# HONOUR WATCH

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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Honors Program,

As you may know, both our Editor-in-Chief, Jonathan Dean, and our Graphic Designer, Lin-hsiu Huang, both resigned from their positions at the end of last semester. I am happy to say that Clare Johnson has stepped up as our new Graphic Designer, and I have taken over Jonathan's former post as Editor-in-Chief. We have also added Jana Branham to our roster of editors. With the February issue, we have nearly started over from scratch. While I may have been a bit apprehensive about this transition at first, I have grown to be more and more proud as I have watched our team get to work. I would like to sincerely thank every member of Honour Watch – particularly Clare with her greatly expanded role. Without Clare, Sydney, Victoria, Jana, and Luke, the newsletter would not be possible. In the meantime, I hope you all enjoy this issue: we will only continue to improve from here. Harrison Fouch, Editor-in-Chief

## BIRTHDAYS

Joseph Miller: March 2<sup>nd</sup>

Maggie Pollitt: March 5th

Arlo Barnette: March 12th

## ON THIS DAY

February 28, 1638: The Scottish National

Covenant is signed in Edinburgh.

<u>February 28, 1784:</u> John Wesley charters the

Methodist Church.

February 28, 1885: The American Telephone

and Telegraph Company is incorporated in

New York as the subsidiary of American Bell

Telephone. (American Bell would later merge

with its subsidiary.)

February 28, 1983: The final episode of

M\*A\*S\*H airs, with almost 106 million viewers.

It still holds the record for the highest viewership

of a season finale

February 28, 1849: Regular steamboat service

from the west to the east coast of the United

States begins with the arrival of the SS

California in San Francisco Bay.



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## FACULTY FEATURE

## Dr. Michael Fultz, Associate Professor of Biology Likes:

I enjoy time with family. It sounds cliché, but don't take your family for granted. I also like curling up with a good book or a good "bad" horror movie. I also enjoy the observation of new things. It may be a new scientific observation or simply noticing something I hadn't before. I also enjoy relaxing with some good music.

#### Dislikes:

Lies, individuals who think they are better than others, divisiveness

#### **Hobbies:**

Miniature war-games (Warhammer), video games (currently Monster Hunter World), attending horror movie and sci-fi conventions.

## Favorite books:

Anything by Larry Corriella, I also enjoy most Stephen King novels, One of my favorite destinations is Half-Price Books, you never know what gems you will find.

### Favorite movies:

Star Wars (have you seen my office), Aliens, most 80's horror and Sci-fi

## Biography:

I was born in Morehead and raised twelve miles away in Carter County, in the small community of Upper Tygart. After I graduated from West Carter High School, I attended Berea College for one semester before transferring to MSU. While at MSU, I met my future wife in my sophomore year and graduated with my Bachelor's of Science in Biology. I completed my Master's degree at MSU and then my doctorate at Marshall University before returning to MSU to accept an instructor position in the Biology Department. Since then, my wife and I have had two sons and survived the tornado that hit West Liberty in March, 2012.

Having such deep connections to this area, I truly believe in the mission of MSU and the opportunities the university offers students from Appalachia. While it may seem cliché, the young people are our future and preparing them for that future is something that I am very blessed to be a part of.

By: Jana Branham

# HONORS EVENTS

## Kentucky Honors Rountable (KHR)

The end of February provided an opportunity for Honors students across Kentucky to share research, conversation, and company. At the Kentucky Honors Roundtable on February 23rd and 24th, college students from Honors Programs across the state met here on Morehead's Campus (continued on next page).

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to share projects and experiences. Eleven schools were represented at the conference, and over one hundred Honors Students were in attendance. Among the over fifty presenting their research at the Roundtable, fourteen were our very own Morehead Honors students. The theme of this year's Kentucky Honors Roundtable was exploration. To go along with the theme, attendees received an exploration tote and Kentucky sticker. In addition to these gifts, attendees of the conference were treated to two planetarium shows in the Space Science Center on Friday night. The hosting of Kentucky Honors Roundtable would not have been possible without the efforts of Dr. Krummrich, Vanessa, the Programming Committee, and a slew of other Honors student volunteers. According to Vanessa, this Kentucky Honors Roundtable was an opportunity for the Morehead State Honors Program to "bring the best experience and showcase our students in the most positive way possible."

### Fields Move-In

The new semester brought not only new courses for Honors students, but also a new home for the Honors Program. Although the razing of the Honors House was saddening, the move-in to the basement of Fields afforded the Honors Program plenty of new opportunities—and challenges. The move from the Honors House to Fields was a demanding process, but the assistance of many volunteers allowed the office spaces to be set up with relative efficiency. The printing access in the basement of Fields has already proven convenient for Honors students. Now that the office is fully operational, creating a more home-like atmosphere in the student lounge is a goal. So far, this has been achieved by the addition of some wall decorations—including student art and large wall maps. In the future, Honors students can expect events and dinners to be held in the student lounge area. To conclude the month of March, the President, Dr. Luckey, and the Board of Regents will visit the new Honors home on March 29th for a ribbon cutting ceremony.

By: Victoria Nash

# KHR Presentations

This year the Kentucky Honors Roundtable was held at Morehead State University on February 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Many Morehead State Honors students participated in presenting. The students are listed below along with the name of their presentation.

Cali Clark

Is Psychostimulant Effective in Enhancing Cognition?

Kathryn Branham

Beetles - nature's biodiversity litmus paper: a survey of the biodiversity of Coleoptera around the Daniel Boone National Forest

Tyler Syck

The Dialectical Chief Executive: How the Jefferson-Hamilton Debate Shaped the Modern Presidency

Karly Potts

Paying the Price: Different Models for Internationalizing Honors

Sarah Boden, Miranda Robinson

The Medieval World and Community Service: an Experiment in Outreach

Binamrata Sharma

Genus Image Classification Using Convolutional Neural Networks

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Kristen Ammons

The Lunar IceCube Mission - Systems, Safety, and Quality Engineering

Allie Hull

Dietary Supplement Attitudes and Behaviors in the Personal Training Profession

Jess Hall

Helping Non-Native Speakers Adjust to the English Language Classroom

Elizabeth Von Mann, Amina Anwar

The Semantic Awakening: An Anthology of Translations

Clare Johnson

Characterization and Genome Annotation of the Novel Mycobacteriophage Phranny

By: Sydney Cook

# UPCOMING CONFERENCES

## Southern Regional Honors Council (SRHC)

The Southern Regional Honors Council is being held
April 5th through April 7th in Arlington, Virginia this year.
Northern Virginia Community College is hosting the
event with the theme "Honors on the Edge." The location
is just across the Potomac from Washington, D.C. so
Morehead State attendees will get the opportunity to
take the train to the capitol and receive, what is for
some, a once in a lifetime experience. While there,
Morehead State Honors students will be participating in
verbal and poster presentations, performances, and
roundtable discussions.

# CHRISTMAS BREAK TRIPS

As many of you know, traveling is something that is strongly encouraged by the Honors Program.

Traveling is the best way possible to learn about and experience different cultures. The long winter break provided students with a great opportunity to get out and explore faraway places. Amina Anwar and Cody Evans took advantage of this opportunity.

Amina Anwar traveled to Pakistan for her sister's wedding over winter break. The trip to Pakistan was excruciating and took thirty hours to complete. The wedding was a traditional Pakistani affair, consisting of three days of events. Amina had a great time on her trip and was thrilled that her sister found her lifelong companion.

By: Sydney Cook

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## IMPORTANT DATES

-Daylight Savings Time: March 11

-St. Patrick's Day: March 17

-Spring Break: March 19-23





If you know anything about Cody Evans, you know that he likes catching bass. Cody did his fair share of bass fishing over winter break and traveled to Daytona, Florida to go after some saltwater species. Cody caught various species including the elusive pompano. The most memorable part of Cody's trip was the setting of one of the areas where he was fishing. The Florida lake was surrounded by bald eagles and the fish were biting. Cody described the scene as the most patriotic fishing hole that he has ever been to.





With more breaks approaching, it is hard to say what types of adventures honors students will partake in. Anticipating the stories that each student will bring from his or her experience keeps our excitement running high. Get out, experience the world, and come back with stories to tell.

MEET THE TEAM



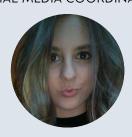
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