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Morehead Writing Project to host fall retreat

The Morehead Writing Project (MWP) will host its annual fall retreat Saturday, Oct. 12, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the Morehead State campus.

This year's event is called "A Story Runs Through It: Write What Matters." Participants will learn ways to include information, argument and narrative into their writing, and to select relevant stories as well as how and when to embed description, information and argument into their work. The retreat is designed for MSU faculty, staff and students, as well as area writing, reading and English teachers and amateur and professional writers.

"This writing retreat is designed to bring joy and structure to your personal and professional writing," said Dr. Deanna Mascle, instructor of English at MSU and director of the MWP. "Our writing retreats are always a delightful mix of educators and writers as there is always someone for everyone. I am always better for spending the day at one of our writing retreats and I suspect you will be too."

The cost to attend the retreat is \$50, which does not include lunch. Teachers who attend will earn six hours of professional development credit. Register online at <https://moreheadwritingproject.org/writing-retreat/>.

For more information on the Morehead Writing Project, visit www.moreheadwritingproject.org.

For information about English programs at MSU, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/english, email english@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-9448.

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Career Fair held Oct. 1

Nearly 100 employers and organizations were on campus for Morehead State's Fall Career and Internship Fair Tuesday, Oct. 1. Students had the chance to expand their professional networks, apply for jobs and discover internship possibilities.

The Career and Internship Fair allows students to connect with potential employers and explore internship and graduate school opportunities. Students from freshmen to graduate students attend the fair to learn more about career, internship and educational options. More than 550 students participated in the fall fair.

For more information about MSU's Career Services, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/career or call 606-783-2233.

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MSU to host prominent animal activist Jenny Brown

The Morehead State University Philosophy and Religious Studies Club will welcome prominent vegan educator and animal activist Jenny Brown at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8, in Room 002 in Breckinridge Hall. The discussion is free and open to the public.

Brown, a native of Louisville, has been a longtime activist for animals and against the practice of factory farming. She became a vegetarian at 18 and built a career in film and television while volunteering her time and talents making undercover videos for various animal advocacy organizations. She later left her career as a TV and film producer to open a sanctuary for animals from the food production industry that would then become the Woodstock Farm Sanctuary, one of the most recognized and respected farm and animal sanctuaries in the country.

Brown wrote her self-described “memoir-with-a-mission” titled “The Lucky Ones: My Passionate Fight for Farm Animals” in 2012. Since 2016, Brown has been touring universities and colleges across the country speaking about animals, food, health and the environment.

“Philosophers have always questioned aspects of their world that go unnoticed and asked whether some other arrangement might be better,” said Dr. Scott Davison, professor of philosophy at MSU. “The MSU Philosophy and Religious Studies Club is happy to welcome Jenny to campus so that she can share with us her perspective on animals. This will help us think carefully about our society and how it works in case some other arrangement might be better – not just for us, but for the world as a whole.”

To learn more about Jenny Brown, visit www.theveganspeaker.com.

For more information on MSU’s Department of History, Philosophy, Politics, Global Studies and Legal Studies, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/hpil, email hpil@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2655.

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González-Espada completes fellowship at Air Force Academy

Dr. Wilson González-Espada, professor of physics and science education at Morehead State, recently completed a research study sponsored by the U.S. Air Force (USAF) Research Lab Summer Faculty Fellowship Program.

This competitive program offers full-time science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) faculty from U.S. colleges and universities research residencies at participating Air Force facilities.

The U.S. Air Force Academy (USAF) Center for Physics Education Research hosted González-Espada as a fellow in Colorado Springs, Colorado. There, under the mentorship of USAF Major Jessica H. Dwyer, Dr. Kimberly de La Harpe, and USAF Lieutenant Colonel David Meier, he analyzed ten years of data to identify factors associated with cadets completing their bachelor's degree in a STEM discipline.

The findings of González-Espada's research suggest that many cadets who intend to major in STEM may switch out if they perform poorly in pre-requisite or gateway courses like calculus, physics and chemistry. It is recommended that USAFA focus their efforts to provide academic support, better instructional strategies, tutoring, review sessions and other resources to make sure cadets, especially those who are already interested in becoming STEM majors, can complete the degree within the Academy's strict four-year time limit.

This research was supported in part by the USAFA through the Air Force Office of Scientific Research Summer Faculty Fellowship Program®, Contract Numbers FA8750-15-3-6003 and FA9550-15-0001.

For more information on programs in MSU's Department of Physics, Earth Science and Space Systems Engineering, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/phes, email phes@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2381.

Photo: Dr. Wilson González-Espada was mentored by United States Air Force (USAF) officials during his time in the USAF Research Lab Summer Faculty Fellowship Program. Pictured above, left to right, are USAF Major Jessica Dwyer, USAFA Physics Professor Dr. Kimberley de La Harpe, González-Espada and USAF Lieutenant Colonel David Meyer.

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Kentucky Center for Traditional Music hosts square dance Oct. 8

The Kentucky Center for Traditional Music (KCTM) will host a community square dance, Thursday, Oct. 8, from 7 to 9 p.m., at the Rowan County Arts Center at 205 East Main Street.

Square dancing is family and beginner-friendly. The MSU Old Time Ensemble and friends will be performing. Sarah Kate Morgan, a senior traditional music major from Sharp's Chapel, Tennessee, and Larah Helayne, a high school student from Mt. Sterling enrolled in traditional music classes, will be co-calling the evening.

"Square dancing is all about building community through a uniquely Appalachian tradition," Morgan said. "Our dances are always family-friendly and inclusive to students as well as community members of all ages."

Admission is \$3 for the general public, free to all students. Participants are asked to arrive promptly at seven so they can learn the dance moves properly. Those attending the dance are encouraged to bring a snack to share.

To learn more about programs and classes at KCTM visit www.moreheadstate.edu/kctm, email kctm@moreheadstate.edu, call 606-783-9001, or follow www.facebook.com/KYtraditionalmusic.

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Spanish-English Exchange benefits Eagle students and Spanish-speaking community

Thanks to a program from the Department of Communication, Media and Languages, Morehead State University is helping to break down language barriers and strengthen bonds with members of the surrounding community.

The Spanish-English Exchange is a language and culture exchange between MSU's advanced Spanish language students and Spanish-speaking members of the community who want to improve their English skills. The opportunity allows students and community members to learn more about language and culture.

"Community members can get specific help with the many practical skills they need that are also hard to come by in a traditional classroom setting," said Miescha Bycura, instructor of Spanish at MSU. "Also, many of our students plan to go into teaching after graduation, so this is a great opportunity for them to practice those skills."

The group meets from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Tuesdays through Thursdays at the Newman Center inside Jesus Our Savior Catholic Church, 315 Battson Ave., near the MSU campus. What started out with only a handful of students and community members has quickly grown to a dozen students in charge of managing a group of around 20 community members.

"The program is important for MSU as a whole because it puts MSU at the center of where diversity meets community, which ultimately creates opportunity for everyone," Bycura said. "It's an opportunity for students to gain real-world experience and better tool themselves for what lies ahead and for the community to grow and benefit from the resources already available in their hometown."

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

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MSU students can have educational and cultural spring break in Ireland

While many college students across the country may be looking forward to spending time at home or on a sandy beach over spring break, Morehead State University students have the chance to enjoy their spring break in the Emerald Isle.

MSU's Education Abroad and the Department of History, Philosophy, Politics, Global Studies and Legal Studies have organized a trip to Ireland from March 13 through March 21, 2020. Students who enroll in Irish Philosophy and Literature (PHIL 399, 1 credit hour) in the Spring 2020 semester will spend nine days in cities like Dublin and Galway and visit destinations like St. Patrick's Cathedral, Trinity College, the Cliffs of Moher, Inishmore Island, Bunratty Castle and other attractions. Assignments will include readings and topic-specific essays. Dr. Layne Neeper, professor of English and associate dean of the School of English, Communication, Media and Languages, will cover James Joyce and William Butler Yeats, and Dr. Scott Davison, professor of philosophy, will cover Bishop Berkeley. To coincide with lessons and lectures, students will visit some places associated with these figures.

"It is a once in a lifetime opportunity to see Ireland at a very reasonable cost and to appreciate some of history's great thinkers and writers," Davison said.

The cost of the trip is \$2,400 per student. Price includes airfare, transportation, lodging and admissions (additional funds required for passport and most meals). Some students may qualify for financial aid and some scholarships will be available. Students must place a \$1,000 deposit by Dec. 1 to save one of 20 available spots.

"These programs allow students to set themselves apart from others after graduation," said Aaron Hirsch, coordinator for MSU's Education Abroad. "Employers are constantly seeking graduates with unique experiences and perspectives. The MSU Ireland program is one of many opportunities that help to give our students an edge after graduation."

Please direct questions to Scott Davison at s.davison@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2273.

For more information on MSU Education Abroad, contact Aaron Hirsch at aghirsch@moreheadstate.edu, 606-783-2044 or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/educationabroad. To learn more about MSU's Department of History, Philosophy, Politics, Global Studies and Legal Studies, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/hpil, email hpil@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2655.

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Alpha Sigma Phi performs Black Lantern Processional next week

The active members of Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity's Eta Chi Chapter at Morehead State University will perform the Black Lantern Processional at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 8, in the Academic-Athletic Center (AAC) parking lot.

The processional is a ceremony to honor people who have passed on. It is a tradition that is meant to be observed by both the Greek community and the general public. This will be the first time the Black Lantern Processional will be performed on Morehead State's campus.

"Alpha Sigma Phi is one of the oldest, continually operating collegiate social fraternities in America. The Black Lantern Processional honoring the deceased is one of their oldest traditions, having first taken place in 1845," said Stace Sievert, coordinator of fraternity and sorority life and student organizations at MSU.

"Fraternity ceremonies, often referred to as rituals, are almost always kept secret to people outside the brotherhood and can, therefore, seem mysterious. This is a rare opportunity to see and participate in one of these ceremonies for yourself and have a moment to remember loved ones you may have lost."

For more information on fraternity and sorority life, student organizations and other student activities at MSU, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/activities, email studentactivities@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2071.

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KCTM students and alumni showcase talents at bluegrass conference

Students and alumni of Morehead State's Kentucky Center for Traditional Music (KCTM) had the opportunity to showcase their talents at the International Bluegrass Music Association (IBMA) annual conference, Sept. 24-28, in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Traditional music alumna Michelle Canning (16) was one of ten emerging songwriters featured in a showcase at the conference. Canning was accompanied by fellow traditional music graduate Justin Harrison (16) and current traditional music student Elizabeth Bowman, a senior from Morehead.

"It's quite an honor to be selected for the songwriter's showcase because she presented along with Grammy Award-winning writers and people who have a lot of experience and success in the music business," said Dr. Raymond McLain, associate professor of traditional music and director of the KCTM.

In addition to Canning, Lauren (17) and Leanna Price (17) of the duo the Price Sisters performed at several showcases at the conference through their record label, Rebel Records. The Price Sisters were nominated for a Momentum Award, which recognizes the contributions of rising bluegrass artists.

Additional KCTM students who attended the conference include:

- Meghan Bryant, a traditional music major from Martin.
- Jack Caudill, a junior convergent media major with a traditional music minor from Viper.
- Russ Farmer, a transfer student majoring in traditional music from Lexington.
- Johnathan Keeton, a sophomore convergent media major with a traditional music minor from West Liberty.
- Hayley King, a freshman with a double major in Spanish and traditional music from Ridgewood, South Carolina.
- Kendall Potter, a freshman traditional music major from Rising Sun, Indiana.

For more information about programs at the KCTM, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/kctm, email kctm@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-9001.

Photo: From left to right: Kendall Potter, Hayley King and Meghan Bryant played at the KCTM booth at the IBMA conference in Raleigh, North Carolina. Photo credit: Makayla Holder | The Trail Blazer

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O'Keefe and students research biodiversity

One member of Morehead State's biology faculty is helping students get hands-on research experience through his work studying the region's insects.

Dr. Sean O'Keefe, associate professor of biology, is conducting research on local biodiversity in beetles, ants, moths, spiders and soil mites found in decomposing leaf litter in the region's forests. O'Keefe began studying biodiversity in 2011 and currently has six research students working on three separate projects, several of whom have been working with him for more than a year. Students have included Undergraduate Research Fellows, honors students, Craft Academy students and volunteers. He said that he and his students are finding many varieties of insects in the local area.

"I love exploring the diversity of the woods. There's one critter, an earwig fly, that is pretty rare," he said. "A few have been found in Ohio, Tennessee or elsewhere, and papers were written. In 2011-12 we collected over 500 specimens. So far, we have a pretty diverse assemblage of beetles, moths and spiders in our area. Most of what I look at is poorly known, there's quite a bit of room for new discoveries."

O'Keefe said that the fact that most of the insects he is researching have not been studied extensively presents challenges in his research since there are few references, particularly for soil mites.

For more information on programs in MSU's Department of Biology and Chemistry, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/biochem, email bioc@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2945.

Photo: Dr. Sean O'Keefe and his students are studying insects that live in leaf litter in the forest such as beetles and soil mites.

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Morehead State Police hire new officer

The Morehead State University Police Department (MSUPD) has a new member on the force with the swearing in of Officer Harley Catron Wednesday, Oct. 2.

Catron is a graduate of Montgomery County High School and Berea College. She played softball at Berea College and competed in Italy on The National Select Team. Catron also is a graduate of the Kentucky State Police Academy and a former Bath County sheriff's deputy. She currently resides in Mt. Sterling.

"She had good training with the police academy, and she has a good personality that will make her fit in well in a university environment," said MSUPD Chief Merrell Harrison. "I'm excited that she's accepted employment here and I think she will work well with the students, faculty and staff here at the University."

The MSUPD has officers on patrol 24-7 to serve the campus community. For more information about the MSUPD, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/police.

For non-emergencies, email police@moreheadstate.edu, call 606-783-2035 or use the LiveSafe app. In an emergency, always call 911.

Photo: Officer Harley Catron was sworn in Wednesday, Oct. 2, by MSU Board of Regents Secretary and Visiting Assistant Professor of Legal Studies Dr. Jacqueline Graves.

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MSU announces candidates for 2019 Homecoming Court

Every October, Eagles from far and wide return to their beloved alma mater to join other members of One Eagle Family at MSU's Homecoming Weekend. A highlight of the weekend is the annual crowning of the Homecoming Queen and King.

The ceremony takes place at halftime during the Homecoming football match-up between MSU and Butler, at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, at Jayne Stadium.

2019 Homecoming Court:

Queen Candidates:

Brianna Haynes is a junior chemistry major from Morehead. Her parents are Kristy and Lee Ann O'Bryan. She is sponsored by Kappa Delta Sorority.

Allie Hull is a senior exercise science major from Richmond. Her parents are Michelle and William Huff. She is sponsored by Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity.

Hannah Layne is a senior child development major from Pikeville. Her parents are Mary and Dusty Lane. She is sponsored by Delta Gamma Sorority.

Hannah McFarland is a senior special education with a specialization in moderate and severe disabilities and middle school science major from Salyersville. Her parents are Waynette and Donald McFarland. She is sponsored by Chi Omega Sorority.

Gabby Merrill is a senior BSN nursing major and biology minor from Maysville. Her parents are Sherry and Rodney Merrill. She is sponsored by Student Alumni Ambassadors.

King Candidates:

Luke Birkes is a senior strategic communication major from Winchester. His parents are Lora and Dee Birkes. He is sponsored by the Student Government Association.

Devin Boggs is a junior space systems engineering major from Bardstown. His parents are Shawn and Aaron Boggs. He is sponsored by Student Alumni Ambassadors.

Hunter Collins is a senior business administration major from West Liberty. His parents are Kristi and Kevin Collins. He is sponsored by Delta Tau Delta Fraternity.

Brent Parsons is a sophomore international studies and political science major from Grayson. His parents are Michelle and Jason Parsons. He is sponsored by Delta Zeta Sorority.

Larry Whelan is a senior marketing major from Morehead. His parents are Rhonda and Rick Whelan. He is sponsored by Delta Gamma Sorority.

Students may vote for Queen and King on Oct. 14 and 15. Voting is online and students should check their MSU email for a ballot. They will cast one vote for Queen and one for King. Voting will begin at 12:01 a.m. on Oct. 14 and will end at 11:59 p.m. on Oct. 15. Students who do not receive a ballot should contact Shannon Colvin, associate director for the Office of Student Activities, at 606-783-2886 or s.colvin@moreheadstate.edu.

To learn more about student activities, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/activities, email studentactivities@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2071.

For more information on MSU Homecoming 2019 events, contact the Office of Alumni Relations and Development at 800-783-ALUM, alumni@moreheadstate.edu or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/homecoming.

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Miller served as keynote speaker at School Readiness Summit

Dr. April Miller, professor of education and chair of the Department of Early Childhood, Elementary and Special Education and the Department of Middle Grades and Secondary Education, served as the keynote speaker for the School Readiness Summit in Morehead on Sept. 16. The event gathered districts and the area's early childhood providers to work together on collaborative grants. The summit was offered by the Kentucky Governor's Office of Early Childhood, which is dedicated to collaborating with professionals, families and communities to provide the highest quality early childhood care and education.

"The purpose of Kentucky's mid-year School Readiness Summit is to help school districts, early learning providers and community organizations throughout the Commonwealth make vital connections and collaborations necessary for school readiness," Miller said.

Miller earned a Bachelor of Science in Special Education, a Master of Arts in Special Education Administration and a Ph.D. in Applied Behavioral Analysis – Special Education from Ohio State University in Columbus. She has been at MSU for the past 16 years serving as a professor of education since 2003 and began serving as department chair for the Department of Early Childhood, Elementary and Special Education and the Department of Middle Grades and Secondary Education in 2016. Her research interests are effective instruction and single-subject research designs.

Miller can be reached at ad.miller@moreheadstate.edu or 606-783-2857.

For more information on MSU's Department of Early Childhood, Elementary and Special Education, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/egese, email egese@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2598.

To learn more about MSU's Department of Middle Grades and Secondary Education, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/mgse, email mgse@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2079.

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‘Eagles of All Cultures’ focuses on cultural education and awareness

Morehead State University will host “Eagles of All Cultures,” a day of events and activities focusing on cultural education and awareness, on Monday, Oct. 7, for MSU faculty, staff and students.

“Eagles of All Cultures” was initiated by the members of MSU’s Bluegrass Higher Education Consortium Academic Leadership Academy (ALA) with collaboration from the Office of Undergraduate Education and Student Success and MSU’s Diversity and Inclusion Initiative. The fellows are Dr. Flint Harrelson, associate professor of animal science; Dr. Michele Paynter Paise, visiting assistant professor of music; Dr. Daryl Privott, associate professor of adult and higher education and director of the Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning; Dr. Sherif Rashad, professor of computer science; and Lexius Yarbrough, retention specialist and academic advisor. As part of the Bluegrass Higher Education Consortium, each team is required to develop a campus project and then present the project at the consortium meeting in October.

“The ‘Eagles of All Cultures’ awareness day is in support of MSU’s strategic and diversity plans and is an effort to support the awareness of the cultural diversity and inclusion at MSU,” Privott said. “It provides our faculty, staff and student community an opportunity to learn more about different aspects of diverse cultures and the values and importance of cultural diversity for our community.”

The day’s first event will be “Social Justice in the Music Classroom” presented by Dr. Michele Paynter Paise at 9 a.m. in Room 338 of Baird Music Hall. This will be followed by a Multicultural Library Showcase, which takes place at 10 a.m. in the Multicultural Room on the second floor of the Camden-Carroll Library. The last morning activity is a lecture by Dr. Julia A. Finch, assistant professor of art history at MSU, titled “Sites of Memory: Contested Confederate Monuments and New Artistic Interventions.” The presentation takes place at 11 a.m. in Room 311 of the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC).

Afternoon activities take place in the Multicultural Room on the second floor of the Camden-Carroll Library with an International Student Experience at noon. Ballroom A in ADUC will host back-to-back events, starting with an MSU Vocal Performance directed by MSU Professor of Music Dr. Roma Prindle and an “Eagles of All Cultures Discussion Panel” at 1 p.m. At 2 p.m., Dr. Scott Davison, professor of philosophy at MSU, will discuss “Diversity Among Abrahamic Faiths” in the ballroom.

A presentation titled “Implicit Bias,” which takes place at 3:30 p.m. in the Button Drill Room, will feature Dr. Bryant Marks, the founding director and principal trainer at the National Training Institute on Race and Equity, and a performance by the Black Gospel Ensemble under the direction of Dr. Roosevelt Escalante.

Marks is also faculty in the Department of Psychology at Morehouse College, where he has served as director of the Program for Research on Black Male Achievement. Marks has served as a presidential advisor to former President Barack Obama for the Initiative on Educational Excellence for African Americans and as a senior advisor to The White House for the Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

Through his training institute, Marks has provided implicit bias training in several settings, including training over 2,000 police chiefs and several thousand patrol officers in local police departments around the country as part of the nationwide 21st Century Policing program. He has also provided training for all employees in Los Angeles County.

“Eagles of All Cultures” will wrap up on a visually creative note with a visit to the Golding-Yang Art Gallery inside the Claypool-Young Art Building at 5 p.m.

For more information on the Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning at MSU, contact Dr. Daryl Privott, associate professor of adult and higher education and director of the Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning, at fctl@moreheadstate.edu, 606-783-2603 or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/fctl.

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Meet MSU event comes to Mt. Sterling

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 Mt. Sterling from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15, at the Clay Community Center (MSU at Mt. Sterling) at 3400 Indian Mound Dr.

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.

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Morehead State joins Degrees When Due Initiative

Morehead State University has been selected to join Degrees When Due, a national initiative of the Institute for Higher Education Policy (IHEP), to help students who have some college credits complete their degrees.

As one of the colleges and universities from 20 states participating in Degrees When Due, MSU will follow best practices in degree reclamation and provide targeted support while re-engaging students who have paused or "stopped out" their studies. Partners include the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE), Eastern Kentucky University, Kentucky State University, University of Kentucky and University of Louisville. Several KCTCS institutions are also participating in Degrees When Due.

"It's never too late to go back to college and earn a credential. But taking that first step is difficult for many previous students who may have experienced barriers during their educational journey. The strategies and resources that will be provided through our partnership with Degrees When Due will help us to better identify, support, and serve returning learners." Said Jen Timmermann, MSU director of transition services.

Degrees When Due will grant MSU access to a variety of resources to help more students complete their degrees and to help the institution audit students' previously earned and transfer credits to determine the most efficient pathway to graduation. The program will benefit the more than 60,604 individuals in Kentucky who have some college credits but no awarded degree.

"Our Degrees When Due institutional and state partners are building a strong pathway to degree attainment for all students, including by providing an on-ramp for those who have paused their studies or 'stopped-out,'" said IHEP President Michelle Asha Cooper, Ph.D. "IHEP enthusiastically welcomes the selected institutions and states to this effort. Through this initiative, they will increase student success, serve a diverse set of student populations, and join us in addressing one of higher education's most pressing challenges: degree completion."

To apply for admission to Morehead State, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/admissions.

For more information on the Degrees When Due initiative at MSU contact Timmerman at j.timmerman@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-5488.

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Eagles return to their alma mater for Homecoming 2019

The phrase “Once an Eagle. Always an Eagle” truly exemplifies the bond students have with Morehead State University, whether they are current students or proud alumni. That’s why every year in October, so many people return to join One Eagle Family and reconnect at MSU Homecoming.

For Homecoming 2019, which takes place from Oct. 18 through Oct. 19, plenty of students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends of the University will once again come together through numerous events and festivities to celebrate all things MSU.

Before the Homecoming Weekend, the Campus Activities Board (CAB) will be sponsoring several Homecoming-related activities for faculty, staff and students in anticipation of the arrival of many Eagles eager to show their support for the blue and gold.

“Homecoming is the most exciting time of the year for alumni. Eagles from every generation return to campus to relive memories from the ‘good old days,’ reconnect with former classmates and interact with today’s students,” said Mindy Highley, assistant vice president for alumni relations and development. “This year’s schedule is packed full of activities and we anticipate that thousands of alumni will come home for a weekend of Eagle excitement.”

MSU Homecoming 2019

Monday, Oct. 14

- Eagle Athletic Apparel Day – Post picture using #GoForTheGold2019 to be entered to win a gift card.
- Eagle Spirit Office Decorating Contest – Judging begins at 1 p.m.
- Homecoming Float Building – Contact Shannon Colvin at s.colvin@moreheadstate.edu to register.
- 7:30 p.m. – Silent Disco Party, Third Floor Ballroom in the Adron Doran University Center.

Tuesday, Oct. 15

- 90s Apparel Day – Post picture using #GoForTheGold2019 to be entered to win a gift card.
- CANstruction Contest – All food donated to Eagle Essentials. Contact Connor Tilford at cltilford@moreheadstate.edu to register.
- 7:30 p.m. – O.B.B. Concert, Button Auditorium.

Wednesday, Oct. 16

- Pajama Wear Day – Post picture using #GoForTheGold2019 to be entered to win a gift card.
- 7:30 p.m. – Comedian Kevin Bozeman, Button Auditorium.

Thursday, Oct. 17

- Vacation Wear Day – Post picture using #GoForTheGold2019 to be entered to win a gift card.
- 7:30 p.m. – Beaker Bash, Adron Doran University Center Plaza.

Friday, Oct. 18

- Wear Blue and Gold Day – Post picture using #GoForTheGold2019 to be entered to win a gift card.
- 10:30 a.m. – Memorial Brick Ceremony, Little Bell Tower Memorial Plaza.
- 5:30 p.m. – Homecoming Kickoff Celebration, Third Floor Ballroom in the Adron Doran University Center.
- 7 p.m. – Homecoming Banquet, Third Floor Ballroom in the Adron Doran University Center.
- 7:30 p.m. – Robert Eskridge & Southern Daze in concert, Buffalo Wild Wings.

Saturday, Oct. 19

- 9:30 a.m. – Homecoming Parade, Main Street.
- 10:30 a.m. – Decades Brunch, Academics-Athletic Center (AAC) Front Lobby.
- 11 a.m. – Homecoming Tailgate, Eagle Chevrolet Buick GMC Tailgate Rally Zone, Academic-Athletic Center Parking Lot.
- 2 p.m. – Eagle Football vs. Butler, Jayne Stadium.
- Halftime – Homecoming Court Introductions and Announcement of Queen and King, Jayne Stadium.
- Postgame – Alumni Dinner at The Rock (Rocky Adkins Dining Commons).
- 8:30 p.m. – NPHC, Majority African American Fraternity and Sorority Council presents the 2019 Yard Show, Button Auditorium.

For a full schedule of events for MSU Homecoming 2019 or to register for events, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/homecoming.

For additional information on how to become an active alum, contact the Office of Alumni Relations and Development at 800-783-ALUM (2586), alumni@moreheadstate.edu or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/alumni.

To learn more about student activities, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/activities, email studentactivities@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2071.

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Raceland Eagle Scholars visit MSU

Eagle Scholar students from Raceland High School visited Morehead State University's campus Tuesday, Oct. 8. They took 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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Social work conference to be held at MSU at Prestonsburg

Morehead State University at Prestonsburg will host this year's Kentucky Eastern Branch conference of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) on Friday, Oct. 18, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in room 131 of the Postsecondary Education Building.

The speaker at the conference is Geoff Wilson, a licensed clinical social worker and licensed clinical alcohol and drug counselor based in Lexington. He will discuss intervention and treatment strategies for resistant clients with mental health and substance abuse disorders. Social workers who attend the conference will receive six hours of continuing education credit.

"Geoff is a licensed clinical social worker and licensed clinical alcohol and drug counselor who has been practicing in Kentucky for over 23 years. He's practiced in a variety of different treatment settings, including inpatient, outpatient and residential levels of care," said Deirdra Robinson, instructor and facilitator of social work at Morehead State at Prestonsburg, who also serves as the eastern branch chair for NASW-KY.

Attendees will learn about:

- The prevalence of co-occurring substance abuse and mental health disorders in the adult and adolescent population.
- The history of the substance abuse/mental health treatment field's response to addressing the needs of clients with co-occurring disorders.
- Defining what resistance is and how it manifests in those struggling with co-occurring disorders
- The principles for treating clients with co-occurring disorders, including consensus-based and evidence-based practices for mental health and substance abuse treatment.
- The barriers that exist in delivering effective services for the treatment population.

Registration for the event is \$30 for NASW-KY members, \$50 for non-members, and \$15 for students. Payment will be accepted at the door in the form of cash or checks made out to NASW-KY. To register for the conference or for more information, contact Brenda Rosen at brosen.naswky@socialworkers.org.

For more information about social work programs at Morehead State, [visit www.moreheadstate.edu/study/socialwork](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/study/socialwork), email d.murphy@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2656.

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MSU music alumni collaborate on ‘Trail of the Lonesome Pine’ theatre production

This past summer, Eagles from MSU’s Department of Music, Theatre and Dance found themselves coming together on the same “Trail.”

MSU graduate Ryan Wardell (15) and MSU graduate student Ryan Blevins collaborated on a production of “The Trail of the Lonesome Pine Outdoor Drama” in Big Stone Gap, Virginia. Blevins, who portrayed the lead role of Jack, was directed by Ryan Wardell and the production was under the general management of Jim Wardell (89).

“The Trail of the Lonesome Pine Outdoor Drama,” based on the novel by John Fox Jr., is the Official Outdoor Drama of Virginia and one of the longest-running outdoor dramas in the country. Set in Wise County, Virginia, at the turn of the 20th century, the love story between Jack and June is played out against a feud that has been boiling for over 30 years between two influential mountain families.

Blevins started doing musical theatre and opera while earning his Bachelor of Arts in Music at The University of Virginia’s College at Wise. He currently serves as a graduate assistant at MSU while working toward earning his Master of Music Performance, which he expects to complete in Fall 2019.

“I am very thankful for my time here at Morehead State,” Blevins said. “Coming from a small college, I felt right at home here at MSU. The small music department provided me with the chance to get the individualized attention I needed to succeed.”

Ryan Wardell is the artistic director for “The Trail of the Lonesome Pine Outdoor Drama” and is an active performer, vocal pedagogue and conductor. He received a Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance in 2015 and a Master of Music in Vocal Performance in 2017 from Morehead State. In his time at MSU, he served as assistant director and vocal coach for Operaworks, with whom he will be assisting in preparation for their December 2019 production, “A Light unto the Mountains.”

“In my time at MSU, I was incredibly fortunate to have studied with faculty members that took a personal interest in ensuring the success of their students,” Wardell said.

Jim Wardell, who serves as the general manager and producer of “The Trail of the Lonesome Pine Outdoor Drama,” is the director of the Center for Teaching Excellence at The University of Virginia’s College at Wise. He earned his Bachelor of Music Education from MSU in 1989.

He said working with and witnessing the talent of these young, up-and-coming Eagle performers allowed him to appreciate how MSU's music programs equip its students for success

"The thing that I truly loved about working with Ryan and Ryan was seeing firsthand that the students graduating from the MSU music department today are talented and well prepared as performers," he said. "More importantly, they understand the commitment and effort it takes to bring together a quality production on the scale of "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine" and were willing to put in the hard work that made our season a success."

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.

Photo: Ryan Blevins (center), graduate student in the Master of Music Performance program at MSU, performs with the cast of "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine Outdoor Drama" in Big Stone Gap, Virginia. Photo credit: Brandon White.

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MSU Concert Choir and Chamber Singers host concert, lasagna fundraiser

The MSU Concert Choir and Chamber Singers will host a Lasagna Dinner and Fall Homecoming Choral Showcase Concert on Thursday, Oct. 17, at First Baptist Church, 123 East Main Street in Morehead. Dinner takes place from 5:30 to 7 p.m. with the concert following at 7:30 p.m.

The lasagna dinner will include salad, bread, desserts and drinks (sweet and unsweet tea, lemonade and water). The MSU Concert Choir will begin with three pieces: William Billings' "I am the Rose of Sharon," Craig Hella Johnson's "Let the River Run" and the first movement of John Rutter's "Gloria." They will also sing Eric Barnum's "Afternoon on a Hill."

MSU's Chamber Singers, Jazz Vocal Ensemble and Black Gospel Ensemble will join the Concert Choir for the Homecoming Choral Showcase Concert.

The all-men Chamber Singers will perform two early music pieces, two songs by English composers and two spiritual arrangements. Dr. Eric Brown, assistant professor of voice at MSU, will join the men for Ralph Vaughan Williams' "I got me flowers" from "Five Mystical Songs." The men will also perform King Singer's arrangement of Sir Arthur Sullivan's "The Long Day Closes." Spiritual arrangements include "Steal Away" and "Little Lamb."

The Jazz Vocal Ensemble will continue with "Killer Joe" arranged by Ron McCurdy, "Over the Hill is Home" by Alvin Chea and Cedric Dent, and "Meet the Flintstones" arranged by Dave Barduhn. The Black Gospel Ensemble will close the concert with "Jesus, I Love You" by Jason Nelson, "Love Theory" by Kirk Franklin and "Do Not Pass Me By" by Douglas Miller.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for students. Admission to the concert is free. The proceeds will go to support MSU Concert Choir's concert tours. To reserve tickets, leave a message with Brooklyn Ison at 859-200-4428.

You can receive a free ticket if you donate a lasagna for the event. Please call 859-200-4428 to notify the choir that you are cooking.

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Paradise Winds performs, conducts masterclass at MSU

Notable reed quintet Paradise Winds will perform at Morehead State University at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 20, at the Duncan Recital Hall. The performance will be followed by a masterclass at 4:30 p.m. Both events are free and open to the public.

The Paradise Winds is a professional reed quintet comprised of Tiffany Pan (oboe), Joshua Gardner (clarinet), Stefanie Harger Gardner (bass clarinet), Joseph Kluesener (bassoon) and Patrick Murphy (saxophone). Based in Phoenix, Arizona, they were featured in the Phoenix-based, award-winning Downtown Chamber Series, have appeared with Classical Revolution PHX and collaborated with the Grammy-winning Phoenix Chorale. The quintet has also performed at multiple annual conferences for the International Double Reed Society, the 2014 International Clarinet Association conference and several North American Saxophone Alliance conferences.

Paradise Winds has commissioned works by Deborah Kavasch, John Marvin, Robbie McCarthy, Kurt Mehlenbacher, Alyssa Morris and Kincaid Rabb. They also premiered the first-ever North American concerto grosso for reed quintet and orchestra by Graham Cohen during the 2014-15 season with MusicalNova Orchestra. All five of these musicians serve on college and university faculties, teach privately and conduct master classes both nationally and internationally.

Dr. David Oyen, professor of music at MSU, has had the opportunity to hear the Paradise Winds at both the International Double Reed Society and the International Clarinet Association conferences.

“The concerts are exciting and the playing is impressive and engaging. They strive to communicate with the audiences. I believe that any music lover, not only the hardcore classical music fan, will enjoy their performance,” he said. “I am excited for the Morehead State University music students to have the chance to not only hear the concert but also work directly with these musicians in chamber music coachings, allowing them to gain new musical perspectives from these marvelous players and teachers.”

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Morehead Writing Project hosts Teen Writers Day Out

The Morehead Writing Project will host a Teen Writers Day Out from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 30, in the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC). This event is part of Write Out 2019, a collaboration between the National Writing Project and the National Parks Service to allow educators, youth and park rangers to create, connect and explore the world together for two weeks in October.

The theme of the Teen Writers Day Out is “Making Stories of People, Place, and Perspectives.” The day offers a writing marathon format and allow teen writers to write in a variety of forms and share their writing with Morehead State University students and faculty, as well as teens from across the region.

Bookending National Day on Writing on Oct. 20, Write Out consists of activity cycles that include prompts that invite participants to write across a variety of media and curricular areas, facilitated online meetups, curated resources and Twitter chats. Participants take part in as many or as few activities as fit their schedule. Additionally, through collaborative online possibilities, participants will be invited to share their creations, write, learn and connect with the broader community.

Cost to participate in the Teen Writers Day Out is \$20 per student.

For more information on the Morehead Writing Project, contact Dr. Deanna Mascle, instructor of English at MSU, at d.mascle@moreheadstate.edu, 606-783-5280 or visit <https://moreheadwritingproject.org/>.

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MSU mourns death of former dean of students Anna Riggle

The Morehead State community is saddened by the passing of former Dean of Students Anna Mae Riggle, 91, who died Saturday, Oct. 12, at Clark Memorial Hospital in Jeffersonville, Indiana.

Riggle was hired at MSU in 1966. During her time at MSU, she served as a counselor for non-traditional students and as associate dean of students. She was named dean of students in 1981 and retired from MSU in 1990 after 24 years of service.

In addition to her activities on campus, Riggle was very active in the Miss Kentucky Beauty Pageant and the Silver Creek High School Alumni Association. She was also a member of Grace Community Church in Sellersburg. In her leisure time, she enjoyed golfing, horseback riding, knitting, baking and spending time with her family.

Born Dec. 23, 1927, in Speed, Indiana, she was the daughter of the late Jesse and Veva Riggle (Walker). She is survived by her sister, Bertha E. Koestel of Sellersburg and by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. She was preceded in death by her brother, Earl Riggle.

Funeral services will be held at noon Wednesday, Oct. 16, at the Garr Funeral Home in Sellersburg with interment to follow at Sellersburg Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Wednesday from 10 a.m. until the time of the service at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Silver Creek High School Alumni Association Scholarship Fund, 503 North Indiana Ave. Sellersburg, Indiana 47172, or the Morehead State University Foundation, UPO Box 1887, Morehead, KY 40351, alumni.moreheadstate.edu/give or 606-783-2033.

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Board of Regents to hold meeting Oct. 18

The Morehead State University Board of Regents will meet on Friday, Oct. 18, in the Heritage Room of the Adron Doran University Center.

The Board of Regents Audit Committee will meet at 12:30 p.m., where they will vote on the 2018-19 audit report and hear a report on the status of internal audits.

A work session will follow at 1:45 p.m. No action will be taken, but items to be discussed include:

- The 2019 preliminary fall enrollment and housing reports.
- The 2020 Healthcare Plan report.
- Update on the status of the Kentucky Employee Retirement System (KERS).
- University scholarship campaign update.
- Campus square footage presentation.
- University's debt reduction plan.

After the work session, the board will hold a special called meeting at 3:15 p.m. Items on the agenda include:

- Approval of an amendment to the 2020 budget to repair the air conditioning chiller at Alumni Tower.
- Vote on the 2018-19 audit report.

Adoption of a resolution honoring the lifelong service of former Regent Patrick E. Price and ratification of an honorary doctoral degree for Price.

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

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Pianist Asiya Korepanova performs concert at MSU next week

Master pianist Asiya Korepanova will perform a concert titled “Past and Present” at Morehead State University at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25, in Duncan Recital Hall. She will also be joined by Dr. Nathan Mensink, visiting professor of music at MSU, on alto saxophone. The concert is free and open to the public.

In addition to featuring the music of well-known composers like Beethoven, Korepanova will perform the Franz Liszt arrangement of Richard Wagner’s “Tannhäuser Overture.”

“This formidable work is rarely performed live and will be a real treat to anyone in the audience,” Mensink said.

One of the compositions Korepanova and Mensink will perform together is a piece by composer Thomas Sleeper. The 20-minute sonata for piano and alto saxophone is titled “Seven Deadly Sins,” and Mensink said the haunting, passionate piece will “take the listeners on a tense journey.”

Born in Izhevsk, Russia, Asiya Korepanova is widely recognized for her achievements as a pianist while also doing notable work as a transcriber, composer, visual artist and poet. She is currently the only pianist performing Liszt’s “24 Etudes” as a single program and one of few to tout a concerto list that features over 60 works. Her contributions to solo piano literature, including her historic solo piano transcription of Rich Strauss’ “Ein Heldenlegen” and Rachmaninoff’s “Cello Sonata,” have given her a place among today’s formidable transcribers.

In addition to recording 53 performances of short works on her YouTube project “Midnight Pieces,” Korepanova has also created several projects featuring a combination of original poetry and visual art that serve as an interpretive commentary to a particular cycle of works for the piano. These cycles include Liszt’s “Transcendental Etudes,” Bach’s “Well-Tempered Clavier” and Tchaikovsky’s “18 Morceaux, Op. 72.” She also founded “Festival Baltimore,” a two-week chamber music series and summer academy dedicated to the performance and study of complete cycles, and “Music for Minds,” a nonprofit organization that serves to promote classical concerts in classrooms while establishing and supporting music festivals featuring unique programming.

Mensink has known Korepanova for several years and performed with her multiple times in the past. As excited as he is to share the stage with her, he is even more excited she gets to share her talents with the campus and surrounding community.

“Asiya’s performances are absolutely stunning and I am excited to bring her out for a concert here in Morehead,” he said.

This event is supported by the Buckner and Sally S. Hinkle Endowment for Humanities.

To learn more about 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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Morehead State celebrates National Transfer Student Week

The Office of Transition Services at Morehead State University will be celebrating National Transfer Student Week from Oct. 21 through Oct. 25. The National Institute for the Study of Transfer Students (NISTS) organizes National Transfer Student Week to celebrate transfer students and the professionals who support them on their journey.

“Transfer students are a huge part of our overall campus community. We have students attending each of our campuses, but also enrolled online from all over the world,” said Jen Timmermann, director of the Office of Transition Services. “This annual celebration gives us an opportunity to spotlight not only those students but also the many transfer advocates at MSU who support them.”

There are several events taking place during National Transfer Student Week at MSU, including a Transfer Student Appreciation Reception from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Monday, Oct. 21, in the first-floor lobby of the Adron Doran University Center (ACUC). MSU Chapter of Tau Sigma, the National Honor Society for Transfer Students, is sponsoring this program and light refreshments will be available. Students will receive “I’m a Transfer” stickers and be asked to autograph the “Board of Transfers.” MSU Transfer Student social media will highlight “Transfer Stories” from current transfer students throughout the week and each regional campus will also host programming.

On Friday, Oct. 25, Morehead State will host Transfer Spirit Day and invite the entire campus to wear blue and gold in honor of transfer students.

According to NISTS, transfer students make up 38% of all students in higher education. MSU provides a multitude of services for prospective transfer students, such as regional transfer advisors, the Eagle Express Joint Admission program with Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) partners, unofficial program evaluations and monthly Transfer Visit Day programs. Students transferring from KCTCS may also apply free using the promo code “KCTCS.” All transfer students are automatically considered for transfer scholarships, including the Kentucky Transfer Scholarship.

For more information about National Transfer Student Week, contact Jen Timmermann at 606-783-5488 or transfer@moreheadstate.edu.

To learn more about becoming a transfer student at MSU, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/transfer.

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Creating sculptures with cardboard workshop scheduled Oct. 23-24

A workshop will be held Oct. 23-24 to help students in Morehead State's Department of Art and Design learn about creating sculptures with cardboard.

The "Corrugated" workshop will be led by Jason Schneider, assistant professor of woodworking and furniture design at Northern Michigan University. He has exhibited his work extensively throughout the United States, including Sculpture Objects Functional Art and Design Fair (SOFA) in Chicago, the Museum of Craft and Design in San Francisco, ICFF in New York, and the Center for Art in Wood in Philadelphia.

Demonstrations for the workshop will be held at the Claypool-Young Art Building in the sculpture room (104C). On Wednesday, Schneider will hold demonstrations at 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. and will conduct a lecture on his process at 2 p.m. in room 111 of the art building. On Thursday, he will hold demonstrations at 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The workshop is available to art & design students in the following courses:

- 3D Design
- Ceramics
- Sculpture

The public is welcome to observe and listen, but there is no public participation due to limited space and equipment.

This event is provided by support from the Buckner and Sally S. Hinkle Endowment for Humanities. For more information, contact Helen Otterson, assistant professor of sculpture, at 606-783-2787 or email h.otterson@moreheadstate.edu.

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

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MSU introduces C3 collaboration next week

Morehead State University will host a daylong series of meetings with University leadership, faculty and staff, and community and regional partners to introduce the University's new collaboration with the Commonwealth Commercialization Center (C3) from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24, in Room 325 of the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC). A detailed presentation on C3 will take place from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., followed by complimentary lunch and one-on-one visits from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

"C3 is Kentucky's new engine for statewide innovation, which is created to fuel economic growth and development via the transformation of ideas into patents, business plans and investment," said Dr. Michael Henson, associate provost for research and dean of the Graduate School. "Morehead State is extremely pleased to be an active partner in this initiative to benefit our region."

As a newly created science and technology nonprofit, C3 provides resources to the state's public universities and colleges to transform ideas into patents, business plans and investment. This new collaboration provides a dedicated resource for Morehead State University faculty and staff that will help move promising ideas and research to products on the market for public benefit.

If you are interested in attending this event, RSVP no later than Thursday, Oct. 17, to ensure adequate resources are available. To RSVP or learn more information about C3's collaboration with Morehead State, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/c3.

For more information about the event, contact Dr. Michael Henson at 606-783-9080 or m.henson@moreheadstate.edu.

To learn more about MSU's Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/research.

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GEMS event Scheduled for Nov. 9 at MSU

Morehead State's Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics will partner with the Wilderness Road Girl Scout Council to hold the 15th Annual Girls in Engineering, Mathematics and Science (GEMS) workshop on Saturday, Nov. 9, on the MSU campus.

Participants will take part in four hands-on workshops led by local female STEM experts. All girls in grades 4-12 are invited to attend. Girls do not have to be Girl Scouts to participate.

Registration is \$20 for Girl Scouts, \$25 for non-Girl Scouts. The registration deadline is Sunday, Oct. 20. Register online at www.moreheadstate.edu/gems. For more information, contact Katie Maudlin at kmaudlin@gswrc.org or call 1-800-475-2621 Ext. 2130.

For more information about the Craft Academy at MSU, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/craft-academy, email craftacademy@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2093.

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Mercer County High School students visit Eagle Scholars program

Eagle Scholar students from Mercer County High School visited Morehead State University's campus, Thursday, Oct. 17. 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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Craft Academy students recognized by National Merit Scholarship Program

Five students at Morehead State's Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics have received letters of commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Program.

The students, their hometowns and their home high schools are:

- Margaret Elizabeth Alden, Morehead, Rowan County Senior High School.
- Claire Ilyse Butler, Louisville, Brown School.
- Sierra Paige Potts, Stanford, Lincoln County High School.
- Thaddeus Tchein Long, Fort Thomas, Highlands High School.
- Aaron David Thomas, Foster, Pendleton County Memorial High School.

The students were recognized for being among the 50,000 highest national scorers on the Standardized Admissions Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (SAT/NMSQT). They will not move on to the semifinalist round of the competition but were recognized for their exceptional academic promise.

The Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics is a dual-credit residential high school for academically exceptional Kentucky students. The Craft Academy's purpose is to meet the unique educational needs of academically gifted and talented high school juniors and seniors in the Commonwealth. The academic rigor of the Craft Academy challenges students to excel at their highest level through project-based STEM+X courses and hands-on learning experiences, with emphasis on innovation, design and creativity, and civic and regional engagement.

For More information about the Craft Academy, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/craft-academy, email craftacademy@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2093.



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MSU education students participate in training

Three seniors from Morehead State's College of Education recently participated in training that incorporates brain science into the classroom.

Ashley Blanton, a middle grades 5-9 major from Salyersville; Brooke Hopson, a learning and behavior disorders 5-9 major from Paintsville; and MacKenzie Thompson, a middle grades 5-9 major from Sharpsburg, recently completed the Kagan Brain Friendly Two-Day Training at the Kentucky Educational Development Corporation (KEDC) in Lexington as a part of its Academic Support Program Inspiring to Reach Excellence (ASPIRE) Program.

Kagan's Brain Friendly Training puts the power of brain research and theory to work in the classroom. Research shows that students learn more, learn more quickly, retain and recall more and like learning more if the six essential principles of brain science are employed to align teaching with how students' brains naturally learn. Teachers were immersed in interactive learning to gain practical tools, tips and structures to leap from theory to practice.

The ASPIRE grant, a U.S. Department of Education American History and Civics Academies grant awarded to the KEDC, works in partnership with the National Council of History Education (NCHE), the Kentucky Council for the Social Studies (KCSS), Georgetown College, Eastern Kentucky University, Morehead State University and the Kentucky Department of Education to support the establishment of:

- Presidential Academies for the Teaching of American History and Civics that offer workshops for veteran and new teachers to strengthen their knowledge of American History, Civics, and Teaching Strategy through the use of student engagement in an effort to better involve 6-12th grade students with activities that teach them about civic responsibility and help them to become active, informed and productive citizens.
- Congressional Academies for Students of American History and Civics to provide students with opportunities to develop a broader and more in-depth understanding of these subjects. Kentucky Social Studies, Language Arts, and Special Education teachers are accepted into the ASPIRE project on an application basis.

For more information, contact Kay Hedrick, ASPIRE educational design coordinator, at kay.hedrick@kedc.org or visit the ASPIRE website at <http://www.aspire-ky.org>.

To learn more about Morehead State's education programs, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/education, email c.miller@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2162.

Photo 1: Teacher Mentor Michelle Bloomfield from Bath County Middle School and MacKenzie Thompson.

Photo 2: Teacher Mentors Brenda Fairchild and Rhonda Howard from Johnson County Middle School, Ashley Blanton, Brooke Hopson, and Teacher Mentor Kimberly Tackett.

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Morehead State receives additional \$3.5 million commitment from Crafts

The Morehead State University Foundation has received a commitment from Dr. Joe and Ambassador Kelly Craft of Lexington for an additional \$3.5 million over the next five years. This brings their total support for the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics to just over \$10 million.

The gift will be used to ensure the sustained excellence of The Craft Academy – a STEM+X Residential High School for gifted and talented students in Kentucky- made possible through the Craft’s generosity as well as appropriations from the Kentucky General Assembly. The Academy was recently named to the Jay Matthews Public Elites List of schools for 2019, distinguishing it as one of the top-performing high schools in the nation. The Jay Matthews Challenge Index is the oldest high school ranking system in the country, beginning in 1998 in both Newsweek and The Washington Post. In 2019, the Craft Academy graduated its third class with an average ACT score of 31. Thirty-five of 50 graduates attained a score of 31 or higher.

“I am grateful for the Crafts’ continued commitment to providing high quality STEM+X educational opportunities to academically gifted and talented students from Kentucky. Their commitment will be forever impactful to the lives of the students and to the future of our state,” said Dr. Jay Morgan, MSU president.

The Craft Academy opened in August 2015. The Crafts initially pledged \$4 million in support of the Academy, which was the single largest cash gift in the history of the University.

The Craft Academy offers a unique, project-based STEM+X curriculum that enriches students’ educational experiences and develops competencies in entrepreneurship and innovation, design and creativity, and civic and regional engagement.

Students live on the Morehead State University campus in Grote-Thompson Hall, which was remodeled with meeting and social areas, the addition of a makerspace, and enhanced 24/7 staffing. Counselors and advisors also are available.

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

A Hazard native, Joe Craft is Chairman, President and CEO of Alliance Resource Partners LP, a diversified natural resource company, and is a dedicated philanthropist who supports education, free enterprise initiatives and social services throughout the Commonwealth.

Ambassador Craft is a native of Glasgow and was previously the United States Ambassador to Canada, the first woman to hold the post. She currently serves as the United States Ambassador to the United Nations.

Additional information may be obtained by calling the MSU Foundation at 606-783-2599. Information about the Craft Academy can be found online at <https://www.moreheadstate.edu/Craft-Academy>.

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Still time to register for MSU's IdeaFestival

Morehead State University will host an IdeaFestival Youth Event, a one-day event celebrating innovation and imagination for middle and high school students from across the Commonwealth. The event takes place from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7.

The IdeaFestival Youth Event, or IdeaFest, features TED-style talks by innovative and creative Kentucky high school and college students. It also includes a Career Maker Faire where students can explore career paths and exhibits from colleges, universities, technical colleges, and area businesses and industry.

Dr. Caroline Atkins, visiting assistant professor of criminology and assistant to the president for strategic initiatives, said planned activities would include a Rubik's cube competition, robotics, facility design mock-ups and interactions with animals from MSU's veterinary technology program.

"The format for the day will provide youth from our service region with the opportunity to have hands-on experiences with our academic units and community partners to aid in their decision-making related to future goal setting," she said.

IdeaFest is sponsored by Morehead State University and Bluegrass Tomorrow. This opportunity is free to Kentucky students through our educational partners and registration is currently open.

IdeaFest Schedule

- 9:30-10:15 a.m. - Arrival and campus tours
- 10:30-11 a.m. - Lunch
- 11:15 a.m. - Welcome and introduction to the day
- 11:50 a.m.-12:15 p.m. - TED-talks
- 12:20-2 p.m. - Career Maker Faire and Flash Talks
- 1:15-2 p.m. - Campus tours and departure

For more information or to register, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/ideafest, email msuideafest@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2211.

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MSU board holds work session and special meeting

The Morehead State University Board of Regents held a work session and special meeting on Friday, Oct. 18, at 1:45 p.m. in the Caudill Family Heritage Room of the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC).

Prior to the work session and special meeting, the Board of Regents Audit Committee met at 12:30 p.m., where they accepted the 2018-19 audit report and heard a report on the status of internal audits.

During the work session, the board heard reports on the following:

- The 2019 preliminary fall enrollment and housing reports.
- The 2020 Healthcare Plan report.
- Update on the status of the Kentucky Employee Retirement System (KERS).
- University scholarship campaign update.
- Campus square footage presentation.
- University's debt reduction plan.

After the work session, the board held a special called meeting at 3:15 p.m. The Board of Regents approved an amendment to the 2020 budget to repair the air conditioning chiller at Alumni Tower, approved the 2018-19 audit report, and adopted a resolution honoring the lifelong service of former Regent Patrick E. Price and ratified an honorary doctoral degree for Price.

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

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Morehead State Ceramics Guild organizing Empty Bowls event

The Morehead State University Ceramics Guild and Rowan County Christmas are organizing an "Empty Bowls" charity event from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25, at the American Legion Post 126, 156 Old Cranston Road in Morehead.

Empty Bowls is an international project that is organized by artists and arts organizations in local communities. Ceramic artists create and donate bowls to raise money to fight hunger, increase awareness for hunger-related issues and advocate for arts education.

For a minimum donation of \$10, attendees of the Empty Bowls event in Morehead will receive a handcrafted bowl, a serving of chili, dessert and a drink. All proceeds will go to Rowan County Christmas, a nonprofit organization where local social service agencies, churches, civic organizations, businesses and community leaders coordinate charitable giving and community assistance to families and seniors in need during the holidays.

"I think that internal community spirit of a ceramics studio is a natural fit to seep out into the great local community," said Adam Yungbluth, visiting assistant professor of ceramics at MSU. "A blind ask for money can be hard but offering lunch and a handmade piece of pottery is a no-brainer. For us in the Department of Art & Design and the University, it helps to further our positive impact in the community."

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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Graduate student art show opens Oct. 28

A unique art show featuring works by graduate students in Morehead State's Department of Art and Design will open Monday, Oct. 28.

"Concatenations" is organized and presented by MSU graduate students with cooperation and support from the Rowan County Arts Center. The show consists of work made by the graduate students of the MSU art and design program as part of their master's theses and is one of the first organized group exhibitions to feature graduate student artists. The exhibit will feature photography, screen printing, sculpture, ceramics and comic illustration works by graduate students Dustyn Pruitt from Ashland; Joel Knueven from Moscow, Ohio; Ashley Worley from Lexington; and Trey Davis from Maysville.

"Most graduate students are busy submitting to other shows and entering into regional shows alongside undergraduates, the time organizing and planning a show is heavy and so one reason there haven't been more Graduate centric shows in the past is the heavy workload on us as students," Pruitt, who helped organize the exhibit, said. "However, we are very excited to put on this show. From my position, organizing a show like this is an exciting chance to exhibit with my friends."

The show runs from Monday, Oct. 28 to Nov. 29 at the Rowan County Arts Center, 205 E. Main St. in Morehead with a reception and meet and greet with the artists scheduled for Nov. 20 at 5 p.m. at the arts center.

For more information, contact the Rowan County Arts Center at 606- 783-9857, email rcac@moreheadtourism.com or visit www.rowancountyartscenter.com.

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Morehead State celebrates Homecoming Weekend

Students, alumni, faculty staff and friends of Morehead State University returned and reconnected to celebrate the blue and gold as One Eagle Family during MSU's annual Homecoming Weekend.

Dr. Gerald DeMoss (63) was the recipient of the MSU Founder's Award for University Service. DeMoss was a respected member of the Morehead State faculty for 42 years. He joined the faculty as a professor of biology and served in other leadership roles, including the department chair of Biological and Environmental Sciences, dean of the former College of Arts and Sciences and dean of the College of Science and Technology. After retirement, he returned to the University to assist with administrative positions, including acting provost and vice president for academic affairs.

Three people were inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame. They were:

- Dr. Annette Graham (85) 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) 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) has had a successful career in strategy, operations, finance, business development, M&A for nearly 40 years in North America, Europe and Asia. His professional experience ranges from start-up ventures to \$5 billion public companies. He retired as executive chairman of Market Track, LLC, the last company he led in 2017. Currently, he serves as a senior advisor to Norwest Venture Partners, as a board director for multiple PE-backed companies and is directly involved in several start-up endeavors.

In addition, three alumni were also inducted into the MSU Athletic Hall of Fame. They were:

- Shawn Armstrong (95) 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.
- David Neely (72) was an accomplished high jumper in the Morehead State Track and Field program from 1969-1972. The first-ever field-only athlete to be inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame, he

represented MSU at the NCAA Championships and the United States Track and Field Federation Championships and was named All-OVC Conference three times in his career.

- Katelyn Barbour Sallee (09) 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.

Notable Alumni Award recipients for 2019 were:

- Gena Boyle Burger (04) currently serves as the deputy secretary of health and human resources in the Commonwealth of Virginia. She has also served as the health and environmental policy advisor to Governor Tim Kaine.
- Jesse Wells (08) is an accomplished bluegrass musician who currently performs with notable recording artist Tyler Childers and has previously performed with the likes of Dr. Ralph Stanley, Town Mountain, The Wootches and Dirk Powell. He has been with the Kentucky Center for Traditional Music since its establishment in 2000, where he serves as an instructor, recording studio manager and manager of the center's Traditional Music Archives. His daughter Maddie accepted on his behalf.

Rising Eagle Award recipients for 2019 were:

- Byron Burton (11) 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) 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).
- Jared Ravenscraft (16) is the co-founder and co-owner of New Frontier Outfitters, a clothing line that promotes the Appalachian region and celebrates the culture and love of the outdoors.

The Eagle Spirit Award for 2019 was awarded to:

- Vicki Collins Blakeman (81) is a native of Morehead. During college, Blakeman was a member of Chi Omega, a Sigma Phi Epsilon Little Sister, an MSU cheerleader and was crowned MSU Homecoming Queen in 1980. Since graduation, she has been a familiar face at all MSU events. To honor her late husband, Blakeman hosts an annual golf outing and designates all proceeds to the J.B. Blakeman Memorial Scholarship managed by the MSU Foundation.

The MSU Homecoming Parade brought out alumni, students, faculty, staff and the community as it made its way through Main Street in downtown Morehead the morning of Saturday, Oct. 19.

Later that afternoon, the MSU Eagle football team defeated Butler with a final score of 31-20.

During halftime, Brianna Haynes, junior from Morehead, and Hunter Collins, senior from West Liberty, were crowned as this year's Homecoming Queen and King. Members of the Homecoming Court were Allie Hull (senior, Richmond), Hannah Layne (senior, Pikeville), Hannah McFarland (senior, Salyersville), Gabby Merrill (senior, Maysville), Luke Birkes (senior, Winchester), Devin Boggs (junior, Bardstown), Brent Parsons (sophomore, Grayson) and Larry Whelan (senior, Morehead).

Several organizations and groups also held reunions during Homecoming Weekend. There was an MSU Cheer Alumni Reunion, an African American Alumni Reunion and special class reunions and recognition were given to the Class of 1969 (50th anniversary), Class of 1979 (40th anniversary) and the Class of 1994 (25th anniversary).

MSU also held a Memorial Brick Ceremony at the Little Bell Tower Memorial Plaza to honor former faculty and staff who passed away during the last year for their years of faithful service given to the University.

To learn more about reconnecting with MSU alumni and becoming an active alum, contact the Office of Alumni Relations and Development at 800-783-ALUM (2586) or alumni@moreheadstate.edu, or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/alumni.

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MSU welcomes future Eagles at November 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 Nov. 2.

MSU's Office of Enrollment Services will host an Open House from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 2, 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. 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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MSU Commercial Music Rock Ensemble perform Woodstock tribute concert

The Morehead State University Commercial Music Rock Ensemble will present "Back to the Garden: A Woodstock Tribute" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29, at the Morehead Conference Center. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and "hippie" clothes are highly encouraged. Tickets are \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door and free with MSU student ID.

Under the direction of Glenn Ginn, associate professor of music, the show will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the legendary Woodstock Music and Arts Festival in Bethel, New York. The event featured three days of musical performances in August 1969.

The ensemble will perform music by many of the artists featured at the festival, including Richie Havens, Joan Baez, Canned Heat, Santana, The Who, Jimi Hendrix, The Grateful Dead, John Sebastian, Arlo Guthrie and Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young, among others. The concert will feature 21 student musicians and seven faculty musicians. Glenn Ginn and his wife, Lisa, both serve as producers in collaboration with the MSU Music Industry Club.

"The Woodstock festival was a moment in history when nearly 500,000 young people gathered in one place to express a communal reaction to the violence that had been perpetrated on their generation throughout the 1960s. That reaction was to have three days of art, peace, love and music by the greatest collection of musical artists ever assembled at one festival," Ginn said. "With all that is happening in our country and world today, it is important to remember that reaction, not only brilliant for its time but also a viable option for us today."

For more information on the concert, contact Glenn Ginn at g.ginn@moreheadstate.edu at 606-776-1141.

To learn more about music programs at MSU, contact the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance at mtd@moreheadstate.edu, 606-783-2473 or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/mtd.



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Nicholas County High School students visit Eagle Scholars program

Eagle Scholar students from Nicholas County High School visited Morehead State University's campus Tuesday, Oct. 22. 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.

Photo, front row from left: Fielden Bechanan, Shannon Knight, Kamryn Letcher and Sydney Ishmael. Middle row, left to right: Taylor Hunt, Caleb Newby, Kagen Brierly and Heather Tincher. Back row, left to right: Peyton Hall, Morgan Plank and Caleb Morgan.

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Dr. Patrick Osborne Scholarship established this year

The Morehead State University Foundation has announced the recipient of the newly established Dr. Patrick Osborne Scholarship, a fund to benefit MSU students. The student receiving the award is Katie Smith, a senior majoring in business administration with an emphasis in marketing from Harlan County.

“As a senior in my final semester, the courses that I am taking are some of the most challenging for my major,” said Smith. “Receiving this scholarship will lessen the financial burden of my senior year and allow me to focus on my classes and starting my career in the field of marketing after graduation. I am extremely grateful for this scholarship award.”

As a student, Smith has been active with the Student Government Association, the Student Alumni Ambassadors and served as a Resident Advisor for the Office of Student Housing.

The scholarship’s namesake, Dr. Patrick Osborne (01), is a two-time graduate from MSU, earning a bachelor’s degree in business with an emphasis in marketing in 2001 and a master’s degree in sport management in 2002. He was a standout student-athlete, playing with the MSU Football Eagles from 1997 to 2001. During his time at MSU, he served as the student-athlete representative to the NCAA Intercollegiate Athletic Committee, was formally nominated for the Rhodes Scholarship and earned Collegiate All-American Scholar honors in 2001. He was also a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

He earned a doctorate in leadership from Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville in 2015, where his doctoral work and dissertation focused on emotional intelligence, cognitive intelligence and personality type, and their relationship to vocational success. Following an executive career in corporate America, Osborne followed his passion for Higher Education and transitioned to become a faculty member at Trevecca Nazarene University. He currently serves as a professor in Leadership Studies. He also serves as a member of the Ohio Valley Conference Alumni Committee and is an active sponsor and volunteer for the Nashville Rescue Mission and Second Harvest Bank.

The recipient of the award must be a full-time, undergraduate senior-level student majoring in marketing in the Elmer R. Smith College of Business of Technology with a 3.0 GPA or above. Preference will be given to a fifth-year student-athlete that played football and has exhausted their eligibility. If a football student-athlete is not eligible, preference will be given to another eligible student-athlete.

For more information on this scholarship, or to establish your own, contact MSU’s Office of Alumni Relations and Development at 606-783-2033, email giving@moreheadstate.edu or visit alumni.moreheadstate.edu/give to contribute today.

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Cornbread and Tortillas to perform Nov. 1

The performance collective, Cornbread and Tortillas, will perform at Morehead State on Friday, Nov. 1, at 6:30 p.m. in the Button Drill Room.

Cornbread and Tortillas is a performance group of Appalachian and Latinx musicians, dancers and storytellers who seek to celebrate both the traditional culture of Kentucky and the cultures of Latinx immigrants who have arrived more recently in the state. Dr. Joy Gritton, professor of art, helped organize the event as an extension of a yearly project in her World Arts class.

“We had previously coupled the event with a music performance to great success, so when the Hinkle Humanities grant allowed us to think about inviting a group that would enhance all of these efforts, we were very excited about the possibilities that Cornbread & Tortillas afforded,” she said. “I hope people will gain an appreciation for the richness of folk traditions in Latin America and at home here in Kentucky, and empathy and compassion for the members of our community who are overcoming great odds to join the American family and who are willing and eager to share their knowledge, skills, talents and creativity with us individually and as a nation.”

Gritton added the audience will experience the music and dance of not only Appalachia but Central and South America as well.

“Those attending the performance will see and hear instruments such as the banjo, Appalachian dulcimer, and mandolin, but also the charango, zampoñas, quenás (Andean flutes), cajón (a percussion instrument from Peru), and congas,” she said. “They will hear traditional songs and stories from Mexico, Kentucky, Ecuador, Nicaragua, and Guatemala performed in English and Spanish, and will be able to see and compare flatfoot dancing from the mountains of Appalachia and several styles of Ballet Folklórico from Mexico.”

Before the performance, the World Arts class will hold its annual Day of the Dead event from 5 to 6 p.m. in room 325 of the Adron Doran University Center, featuring traditional arts, altars and food. Also, and there will be a dance sponsored by the Latino Student Union immediately following the performance. All events are free and open to the public.

These events are provided by support from the Buckner and Sally S. Hinkle Endowment for Humanities.

For more information on Cornbread and Tortillas, visit www.cornbreadandtortillas.com.

For 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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Eisenhour researches fish in Red River

Morehead State Professor of Biology Dr. David Eisenhour and student researchers have been working to identify fish species in an isolated section of the Red River.

Eisenhour and his students are documenting the different species of fish that live in an isolated part of the Red River, which goes through the Red River Gorge in Eastern Kentucky. They are studying the nine-mile stretch of the river between roads KY 746 and KY 715, known as the “Wild River” section of the waterway because of class II and class III rapids there.

“Access to the river is quite difficult, except for the upper and lower end (at the two highway crossings), so the only fish surveys in this region were at the upper-lower access points, in the early 1970s and late 1990s,” Eisenhour said. Those surveys identified 26 fish species in the area, and Eisenhour and biologists with Kentucky Nature Preserves (KNP), which partially funds his research, believed there were many more species of fish in that section of the river.

Eisenhour and several students sampled eight locations along the river using seining, a method of fishing using a net that hangs vertically in the water with its bottom edge held down by weights and its top edge buoyed by floats, and backpack electrofishing to identify fish they saw or captured, identifying an additional 15 species not previously recorded as living in the Red River. Eisenhour said students would soon start analyzing the data they collected.

“Our sampling protocol allowed us to analyze the fish data with the Kentucky Index of Biotic Integrity (KIBI), a computational program that assesses a fish communities’ health,” he said. “The fish community of the Wild River section of Red River appears in excellent condition, especially in the lower part of our study area. The KIBI numbers from these sites will be the highest (best) I have seen. Ever. Few, if any, areas in Kentucky have a more diverse and healthy fish fauna. Further downstream, but still in the Gorge, the Red River is mostly in protected, public-owned land and is in excellent condition. The Red River Gorge region is truly a gem.”

The students who worked with Eisenhour on the project learned fish identification and capture methods, data analysis and presentation, which will benefit them in their careers no matter what branch of science they choose to explore.

“This gives them first-hand experience in the methodology of science – how researchers answer questions and communicate their findings to others,” Eisenhour said.

The section of the river Eisenhower and his students are surveying is popular with kayakers due to the rapids there, but he said kayakers have little to no impact on the ecosystem. The greatest threat, he said, comes from watersheds upstream that are privately owned.

“Farmlands and urban areas contribute a considerable amount of sediment to the upper part of the Wild River section,” he said. Improvement of stream-side habitats, such as restoration of eroding banks and removal of straight-pipes, above the Wild River is the management strategy most likely to improve the water quality and aquatic communities.”

To learn more about Eisenhower’s research, email d.eisenhour@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2963.

For more information about programs in MSU’s Department of Biology and Chemistry, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/biochem, email bioc@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2945.

Photo: Dr. David Eisenhower, center, and research students used a backpack electrofishing tool to collect fish as part of his work to identify species in the Red River.

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MSU to hold Veterans Day activities

To honor current and former members of the U.S. military, Morehead State will hold several events on Veterans Day, Monday, Nov. 11.

The events are held in cooperation with Rowan County Schools and American Legion Post 126. Activities will begin with a wreath-laying ceremony at 11 a.m. at Freedom Park on Main Street in Morehead, in front of the Rowan County Arts Center. Veterans will be treated to lunch at 11:30 a.m. in Ballroom A/B of the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC). The day's events will conclude with a special Veterans Day program, held at 1:30 p.m. at Rowan County Senior High School.

"MSU is committed to honoring the faithful service of veterans of the Armed Forces, past, present, and future along with their families," said Dr. Silas Session, MSU director of military initiatives. "This is a great time for our humble veteran students and military dependent students to allow the community to show their appreciation for them along with faculty, staff and surrounding community veterans."

For more information about Veterans Day events, contact Session at ssession@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-9267.

For more information on veteran services at MSU, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/veterans, email veterans@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-9416.

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Art and Design to host annual ‘Rocky Horror Picture Show’ screening

Morehead State’s Department of Art and Design and the Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences will host the annual screening of “The Rocky Horror Picture Show” and costume contest on Wednesday, October 30, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Claypool Young Art Building.

The event begins at 7 p.m. with live music, refreshments and sign-ups for the costume contest. The costume parade and judging will start at 7:45 p.m., and winners of first, second and third place will each receive gift certificates to the University Store. First place wins a \$75 certificate, second wins \$50 and third wins \$25. The costume contest is open to students only.

The film screening will start at 8:15 p.m. in the auditorium (room 111). The screening is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Melissa Yungbluth, instructor of art and design and director of the Golding-Yang Gallery, at 606-783-2766 or myungbluth@moreheadstate.edu.

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Housing staff members win awards at state conference

Employees from Morehead State's Office of Student Housing took home several awards at the 2019 Kentucky Association of Housing Officers (KAHO) statewide conference, Oct. 21-22, in Lexington.

Marie Anderson, the Office of Student Housing's secretary specialist, was awarded the 2019 KAHO Service Award. Selected annually by a member institution's chief housing officer, the KAHO Service Award recognizes a staff member who has given outstanding service to the University. Anderson is the principal client service provider and oversees the students who staff the front desk. Her positivity and ethic of care are contagious and pervasive.

Presented to MSU Hall Director Anastasia Chaky, the Best in the Bluegrass Award recognizes the presentation at the conference that was the highest-rated via attendee evaluation from the dozens of sessions presented. Chaky presented on "True News: First Amendment Rights in the Residence Halls," focusing on Constitutional rights and responsibilities in a residence hall setting. Because of this win, she will be presenting this session at the Southeastern Association of Housing Officers Annual Conference as the best educational program from the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Lydia Clay, a senior fine arts and education major from Taylorsville, was awarded the 2019 Kentucky Association of Residence Halls (KARH) Student of the Year Award. This statewide award is given annually to the student who demonstrates exemplary leadership and contribution within the halls and to the KARH. Clay has served on the 2019 KARH Conference Host Committee, chairs the MSU Office of Student Housing Recognition Committee and oversees and facilitates the MSU Office of Student Housing National Association of College and University Residence Halls (NACURH) And the National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) of the month recognition program, which has garnered significant and unprecedented regional and national accomplishments for the office and the University.

The winner of the Outstanding Resident Advisor Award was Micayla Gabrie, a senior middle grades education major from Taylorsville. Selected annually by a member institution's chief housing officer, the Outstanding Resident Advisor Award recognizes an undergraduate student staff member who goes above and beyond the positional expectations to make a difference for their campus and residents. Gabrie, currently serving as a student director, assists with the building operations, staff development and administrative functions for Alumni Tower, Andrews Hall and Eagle Lake Apartments.

MSU Director of Housing and Residence Education, Alan Rucker, earned the 2019 Ruth Ann Howard Service Award. Named for a former MSU staff member, this annual award is the Commonwealth's top honor for a housing professional and given annually to the professional who demonstrates outstanding service to the KAHO and their home institution. Through Rucker's leadership, the Office of Student Housing has overseen significant organizational changes, earned numerous regional and national awards and recognitions, hosted two statewide residence life conferences and participated in the construction and opening of MSU's newest residence hall in more than 40 years. As a member of the KAHO Governing Council, Rucker oversaw the relaunch of the KAHO website and new branding and logo initiatives, as well as successfully chairing the 2014 KAHO statewide conference on the MSU campus.

For more information about MSU's Office of Student Housing, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/housing, email housing@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2060.

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Hall presents at 2019 KAHPERD Convention in Louisville

Adrienne Hall, a native of Olive Hill and a junior sport management major at MSU, recently presented her poster presentation at the 2019 Kentucky Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (KAHPERD) Convention in Louisville on Oct. 14.

The title of her presentation, “A feasibility study of an online streaming service for Kentucky high school athletics,” was initially conceived in a sport marketing class taught by Dr. Steve Chen, professor of sport management. For the project assignment of creating a marketing plan for athletics at any level, Hall presented the idea of an online platform to mostly serve as a promotional tool for high school athletics in general and the specific aspects of Kentucky high school athletics, including services like online streaming of athletic events, online sports apparel shops and more general information like schedules and team rosters.

“This idea derived from the observation that most Kentucky high school athletic webpages are directly linked with their academic pages. In addition, overall, they are not updated and maintained in an orderly way,” Hall said. “There is a market for my platform.”

Following completion of the assignment and the course this past spring, Hall was given the opportunity to hold a position as an Undergraduate Research Assistant under Dr. Chen for Fall 2019, where she continued research with intentions to further investigate the feasibility and sustainability of this type of platform, which led to her presenting at the KAHPERD Convention.

“Presenting at the 2019 KAHPERD Convention in Louisville was a great experience where I could share my ideas with individuals who were interested in stopping by my poster and giving me helpful feedback,” Hall said.

Hall’s idea also led to her placing as a runner-up in the 2019 Business Pitch competition at MSU, where she was able to receive feedback from judges that helped guide her research. Hall has expressed an interest in pursuing sport marketing and promotions as a career path. Regardless of what Hall decides to do, her faculty mentor believes in her capabilities when it comes to achieving whatever goal lies in front of her.

“It has been a great pleasure for me to work with Adrienne,” Chen said. “I am impressed by Adrienne’s multi-tasking skills and diligent work ethic. I am confident that she will bring a great impact to the recreation and athletic programs in her community after her graduation.”

To learn more about MSU’s sport management program, contact the Elmer R. Smith College of Business and Technology at cbt@moreheadstate.edu, 606-783-2174 or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/cbt.

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