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Lawrence County High School students visit Eagle Scholars program

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Additional information and a list of participating schools is available online at www.moreheadstate.edu/eaglescholars.

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Star Theater opens Sept. 7

Morehead State's Star Theater, located in the Space Science Center, will open for the season on Saturday, Sept. 7.

The theater will offer more programming this year with weekly shows on Saturdays. Family shows, which are geared toward children ages 4 to 10, are at 11 a.m. Feature shows, geared toward middle and high school students, will be at 1 p.m. Laser shows will be at 4 p.m. All shows are appropriate for all ages.

Shows playing this month include:

- Exploring New Horizons: This planetarium show explores the New Horizons spacecraft and its mission to dwarf planet Pluto and other Kuiper Belt Objects.
- From the Earth to the Universe: A desire to comprehend the Universe may well be humanity's oldest shared intellectual experience. Only recently have we truly begun to grasp our place in the vast cosmos. The show explores the journey of celestial discovery, from the theories of the ancient Greek astronomers to today's grandest telescopes.
- Laser Country: Laser Country is dedicated to some of the greatest country hits of all time. Set to the all-American sounds of modern and classic country songs, this laser show will appeal to all generations.

Following each full-dome planetarium presentation there will be a live "star talk," highlighting the planets, stars and constellations that visitors can see in their backyard that night. Also, those who attend shows on sunny Saturdays will have the chance to see the sun like never before through the Space Science Center's solar telescopes.

Shanil Virani, director of the Star Theater and instructor of space science at MSU, said offering more planetarium shows and adding new activities to the schedule gives more people the chance to visit the planetarium.

"Our digital planetarium here at Morehead State University is a state-of-the-art facility, so we want to make this wonderful educational resource more readily available to families and other community members," said Virani. "Very few communities in Kentucky, and indeed around the country, have the kind of planetarium that we do."

Tickets for planetarium shows are \$3 for adults and \$2 for seniors and children ages 5 and up. Laser show tickets are \$7 for adults and \$6 for children ages five and up. MSU students and employees, and children four years old and under are admitted free to all shows. There are no reservations available for public presentations, and seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Tickets must be paid for in cash only.

For more information about public shows, reserving a private show and more,
visit www.moreheadstate.edu/startheater, email star.theater@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-9593.

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MSU Art and Design Faculty Exhibition now open

The artistic talents of faculty members from Morehead State University's Department of Art and Design will be showcased at the annual MSU Art and Design Faculty Exhibition. It will be on display in the Golding-Yang Art Gallery of the Claypool-Young Art Building and runs from Sept. 4 through Oct. 8.

The 2019 faculty exhibit features work by full-time, adjunct and emeritus faculty. Artists include Jenny Bell, Juanita Dixon, Toni Hobbs, Dongfeng Li, Elizabeth Mesa-Gaido, Gary Mesa-Gaido, Marina Miller, Robyn Moore, Helen Otterson, Jeanne M. Petsch, Adam Yungbluth and Melissa Yungbluth.

This show is a chance for faculty to display their current work locally to both students and community members.

"We as faculty come to class and teach students how to better their work but we don't teach what we make," said Adam Yungbluth, professor of ceramics. "An exhibit such as this is just as important of a learning tool for the students as what we teach them in class. It gives the students a chance to see how to take what they've learned and apply it in other ways."

There will also be a faculty forum Wednesday, Sept. 25, from 10 to 11 a.m., in the Golding-Yang Art Gallery. The exhibiting faculty members will give brief talks about their work, followed by a time where audience members are encouraged to ask questions and interact with the faculty members/artists.

The Golding-Yang Art Gallery is located on the first floor of the Claypool-Young Art Building on the campus of Morehead State University. Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, during the fall and spring semesters (excludes holidays and other University closings). Parking is available all day on Main Street and after 5 p.m. on campus.

For more information, contact Melissa Yungbluth, Golding-Yang Art Gallery director, at myungbluth@moreheadstate.edu.

To learn more about MSU's Department of Art and Design, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/art, email arde@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2766.



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MSU Family Weekend is Sept. 13-15

Morehead State University students and their families will have a chance to celebrate as One Eagle Family while taking part in a wide range of fun activities and events during Family Weekend from Sept. 13-15.

The annual event is a time for the parents, grandparents, siblings and friends of MSU students to visit campus and experience what life is like on campus. Activities scheduled for Family Weekend include sporting events, educational and entertainment programming, fun group activities and more.

Events kick off on Friday when families will get a taste of campus life with a Family Dinner at The Rock Dining Commons from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Sign up for the Family Association and earn a chance at one of two textbook scholarships to be given away during dinner. The Eagle Soccer team will take on Wright State University at 6 p.m. at Jayne Stadium. The evening's events will be capped off with a Family Movie Night courtesy of the Residence Halls Association (RHA) and the Campus Activities Board (CAB). The movie starts at 8 p.m. on the lawn of Andrews Hall. The film is free, snacks are complimentary, and guests are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs.

Saturday's events will begin with the Family Association Brunch from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in Ballroom AB in the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC). Before the Eagle Football team faces Kentucky Christian University at 4 p.m., come to the Academic-Athletic Center parking lot for the Eagle Family Picnic and family fun activities beginning at 1:30 p.m. There will be free food, activities, a Kid Zone, giveaways and door prizes.

Throughout the weekend, students and their families will have the chance to explore some of MSU's premier attractions, including the Recreation and Wellness Center, the Kentucky Folk Art Center, the Golding-Yang Art Gallery and the University Store.

For a complete schedule of events, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/familyweekend or call 606-783-2071.

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Undergraduate research at MSU provides academic enhancement for students and faculty

Morehead State University has a long history of support for undergraduate research and embraces faculty mentorship as a means of enhancing student engagement, retention and critical thinking skills.

Undergraduate research promotes the academic and intellectual culture of our campus through the support of student and faculty scholarship, where research is broadly defined to include the scholarly and creative activities of all disciplines.

“Research outside of the traditional classroom improves a student’s understanding of their academic discipline; enhances life-long learning skills; is viewed favorably by potential employers, graduate and professional schools; and increases self-confidence and academic recognition,” said Dr. Michael Henson, associate provost for research and dean of the Graduate School.

One of the programs that allow students to benefit from undergraduate research is MSU’s Undergraduate Research Fellowship program. This highly competitive program provides an opportunity where students are encouraged and financially supported to work as junior colleagues with faculty mentors engaged in all types of disciplinary scholarship. Applications for this competitive fellowship program are accepted from full-time undergraduate students who meet one or more of the following criteria:

- ACT composite score of 24 or higher;
- Overall cumulative and within major GPA of 3.0 or higher; and/or
- Other evidence of research/scholarship potential.

To apply to be a Fellow, faculty mentors must agree to mentor the applicant in their active (e.g., publications, grants, exhibitions, performances, etc.) research/creative productions program. Students who apply and are accepted may work up to 15 hours per week during the academic year with starting pay at \$7.50/hour. The limited number of fellowships available are renewable for up to four years with satisfactory progress.

Students may be supported in multiple paths to success in research and creative activity. These include:

- The annual MSU Celebration of Student Scholarship and the statewide Posters-at-the-Capitol event, which showcase faculty-mentored student projects in all disciplines.
- MSU’s enhanced institutional memberships in the Council for Undergraduate Research and the Kentucky Academy of Science provide free individual memberships in these organizations to all interested faculty, staff and students.
- MSU Research and Sponsored Programs offers a matching travel fund, which provides support for students presenting their scholarly works at professional meetings.

- MSU provides a free large-format poster printing service for all students presenting their scholarly work at meetings of the Kentucky Academy of Science, Posters-at-the-Capitol and the annual MSU Celebration of Student Scholarship.

Henson said he highly encourages any student interested in enhancing their academic and overall MSU experience to take advantage of undergraduate research – even first-year students.

“Students who have a firm grip on their classroom studies may request to begin their research work with a faculty mentor as a first-year student; starting slowly at first and increasing their involvement in a specific area over four years until graduation from MSU,” he said. “This can result in completing a series of related projects that could collectively constitute a very significant achievement.”

For more information on undergraduate research at MSU, students should first contact their professors, advisor, department chair and/or college dean for advice on obtaining a faculty mentor in their discipline or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/undergraduateresearch. To learn more about MSU’s Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, email Evan Prellberg, coordinator for undergraduate research, at prellberg@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2010.

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MSU Retirees Association plan a Pigeon Forge holiday trip

It's not too late to join your Morehead State University family in making Christmas memories with Alumni Association and Retirees Association members as they head to Pigeon Forge for shopping and holiday shows, as well as a candlelight tour the fabulous Biltmore Estate from Nov. 11-15.

Reservations are being accepted through Sept. 13. The cost of the trip will be \$729 per person for double occupancy or \$889 for single occupancy. The fee includes motor coach transportation, four nights lodging, four breakfasts and four dinners, including a festive holiday dinner at the Biltmore. It also includes a contribution to the MSU Foundation.

Travel insurance is available for \$79 double or \$92 single. A separate check made out to PML Travel & Tours and will need to accompany the initial deposit.

Pigeon Forge highlights, in addition to shopping, will be the Smokey Mountain Opry, Magic Beyond Belief, The Comedy Barn and the Hatfield and McCoy's dinner show. Also on tap during the journey will be a Mountain and Moonshine Tour through the Great Smokey Mountains National Park.

The Biltmore visit will include a candlelight tour of America's largest house in its Christmas splendor featuring dozens of Christmas trees, wreaths, bows and poinsettias. There will be time to explore the gardens and grounds, including the garden conservatory; Antler Village and shops; and some wine tasting at the Biltmore Estate Winery. A guided tour of Asheville will also accompany the visit to the area.

"The travel program offers MSU alumni and retirees the opportunity to travel with all of the details taken care of for them. They can relax and leave the driving to our coach driver with no worries about parking or planning the schedule," said Allison Caudill, assistant director for the Office of Alumni Relations and Development. "Best of all is the camaraderie shared with fellow MSU Eagles."

For additional information, call the MSU Alumni Association at 606-783-2033 or email alumni@moreheadstate.edu.

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Morehead State named a top 20 public university in South

Morehead State University's long-standing reputation for academic quality and student success continues to have a long-standing national ranking to go with it.

Morehead State University has been recognized for the 16th consecutive year as one of the top public universities in the South in the 2020 edition of "America's Best Colleges" by U.S. News & World Report. The newest rankings include MSU as 19th in the Top Public Regional Universities-South division, moving up from 23rd in last year's rankings.

"We are deeply committed to advancing Morehead State's standing as a public regional university in the South, all for the benefit of our students, their families, and the Commonwealth," said Dr. Joseph A. (Jay) Morgan, MSU president. "This shows our strength."

The rankings place emphasis on acceptance rates, graduation rates, admissions selectivity, alumni giving rates, and small class sizes. Class size and personal attention have always been strengths of MSU thanks to our 18:1 student-faculty ratio that allows for greater one-on-one time with the University's experienced and dedicated faculty and staff. MSU provides a variety of services and resources to guide and support each student through their college experience.

The rankings include public and private institutions that grant bachelor's and master's degrees in 12 states of the South, including Kentucky, West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, Arkansas and Louisiana.

"Our students are accepted into professional schools, including medical, dental, veterinary, law and pharmacy programs, at rates well above state and national averages. This is just one indicator of the high-quality education that students receive here," Dr. Morgan noted. "We are pleased that others recognize Morehead State's quality and value. We take pride in keeping this quality academic experience affordable for those in our region and beyond."

The rankings will be published in the magazine's "Best Colleges 2020" guidebook. It will be available in early October.

For more information on Morehead State University, our quality academic programs and personal student support, visit www.moreheadstate.edu.

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Meet MSU events highlight Morehead State across KY

We're bringing the Morehead State University experience to a town near you. Join us for a Meet MSU event and learn how you can join our One Eagle Family.

As part of our Meet MSU events, faculty, admissions representatives, alumni and current Eagle students travel to several cities across Kentucky. You get to learn about the Morehead State experience that includes high-quality academic programs, student success services, scholarships and student life.

You can register at the door and there is no advance registration required. If you come to a Meet MSU event and provide your transcript, test scores and a completed application, you will have the application fee waived. Other benefits include the chance to win a \$500 textbook voucher and other door prizes.

For more information, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/meetmsu or call 606-783-2000.

Meet MSU events

- Tuesday, Sept. 24, 6-8 p.m., Appalachian Wireless Arena, 126 Main St., Pikeville, KY 41501
- Thursday, Sept. 26, 6-8 p.m., Paramount Arts Center, 1300 Winchester Ave., Ashland, KY 41101
- Thursday, Oct. 3, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Newport Aquarium, 1 Dave Cowens Dr., Newport, KY 41701 (NOTE: Participants can receive a free tour of the aquarium during the event.)
- Tuesday, Oct. 9, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Clay Community Center (MSU at Mt. Sterling), 3400 Indian Mound Dr., Mt. Sterling, KY 40353

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Mesa-Gaido chosen to exhibit at KMAC Museum's Triennial exhibition

Elizabeth Mesa-Gaido, professor of art at Morehead State University, is showcasing her talents alongside Kentucky artists through being selected for the Kentucky Museum of Art and Craft (KMAC) Museum's inaugural Triennial exhibition, "Contemporary Art of the Commonwealth: Crown of Rays," in Louisville. The exhibit will run through Dec. 1, 2019.

"It has been a professional goal of mine to exhibit at the KMAC Museum ever since I moved to Kentucky, so I was thrilled when I was selected by a distinguished panel of art professionals from the region to participate in KMAC's first Triennial exhibit," Mesa-Gaido said. "It is an honor to represent MSU and the Department of Art & Design, present my work alongside my fellow exhibitors and be one of 20 artists representing contemporary art in Kentucky."

For the first KMAC Triennial, 221 artists submitted portfolios who spent formative years living in Kentucky. Mesa-Gaido was one of the artists selected to present representing diverse practices, participate and develop new work for the exhibit.

Her two works on display, "Cuban American Piñatas" and the "Then and Now Series," combine multiple media (sculpture, textile, prints, photography) and consist of various pieces. For "Cuban American Piñatas," she expanded the installation specifically for the Triennial by creating five new sculptures this past summer. Both bodies of work have been displayed during the annual Art & Design Faculty Exhibition in the Golding-Yang Art Gallery.

To learn more about the KMAC Triennial, visit www.kmacmuseum.org/triennial.

For more information on MSU's Department of Art & Design, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/art, email arde@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2766.

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MSU ROTC, Eagle Vets to hold Sept. 11 Event

Morehead State's Reserve Officer's Training Corps (ROTC) Eagle Battalion and Eagle Vets will conduct the Patriot Day observance on Wednesday, Sept. 11, at 8 a.m. in front of Button Auditorium.

The public is invited to attend and help place small American flags on the lawn by the Little Bell Tower to honor first responders, members of the military and their families, and those who have lost their lives in the war on terror since 9/11.

"MSU is committed to honoring those who have served and also passionate in aiding those who want to serve," said Dr. Silas Session, director of military initiatives and visiting assistant professor of education at MSU.

For more information about MSU ROTC, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/military, email msurotc@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2050.

To learn about veterans' services at MSU, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/veterans, email veterans@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-9416.

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Constitution Day activities planned

Morehead State's Department of History, Philosophy, Politics, Global Studies and Legal Studies is sponsoring four days of special programs in honor of Constitution Day beginning Monday, Sept. 16.

Sept. 17 is the anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution by the Constitutional Convention in 1787.

The guest speaker for this year is Dr. Anthony Michael Kreis, visiting assistant professor from the University of Chicago's Kent College of Law. His presentation is called "Dead Hand Vogue: The Problem of Framers' Intent and LGBTQ Rights" and will be held Wednesday, Sept. 18, at 1 p.m. in 111 Rader Hall.

Michelle Vance, partnership specialist with the U.S. Census Bureau, will also be available on Wednesday, Sept. 18, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the dining commons of the Adron Doran University Center on the second floor. Vance will be distributing information to the campus about the upcoming census, answering questions and explaining how accurate responses can impact community funding.

Other activities planned for the week include:

- Monday, Sept. 16: Panel Discussion - "The Supreme Court Term Ahead: A Preview." Panel members are Assistant Professor of Legal Studies Joe Dunman and Assistant Political Science Professor Dr. Douglas Mock. The event is in 111 Rader Hall at 5 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 17: A faculty and student reading of the U.S. Constitution is planned at the Little Bell Tower at 5 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 19: Panel Discussion - "The Constitution, Race, and the 1619 Project." Panel members are International and Interdisciplinary Studies Professor Dr. Ric Caric, History Instructor Dr. Ben Fitzpatrick and Government Professor Dr. Randall Swain from Eastern Kentucky University. The discussion is in 111 Rader Hall at 6 p.m.

The programs are free and open to the public.

Additional information is available by calling 606-783-2655 or visiting www.moreheadstate.edu/hpil. Constitution Day activities are sponsored by the School of Humanities and Social Sciences.

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MSU mourns loss of former Regent

Morehead State University mourns the passing of alumnus and former regent, Patrick Eugene “Pat” Price (71).

Born Feb. 29, 1948, he was the son of the late Eugene Blake Price and Lenore Gidding Price and was married to Shirley Justice Price. He died Sept. 9, 2019.

Price was a 1971 graduate of Morehead State University and was honored to serve the University as a member of its Board of Regents for nine years. He was a 1974 graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Law. He returned to Fleming County after graduation and practiced law with the firm of Suit, McCartney, Price, Price & Ruark for 45 years, until his death. He was assistant Fleming County attorney for 43 years and served as a special justice to the Kentucky Supreme Court. He was a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Reserves for ten years, was a member of the Buffalo Trace Area Development District Board for more than 30 years, was a member of the Fleming County Rotary Club, and was a member of the Fleming Masonic Lodge No. 112.

In addition to his wife, Price is survived by his children, Eugene Blake (Jill) Price II; Gena Price (J.R.) Barker; Jeffrey (Crystal) Earlywine and Jennifer Earlywine; a sister, Elizabeth “Bibbie” Price (James) Emmons; a brother, John C. (Connie) Price; his grandchildren, Caroline Price, Sadie Price, Ella King, Patrick King, Lily Barker, Isaac Earlywine, Lucas Earlywine, Lea Applegate Elliott and Robert Applegate.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Carol Jordan Price, and a brother, Richard Bradley Price.

Funeral services will be conducted 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 12, at the Pleasant Ridge Christian Church in Cowan with Rev. Marvin W. Suit and Tommy Fern officiating. Burial with full military honors by the W. N. Fant American Legion Post No. 5 and the Franklin Soursley V.F.W. Post No. 1834 will be in the Elizaville Cemetery.

Visitation at the Pleasant Ridge Christian Church in Cowan will be from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. Wednesday.

In lieu of flowers, contributions are suggested to the Patrick E. Price Scholarship Fund, C/O the MSU Foundation, 121 East Second Street, Morehead, Kentucky 40351. Donations may be made online at alumni.moreheadstate.edu/patprice.

The Price Brothers Funeral Home in Elizaville is managing the arrangements.

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MSU Board of Regents calls special meeting

The Morehead State University Board of Regents will convene a special meeting on Monday, Sept. 16 at 5:30 p.m. in the Colonel A Room of the Louisville Marriott East in Louisville, Kentucky. Adam Lambert Hinton was appointed to the board by Governor Bevin and will be sworn in at the meeting.

Hinton, of Flemingsburg, is vice president of Hinton Mills, a small business owner, and director of the Kentucky Welding Institute. He will serve for a term expiring June 30, 2025.

As required by law when a new regent is sworn in, the board will also elect a vice chair and secretary and appoint a treasurer.

The Morehead State University Board of Regents consists of eight members appointed by the Governor and three additional members, including a teaching faculty representative, a non-teaching employee representative and the student body president. Board members serve six-year terms.

For more information, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/bor.

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MSU nursing program earns top 10 national ranking

Morehead State University's Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) has been ranked among the top 10 best nursing programs in the nation by rncareers.org.

MSU is ranked seventh on the list, with rankings based on first-time passage rates for the NCLEX-RN certification exam. The rankings evaluated 646 nursing schools from across the country.

"Being a nationally ranked program is a testament to the team of professionals committed to quality nursing education," said Dr. Lynn Parsons, chair of the Department of Nursing. Our nursing programs are supported by state-of-the-art laboratory equipment, which includes simulation mannequins and dedicated laboratory coordinators to help students learn hands-on practice in a safe environment. Our clinical instructors are also in the STAT laboratories with nursing students before they attend hospital and community-based clinical rotations."

Parsons added one of the things that makes MSU's nursing programs so successful is the high expectations faculty members set for students.

"We hold our nursing students to the highest standards of nursing practice and don't 'pass them along' before they are ready to progress," she said. "Our graduates are sought after by our clinical partners. When graduation occurs in December and May that Morehead State University's students rise to the top for position selection."

The department has maintained a 100% job placement rate for graduates for the last several years.

To see the complete list, visit <https://www.rncareers.org/guides/top-100-bsn-programs-in-the-united-states/>.

For more information about MSU's nursing programs, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/nursing, email nursingdept@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2296.

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2019 award recipients are as follows:

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Alumni Hall of Fame

Annette Graham (85) - Annette Graham is a successful administrator in the culinary industry. From her beginnings in the restaurant world as a manager at the Brass Eagle restaurant, a Morehead historic staple, she has risen through the ranks and is currently the dean of the School of Business and Management at The Culinary Institute of America in New York City.

Steve Inskeep (90) - Steve Inskeep has traveled across the world as host of Morning Edition on National Public Radio (NPR), where he has interviewed presidents, congressional leaders and told passionate stories of everyday people across all continents. He is also a published author of two books, with a third on the way.

Wayne Mincey (79) - Wayne Mincey has had a successful career in strategy, operations, finance, business development and mergers and acquisitions in North America, Europe and Asia. Currently, he serves as president of The Hackett Group, where he manages over \$140 million in annual sales.

Athletic Hall of Fame

Shawn Armstrong (95) - Shawn Armstrong was a vital member of the MSU Men's Golf team in the early '90s. Under the leadership of Coach Rex Chaney, Armstrong was a member of the 1993 OVC Champion team. The following year in 1994, he finished only one stroke behind the winner of the OVC Tournament and, as a result, was named All-OVC.

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Katelyn Barbour Sallee (09) - Katelyn Barbour was a standout member of the Women's Volleyball team from 2005 to 2008. A record-holder and an All-American, she was one of the best volleyball student-athletes ever to grace the program. She still holds multiple records at MSU and, following her college career, she has gone on to enjoy a successful career as a high school volleyball coach.

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Byron Burton (11) - Byron Burton is a screenwriter, songwriter and journalist who works in Los Angeles. He covers film and television for The Hollywood Reporter and recently composed a piece of music that was featured in 2016's "X-Men: Apocalypse."

Jessica Farrell (16) - Jessica Farrell went on to study at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and received a degree in their interdisciplinary technology and policy program. Currently, she is working in Washington, D.C., as an engineer at the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA).

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Miss Kentucky to visit MSU for information session

Morehead State's Office of Student Activities will host Miss Kentucky 2019 Alex Francke for a Miss Kentucky information session and workshop at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17, in Room 325 of the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC).

The workshop, titled “Girls Just Wanna Have Funds,” will show what potential contestants need to compete at Miss Kentucky, what the role looks like and how to get connected to the resources necessary to compete.

Francke, a native of Lexington, is a graduate of the University of Kentucky Gatton College of Business & Economics, where she majored in business management with a minor in international business. Her social impact initiative is Adopt an Art, a nonprofit she founded in 2014 to provide public schools and community programs with high-quality art lessons and classes free of charge.

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MSU hosts Multicultural Showcase

Morehead State University will host a Multicultural Showcase from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, at the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC). The day is designed to provide prospective students with the opportunity to immerse themselves in various cultures while celebrating the diverse groups represented at MSU, in our county, our service region and the state.

While on campus, students will learn more about the academic disciplines, resources, services and unique cultures on our campus all while celebrating our diversity collectively. Students can enjoy food and educational activities. There will also be a student panel discussion so prospective students will have the opportunity to hear directly from current MSU students about a wide variety of topics, including student groups and organizations, participation in campus events and overall personal experiences at MSU.

“Our goal with the showcase 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 for the Office of Enrollment Services. “University representatives and current students will welcome prospective students and their families, answer questions, lead campus tours and share information concerning college life.”

For more information on the event, contact Jamie Phipps, enrollment services counselor, at japhipps@moreheadstate.edu.

To learn more about MSU’s Office of Enrollment Services, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/admissions, email admissions@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2000.

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MSU communication students combine class work with community service at Rodburn Elementary Fall Festival

At Morehead State University learning takes place inside and outside of the classroom. Randy Manis, a communication instructor at MSU, has found a way to incorporate classroom lessons into community service.

Manis, who teaches courses on Fundamentals in Speech Communication (COMS 108), Conflict and Communication (COMS 290) and Strategic Organizational Leadership (COMS 300) for the fall 2019 semester, took his students to do an activity outside of the classroom by having them collaborate working at the annual Rodburn Elementary School Fall Festival in Morehead on Sept. 6.

The festival serves as Rodburn Elementary's largest annual fundraiser. This will be Manis' 17th year participating in the event. One of the reasons he incorporates this service project into his communication classes is that it fulfills a small group communication requirement. As a school that serves many of the most economically disadvantaged students in Rowan County, Manis said it is primarily a way for his student to assist others in the community while allowing the school's parents and teachers to spend time with their children and loved ones enjoying the event.

"Participating in the fall festival at Rodburn Elementary is something I look forward to every year," Manis said. "It is an exciting evening of food, fun and games that both my students and the students of Rodburn truly enjoy. This annual endeavor helps to fund educational opportunities within the school, which further strengthens the relationship between MSU and the local community."

For more information on MSU's Department of Communication, Media and Languages, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/cml, email cml@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2134.

Photos: Communication students taught by Randy Manis, communication instructor at MSU, came together to serve the community for class credit working at the annual Rodburn Elementary School Fall Festival on Sept. 6.

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Simpson leads discussion at 2019 Strategic Broadening Seminar

Dr. Timothy Simpson, professor and department chair for MSU's Department of Foundational Graduate Studies in Education, participated in the 2019 Strategic Broadening Seminar supported by the United States Army and hosted by the University of Louisville McConnell Center this past August.

The McConnell Center's Strategic Broadening Seminar is a 28-day residential leadership program designed for mid-career soldiers to take part in discussions, lectures and active-learning sessions with experts, local leaders and McConnell Scholars at the University of Louisville. The focus of the seminar includes issues such as national security, strategic issues in the international environment and leadership development. Participants engage in these topics through classes, readings and research projects.

Simpson led a discussion of Plato's "The Republic" related to human nature, education, democracy and leadership with soldiers.

"I was delighted by my visit and classroom experience. The students were outstanding — eager, prepared, curious. I could not ask for more," he said. "It warms my heart, knowing these are our current and future leaders of the Armed Services."

To learn more about MSU's Department of Foundational and Graduate Studies in Education, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/fgse, email fgse@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2261.

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MSU opens new biomedical laboratories

Students of Morehead State's biomedical science programs will have more opportunities to conduct research thanks to the renovation of two laboratories in Lappin Hall.

MSU President Dr. Jay Morgan attended the ribbon cutting along with Provost Dr. Robert Albert, representatives from the Kentucky Biomedical Research Infrastructure Network (KBRIN), faculty, staff and students.

The renovation involved converting one large, 50-year-old laboratory on the fourth floor of Lappin Hall into two labs to be used for biomedical research by Associate Professor of Biology Dr. Kurt Gibbs and Assistant Professor of Biology Melissa Mefford. Gibbs' research focus is spinal cord regeneration, and Mefford is researching the evolution of telomeres and telomerase, key components involved in aging and cancer.

Professor of Biology and MSU's KBRIN Lead Faculty Dr. Janelle Hare said Gibbs and Mefford were involved in the renovation to ensure the labs met their specific research needs.

"I know the faculty and staff who work up here are going to love it," Hare said. "KBRIN is all about trying to improve the physical infrastructure and providing development opportunities for students and faculty in their professional careers as biomedical researchers."

Students who work with Gibbs and Mefford said they are pleased with the new labs and are excited to continue their research in the new labs.

"I thought I was in the wrong room, to be honest," said Paige Oldfield, a junior biomedical science major from Mt. Sterling. "I think it excites other students about research. They'll walk by in the hall and stop and ask what we're working on in here, and we tell them, and they say, 'that's pretty cool.'"

"It's very shiny," said Jessica Fulkerson, a senior biology major from Louisville. "I feel like things are a lot better organized now, which makes it easier to conduct our research."

A grant from KBRIN funded the renovations. In May 2019, KBRIN was awarded a five-year, multi-million dollar grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH; 2P20GM103436-19), which included a \$250,000 renovation grant to MSU. MSU has received over \$435,000 in KBRIN infrastructure and equipment grant funds in the past year, and more than \$6.4 million since KBRIN launched in 2000. KBRIN has funded more than 200 MSU student researchers in that time.

For more information about biomedical degrees at MSU, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/study/biomedical, email bioc@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2945.

Photo caption: A ribbon cutting was held Sept. 10 to mark the opening of two new biomedical science labs in Lappin Hall. Pictured from left to right are KBRIN Representative Dr. Martha Bickford, MSU Biology Professor Dr. Janelle Hare, KBRIN Representative and Professor Emeritus of Psychology Dr. Bruce Mattingly and MSU President Dr. Jay Morgan.

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Meet MSU event comes to Pikeville

We're bringing the Morehead State University experience to a town near you. Join us for a Meet MSU event and learn how you can join our One Eagle Family.

There will be a Meet MSU in Pikeville from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24, at the Appalachian Wireless Arena on 126 Main St.

As part of our Meet MSU events, faculty, admissions representatives, alumni and current Eagle students travel to several cities across Kentucky. You get to learn about the Morehead State experience that includes high-quality academic programs, student success services, scholarships and student life.

You can register at the door and there is no advance registration required. If you come to a Meet MSU event and provide your transcript, test scores and a completed application, you will have the application fee waived. Other benefits include the chance to win a \$500 textbook voucher and other door prizes.

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There will be a Meet MSU event coming to Ashland from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26, at the Paramount Arts Center on 1300 Winchester Ave.

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MSU Family Weekend activities held

MSU students, friends and relatives all got to feel like One Eagle Family this past weekend during the 41st Annual Family Weekend, which took place Friday, Sept. 13, through Sunday, Sept. 15.

Friday's activities included a Family Dinner at The Rock Dining Commons. Following a game where the Eagle Soccer Team took on Wright State University (insert score here), there was a Family Movie Night held on the lawn of Andrews Hall.

Saturday's events included a Family Association Brunch and an Eagle Family Picnic at the Academic-Athletic Center parking lot before the MSU Football Eagles played Kentucky Christian University (insert score here).

There were also planetarium and laser shows that could be enjoyed at the Star Theater during the day on Saturday.

Throughout the weekend, students and their families were able to explore and enjoy MSU's Recreation and Wellness Center, view different types of art at the Kentucky Folk Art Center and the Golding-Yang Art Gallery, and pick up MSU merchandise at the University Store.

For more information about family events and how to join the MSU Family Association, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/familyassociation or call 606-783-2071.

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SymbiosisDuo to perform at MSU

The musical group SymbiosisDuo will hold two upcoming performances in conjunction with Morehead State's annual Tubafest.

A recital will be held Tuesday, Sept. 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the Duncan Recital Hall in Baird Music Hall. The second performance will be held in collaboration with the Cave Run Symphony Orchestra on Sunday, Oct. 6, at 3 p.m. at the Morehead Conference Center. Both events are free and open to the public.

Dr. Gail Robertson, assistant professor of tuba and euphonium/jazz at the University of Central Arkansas, will hold a masterclass on Monday, Sept. 23, at 3 p.m. in 117 Baird Music Hall.

SymbiosisDuo is a tuba/euphonium duo featuring Dr. Stacy Baker, MSU professor of music, and Robertson. Baker was honored as the 2014-15 MSU Distinguished Teacher Award recipient and as the 2016-17 Distinguished Creative Productions Award recipient.

This event was supported by the Buckner and Sally Hinkle Endowment for Humanities through the MSU Foundation. Additional sponsors include the Cave Run Symphony Orchestra, the MSU International Tuba and Euphonium Association (ITEA) student organization and the MSU School of Creative Arts.

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MSU farm hosts LAND forum with Ag Commissioner Ryan Quarles

Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner Ryan Quarles visited Morehead State's Derrickson Agricultural Complex Tuesday, Sept. 17, to help area farmers and businesses find ways to strengthen ties between agriculture and manufacturing to increase income and create jobs.

The visit was one of seven stops in the third annual series of Linking Agriculture for Networking and Development (LAND) forums, held at locations across the state.

While visiting the farm, Quarles discussed economic growth through agriculture and manufacturing. He emphasized the importance of agriculture in Eastern Kentucky and noted MSU's role in research and instruction in agricultural technology.

Several area agricultural businesses were on hand to highlight their products and the connections between growing agricultural products and how manufacturing technology can improve efficiency and grow capacity.

The forums are sponsored by the Kentucky Department of Agriculture and the Kentucky Association of Manufacturers. The KDA and the KAM are facilitating the forums with the financial support of the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund and other regional sponsors.

For more information about programs in MSU's Department of Agricultural Sciences, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/agriculture, email agsi@moreheadstate.edu or call [606-783-2662](tel:606-783-2662).

Pictured above: MSU Farm Manager Joe Fraley, left, discusses agricultural technology with Kentucky Agricultural Commissioner Ryan Quarles.

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MSU to host Tri-State Conference on Diversity and Inclusion

Morehead State University will host the Sixth Annual Tri-State Conference on Diversity and Inclusion on Friday, Sept. 27, at the Adron Doran University Center.

The 2019 conference theme is “Equity in Education: Erasing Opportunity Gaps.” The conference will highlight how an equitable education system, from K-12 through postsecondary, will help all students develop knowledge and skills they need to be engaged, productive members of society on a local, national and international level. The staff from MSU’s Office of the President and the Office of Communications and Marketing will chair the conference.

Sponsoring institutions include MSU, MSU Ashland, Ashland Community and Technical College, Marshall University, Marshall University School of Pharmacy, Ohio University Southern, Mountwest Community and Technical College, Shawnee State University and the University of Rio Grande.

The keynote speakers are Dr. Paul Gorski, founder of EdChange and associate professor at George Mason University, and Dr. Aaron Thompson, president of the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education. The speakers and concurrent workshops will focus on increasing access and removing barriers to equity in education.

“Morehead State University is pleased to be chosen as the site for the Sixth Annual Tri-State Conference on Diversity and Inclusion. As we intensify our efforts to ensure the success of low-income and underrepresented minority students, enhancing multicultural awareness is critical,” said Dr. Caroline Atkins, visiting assistant professor and assistant to the president for strategic initiatives. “The purpose of this one-day event is to begin and expand the conversation related to helping students, faculty, staff, community members and employers recognize and combat those biases and inequities that may undermine educational and employment opportunities for these populations.”

For more information about the conference, visit www.tristatediversityandinclusion.com or contact Dr. Atkins at c.atkins@moreheadstate.edu.

Photos: Dr. Paul Gorski, founder of EdChange and associate professor at George Mason University, and Dr. Aaron Thompson, president of the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education, will serve as keynote speakers at the Sixth Annual Tri-State Conference on Diversity and Inclusion on Friday, Sept. 17, at ADUC.

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MSU Honors Program recognized as ACTA Exceptional Liberal Arts Program

Morehead State University's George M. Luckey Jr. Academic Honors Program provides a unique and rewarding educational and social experience for academically exceptional college students. Now, even more people will find out about this program's incredible quality.

The MSU Honors Program was one of five academic honors programs recognized by The American Council of Trustees and Alumni (ACTA) as the inaugural class of "Hidden Gems."

ACTA is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization supported through the generosity of individuals and foundations. The organization is dedicated to academic freedom, academic excellence and accountability in higher education. The ACTA defines Hidden Gems as programs deserving the attention of students who are seeking an outstanding liberal education and can be found at affordable public and private colleges nationwide.

The inaugural class also includes The Ashbrook Scholar Program at Ashland University, the Honors College at Azusa Pacific University, the Honors College at Belmont Abbey College and the William Penn Honors Program at George Fox University. Each program requires students to complete a rigorous curriculum designed to foster wide-ranging inquiry on questions of perennial human concern while building a community of students who are academically engaged inside and outside of the classroom.

"We were surprised and very pleased to have the George M. Luckey Jr. Academic Honors Program recognized as a 'Hidden Gem' by the American Council of Trustees and Alumni. This award is a tribute to the dedicated work of the faculty members who regularly teach honors classes: Dr. Karen Taylor, Dr. Glen Colburn, Dr. Tim Simpson and Dr. Bruce Engle," said Dr. Philip Krummrich, director of the Academic Honors Program. "The challenges and stimulation provided by their classes combine with learning experiences outside the classroom, notably the requirements for an overseas experience and undergraduate research, to prepare the outstanding students in the program for success. This recognition corroborates what we have learned from our regular assessments and our recent program review: our approach seems to be working, although we will never stop looking for improvements."

MSU's Academic Honors Program is currently accepting applications this fall for the 2020-21 academic year. For more information, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/honors, email honors@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2205.

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Browning Orchard Festival set for Sept. 29

The annual Browning Orchard Festival will be held Sunday, Sept. 29, from noon to 4 p.m. at the orchard, located at 10955 Wallingford Road in Fleming County.

The event will feature barbecue, pulled pork sandwiches, concessions and a variety of family-friendly activities, including music from the Kentucky Center for Traditional Music, hayrides, pony rides and a kids' hay-maze.

MSU's Department of Agricultural Sciences will sell both MSU Farm and Kentucky Proud products at the festival. Apple sales begin at noon and there will also be mums, cider, pumpkins and much more available for purchase.

Browning Orchard was initially purchased in 1899 by E.P. Browning. Formerly an orchard where Browning grew peaches, his son, Francis Browning, converted the property into a commercial apple orchard in the 1920s. The Browning family donated the property to MSU in 2008, offering students in MSU's agricultural sciences programs the opportunity for hands-on learning in commercial fruit production, horticulture and agribusiness.

For more information, visit the Office of Alumni Relations and Development at www.moreheadstate.edu/alumni, email alumni@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2033.

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Morehead State celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

Morehead State supports diversity in people and ideas and welcomes students to our diverse and inclusive One Eagle Family. MSU's Eagle Diversity Education Center (EDEC) is organizing a series of events for Hispanic Heritage Month, which takes place through Oct. 15.

The Campus Activities Board (CAB) and EDEC are sponsoring a game of Lotería, a traditional and popular Mexican game combining cards and bingo, at 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19, at The Prefontaine. The following week, EDEC, the Spanish Club and the Latino Student Union will sponsor the Second Annual Hispanic Heritage Fiesta at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24, in Ballrooms A and B of the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC). There will be food, music, dancing and a spotlight on Hispanic culture.

The month of activities will close with CommUNITY Conversation: Being an Ally for the Hispanic Community. This discussion, presented by the Eagle Diversity and Inclusion Team, will take place at 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 3, in room 325 of ADUC.

For more information about these events, call 606-783-9569 or email edec@moreheadstate.edu. To learn more about the Eagle Diversity Education Center, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/edec.

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Alumna honored for contributions to her profession

Morehead State alumna Tobie Hale Smith (07) was among six former first-generation college students who were recently recognized as TRiO Achievers by the Council for Opportunity in Education for their contributions to their professions. Smith received the award at the COE's annual conference on Sunday, Sept. 8, in Chicago, Illinois.

Smith was previously named as a TRiO Achiever at the Southeastern Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel Conference (SAEOPP) in New Orleans, Louisiana. Smith is the principal data scientist at Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) in Huntsville, Alabama.

As a high school student, Smith participated in both Upward Bound Math and Science (UBMS) and Student Support Services (SSS) at MSU after finishing her sophomore year. She also served as a tutor with SSS and as a resident advisor with UBMS while earning her undergraduate degree. She said it was during her time as a student in UBMS, on a trip to space camp in Huntsville, when she decided what she wanted to do for a career.

"As our charter bus drove into Huntsville, Alabama, the first night of the trip, I saw a Saturn V rocket reaching into the sky, and I felt tears well up in my eyes. It was the most amazing thing I had ever seen," Smith said while accepting the award. "This girl, who had never dreamed of seeing anything so spectacular, now wanted to get an aerospace engineering degree. Upward Bound Math/Science gave my educational life, and ultimately my career, a new direction. For that, I am forever grateful."

For more information about TRiO and Upward Bound at Morehead State, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/trio or call 606-783-9300.

Photo: Tobie Hale Smith (07) works with virtual reality simulators in her work at Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) in Huntsville, Alabama.

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CPE President Aaron Thompson to visit MSU

Dr. Aaron Thompson, President of the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education, will visit Morehead State University Sept. 26 and 27 to meet with University leadership, faculty, staff, students and the greater Rowan County community.

A Q&A forum is open to the public and will take place Sept. 26 at 5 p.m. in Room 326 of the Adron Doran University Center. Key topics will include pathways for students and adults to pursue and receive a college degree or credential, job placement opportunities and collaborative partnerships between universities, CPE and communities.

Thompson's visit to Morehead State will also include a meet and greet with MSU campus leadership and listening session with students at 2:30 p.m. on Sept. 26 in Room 326 of the Adron Doran University Center. On Sept. 27, he will also be a featured speaker at the 6th Annual Tri-State Conference on Diversity & Inclusion being held at MSU and will meet later that day with student leaders at Rowan County Senior High School.

"We are very grateful to President Thompson for his leadership and advocacy of higher education," said Dr. Jay Morgan, Morehead State University President. "We encourage those in the community to attend the public listening session. This will be a valuable opportunity to discuss vital partnerships between higher education and our communities, and continue a dialogue on both the importance and responsibility that higher education holds."

Thompson is a nationally recognized leader in higher education with a focus on policy, student success and organizational leadership and design. He was named President of the Council in October 2018. He came to the Council in 2009 from Eastern Kentucky University, where he held a variety of leadership positions, including Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, University Programs. In May 2016, he left the Council to serve as Interim President for Kentucky State University and returned to the Council in summer 2017.

His leadership experience spans 27 years across higher education, business and numerous non-profit boards. Thompson has researched, taught and consulted in areas of diversity, leadership, ethics, multicultural families, race and ethnic relations, student success, first-year students, retention, cultural competence and organizational design throughout his career.

"I'm looking forward to visiting with Morehead State University students, faculty, staff and the broader community," Thompson said. "I hope to learn from their perspectives what we need to do to improve higher education overall, including pathways to careers, as well as what we're doing well and the opportunities we can leverage moving forward."

MEDIA: *The media are invited to a special session with President Thompson on Thursday, Sept. 26 at 4:15 p.m. in Room 326 of the Adron Doran University Center. Please respond to Dr. Jami Hornbuckle, assistant vice president for communications and marketing, at j.hornbuckle@moreheadstate.edu no later than Tuesday, Sept. 24 if you plan to attend.*

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Paise receives KMEA Teacher of the Year Award

Dr. Michele Paynter Paise, visiting assistant professor of music at Morehead State University, was selected to receive the 2019-20 Kentucky Music Educators Association's (KMEA) District 8 College/University Teacher of the Year Award.

The KMEA is an organization consisting of more than 2,000 professional music educators at all levels from kindergarten to the university level dedicated to the cause of music education in Kentucky. Associated with the National Association for Music Education (NAfME), it serves as a voice for Kentucky's music educators.

Paise is in her 27th year of teaching music and her third year at Morehead State. Before coming to MSU, she taught at Cumberland University, the University of Idaho and public school music programs in Maryland, Tennessee and Arizona. Paise is a specialist in the Kodály approach to music education and regularly presents choral and elementary workshops across the United States.

At MSU, she teaches undergraduate courses in elementary music methods courses and foundations of music education, graduate courses in music education and oversees student-teachers. She also serves as the music program coordinator in MSU's Department of Music, Theatre and Dance.

"It is a wonderful feeling to be nominated by my peers in music education," Paise said. "I absolutely love the profession I've chosen, and it is a tremendous honor to be awarded for something that gives me so much joy."

For more information on MSU's Department of Music, Theatre and Dance, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/mtd, email mtd@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2473.

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Tubafest 2019 begins Sept. 23

Morehead State University's Department of Music, Theatre and Dance kicks off its annual Tubafest concert series on Monday, Sept. 23.

The series is held every fall and features instruments in the tuba family. The event starts with a masterclass with Dr. Gail Robertson, assistant professor of tuba and euphonium/jazz at the University of Central Arkansas. The class will be held Monday, Sept. 23, at 3 p.m. in room 117 of the Baird Music Hall.

Robertson, along with MSU Professor of Music Dr. Stacy Baker, make up the group SymbiosisDuo, will hold a recital on Tuesday, Sept. 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the Duncan Recital Hall in Baird Music Hall. They will also perform with the Cave Run Symphony Orchestra on Sunday, Oct. 6, at 3 p.m. at the Morehead Conference Center.

Other Tubafest events include:

- Oktoberfest: Saturday, Oct. 5, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Sawstone Brewing Company on Main Street. The MSU Tuba/Euphonium Ensemble will perform under Baker's direction. Guest performers include Robertson and MSU Professor of Music Dr. Lori Baruth on clarinet.
- Tuba/Euphonium Ensemble Fall Concert: Sunday, Nov. 17, at 3 p.m. in the Duncan Recital Hall in Baird Music Hall.
- Hometown Holiday: Sunday, Dec. 7, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at CoffeeTree Books on Main Street. The MSU Tuba/Euphonium Ensemble will perform as part of the City of Morehead's annual Hometown Holiday Festival.

For a complete list of recitals and events, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/tubafest.

For more information on MSU's music programs, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/music, email mtd@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2473.

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MSU ranked among most affordable online schools

Morehead State University's online programs provide students a high-quality, affordable education in a more convenient way. The affordability of MSU's online programs is now receiving national attention.

Study.com featured MSU in its Top 50 list of its Most Affordable Online Schools for 2019. The rankings emphasize accessibility, affordability and the quality of education for institutions offering online college education. In particular, the website highlights the variety of MSU's online programs, including a Doctor of Education (Ed.D.), Master of Business Administration (MBA), Master of Arts in Counseling, and several undergraduate and degree completion programs.

Every month, over 40 million site visitors use [Study.com](https://www.study.com) to help them make important decisions about their school and career choices.

For more information about MSU's online programs, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/online.

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Morehead State undergraduate research submissions now being accepted for Posters-at-the-Capitol

Part of what has contributed to Morehead State University's long-standing reputation for academic quality is the institution's emphasis on students participating in undergraduate research. Once again, that research will be given a showcase to a noteworthy audience with the 19th Annual Posters-at-the-Capitol. The event takes place Thursday, March 5, 2020, at the State Capitol in Frankfort.

Posters-at-the-Capitol is an event hosted collaboratively by Eastern Kentucky University, Kentucky Community and Technical College System, Kentucky State University, Morehead State University, Murray State University, Northern Kentucky University, University of Kentucky, University of Louisville and Western Kentucky University. It provides undergraduates with the opportunity to engage in scholarship, research and creative work that is important to their educational experience and professional development while allowing members of Kentucky's legislature and the governor the opportunity to better understand the importance of undergraduate research.

"Morehead State has a wonderful heritage in supporting undergraduate research and Posters-at-the-Capitol provides an excellent opportunity each year to remind legislators about the great things being done at Morehead State to empower student success in this area," said Dr. Michael Henson, associate vice president for research and dean of the MSU Graduate School. "Our record in this high-impact practice speaks volumes about the positive way that our students are received across the Commonwealth."

All undergraduate students engaged in research projects with faculty mentors at Morehead State should consider submitting their work to be considered for presentation. The deadline for online registration/submission is 4 p.m. EST/3 p.m. CST on Friday, Oct. 11 (no registrations/submissions will be considered after this date).

The link to register and submit your poster abstract online is at <https://digitalcommons.murraystate.edu/postersatthecapitol/>. Once there, click on the "Submit to Posters-at-the-Capitol" link on the left. You must create an account to register.

View the General Guidelines for Selection. Participants can click "Poster Presentations: Conceptualizing, Construction and Critiquing" for general advice on preparing a research poster.

For further information and questions concerning registration and submission, contact A.J. Boston,

Posters-at-the Capitol coordinator, at aboston@murraystate.edu. Please copy Dr. Henson at m.henson@moreheadstate.edu on any inquiries.

For more information on undergraduate research at MSU,
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MSU welcomes future Eagles at October Open House

Morehead State provides opportunities for students in the region, state and beyond through excellent academic programs and a commitment to student success. Future Eagles will have a chance to experience MSU at Open House on Oct. 5.

MSU's Office of Enrollment Services will host an Open House from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 5, at the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC) on the Morehead campus.

At Open House, University representatives will be available to meet students and their families, answer questions, take campus tours and share information about college life and joining our One Eagle Family. These events are an excellent opportunity for future students and their families to discover why MSU has been named one of "America's Best Colleges" by U.S. News and World Report for the past 16 years. For 2019-20, MSU rose in the publication's rankings to become a Top 20 higher education institution.

MSU is also home to one of only a handful of space systems engineering programs in the country and produces graduates accepted into professional schools – including medical, dental and pharmacy programs – at rates well above state and national averages.

"Families will hear success stories about our graduates and statistics that demonstrate the academic quality and personal attention offered at MSU," said Holly Pollock, director of undergraduate admissions. "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."

Application fees for high school seniors will be waived for those in attendance. Transcript and test scores must be turned in at the event to qualify for the fee waiver.

Students and families are encouraged to register for the Open House. There will also be an Open House on Saturday, Nov. 2. To register online, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/openhouse.

For more information, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/admissions or contact MSU's Office of Enrollment Services by emailing admissions@moreheadstate.edu or by calling 606-783-2000 or 800-585-6781.

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Blue and Gold Championship of Bands to be held Sept. 28

Morehead State will host its annual Blue and Gold Championship of Bands on Saturday, Sept. 28, at Jayne Stadium.

The event will feature high school bands from MSU's service region and beyond competing in both a preliminary and final round. Preliminary competition begins at 10 a.m. and finals begin at 6:15 p.m. Twenty-two bands from across the state will compete in this year's event.

In preliminary competition, in addition to ranking bands in their respective classes, awards for best percussion and best color guard will be awarded in each category. Bands receiving the highest score in their class will advance to finals competition along with the next seven highest scoring bands from the preliminary round, regardless of class. In finals competition, in addition to ranking bands in their respective classes, awards for best overall percussion and best overall color guard will be awarded. The band earning second place overall will be named reserve grand champion and the overall highest scoring band in the finals round of competition will receive the 2019 Blue and Gold Grand Champion Award.

The MSU Marching Band will perform in exhibition at 9:30 p.m., just before the presentation of final awards. The band will perform a selection of 80s hits from AC/DC, Van Halen, Fleetwood Mac and the B-52s.

"It's going to be an exceptional day of marching band performances," said Dr. DuWayne Dale, interim director of bands and assistant professor of music at MSU.

The adjudicators for this year's Blue and Gold are nationally known and have extensive experience judging marching bands from across the country. Most have extensive backgrounds judging for both Bands of America (BOA) and Winter Guard International (WGI).

Tickets for either the preliminary round or the final round are \$10 for adults and children 12 and older, \$15 for both preliminaries and finals. Tickets for either the preliminary round or the final round are \$5 for children 12 to six, \$8 for both preliminaries and finals. Children under 6 are free.

For more information, contact Dale at dcdale@moreheadstate.edu or 606-783-2488.

To learn more about band programs at MSU, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/bands.

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Meet MSU event comes to Newport

We're bringing the Morehead State University experience to a town near you. Join us for a Meet MSU event and learn how you can join our One Eagle Family.

There will be a Meet MSU event coming to Newport from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 3, at the Newport Aquarium on 1 Dave Cowens Dr. Participants can receive a free tour of the aquarium during the event.

As part of our Meet MSU events, faculty, admissions representatives, alumni and current Eagle students travel to several cities across Kentucky. You get to learn about the Morehead State experience that includes high-quality academic programs, student success services, scholarships and student life.

You can register at the door and there is no advance registration required. If you come to a Meet MSU event and provide your transcript, test scores and a completed application, you will have the application fee waived. Other benefits include the chance to win a \$500 textbook voucher and other door prizes.

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Hruby awarded Dollar General Youth Literacy Grant

Dr. Alison Hruby, associate professor of English at Morehead State University, has been awarded the Dollar General Youth Literacy Grant.

The \$2,000 grant will benefit students at Rowan County Senior High School in Morehead by giving them access to more extensive libraries in their English classrooms.

“Research has demonstrated that access to substantial classroom libraries significantly improves students’ investment and skill in reading,” Hruby said. “I am excited to work with the English teachers and students at Rowan County Senior High School to choose books from the classroom libraries, especially books that represent diverse authors and experiences.”

To learn more about MSU’s Department of English, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/english, email english@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-9448.

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MSPR fall fund drive kicks off Sept. 28

Morehead State Public Radio (MSPR), 90.3 FM WMKY, will hold its annual fall fundraiser from Saturday, Sept. 28, to Friday, Oct. 4.

“This is our annual fall fundraiser and membership drive when we directly seek financial support from our listeners,” said Paul Hitchcock, WMKY general manager. “We’ll be asking WMKY listeners to step-forward with a financial gift to support our programming and student work-studies.”

The goal of the drive is to raise \$17,500 to purchase a new, state-of-the-art audio board for MSPR’s master control room. The current audio board is nearly 20 years old and incompatible with modern broadcast technology.

“Spare parts are no longer available and there are holes where parts used to be,” said Hitchcock. “We need a new audio board to integrate upgrades with digital technology.”

WMKY at 90.3FM serves more than 20 counties throughout Eastern Kentucky with regional news and cultural programming from Breckinridge Hall on the campus of Morehead State University. The station continues to be a voice for the community with programming that is locally hosted and produced. In addition, MSPR’s website provides regional news, live web stream, archived audio and community events.

Financial gifts to WMKY are tax-deductible and may be made using a simple and secure form online at www.wmky.org.

Listeners may also pledge by calling 606-783-2001 during the fundraiser. Listener feedback is also a vital part of this membership drive.

Businesses or individuals wishing to offer a Matching Challenge Pledge for the fundraiser should contact Paul Hitchcock at 606-783-2334 or e-mail p.hitchc@moreheadstate.edu.

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Military Initiatives to hold freeze pop social

Morehead State's Director of Military Initiatives and visiting assistant professor of education, Dr. Silas Session, will host a freeze pop social for all military dependents on Friday, Sept. 27, at 1 p.m. on the lawn of the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC).

Other military students are also welcomed. The purpose is to enjoy a freeze pop, meet the director, other military dependents and military students.

"MSU values the children and spouses of those who are or have served our nation," Session said.

For more information about services for veterans and their families, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/veterans, email Session at ssession@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-9416.

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MSU's Inscape literary and art journal seeks submissions

Morehead State University's annual journal highlighting creativity in writing and the visual arts is seeking student work to fill its pages. Inscape, Morehead State University's juried literary and visual art journal, is accepting submissions in three categories.

There is a competition for best cover design, as well as visual art and writing for the publication. The deadline to submit for the cover design and visual art portion of the competition is November 22, 2019. Submissions for the literary section are due by January 24, 2020.

Prizes are awarded in both of the visual art competitions, with a first-place prize of \$100 for the selected cover design. A \$100 award will be given for the best artwork submitted for the interior of the publication. Prizes for second place, third place and honorable mention will be provided in the amounts of \$75, \$50 and \$25, respectively. You must be an MSU student to enter the visual art competitions.

Students may submit poetry, fiction or creative nonfiction for inclusion in the interior of the publication. Prizes of \$100 for first place will be awarded in the poetry, fiction and creative nonfiction categories. You must be an MSU student to be awarded a literary prize, but submissions for inclusion in the magazine are open to non-students as well.

Inscape is an annual MSU publication with a long history of cutting-edge visual and literary art. Media and genres of work range from prose, poetry, short story, long narrative, nonfiction and creative essays to photography, printmaking, painting, design, drawing, illustration, digital art, mixed media, pottery and sculpture.

The publication is coordinated by the Departments of Art & Design and English. Additional information and the complete list of guidelines on the competitions are available at www.moreheadstate.edu/inscape.

For more information on MSU's Department of Art & Design, call 606-783-2766 or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/art. To learn about MSU's Department of English, call 606-783-9448 or go to www.moreheadstate.edu/english.

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MSU hosts Kentucky CPE President Dr. Aaron Thompson

Morehead State University hosted Kentucky's Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) President Dr. Aaron Thompson Sept. 26 and 27 to meet with University leadership, faculty, staff, students and the community.

Thompson's first stop in Morehead was a meet and greet with MSU campus leadership and listening session at 1 p.m., Sept. 26 at the Space Science Center. At 2:30 p.m., President Thompson met with student leaders in Room 329 of the Adron Doran University Center, and later at 5 p.m. held a Q&A forum with the community. Key topics discussed included pathways for students and adults to pursue and receive a college degree or credential, job placement opportunities and collaborative partnerships between universities, CPE and communities.

Thompson's visit to MSU is part of a listening tour where he visits various higher education institutions in the state. The face-to-face conversations help CPE to review the Commonwealth's higher education system and engage more degree-seeking students.

Thompson said that he has been pleasantly surprised by the amount of interest his listening tour has garnered from students. He was also surprised to hear about some of the feedback from students at MSU and elsewhere about how they lacked preparation for college, saying they would have benefited from more life-skills courses in high school centered around financial literacy, study skills and time management. Thompson also said that affordability and paying for higher education is a frequent issue of both confusion and concern from students.

"From our standpoint of understanding, they just didn't have all the information. They didn't know how to pay for college. They didn't understand that there was a sticker price and net price," he said. "It tells us we need to be more cognizant of how to be transparent."

Thompson praised MSU for both its increased retention rates for minority students and for the number of low-income students it serves while challenging the University and other Kentucky public higher education institutions to increase enrollment of out-of-state students. He said as a whole, the education and opportunities MSU provides its service region is invaluable to the overall mission of advancing a prosperous Eastern Kentucky economy.

"I'm an Eastern Kentuckian. I'm a Southeastern Kentuckian. I know the value of higher education. But so many people in Eastern and Southeastern Kentucky aren't seeing the economic value," he said. "You can't get good jobs in Eastern Kentucky unless you have an educated workforce. You're not going to grow an economic base

unless you have an economic development system that prospers, and you can't make one prosper unless you have an educated group. Morehead State serves this population tremendously.”

On Sept. 27, Thompson was also a featured speaker at the Sixth Annual Tri-State Conference on Diversity & Inclusion being held at MSU and met with student leaders at Rowan County Senior High School.

Thompson is a nationally recognized leader in higher education with a focus on policy, student success, and organizational leadership and design. He was named president of the council on October 2018. He came to the CPE in 2009 from Eastern Kentucky University, where he held a variety of leadership positions, including associate vice president for Academic Affairs, University Programs. In May 2016, he left the council to serve as interim president for Kentucky State University and returned to the CPE in summer 2017.

For more information on his tour, visit cpe.ky.gov/listeningtour.

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MSU theatre opens theatrical season with '[title of show]'

Morehead State University's Department of Music, Theatre and Dance will kick-off its 2019-20 theatrical season with the production of "[title of show]."

Performances take place at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 3, through Saturday, Oct. 5, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6, at the Lucille Caudill Theatre in Breckinridge Hall.

"[title of show]" is the story about four friends trying to write and produce an original musical and send it to Broadway. Through their vigilant pursuit of success, the friends learn to overcome challenges, trust in themselves and find inspiration in the face of adversity. The production's story is about love, acceptance and tight-knit friendships that persist through even the most difficult times.

"[title of show]" is directed by Jacob Dowell, a senior theatre performance major from Nicholasville, and Bugs Reinhardt, a senior vocal music education major from Minford, Ohio. Every behind-the-scenes aspect of the show – including direction, choreography, musical accompaniment and set design – is done by MSU students. The production's directors said the collaborative nature of the musical is evident to the audience.

"It has been a very tight-knit, comfortable, fun environment while remaining true to the endeavor of producing a quality, enjoyable show," Dowell said.

"The direction, musical direction, choreography, accompaniment and design aspects have all come together beautifully, telling the story of friendship and just having fun in a professional way," Reinhardt said.

Tickets are \$11, \$6 for seniors and non-MSU students and free with ID to MSU students.

For more information on tickets, contact the MSU box office at 606-783-2170.

To learn more about MSU theatrical productions and the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/mtd, email mtd@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2473.

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Yungbluth has successful year of exhibiting

Morehead State Visiting Assistant Professor Art and Design Adam Yungbluth has had a successful year outside of the classroom, exhibiting his ceramic work in numerous national juried exhibits.

Yungbluth has participated in six national juried or invitational exhibits in the past year. His solo show, “Drawn to Home, or a Good Place for Candy and Unicorns” featured 50 pieces of his work, and he exhibited about ten additional pieces in other shows across the country. Other shows Yungbluth participated in include:

- “Adorned” at The Clay Center of New Orleans, Sept. 6-26, 2019, New Orleans, Louisiana (national juried exhibit).
- “Juried National V” at the Red Lodge Clay Center, Sept. 6-29, 2019, Red Lodge, Montana (national juried exhibit).
- “Eloquent Vessel” at the Lightwell Gallery, Weitznhoffer Family College of Fine Arts, School of Visual Arts at the University of Oklahoma, June 3-July 11, 2019, Norman, Oklahoma (national juried exhibit).
- “AMACO: Think Outside the Jar: 100 Jars. 100 Artists. 100 Years” at the Crowne Plaza Minneapolis Northstar (exhibited during the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts (NCECA) Conference, March 27-30, 2019, Minneapolis, Minnesota (invited artists, national).
- “Ceramics Alumni Exhibition” at Gallery 130 at the University of Mississippi, February 18-March 15, 2019, Oxford, Mississippi (invited artist, national).

“National exposure is a great thing. Nowadays with the internet and social media, exposure is totally different and more widespread. Having artwork in a physical venue that people can see and touch is still one of the most important things,” Yungbluth said. “Having more people engage with my artwork opens a bigger conversation. Any time I am there and can talk to some new about content or techniques, it is a good thing.”

Yungbluth began exploring ceramics after he decided architecture wasn’t a good fit for him, saying he was hooked after the first class.

“The combination of working with my hands, learning about the history of ceramics, and the technical side of making clay, glazes and building/firing kilns. In the beginning, it was a real challenge for me to feel comfortable with the material.”

Through submitting his work to exhibitions, Yungbluth learns many lessons he can then pass on to his students, lessons they can’t be taught from a textbook or lecture.

“I have been working with clay for closing in on twenty years. It is definitely a long-term game with many ups and downs. Just because I have been juried into five shows this year doesn’t mean I will next year,” he said. “Having students pushes me to try and be more relevant in the ceramics field. If they can see examples of my work going out and in exhibitions, then maybe it makes me appear more legit and a better professor/mentor. It is about trying to stay relevant in the field and not giving up because someone said no.”

“I like to think students keep me honest and open about my artwork. If I can’t be that way about my own, how can I expect that from them?”

For more information about programs in MSU’s Department of Art and Design, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/art, email arde@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2766.

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Bath County High School Eagle Scholars visit MSU

Eagle Scholar students from Bath County High School visited Morehead State University's campus, Monday, Sept. 30. They had a tour of campus and met with MSU admissions staff and students.

Approximately 60 high schools and area technology centers offered MSU Eagle Scholars classes last fall with nearly 3,000 high school students participating in the program.

“The Eagle Scholars program allows students to take rigorous college courses during high school. The classes are the same classes that are offered on the Morehead campus. They are taught by local teachers through a partnership with Morehead State. The instructors meet the same high academic standards that are required of MSU faculty. These courses are challenging and allow students to be exposed to college coursework and utilize campus services like tutoring and the library,” said Joel Pace, program director.

Qualifying students are given the opportunity to prepare for the future while attending high school. In the program, students may enroll in a course taught in their high school and receive college credit for successful completion. The program allows qualified high school faculty, who meet accreditation standards, to teach the University courses.

Additional information and a list of participating schools is available online at www.moreheadstate.edu/eaglescholars.

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Browning Orchard Festival held Sept. 29

Morehead State University faculty, staff, students and members of the surrounding communities welcomed the beginning of the fall season at the annual Browning Orchard Festival, which was held Sunday, Sept. 29, at the orchard in Wallingford.

The event featured live music courtesy of MSU's Kentucky Center for Traditional Music, hayrides, apple picking, games and more. Items produced at the University Farm by agricultural sciences students, including apples, cider and apple butter, were sold at the festival.

The Browning Orchard was donated to MSU by the Browning Family in 2008 as a way for students in MSU's agricultural sciences programs to gain hands-on learning in commercial fruit production, horticulture and agribusiness.

View the Browning Orchard Festival Gallery
at www.flickr.com/photos/msu1887/albums/72157711129934932/.

For information about MSU's Department of Agricultural Sciences, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/agriculture, email agsi@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2662.

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