free concert in Morehead

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Morehead State University's Concert Choir and Chamber Singers will present a free concert Tuesday, April 19, at 7:30 pm at First Baptist Church, 123 East Main Street, Morehead.

The event is open to the public.

The 46-voice Concert Choir and 20-voice Chamber Singers are conducted by Dr. Greg Detweiler. The choirs will include the Monday evening performance at Christ Church as part of its spring concert tour.

The choirs' program is titled, Where Love Abounds. Concert Choir will open the program with four sacred piece: Petite et accipietis by Johann Michael Haydn, Beati quorum via by C.V. Stanford, To the Mothers in Brazil: Salve Regina arranged by Gunnar Eriksson, and Entreat me not to leave you by Dan Forrest. They will close the evening with two songs of soldiers' love and a spiritual. Included in this set is the Lithuanian piece, Tykus tykus, the Scottish Loch Lomond, and the spiritual Wade in the Water.

The Chamber Singers' portion of the program includes a wide variety of sacred and secular music which they will perform this summer in Rome in international competition and at the Vatican. Sacred works include Palestina's Super flumina Babylonis, Heinrich Schütz's Sicut Moses serpentum, C.V. Stanford's Justorum animae, David Dickau's O Nata Lux, and Ray Liebau's arrangement of He's Got the Whole World. They will also perform Leggiadre Ninfe by Luca Marenzio, In love with the beautiful eyes by David White, and El Guayaboso by Guido López-Gavilán.

Concert Choir and Chamber Singers represent the university on regional, national and international tours. Recent trips have included tours to Hungary/Austria, Costa Rica, and Ireland. During the 2014 Ireland tour, the choirs competed in the Mayo International Choral Festival where Concert Choir won first place in the sacred division and Chamber Singers won the festival's grand prize. In 2012, the MSU Chamber Singers also won its division with the gold diploma at the World Choir Games in Cincinnati.

Dr. Detweiler is director of choral studies at MSU. He conducts the Concert Choir and Chamber Singers and teaches conducting, voice and vocal pedagogy. He holds the Doctor of Music Arts degree from the University of Illinois and has studied Dalcroze Eurhythmics at the Manhattan School of Music. His choirs

have toured Costa Rica, Canada, Ireland, Germany, Austria, Hungary, and the Czech Republic, and have appeared at state and regional conventions of the American Choral Directors Association and the Music Educators National Conference. He was the 2002 Kentucky Music Educators Association Teacher of the Year in College-University Education.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Detweiler at 606-783-2480.

MSU wins 2016 Alltech Innovation Competition undergraduate category

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They say necessity is the mother of invention, and the seven Kentucky universities that competed at the fourth annual Alltech Innovation Competition went above and beyond with their inspiring business plans for real-world issues on April 9 at Bluegrass Community and Technical College's Newtown Pike campus.

Morehead State University's undergraduate team and University of Louisville's graduate team took home the top prizes of \$10,000 apiece, the same amount with which Dr. Pearse Lyons founded Alltech, now a more than \$2 billion company.

"The ventures presented today are a testament to the quality of education and high level of university talent in Kentucky," said Suniti Mujumdar, manager of educational initiatives at Alltech. "These undergraduate and graduate students, guided by experienced advisors, applied classroom theory in creative, unique and thoughtful ways to benefit economies of the Commonwealth."

"The AIC is more than a competition; it is a form of experiential learning and a platform for career opportunities," she continued. "We are honored to be involved with fostering entrepreneurship and showcasing the brilliance of students in Kentucky."

Morehead State University presented a joint effort between their agriculture and business students with a team including Jordan Bach, Tessa Combs, Adam Lyon, Dalton Shepherd and advisors Amy Poston Lentz and Dr. Janet Ratliff. The group captured first place in the undergraduate category with their company Pollination Solutions. The venture features "The Pollinizer," a drone attachment designed to combat the effects of bee colony collapse by mimicking the natural process of honey bee pollination throughout an orchard. This man-made alternative to bee pollination addresses the threat of the declining bee population to fruit production in Kentucky, providing a sustainable "Presence for Better Pollination."

"Morehead State University has a stake in this project," said Lentz. "We have a 250 acre farm that has about 40 acres of apples, and we use honeybees to pollinate our apple crops. Each year for the past few years, we have lost some of our bees."

The University of Louisville team, including students Tedd Pollard, Aaron Searcy, Dr. Sanjay Singh and advisor Suzanne Bergmeister, won in the graduate category with their company KYchen, a cooking oil

management solutions business that reduces fresh oil consumption, increases consistency in food preparation and increases productivity in a safe, clean, efficient and eco-friendly way.

The winning teams' competition included the University of Kentucky, Asbury University, Eastern Kentucky University, Western Kentucky University and the University of Pikeville. A majority of the ventures featured business plans that focused on the local market. This "by Kentucky, for Kentucky" innovation speaks to the dedication of the region's brightest minds to improve their local communities and is especially important to Alltech as a Kentucky company with a primacy in science. Dr. Pearse Lyons, president and founder of Alltech, noted the importance of such entrepreneurial spirit.

"Never outgrow your curiosity—it's the future of innovation and the tool of tomorrow," he said. "Entrepreneurial business is exciting, and Kentucky needs entrepreneurs and business. I believe in, 'Don't get it right, get it going.' And enjoy the journey."

The Alltech Innovation Competition started in 2013 in Kentucky and Ireland, and challenges undergraduate and graduate university teams to develop forward-thinking business plans on innovative ideas in animal nutrition, crop science, food, and brewing and distilling that will improve local economies. This annual competition celebrates entrepreneurship and the impact of cross-functional teamwork on business development.

Symphony Band to tour Louisville area April 14-15

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Morehead State University Symphony Band is the top concert band in MSU's School of Music, Theatre and Dance. It is under the direction of Dr. Joseph Scagnoli, interim director of bands. The Symphony Band will perform at four Louisville area high schools as part of their annual Spring Tour on Thursday and Friday, April 14-15. The featured faculty artist performing will be Dr. Matthew Taylor, assistant professor of music.

Dr. Taylor will perform the three-movement concerto "Tribute to Sax" by Belgian composer, Alain Crepin. Other selections on the program will include works by James Barnes, Percy Grainger, Gustav Holst, Henri Rene, John Philip Sousa, Julie Giroux and Dmitri Shostakovich.

Performances will be:

- **Thursday, April 14, 1:15 p.m., Iroquis High School, Linda Pulley, director of bands, host;**
- **Thursday, April 14, 7 p.m., Parkway Baptist Church, Bardstown, Marc Monroe, director of bands, Butler High School, host;**
- **Friday, April 15, 9:30 a.m., Ballard High School, Carl Kling, director of bands, host;**
- **Friday, April 15, 1:15 p.m., Eastern High School, Mike Arthur, director of bands, host**

The concerts are free and open to the public.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Scagnoli at 606-783-2486.

Grimes to visit campus for 'GO VOTE Kentucky'

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Kentucky Secretary of State Alison Lundergan Grimes will visit the Morehead State University campus Thursday, April 14, at 12:30 p.m. as she promotes the ["GO VOTE Kentucky! Tour."](#)

Sec. Grimes will speak with students, professors, faculty and staff about online voter registration and offer a brief tutorial in the Crager Room of the Adron Doran University Center.

According to Sec. Grimes, she is excited to launch Kentucky's first-ever online voter registration system. Kentucky voters are now able to register and update their current registration information online at www.govoteky.com.

STEAM Academy students visit Early College Program

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Students from STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) Academy of Lexington visited the Morehead State University campus, as part of the [Early College Program](#), Friday, April 8.

More than 50 high and technical schools offered MSU classes during the spring semester with more than 2,500 high school students participating in the program.

“This program is truly a win-win opportunity. Students get to earn college credit for free or at a much reduced rate, parents have less financial burden for a college education and schools get challenging new courses which fully optimize the talents of their high schools,” said Joel Pace, director of early college programs.

MSU and the partner schools are collaborating to meet a goal of 24 college credits for all high school students before they graduate.

School systems taking part are: Bath, Boyd, Breathitt, Bullitt, Carter, Estill, Fayette, Fleming, Floyd, Grant, Jefferson, Jessamine, Johnson, Lawrence, Lewis, Martin, Mason, Mercer, Montgomery, Morgan, Oldham, Pike, Powell, Rowan, Shelby and Wolfe counties; as well as Ashland Blazer, Jackson, Raceland Russell independents; and Lakeside Christian.

A minimum 3.0 grade point average and an 18 composite ACT score are necessary to be admitted to the program. Students also must meet any specific requirements that are course related.

Students enrolled in courses taught by MSU faculty on the Morehead campus, at one of our regional campuses, or online during the semester will receive a 60 percent scholarship and would be responsible

for the remaining tuition for their courses. Students enrolled in courses instructed by approved faculty in their school system will continue to receive a full waiver for the cost of tuition.

Additional information is available by calling Pace at 606-783-2995 or you can find an application at www.moreheadstate.edu/earlycollege/.

Concert on the Lawn set for April 28

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Morehead State University will present the annual President's Spring Concert on the Lawn Thursday, April 28, at the Adron Doran University Center Commons.

The event, which will begin at 5 p.m., is free and open to the public.

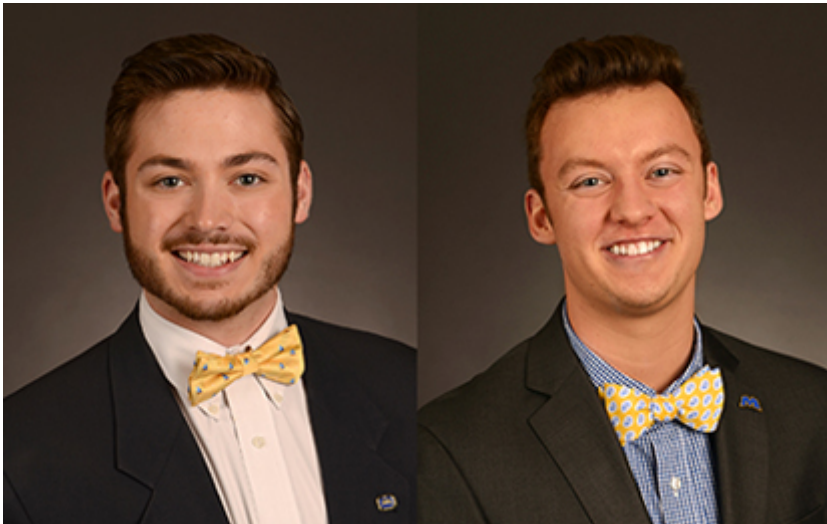
This year's entertainment will be a "Spring Pops Band Concert" directed by Dr. Joseph Scagnoli and Dr. Susan Creasap.

Additional information can be obtained by calling the Office of Alumni Relations and Development, at 877-690-4483 or 606-783-2033.

Student Alumni Ambassadors elected as state, district representatives

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[Student Alumni Ambassadors](#) of Morehead State University co-hosted the annual CASE ASAP District Three Conference in Louisville.

MSU hosted with five other Kentucky student advancement programs. The conference accommodated more than 500 students from 35 schools, resulting in the election ambassadors Jacob Miller as Kentucky State Representative and Ryan Steele as the District Three Representative.

Steele is a sophomore marketing major from West Liberty. He has been a member of Student Alumni Ambassadors for one year, and in that time he has assisted the organization by working presidential level events and completing more than 200 hours since his induction. After his first semester in the ambassadors, he received the New Member achievement award.

“Being elected as the District III Representative is an incredible honor and opportunity. As a member of a Student Advancement Program, I have found a strong passion for the advancement field,” said Steele. “This position will allow me to share that passion with others, and be an advocate for CASE ASAP and its mission.”

Acting as the District Three Representative, there are responsibilities such as maintaining a working relationship with the CASE District Board, presenting a report to the District members at the district conference and Annual Network Convention, and maintaining regular communication with district members. Steele will be representing nine states in the Southeast region of the United States.

“As District Representative, I am most excited about growing our district. One of my main goals is to reach out to other schools, show them the importance and benefits of Student Advancement Programs, and assist them in creating a program of their own,” said Steele.

Jacob Miller is a sophomore convergent media major from Cincinnati. He has been a member for two years, and serves on the executive board as the communications chair for the Student Alumni Ambassadors. He serves the ambassadors by maintaining social media as well as coordinating marketing and promotional material.

“I’m very excited to be the State Representative for Kentucky in CASE ASAP,” said Miller. “I was grateful to see the unanimous support I received when I was chosen to represent our state. I’m looking forward to working with the other schools in Kentucky to expand the student advancement programs in our state.”

As State Representative, Miller will be responsible for corresponding with advisors and student leaders in other student advancement programs in the state. He will also be responsible for coordinating a state conference for all ambassador programs to convene and share ideas. The state conference is set for fall of 2016 and will be held on the Morehead State University campus.

The two will be attending the National Conference for Student Advancement, hosted by CASE ASAP, in Atlanta, Georgia, as representatives within the next year.

MSU’s Student Alumni Ambassadors is a group of dedicated students who represent the University and serve as a link between current students and Alumni. SAA members serve as the official host group of the University and the Alumni Association and also are active in the recruitment of new students and promoting. SAA takes an active role in major events, including Homecoming, Graduation Celebration and Alumni Reunions.

Additional information is available by contacting Allison Caudill, assistant director, alumni relations and development, at 606-783-2033.

CCL to host round-table event April 23

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Morehead State University's [Camden-Carroll Library](#) and [Department of History, Philosophy, Religion and Legal Studies](#) will be co-sponsor a round-table event highlighting student research of the Civil War Public History at the Petersburg National Battlefield.

The event will be held from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, April 23 in the CCL Commons Area.

There will be student presentations on the Battle of the Crater, the cultural legacy of the battle, archaeological survey conducted on the battlefield, discussion of the items recovered and a question and answer session with the project director.

Additional information is available by contacting Dieter C Ullrich, head special collections and archives, at 606-783-5122 or email d.ullrich@moreheadstate.edu.

Faculty honored by Office of Disability Services

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Morehead State University's Office of Disability Services recently honored Dr. Jen O'Keefe, associate professor of geology and science education; Dr. Brandon VanNess, instructor of chemistry; and Dr. April Miller, professor of education; for their contributions in making learning more accessible for students.

According to Evangeline Day, Disability Services coordinator, all received certificates of appreciation for going above and beyond service to students with disabilities.

Additional information is available by contacting Day at 606-783-5188.

New officers for MSU retirees

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Morehead State University's Retirees Association recently elected new officers and named committees for the 2016-17 year. Serving on the executive board will be, front row from left, Sue Harris, president; Judy Yancy, public relations; Jacquelyn Scott, past president; and Peg Jones, vice-president. Back row from left, are Alicia Parker, MSU liaison to the association; Russ Brengelman, volunteer; and Mike Hogge, activities. Offices and board members not pictured are Susette Redwine, secretary; Clyde James, volunteer; Tim Miller, volunteer; Mark Minor, volunteer, Linda Riley, volunteer; and Peggy Overly, activities. .Membership is open to both MSU staff and faculty retirees.

IF Aerospace event highlights IdeaFestival president

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Representatives from Kentucky's largest manufacturing export industry, Aerospace, gathered for the third annual conference in Morehead last week. It is estimated the Kentucky Aerospace industry represents more than \$8.7 billion in exports each year.

Government officials, including Lt. Governor Jenean Hampton and House Majority Floor Leader, Rocky Adkins, talked about the importance of the industry to Kentucky not only in terms of dollars, but even more importantly because of Kentucky's leadership position in certain segments of the industry.

IF Aerospace is a regional event of Idea Festival, which now holds four statewide conferences. "With all the small satellite and electronic tracking work going on at MSU, Morehead is a natural location for this event," Kris Kimel, IdeaFestival president. During his talk, Kimel challenged the audience to work toward the next "Moonshot Idea." He identified organizations such as Space Tango and the Exomedicine Institute as potential "game changers" in what they were trying to accomplish, and in what they can do for Kentucky.

Morehead State University president Dr. Wayne Andrews talked about MSU's role in producing the skilled labor force that will drive these opportunities in eastern Kentucky. Rajant Corporation, a leader in advanced communication networks, is opening a Morehead office that plans to hire six recent MSU graduates from the Space Science program later this year.

Dr. Ben Malphrus, director of the MSU Space Science Center, outlined the Universities leadership role in the IceCube Mission which will send a small "suite case" size satellite to the moon in search of ice that may be used to produce drinking water and rocket fuel. Representatives from NASA were on hand to show how the MSU Mission will launch in 2018 from the maiden voyage of the most powerful rocket ever built, EM-1.

"Few people know how important Aerospace is to the Kentucky economy and it is growing," according to director of the Kentucky Aerospace Council, Mike Young, "It is bigger than automotive, bourbon, horse

racing or any other product that we export.” Conferences like this help industry, education and government align efforts to take advantage of this unique statewide opportunity to create companies, careers and opportunity in the state.

IF Aerospace is a non-profit industry conference sponsored by Morehead State University, Space Tango, Kentucky Innovation Network, MSU Space Science Center and Dataseam.

Northeast Kentucky Small Business Awards Breakfast slated for May 12

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Morehead State University's [19th Annual Northeast Kentucky Small Business Awards Breakfast](#) will take place at 8 a.m. on Thursday, May 12, at the Boyd County Community Center, 15606 State Route 180, in Catlettsburg.

“This is a very prestigious awards ceremony to honor, celebrate and recognize small business owners and advocates for their contributions to both our economy and our communities. This event recognizes small business owners and advocates in Boyd, Carter and Greenup counties,” said Kim Jenkins, event’s coordinator.

“This year, we received 63 amazing nominations in 10 categories. We expect 250+ to attend including nominees and their guests, sponsors, and individual and company reservations. Although we cannot disclose this year’s award winners, we can tell you there are winners from each of the three counties.”

Rob Johnson, of WSAZ News Channel 3, will serve as master of ceremonies.

This year’s event was coordinated by the Morehead State University/Ashland Small Business Development Center, and 19 of the area’s top leaders in banking, economic development, business and industry, and education including representatives from Ashland Alliance, Ashland Community and Technical College, Ashland Convention & Visitors Bureau, City National Bank, Community Trust Bank, East Kentucky Women for Agriculture, FIVCO-ADD, Grayson Area Chamber of Commerce, Kentucky Farmers Bank, Teresa Brown Business Coaching & Mentoring, and United Way of Northeast Kentucky.

Nominees are:

Boyd County (33 nominees): Active Day of Ashland Adult Day Care, A New Beginning Hair Studio and Spa, AirTek Heating and Cooling, CAB’s Catering, ClevCo Tax & Bookkeeping, The College Plan, Destiny Cordle (Scentsy Independent Consultant), Core Health Centers, Courthead Does Photography, Double Drizzle, Everman Designs, Deb Fazenbaker (Citizens National Bank), Fields Flower Shop, Mick Fosson (Ashland Innovation Center), Garden Roller Rink, Justice Enterprises, L Massage, Ron McCloud (City National Bank), McQuaid Automotive & Marine, Mulberry Family Farming, National Concrete and Construction, Pour House Coffee, RE/MAX Real Team Realty, Route 5 Carpet Outlet, Ruth’s Cupcakes and Luncheonette, Slip-Free, Studio 21 Salon & Spa, Superhero Creamery & T-Shirt Factory, Suplex Tacos, Tin Woof Inn, Tri-State Counseling & Psychotherapy, Tri-State Floor Covering, and WeCare Medical.

Carter County (20 nominees): All That Bloomz, Baker's Septic Service and Port-A-John, Bluegrass Animal Clinic, Bush's Ribbon Rose Floral, Carter's Auto Parts, Craig's Auto Sales, Criswell Law Office, Covenant Cable, John Dean, CPA (Jackson Hewitt), Fast Lane Auto Repair, Grayson Beverage Center, Grigsby Outdoor Adventures, Hometown Health, Dustin Howard (Grayson Tourism & Convention Commission), J.F. Lewis & Co. Furniture Store, Scenic Hill Realty, Shops on the Hill, Sweet Sensations, Trixie's Treasures, and Michelle Wilhoit (First National Bank).

Greenup County (10 nominees): Alterations and More, Ashland/Huntington West KOA, Dear Macaron, Expro Services, Pamela Gammon Photography, Coach Jones Antiques, Collectibles & Estate Sales, Little Angels Daycare and Preschool, Picture This Framing, Runyon Upper Cervical Chiropractic, and Wagoner's General Store

Seats are \$15 per person and reservations will be accepted through Monday, May 2.

For additional information or reservations, call 606-329-8011.

Wilma Grote Symposium set for April 18

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Morehead State University's Wilma Grote Symposium for the Advancement of Women will be held Monday, April 18, in the Crager Room of the Adron Doran University Center on the main campus.

This is a free event and the public is invited to attend.

Grote was MSU's first lady when her husband, Dr. Nelson Grote, was MSU's 11th president. They are well respected and loved by the campus community. She was very involved in campus events during her tenure as first lady and a women's symposium was held in her name. She remains an avid supporter of the University, along with her husband. They are often in attendance at athletic events and other campus functions.

Writer, teacher, feminist activist and philanthropist, Sallie Bingham, a native of Louisville, will be the featured speaker for the event.

At 3 p.m., the symposium will begin with a poster presentation session, Bingham, will speak at 4 p.m. and a reception will follow.

The event is sponsored by MSU's Office of the President, The Margaret Rice Professional Development Fund, MSU Gender Studies Program and the School of Business Administration.

Additional information is available by calling Michael Harford, professor of management, at 606-783-2756 or Dr. Ann Andaloro, associate professor of mass communication, at 606-783-2714.

Free Transfer Application Day May 3

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Morehead State University's [Transition Center](#) in the Office of Enrollment Services will host a Free Application Day Tuesday, May 3, for students planning to transfer to MSU for the Summer or Fall 2016 terms.

The event, dubbed "Transfer Tuesday" will allow any transfer student to apply to MSU for free at any Morehead State University campus or online.

Students may visit admission.moreheadstate.edu to complete the application and use the promotion code "TransferTuesday" on the payment screen to waive the \$30 application fee.

MSU staff will be on hand to assist with any questions that may arise. In addition, students will need to submit official college transcripts to the Office of Enrollment Services from each school they've previously attended.

"May is a great time to host this 'event' because many students are graduating from their community and technical college and are planning their next steps toward a bachelor's degree. This is a wonderful opportunity to help them get the transfer process started in a free and convenient way," said Jen Timmermann, director of transition services.

Students are encouraged to visit www.moreheadstate.edu/transfer to learn more about online completer degrees, regional campuses, transfer scholarships, and more.

Additional information is available by contacting Timmermann at 606-783-5488 or email transfer@moreheadstate.edu.

Grimes visits MSU for ‘GO VOTE Kentucky’

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Kentucky Secretary of State Alison Lundergan Grimes visited the Morehead State University campus Thursday, April 14, to hold a town hall meeting to promote the [“GO VOTE Kentucky! Tour.”](#)

[\(View photo gallery\)](#)

Grimes will spoke with students, professors, faculty and staff about online voter registration and offered a brief tutorial in the Crager Room of the Adron Doran University Center.

“Now more than 17,000 Kentuckians have used [GoVoteKY.com](#) – it’s a huge success. The energy is palpable around Kentucky,” said Grimes. “Every day, hundreds of people are going online to register or update their registration. It’s quick and easy – and there are no lines.”

More than 1,000 18-year-olds have used the portal to register for the first time. A 98-year-old updated her registration with the online portal shortly after it officially launched, she said.

Online voter registration is the latest of Grimes’ initiatives to make the registration process quick and convenient in an effort to close Kentucky’s registration gap. About one-third of eligible Kentuckians are not registered to vote. The registration gap is wider among youth and minorities.

Previously, eligible voters previously had to visit their county clerk’s office or mail a voter registration application.

Grimes also spoke about the need to increase dismal turnout rates in Kentucky elections. Only 25 percent of the 522,880 total registered voters in Kentucky’s 5th Congressional District, which includes Morehead, participated in the 2015 General Election.

“Eastern Kentucky’s participation rate in the last year’s General Election was well below the rest of the state – the state turnout rate was only 30 percent. If we hope to fix more of the problems that ail us, we need more Kentuckians voting, not fewer,” said Grimes.

Dr. Charles Derrickson, a retired MSU professor, attended Grimes’ meeting on the campus. He said the new tool is a breakthrough for Kentucky elections.

“I have been working with students for my entire career, and I know GoVoteKY.com is the type of transformative tool our state needs to get not just more young people but more Kentuckians of all ages involved in our elections,” said Derrickson. “I commend Secretary Grimes for having the vision and the follow-through to get this done. She should be proud.”

Grimes is promoting the online portal as part of a statewide tour, which will included a visit to each public university, encouraging Kentuckians to register and participate in the upcoming primary election. In the 2015 general election, a total of 75 percent of Kentuckians stayed home.

Grimes said GoVoteKY.com will improve the accuracy of voter rolls and will lead to a major cost savings for the state, as well as decreasing workloads for county clerks.

The deadline to register to vote in Kentucky’s May primary is April 18.

Career Fair is a success

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Morehead State University held its annual Spring Career Fair March 1.

A total of 90 organizations attended including employers and graduate schools. More than 500 students, alumni and community members attended to network with employers and graduate programs in hopes of landing an interview for an internship, part-time or full-time position.

Career Services offered the Career Fair Plus app for the first time to allow attendees to better prepare for and navigate the event.

“Attendees were able to see a comprehensive list of employers and graduate programs attending the career fair, research those organizations, mark their favorites and then locate them on an interactive map directly from their phones. The feedback from this initial launch was positive and we will continue to offer the app for future fairs,” said Chad Cantrell, Career Services technology resources specialist.

The next career fair will be Tuesday, Oct. 4.

“Organizations who take the time to attend a career fair are particularly targeting our MSU students, alumni and community job seekers. Networking at a career fair is one of the best ways to get job leads and an on-the-spot interview. Current students need to begin applying for internships to build relevant skills. We encourage all job seekers to take advantage of the next career fair,” said Megan Boone, Career Services employer liaison.

The Office of Career Services is always available to help employers recruit interns and full-time employees. Additional information is available by calling 606-783-2233 or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/career.

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, May 4, at 6 p.m.

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

Morehead State Public Radio broadcasts 24-hours a day from the MSU campus. WMKY (90.3 FM) serves as 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 wmky@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2001.

Wolfe County students visit Early College Program

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Students from Wolfe County High School visited the Morehead State University campus, as part of the [Early College Program](#), Monday, April 18.

More than 50 high and technical schools offered MSU classes during the spring semester with nearly 2,500 high school students participating in the program.

“This program is truly a win-win opportunity. Students get to earn college credit for free or at a much reduced rate, parents have less financial burden for a college education and schools get challenging new courses which fully optimize the talents of their high schools,” said Joel Pace, director of early college programs.

MSU and the partner schools are collaborating to meet a goal of 24 college credits for all high school students before they graduate.

School systems taking part are: Bath, Boyd, Breathitt, Bullitt, Carter, Estill, Fayette, Fleming, Floyd, Grant, Jefferson, Jessamine, Johnson, Lawrence, Lewis, Martin, Mason, Mercer, Montgomery, Morgan, Oldham, Pike, Powell, Rowan, Shelby and Wolfe counties; as well as Ashland Blazer, Jackson, Raceland, Russell independents; and Lakeside Christian.

A minimum 3.0 grade point average and an 18 composite ACT score are necessary to be admitted to the program. Students also must meet any specific requirements that are course related.

Students enrolled in courses taught by MSU faculty on the Morehead campus, at one of our regional campuses, or online during the semester will receive a 60 percent scholarship and would be responsible

for the remaining tuition for their courses. Students enrolled in courses instructed by approved faculty in their school system will continue to receive a full waiver for the cost of tuition.

Additional information is available by calling Pace at 606-783-2995 or you can find an application at www.moreheadstate.edu/earlycollege/.

Prowant and Syck win Rifai Award at KPSA

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Max Prowant, Burlington sophomore, and Tyler Syck, Pikeville sophomore, were co-winners of the Abdul Rifai Award for best undergraduate paper at the 56th annual Kentucky Political Science Association (KPSA) meeting hosted by Somerset Community College.

In addition to providing a venue for faculty to present their research, the KPSA organizes several student panels. Prowant and Syck's papers were selected as co-winners from among 14 presented by students from the University of Kentucky, University of Louisville, Northern Kentucky University, Centre, and Berea.

Both students are members of the George M. Luckey Academic Honors Program and major in government. Their projects were completed as a part of their Undergraduate Research Fellowships.

Prowant's paper is titled "Resilient Communists: How Fidel Castro Survived the Soviet Collapse and Cuba's Uncertain Road to Democracy" while Syck's work is titled "The Paradox of the Progressive Presidency: How the Democratization of the Presidential Selection System has Degraded the Office."

Both were mentored by Dr. Jonathan W. Pidluzny, assistant professor of government.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Pidluzny at 606-783-9437.

Build-A-Bed Project distributes 180 beds

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The [MSUCorps AmeriCorps](#) program and its partners participated in the sixth annual Morehead Build-A-Bed Project held at the Morehead Peddler's Mall. ([View photo gallery](#))

The mission is to provide beds to children who are living in homes with not enough beds or none at all.

A total of 180 beds were built and distributed in Morehead, and Bridges Christian Church in Russell, KY partnered with us this year to build and distribute 60 additional beds to our applicants. A total of 240 beds were provided to families who applied to the Morehead Build-A-Bed Program this year.

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 780 beds to children in Eastern Kentucky since it began in 2010.

Each child received 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 project accepts 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.

“This is a very important project that provides a much needed resource to children in our region. We help families who are devastated by housefires, tornados, floods, and families that cannot provide beds for their children due to difficult financial or personal circumstances. The joy we get to see on the faces of the children when they pick up their brand new bed is priceless,” said Mary Claire Williams, program director.

“We will never know the true impact this project has on these children, but we know that research shows the importance of a good night’s sleep to overall well-being and school performance. We appreciate all of our volunteers, partners, and sponsors. This project would not be possible with the help of communities

all over eastern Kentucky and our sponsors. This year Sleep Outfitters was a major contributor by helping us provide 240 quality mattresses to each child.”

MSUCorps 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 House Homeless Shelter, Frenchburg Job Corps CCC, Educational Talent Search (ETS) and Kentucky AmeriCorps programs.

Details about how to help MSU Build-A-Bed project can be found at the website:

www.moreheadstate.edu/buildabed.

Additional information is available by contacting Williams at 606-783-2719 or email

mc.williams@moreheadstate.edu.

President's Leadership Academy visits ETSU

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Fourteen members of the Morehead State University [President's Leadership Academy](#) visited East Tennessee State University to explore best practices in higher education. This three-day visit was part of a leadership exchange program arranged by MSU President Wayne Andrews and ETSU President Brian Noland.

While in Johnson City, Tennessee, the MSU delegation explored the impact performance based funding and free community college are having on a four-year institution like ETSU. President Noland and his executive team led sessions on strategic planning and priorities, university budgeting, and recruitment and retention.

Dr. Noland continually emphasized the important mission ETSU and MSU share as regional public institutions. For him, this stewardship of place is particularly important for universities serving Appalachia.

MSU academy members also met with ETSU faculty, staff, administrators and students to gather background information for their internship projects. These projects include the development of a student employment model, campus-wide diversity plan, financial modeling and promotion of graduate programs, and paths to graduation for adult learners.

As part of the ETSU experience, the MSU visitors stayed in Governors Hall for two nights as guests of Dr. Noland. This six story residence hall houses 542 people in double occupancy rooms with a private bath.

Other members of the MSU delegation included: Dr. Janet McCoy, director of the Center for Leadership and Development; Julia Hawkins, director of Career Services; and Max Ammons, assistant vice president and dean of students. All three are members of the Steering Committee for the President's Leadership Academy.

The President's Leadership Academy was initiated in 2006 by President Wayne Andrews. The first class completed this 12 month professional development experience in the spring of 2007.

The program was initially offered every year until 2010. Then the PLA shifted to a two year cycle with subsequent classes graduating in even numbered years.

The current class will complete their curriculum on Thursday, May 5. Academy members will present their projects to their internship mentors, Dr. Andrews and his cabinet in the Riggle Room of the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC) at 8 a.m. A graduation ceremony and reception will follow in the Heritage Room at 9:30 a.m.

Members of the campus and local communities are invited to attend.

Additional information is available by contacting Dr. McCoy at 606-783-2603 or email her at j.mccoy@moreheadstate.edu.

Ballard students visit Early College Program

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Senior art exhibition open through May 11

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The main gallery of Morehead State University's [Claypool-Young Art Building](#) will present the inaugural B.F.A. Exhibition and "As We Fly Away: 2016 Annual MSU Senior Juried Art and Design Exhibition," April 27 through May 11.

The annual show is an opportunity for [MSU Department of Art and Design](#) students to exhibit as emerging artists in a professional setting. The exhibitions open with a reception featuring live music by Sarah Wood and Thomas Albert and complimentary refreshments on Wednesday, April 27 from 5-7 p.m., where awards including Best in Show, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd will be announced at 6 p.m.

The first cohort of graduating B.F.A. Students includes: Alex Bauer, Independence; Colin Harris, Tollesboro; Julieann Helton, Salyersville; Tara Madden, London; J. David Miles, London; and Heather Holbrook, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The 28 participating artists include: Jessie Ayala, McAllen, Texas; Alex Bauer, Independence; Larissa Beauchamp, West Liberty; Austin Casebolt, Pikeville; Kim Cornett, Stanford; Adrian Shane Dyer, Morehead; Raechael Flora, Tollesboro; Julieann Helton, Salyersville; Nathan Holbrook, Olive Hill; Emily Hollon, Mt. Sterling; Jacob Hollon, Mt. Sterling; Kristin Howell, Hindman; Sarah Jackson, Flemingsburg; Gabe Lewis, West Liberty;

Ray Massie, Willow Wood, Ohio; Paige McCreary, Harlan; Heather Miller, Ashland; Hanna Mills, Irvine; Betty Morris, Winchester; Miranda Offill, Olive Hill; Adam Ramey, Elkhorn City; Kinsey Ramey, Grundy, Virginia; Angela Sheehan, Maysville; Sara Shouse, Corbin; Sarah Vaughan, Morehead; Marina Vitatoe, Mt. Olivet; and Marisa Williams, Ashland.

The gallery, within Claypool-Young, features contemporary art for the MSU community as well as the University's service region.

The gallery is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or by appointment, and is free and open to the public. Parking is available on Main Street and across campus after 5 p.m.

Additional information is available by contacting Jennifer Reis, gallery director, at 606-783-5446.

KCTM to perform semester finale May 3

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Morehead State University's [Kentucky Center for Traditional Music](#) will present The Semester Finale Concert, an evening of traditional music, at the Morehead Conference Center, Tuesday, May 3, at 7 p.m. The center is located at 205 East Main Street in Morehead.

The concert is free and open to the public.

The event is the final concert by all sections of band classes offered this semester. Ensemble classes are offered in several styles, Bluegrass, Old Time String Band, Old Time Country, and groups that address those styles plus Western Swing, Celtic, Blues and Gospel and a Traditional Vocal Ensemble.

KCTM students have represented MSU and the music and culture of the Appalachian Mountains regionally and internationally at such venues as the Paramount Performing Arts Center in Bristol, Tenn., Marion Theater in Marion, Va., City Winery in New York and concert tours in Ireland and China.

MSU was first to offer a minor in traditional music (in 2000) and now offers a four-year degree in traditional music, approved by the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM). The degree, officially titled Bachelor of Arts in Music (Traditional Music), is the first baccalaureate degree with robust traditional music curriculum focusing on musical styles including Bluegrass, old time and country music offered in the Commonwealth and the first with NASM approval.

For additional information, call KCTM at 606-783-9001.

Guidelines set for UB Summer Food Services

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Morehead State University's Upward Bound Program will again host the Summer Food Service Program during the 2016 Summer Academy which will run June 5 until July 8.

Meals will be provided to all eligible participants free of charge. To be eligible, children must be in households that receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, or benefits under the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), or Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF).

Acceptance and participation requirements for the program and all activities are the same for all regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service.

Meals will be provided in the Alumni Tower Cafeteria on the MSU campus on a schedule: breakfast, 7:15-8:45 a.m.; lunch, 12:30-1:30 p.m.; and supper, 5:15-6:15 p.m.

To file a complaint of discrimination, call toll free at 866-632-9992 or write USDA, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-9410.

For more information, call Jennifer Cady, MSU program director, at 606-783-2611.

Summer travelers should protect themselves against Zika

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