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Happy School Year! Still time to register for MSU spring semester classes

To begin a new decade in 2020, you can begin or continue your higher education journey at a top 20 public university in the South and one of the safest college campuses in the nation.

New or returning Morehead State University students can still register for MSU's 2020 spring academic term. Classes begin Monday, Jan. 13, 2020, at all MSU locations. Registration for Spring 2020 is available online at my.moreheadstate.edu.

For those not yet enrolled who are considering attending MSU, there is still time to apply for the spring term.

Prospective students may apply online at www.moreheadstate.edu/apply, or call the Office of Enrollment Services at 606-783-2000 or 800-585-6781.

Current students also may view and pay their bill online. Those who are registered for the spring semester will receive monthly e-billing statements via their MSU email account. It is the student's responsibility to check their MSU email account regularly as e-bills are the University's official means of delivering billing statements. To view your bill or enroll in an online payment plan, log in to MyMoreheadState at my.moreheadstate.edu, and select "Self-Service Menu" for Students.

Textbooks are available at the University Store, located in the Adron Doran University Center on the Morehead campus. Orders may be placed by calling 606-783-2081 or online at bookstore.moreheadstate.edu. Purchases will be shipped to the address specified by the student.

Meal plan selections for the spring semester are also currently available. To view and order a meal plan, go to the EagleCard web page, www.moreheadstate.edu/eaglecard. Additional information is available by contacting the EagleCard office at 606-783-2701. University Store and meal plan purchases can be added to the student's bill.

Additional information is available by calling MSU at Ashland at 606-327-1777 or 800-648-5370; MSU at Mt. Sterling at 859-499-0780 or 866-870-0809; MSU at Prestonsburg at 606-886-2405 or 800-648-6372; the University Center of the Mountains at 606-487-3179 or 800-246-7521 ext. 73179; the Office of the Registrar at 606-783-2008; or by calling the Office of Enrollment Services at 606-783-2000 or 800-585-6781.

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MSU ranked safest campus in Kentucky

Morehead State has been ranked as the safest college campus in the state of Kentucky by the National Council for Home Safety and Security.

The council compiled data from 490 college campuses across the country, looking at crime reports from local law enforcement and the FBI. The list considered two variables: crime rate and police adequacy. The complete list is available at www.alarms.org/safest-colleges.

MSU fosters an environment dedicated to the safety of our students and is consistently ranked among the safest campuses in the Commonwealth and the nation.

“Our main mission is the safety of the campus community and we exert all of our efforts with this in mind. Our officers do a great overall job of making this safe campus even safer,” said MSU Police Chief Merrell Harrison. “We are constantly trying to improve, to come up with innovative ways to improve campus safety. We also recognize our law enforcement partners in the community, including Morehead Police Department, Rowan County Sheriff’s Department, and Kentucky State Police. These agencies do a great job in their respective jurisdictions, which help to keep our campus safer.”

The MSU Police Department (MSUPD) is staffed 24-7, 365 days a year, and offers numerous tools to keep the campus community safe, including a free after-hours shuttle service to transport students on and around campus at night. MSUPD provides weather and safety alerts via text and email and through the Live Safe smartphone app, students can report crimes and suspicious activity and contact police in the event of an emergency. LiveSafe provides for emergency communication between the campus community and the police department. Harrison says the most important tool the police department has in keeping students safe is the students themselves.

“Information sharing is the key to keeping our campus safe. With our safety app, LiveSafe, as well as other means of contacting us, we gather an abundance of important information from students and the rest of the campus community to enhance our operations further,” he said.

More information about the MSUPD is available at www.moreheadstate.edu/police or by calling [606-783-2035](tel:606-783-2035).

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Murphy elected KACE president-elect

Morehead State University's Hayley Murphy (14), career coach in MSU's Office of Career Services, was elected president-elect at the Kentucky Association of Colleges and Employers (KACE) conference held this past fall in Frankfort. Murphy previously served on the KACE board as communications chair and led an overhaul of the organization's website.

"This is only my second year of being involved with KACE, so I wasn't expecting to leave the conference with a new role," Murphy said. "I am excited to be taking on this position and look forward to playing a major role in planning next year's conference."

KACE is a state association with membership from career services, experiential education and co-op staff from universities, colleges and technical institutions, as well as employers of college students/graduates. The mission of KACE is to bring together students, educators and employers with interest in the formal integration of a student's academic study with work experience and the student's ultimate career goals.

Murphy was hired by MSU's Office of Career Services in 2017 as an administrative specialist and was promoted to career coach in 2018. She holds a bachelor's degree in convergent media from MSU and will complete a Master of Arts in Communication in May 2020. Before MSU, she worked as a management assistant at Enterprise Rent-A-Car.

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

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MSU releases fall 2019 Dean's List

Morehead State University's Fall 2019 Dean's List is now available online.

To qualify for the Dean's List, students must have completed at least 12 undergraduate credit hours and earned at least a 3.5 GPA for the current semester. Students are listed by college and their hometown is identified.

To view the list, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/deanslist.

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Dr. Chris Miller co-authors book on educational technology leadership

Dr. Chris Miller, Dean of the College of Education and professor of education at Morehead State and Dr. Anthony A. Piña, associate provost for teaching and learning at Sullivan University, have a newly published book by Springer publishing called “Lessons in Leadership in the Field of Educational Technology.”

According to the publisher, the book focuses on sharing the lessons learned by leaders in the field on how they became a leader and what leadership means. The primary contributions address three central questions:

- What is your story about how you became a leader?
- What lessons have you learned about being an effective leader?
- What advice would you give others to become a leader?

Additionally, the book spotlights the impact that past leaders have had on current leaders and upon the field of educational technology.

“This book idea came out of a presidential panel session at the 2017 international convention of the Association for Educational Communications and Technology,” Miller said. “We found that many people were not familiar with the stories of leaders in the field and what they learned as they developed as leaders. It was important for us to ensure the diversity of experiences and stories from around the world for current, developing and future leaders to learn and be inspired by some of the best in the field.”

The book was published by Springer Press and is available at <https://www.springer.com/us/book/9783030295004#aboutBook>.

For more information, contact Miller at c.miller@moreheadstate.edu or [606-783-2855](tel:606-783-2855).

For information about programs in MSU’s College of Education, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/education, email c.miller@moreheadstate.edu or call [606-783-2162](tel:606-783-2162).

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Activities planned for Jan. 20-23 to honor Dr. King

A week of informative and educational activities are planned for Monday, Jan. 20 through Friday, Jan. 24, to honor the legacy of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

A community march will be held Monday, Jan. 20, at 5 p.m. Participants will meet in the ballroom in the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC). There will also be opportunities for community service for students and community members that day. Those interested in participating should contact Jane Tenyer, assistant director of programming and engagement, at j.tenyer@moreheadstate.edu or 606-783-5152.

On Tuesday, Jan. 21, the MLK Dream Wall will go on display at ADUC beginning at 10 a.m. The wall will be located near the Campus Activity Board (CAB) office in 217 ADUC and will remain on display through Friday, Jan. 24, at 4 p.m.

On Wednesday, the film “Selma” will be screened in the ADUC Theater at 4 and 7 p.m.

On Thursday, Jan. 23, a presentation called “The Art of a Quote” will be held near the second-floor fireplace in ADUC from 3 to 6 p.m.

“We strive to remind the community of the importance of equity and value of everyone in the community by bringing everyone together to celebrate such a pivotal part of American history,” said Shannon Colvin, associate director of student activities. “The activities will hopefully help everyone realize that we are all working for the betterment of the community and the global community. It is an opportunity to embrace learning about the value of everyone in the community.”

For more information, contact Colvin at s.colvin@moreheadstate.edu or call [606-783-2886](tel:606-783-2886).

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MSU named one of nation's best colleges for financial aid

Morehead State University has been named one of the nation's Best College for Financial Aid by LendEDU.com. MSU was ranked 165th out of 829 public and private colleges and universities. It is the fourth-ranked university among all Kentucky higher education institutions and the best public university for financial aid in the Commonwealth.

To see the complete list, visit <https://lendedu.com/blog/best-colleges-for-financial-aid/>.

“President Dr. Jay Morgan and MSU’s administration do their best to keep our costs as low as possible, and then the financial aid staff uses the federal, state and institutional financial aid, along with private donations, to build financial packages to help students afford the cost of college,” said Tim Rhodes, assistant vice president for the Office of Enrollment Services. “Caring about our students, being aggressive with trying to find enough financial aid to help, having quality faculty and providing quality student service makes MSU a great university and a great place to find success.”

LendEDU.com is a website that helps consumers learn about and compare financial products, including student loans, personal loans, credit cards, insurance products and banking products, among others. Using data from the National Center for Education Statistics and Peterson’s Financial Aid Dataset, its study considered need-based financial aid, non-need-based financial aid and financial aid for international students at 829 colleges and universities in the United States. The report was conducted to help future college students better understand which colleges may be affordable for them by taking into account more than just the cost of attendance.

At MSU, more than 90 percent of undergraduate students receive some financial aid. Helpful financial aid counselors are available to avoid any confusion and make the process as stress-free as possible. The application for admission also automatically makes prospective students eligible for institutional scholarships, as well as to research and award additional financial support.

Make an appointment to talk with an MSU financial aid counselor by emailing finaid@moreheadstate.edu or visiting www.moreheadstate.edu/affording-college.

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Faudere wins second place award for Order of Omega poster contest

Cameron Faudere, a Morehead State senior strategic communication major from Owingsville and vice president of Delta Tau Delta-Zeta Zeta, won second place in a poster contest from the national Order of Omega. Faudere's accomplishment was featured in "Alpha-Omega: 2018-2019 Order of Omega Year in Review."

"I was beyond proud when I received news that our very own Cameron Faudere had won second place in the 2019 poster contest out of all the national entries," said Tessa Collins, a senior history major at MSU and president of the Gamma Omega Chapter of the Order of Omega. "Cameron is extremely talented at graphic design and other aspects of public relations. He shows his dedication to the Greek community by being a leader in both his fraternity and other Greek organizations, like the Order of Omega."

In addition to his involvement in Delta Tau Delta, Faudere is a congress member of the Student Government Association (SGA), as well as a member of both the Student Alumni Ambassadors and Lambda Pi Eta, MSU's communications honors society. He also works as the public relations coordinator for the Campus Activities Board (CAB). Faudere won the title of "Greek New Member of the Year" as a freshman, "Greek Man of the Year" as a sophomore and was crowned the 2018 Homecoming King alongside Collins, who was named that year's Homecoming Queen.

The Order of Omega is a national leadership honor society for Greek student organizations. Membership in the OOO is limited to the top three percent of fraternity and sorority juniors and seniors on campus. Membership is based on excellence in academics, demonstration of strong character, leadership and service in four areas: service to the student's fraternity or sorority, service to the Greek community outside of the student's fraternity or sorority, service to the student's campus community and service to the student's surrounding community.

For more information on Greek life at MSU, call the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life at 606-783-2071, email greek@moreheadstate.edu or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/greek.

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Student orientation dates announced for 2020

Morehead State welcomes incoming students to sign up for Student Orientation, Advising and Registration (SOAR) to prepare for the fall semester.

To help students excel academically and graduate on time, MSU requires all new, first-time and transfer students to attend SOAR.

During SOAR, students build a course schedule, learn about opportunities for involvement and leadership, meet with faculty and advisors, sign up for housing and parking, and receive assistance with financial aid and scholarships.

The 2019 SOAR dates are:

- Thursday, April 16 - Eagle Scholars Only (students that completed dual-credit through MSU).
- Friday, April 17 - New Students (Eagle Scholars and recent high school graduates not transferring full-time from another college or university).
- Monday, May 18 - Transfer Students
- Tuesday, May 19 - New Students
- Wednesday, May 20 - New Students
- Saturday, June 6 - New Students
- Tuesday, June 23 - New Students
- Monday, July 13 - Transfer Students
- Tuesday, July 14 - Transfer Students

Registration for each SOAR session is necessary due to limited space. To register for SOAR, students must be accepted and must have paid the enrollment deposit. Visit www.moreheadstate.edu/confirm to confirm enrollment and pay the enrollment deposit.

To register for SOAR visit www.moreheadstate.edu. For more information, call the Office of First Year Programs at 606-783-5208 or email fyp@moreheadstate.edu.

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Star Theater resumes Saturday shows

Morehead State's Star Theater, located in the Space Science Center, has three new programs planned for January.

Shows are held each Saturday throughout the month at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

The 11 a.m. family show this month is "Stars: The Powerhouses of the Universe." Narrated by Mark Hamill, it focuses on the lives of the stars, how they are born, how they die and how human understanding of the stars has changed over time. From Native Americans to Newton, from the electromagnetic spectrum to Einstein, we will explore nebulae, star clusters, pulsars, black holes and more.

Join us at 1 p.m. to see "Awesome Light II." Using the large telescopes at the summit of Maunakea in Hawaii, like the James Clerk Maxwell, the Submillimeter Array, Caltech Submillimeter and Very Long Base Array observatories, we will explore star-forming regions, Jupiter's atmosphere and stunning submillimeter views of M51 and M87.

Following each full-dome video presentation, we will provide a live star talk highlighting our Kentucky skies. We'll show you the planets, stars and constellations you can see in your backyard the night of the show.

At 4 p.m. is "Laser Hypnotica." Techno music and lasers go together perfectly, and that is the mix that is Hypnotica. This program offers a mixture of techno and ambient electronic music taken directly from the late-night rave scene. Reflecting influences from hip-hop, soul and pop, this dance-based program with a rock-band feel will entertain the audience with pulsing beats, incredible imagery and dazzling laser light effects.

Tickets for planetarium shows are \$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors and children five and older and free to children under four and MSU faculty, staff and students. Tickets for laser shows are \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors and children five and older and free to children under four and MSU faculty, staff and students.

For more information, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/startheater, email startheater@moreheadstate.edu or call [606-783-9593](tel:606-783-9593).

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MSU space science programs ranked most affordable by Great Value Colleges

Morehead State University has been named one of the Top 25 Most Affordable Bachelor's in Astronomy for 2020 by Great Value Colleges (GreatValueCollege.net).

MSU ranked eighth on the list. It was selected for the program's affordability, overall outstanding reputation, excellent faculty and commitment to providing students a high-quality education while giving them all the tools that they need to achieve their future career goals. The programs highlighted were the Bachelor of Science in Space Science Engineering, Bachelor of Science in Physics with an Astrophysics track and minors in both astronomy and astrophysics.

For a full list of rankings, visit <https://www.greatvaluecolleges.net/affordable/astronomy-bachelors/>.

Great Value Colleges is a website to help students and families get the best possible education for the money through high-quality, researched-based articles and rankings based on publicly available information from reputable third-party sources.

The rankings are determined by using data collected from College Navigator regarding tuition, as well as program information gleaned directly from each institution's official website. For more sizeable rankings, the methodology used to determine placement is based primarily on tuition but also considers things like program flexibility, customization within the degree program both in content and format, and an overall "wow" factor which highlights each program's unique offerings and sets it apart from the pack. For programs that have limited online availability, we rank institutions based solely on tuition costs.

Great Value Colleges compiles these rankings to contribute to the academic mission of higher learning institutions. We provide pertinent, unbiased information for prospective students and working professionals to aid them in making more informed decisions as they seek to further their education.

To learn more about 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.

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Mountain Telephone recognized for contributions to MSU students

The Morehead State University Board of Regents (BOR) recognized the Mountain Telephone Corporation as a loyal supporter of MSU students at a recent meeting.

Each year, the Mountain Telephone Board of Trustees selects worthy recipients from the graduating classes of high schools in Bath, Elliott, Menifee, Morgan and Wolfe counties who are continuing their education at MSU. During the current 2019-20 academic year, Mountain Telephone has contributed more than \$85,000. This scholarship funding is currently supporting 58 students from the Mountain Telephone service region. Mountain Telephone has contributed nearly \$2 million since 1988.

"Mountain Telephone is proud to continue our longstanding partnership with Morehead State University. Scholarships awarded to our members each year provide a number of young people with educational opportunities that will enrich our communities. We're glad to be a part of this region and grateful for the opportunity to support MSU students." said Shayne Ison, CEO and general manager of Mountain Telephone.

The criteria for selection emphasize character, leadership and work ethic, along with potential and financial need. Preference is given to students who have a cumulative GPA between 2.5 and 3.5. The scholarship is renewable for three years if academic eligibility is maintained.

Students interested in applying to this scholarship, along with other privately funded scholarships managed by the MSU Foundation, should visit the online scholarship application at <https://moreheadstate.awardspring.com/>.

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.

Photo: MSU's Board of Regents recognized Mountain Telephone Corporation for their loyal support of the University's students through scholarships. Pictured, left to right, are MSU President Dr. Jay Morgan; Quentin Murphy, assistant general manager at Mountain Telephone; and Shayne Ison, general manager of Mountain Telephone.

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MSU closed for MLK Day

Morehead State University will be closed Monday, Jan. 20, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Classes will not meet, and administrative offices will be closed.

The University Post Office will be closed, and no mail will be delivered.

The Camden-Carroll Library will be closed and will reopen Tuesday, Jan. 21.

The University Store will be closed.

The Recreation and Wellness Center will be open from 3 to 10 p.m.

Classes and regular administrative office hours will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 21.

The MSU Police Department will be on-duty during the closing and is staffed 24-7 to serve the campus community. For more information visit www.moreheadstate.edu/police, email police@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2035. In the event of an emergency, always call 911.

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Mason County High School Eagle Scholars visit Morehead State

Eagle Scholar students from Mason County High School visited Morehead State University's campus Friday, Jan. 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 are available online at www.moreheadstate.edu/eaglescholars.

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MSU one of eight Kentucky colleges awarded National Science Foundation's EPSCoR grant

Morehead State University, along with six other Kentucky schools, is collaborating with the University of Kentucky (UK) on the Kentucky National Science Foundation's (NSF) EPSCoR (Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research) grant. Those institutions have been awarded a five-year, \$24 million grant to support the fundamental science needed to advance next-generation manufacturing technologies, flexible electronics and robotics. The grant will also support the development of a greater STEM-literate workforce.

The project is titled the Kentucky Advanced Partnership for Enhanced Robotics and Structures (or KAMPERS) and will harness the collective research power of 40 multidisciplinary researchers from the eight Kentucky universities and colleges. These include MSU, UK, University of Louisville (UofL), Eastern Kentucky University, Kentucky State University, Somerset Community College, Transylvania University and Western Kentucky University. Each of these institutions has developed niche areas of expertise to become leaders in next-generation manufacturing technologies.

Dr. Kouroush Jenab and Dr. Jorge Ortega-Moody, both assistant professors of engineering and technology management at MSU, received \$500,000 to develop the laboratory for training in Condition Based Maintenance (CBM), Sustainable Advanced Manufacturing (SAM) and Industrial Controls. The MSU research team includes one post-doctorate candidate, two graduate assistants and two Undergraduate Research Fellows, all supported by the grant.

In next five years, the team will have a close collaboration with the UK and UofL research teams to develop testbed and modules in MSU's 21st Century Center for Manufacturing Systems for the following priorities: industrial controls, condition-based maintenance, and sustainable advanced manufacturing theories; training modules/workshops for manufacturing technician workforce and K-12 summer program; outreach to advanced manufacturing; support advanced manufacturing entrepreneurs; and an augmented and virtual reality laboratory (AVRL) to simulate real behavior of industrial and manufacturing equipment, training in the areas of control, automation and electrical maintenance. As a result, this project will forge partnerships with industries and other stakeholders and prepare a well-trained workforce capable of meeting the needs of advanced manufacturing sectors in Kentucky and beyond.

For more information on MSU's Department of Engineering and Technology Management, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/etm, email etm@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2418.

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

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MSU welcomes future Eagles for February Open House

Morehead State University provides opportunities for students in the region, state and beyond through excellent academic programs and a commitment to student success. It is why MSU has been named one of “America’s Best Colleges” by U.S. News and World Report for the past 16 years and rose in the publication’s rankings to become a Top 20 higher education institution for 2019-20.

Future Eagles will have a chance to experience MSU at Open House next month. MSU’s Office of Enrollment Services will host an Open House from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 1, on the Morehead campus.

Registration will take place at 10 a.m. at Button Auditorium, followed by a welcome session at 10:15 a.m. At 10:30 a.m., campus tours will depart from Button Auditorium and conclude with an Academic Showcase at 11:45 a.m. in the third-floor ballroom of the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC).

From there, prospective students will depart ADUC for an Academic Breakout, where faculty and staff will meet with students interested in specific programs. 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.

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.

“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.”

After Open House concludes, tickets will be provided free of charge to prospective students and their families to that day’s Eagle Basketball games. MSU Women’s Basketball will play the University of Tennessee at Martin at 1 p.m., followed by the MSU Men’s Basketball taking on UT Martin at 3 p.m. in the Academic-Athletic Center.

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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Couch elected president of SEPA

Dr. Laurie Couch, associate provost for Undergraduate Education and Student Success at Morehead State University, was elected to serve as the president of the Southeastern Psychological Association (SEPA).

“I am deeply honored to serve as the president of the Southeastern Psychological Association, which is the largest psychological organization in the southeast and one of the largest in the United States,” Couch said. “I have been involved with the association for 30 years, and it has had a profound impact on the trajectory of my research and career. It also has been a formative organization in the professional lives of my students since I began teaching at Morehead State University.”

Founded in 1955, SEPA is the largest psychological organization in the southeast and one of the most prominent in the United States. The purpose of SEPA is to advance psychology as a science, a profession and a means of promoting human welfare. The professional members of SEPA hold positions in settings such as universities, colleges, business and industry, hospitals and clinics, government, and private practice. In these and other settings, the psychologists of SEPA teach, conduct research, engage in psychological assessment and therapy, serve as administrators and consultants, and publish scholarly works on all aspects of the human experience. The student members of SEPA from psychology undergraduate and graduate programs throughout the southeast and beyond reflect the varied interests of their mentors in the behavioral sciences, from the functions of the brain to the actions of nations.

Dr. Laurie Couch may be reached at l.couch@moreheadstate.edu or 606-783-2434.

To learn more about programs in MSU’s Department of Psychology, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/psychology or call 606-783-2981.

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MSU saxophone ensemble performs at U.S. Navy International Saxophone Symposium

Morehead State University music students performed at the 42nd annual U.S. Navy International Saxophone Symposium. The event was held Jan. 10 and 11 at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia.

The saxophone studio's flagship ensemble, the award-winning Lockegee Saxophone Quartet, was invited to perform a short concert. While only the Lockegee Saxophone Quartet performed as part of the conference, the remainder of MSU's saxophone studio was able to join on the trip as conference attendees.

In addition to participating in the conference, students were able to visit a few historic sites in nearby Washington, D.C., including the Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial and the National Cathedral.

The U.S. Navy International Saxophone Symposium attracts thousands of local, national and international musicians for a weekend filled with recitals, masterclasses, lectures, clinics, and concerts by the world's top performers.

"For many of the students, this was the first time attending such an event. They were amazed and inspired by the quality of the performances that the U.S. Navy Band presented. They enjoyed the uplifting and encouraging camaraderie of being among so many music (and specifically saxophone) enthusiasts," said Nathan Mensink, visiting assistant professor of music. "I am glad to work at an institution that supports these kinds of endeavors and opportunities for our students. I am proud of the Lockegee Quartet, who was invited to perform the symposium. They gave a fantastic concert and beautifully represented MSU."

For more information about programs in the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/mtd, email mtd@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2473.

Photo, right: Students from MSU's music program traveled to the U.S. Navy International Saxophone Symposium and visited several historic sites in nearby Washington, D.C. Pictured, from left to right: Natalie Gatien, junior Bachelor of Music Education from Jane Lew, West Virginia; Cameron Fraley, sophomore Bachelor of Music Education from Ashland; Joshua Herrera, sophomore Bachelor of Music Education from Florence; Connor Robinette, sophomore Bachelor of Music Education major from Ashland; Jake Rodriguez, sophomore Bachelor of Music Education major from Ashland; Melody Trumbo, sophomore Bachelor of Music Education major from Manchester, Ohio; Nicholas Chevalier, freshman Bachelor of Music Education major from Pikeville; and Wesley Moore, freshman Bachelor of Music Education major from Russell.

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Gordon appointed full-time director of athletics at Morehead State

After serving in an interim role since April 2019, Jaime Gordon will now assume the full-time position of director of athletics at Morehead State. Gordon's appointment is effective on Feb. 1, 2020.

Gordon, who recently concluded his 17th season as the head coach of the Morehead State Volleyball program, is the winningest coach in the school's history in any sport. He has guided the Eagles to 309 victories since 2003.

"I am grateful for the faith and confidence that President Dr. Jay Morgan and Vice President for student Affairs Russ Mast have placed in me. Morehead State has shaped the lives of my family and me for the past 17 years," Gordon said. "I have been blessed to build a life working with young women during some of their most transformative years. Intercollegiate athletics is a tremendous vehicle to help young people develop into the best versions of themselves. I will remain committed to that charge and do all I can to support the exceptional work that our faculty does in educating all of our students."

President Morgan believes Gordon's leadership qualities will continue to enhance and improve all aspects of the department.

"Coach Gordon has provided a tremendous amount of leadership to our athletic program during the past eight months as interim athletic director and we are very pleased that he will be continuing on as our permanent athletic director," he said. "His reputation as a leader, an experienced and quality coach, and an advocate of student-athlete success both in competition and in the classroom made him a natural to fill this position."

Gordon has always strived to ensure students have the most positive experience while competing and making progress toward their degrees at Morehead State and wants that to continue to be at the heart of the department's goals.

"In athletics, we will echo the institutional commitment to place the student at the heart of every decision," he said. "We have an exceptional collection of coaches and staff who are dedicated to excellence both in the classroom and on competition venues. Much of this can be credited to (former director of athletics) Brian Hutchinson and his commitment to MSU."

While leading the department as director of athletics, Gordon will continue to be the head coach of the volleyball program.

"I am indebted to the trust that Dr. Morgan has placed in me. I am honored for the opportunity to guide a department that I have so much respect and gratefulness for," he said.

Gordon has led volleyball to seven Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) regular-season titles and 10 campaigns with 20 wins in the past 14 seasons. The Eagles also won Ohio Valley Conference Tournament titles in 2011 and 2013, earning berths to the NCAA Tournament both seasons.

His program has won eight OVC Team Academic Awards and 12 consecutive Team Academic Awards from the American Volleyball Coaches Association. MSU has also achieved eight straight Academic Progress Rate public recognition from the NCAA.

Gordon also oversaw the implementation of the Beach Volleyball program in 2017, one of just five full OVC member institutions with a Beach program.

Gordon has guided three players to earn All-American honors from the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) and six who have earned AVCA All-Region accolades. During his leadership, four student-athletes have won OVC Player of the Year awards, while five have been named OVC Freshman of the Year. He has been selected OVC Coach of the Year three times.

Numerous players under Gordon have also been named CoSIDA Academic All-District and Academic All-Americans. The Eagles have been leaders in earning nods on the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll and being awarded OVC Academic Medals of Honor.

He started his coaching career at Henry Clay High School in Lexington. He had successful stints at both West Virginia Wesleyan College and the University of Kentucky before coming to Morehead State.

A three-time graduate of the University of Kentucky, Gordon earned bachelor's degrees in architecture in 1994 and art history in 1996. He also received a master's degree in sport management in 1996 and is currently pursuing a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Morehead State. He is also an active member of the AVCA.

As a player, he spent six years as a member of the nationally ranked Kentucky men's club team. He served as a three-year team captain and was selected to the 1994 U.S. Olympic Festival Team as an alternate.

Gordon and his wife, Ashley, are parents of two daughters, Sydney and Jamison. Sydney graduated from the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics at Morehead State.

Jaime Gordon can be reached at 606-783-2089 or j.gordon@moreheadstate.edu.

For more information on MSU Athletics, visit www.msueagles.com.

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March held to honor Dr. King

Morehead State students, staff, faculty and members of the community gathered at the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC) the evening of Monday, Jan. 20, for the annual march held in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The event kicked off a week of activities to honor King's legacy.

Activities planned for the week include:

- Tuesday, Jan. 21: the MLK Dream Wall will be on display in ADUC until 4 p.m.
- Wednesday, Jan. 22: the film "Selma" will be screened in the ADUC Theater at 4 and 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Jan. 23: a presentation called "The Art of a Quote" will be held near the second-floor fireplace in ADUC from 3 to 6 p.m.

[View Photo Gallery](#)

Photo Caption: MSU President Dr. Jay Morgan (second row, right) joined students, faculty, staff and community members for an annual march to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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Morehead State's adult education program garners national ranking

Morehead State University's Master of Arts in Adult and Higher Education has been ranked by Intelligent.com as one of the Best Master's in Adult Education/Learning Degree Programs for 2020.

A complete list of rankings can be found at <https://www.intelligent.com/best-online-masters-in-adult-education-learning-degree-programs/>.

Intelligent.com is a resource for online degree rankings and higher education planning. The website offers curated guides, including the best degree programs and information about financial aid, internships and study strategies.

The 2020 rankings for the best accounting programs analyzed both bachelor's and master's degree programs that can be completed online. Of the 171 schools that were analyzed with accounting programs, Morehead State was one of 26 higher education institutions whose program made the list, ranking 12th and noted as having the best career services.

Morehead State's adult and higher education programs are designed to develop the capacity of our students to plan, organize and carry through a variety of education of service programs to meet adult learners' needs in postsecondary and adult continuing education institutions. MSU offers both a Master of Arts in Adult and Higher Education, an education specialist post-master's program, and a Doctor of Education with a specialization in adult and higher education leadership.

For more information on MSU's Master of Arts in Adult and Higher Education program, contact the Department of Foundational and Graduate Studies in Education by emailing fgse@moreheadstate.edu, calling 606-783-2261 or visiting www.moreheadstate.edu/study/adult-higher-ed.

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Rashad is senior member of IEEE

Dr. Sherif Rashad, professor of computer science at Morehead State, has been elevated to the grade of senior member by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), an honor bestowed only to those who have made significant contributions to their profession.

Senior membership is the highest grade for which IEEE members can apply and it is based on significant contributions to the profession. Only about one in ten IEEE members holds this prestigious grade, which is conferred to those with extensive experience and reflects professional maturity. IEEE senior members are recognized for their technical and professional excellence and are eligible to hold executive IEEE volunteer positions and to refer and review senior membership applications.

Rashad recently led the effort to introduce new degree concentrations in data science and computer engineering starting in fall 2020. His research interests include machine learning, data science, mobile computing and cybersecurity. He received several research awards and his research papers have been published in many international journals and IEEE conferences.

IEEE is the world's largest professional organization dedicated to advancing technological innovation and excellence for the benefit of humanity through its more than 425,000 members in more than 160 countries and its high-impact, highly cited, prestigious publications, conferences, technology standards, and professional and educational activities.

For more information about computer science programs at Morehead State, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/study/computerscience, email csis@moreheadstate.edu or call [606-783-2418](tel:606-783-2418).

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Eagle alumnus Fletcher earns award from AANP

Wendy Fletcher, DNP, APRN, has been awarded the Kentucky Advocate State Award for Excellence by the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP). She is an MSU alumnus and director of clinical practice of advanced practice and family medicine provider at St. Claire Family Medicine.

The Advocate State Award for Excellence is given to an individual in each state who has made a significant contribution toward increasing awareness and recognition of nurse practitioners (NPs). Examples of past recipients have been physicians, legislators and educators. NPs are also eligible for the advocate award for non-clinical practice initiatives related to leadership, precepting, policy, politics, research, education or community affairs.

She graduated from MSU's nursing program in 1994 and is a member of the MSU Alumni Association Board.

Fletcher is a member of the Kentucky Association of Nurse Practitioners and Nurse-Midwives (KANPNM) and was inducted into the Fellows of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (FAANP) at its annual conference held June 18-21, 2019 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

For more information about nursing programs at Morehead State, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/nursing, email nursingdept@moreheadstate.edu or call [606-783-2296](tel:606-783-2296).

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MSU celebrates Black History Month

Throughout February, Morehead State will host a series of film screenings, lectures, performances and more to celebrate Black History Month.

The events kick off Tuesday, Feb. 4, at 5:30 p.m. with the 3rd Annual Soul food Dinner. The event will be held in Ballroom A of the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC). Seating is limited, so those interested in attending should contact the Eagle Diversity Education Center at edec@moreheadstate.edu to reserve seats.

Step Through History, scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 5, will teach participants about the history of step dancing. They will be treated to a performance and will learn some basic dance moves. The event will be held at 6 p.m. in Ballroom A in ADUC.

There will also be a field trip to the Muhammad Ali Center in Louisville on Saturday, Feb. 15. There is no cost for the event, but participation is limited to 40 people. Lunch will not be provided. To sign up for the trip, visit the Office of Student Activities (OSA), located at 217 ADUC, or email s.colvin@moreheadstate.edu.

Other events planned for the month include:

- On Friday, Feb. 7, there will be free HIV and Hepatitis C testing from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the ADUC food court to commemorate National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. The event is a partnership with AIDS Volunteers Inc. (AVOL).
- Black History Month Film and Discussion Series: All screenings will be held at 6:30 p.m. in 002 Breckinridge Hall. “Harriet” will be shown on Wednesday, Feb. 12; “The Best of Enemies” will be shown Wednesday, Feb. 19; and “Queen and Slim” will be shown Tuesday, Feb. 25.
- The African American Read-in will be Tuesday, Feb. 18, in the first-floor lobby of ADUC from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Harlem Nights at the Casino will be held Wednesday, Feb. 26, from 6 to 9 p.m. in the first-floor lobby of ADUC.
- Actor, attorney and professional wrestler David Otunga will present “More than Black and White,” a discussion of his experiences as a biracial man in America, on Thursday, Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. in the ADUC Theater.

Cory Clark, coordinator of minority academic services at MSU, says that Black history is American history.

“Understanding Black history and the contributions of African-Americans is so integral to understanding the progress and evolution of our country. Black History Month shines a light on the finest of African American history and culture,” Clark said. “It is my hope students, faculty and staff who attend Black History Month

activities leave smarter than they previously were on aspects of Black history. Furthermore, I hope they leave our Black History Month events inspired to learn more about Black history but gain a sense of perspective of the past and how it has shaped our future and beyond.”

Sponsors include the Campus Activities Board, the Eagle Diversity Education Center, the Office of Student Activities and the Camden-Carroll Library.

For more information, contact Clark at c.clark2@moreheadstate.edu or call [606-783-9569](tel:606-783-9569).

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Morehead State's RN to BSN program receives national ranking

Morehead State University's RN to BSN program has been nationally ranked by NursingProcess.org. Out of 169 accredited programs in the Southeast Region (Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia), MSU was ranked in the Top 5 (#4).

A full list of rankings can be found at www.nursingprocess.org/best-rn-to-bsn-programs/.

MSU's RN to BSN program trains students with the knowledge, skills and professional attitude that help take nursing careers to the next level. Students who possess an unrestricted RN license are eligible and the curriculum is delivered entirely online in an interactive web-based platform. Upon graduation, students will be able to provide advanced nursing care and improve healthcare for a diverse patient population. The RN to BSN program was also ranked as one of the top online RN to BSN programs in Kentucky in 2019 by RegisteredNursing.org.

Dr. Lynn Parsons, professor and department chair in MSU's Department of Nursing, said the combination of quality and flexibility is part of the RN to BSN program's appeal.

"Students are drawn to our pragmatic curriculum taught in eight-week semesters delivered by online faculty experts," Parsons said.

NursingProcess.org is an online resource that simplifies access to nursing education and career information to help students make better choices. Currently, the site reaches out to more than 100,000 students every month, from all over the country.

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

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Ceramics workshop to be held Feb. 3-4

A workshop featuring demonstrations from ceramics artist Mike Bowen will be held Feb. 3 and 4 at the Claypool-Young Art Building.

Bowen is an artist who specializes in ceramic, wood and metal sculpture. He is an adjunct instructor at Shawnee State University in Portsmouth, Ohio, and has shown his work at numerous exhibitions throughout the southeastern U.S.

During the demonstrations, Bowen will show students some of the processes he uses on the potter's wheel as well as hand-building and sculpting, and how he combines them into unique works. He will also discuss the use of mixed media in his work and show the students how he develops some of the surfaces.

"I hope that they not only learn new techniques and ways of creating but come to better understand the way I look at industrial relics," Bowen said. "My hope is that they will start to look at discarded and used up objects not as mere trash but for the important role they served in our lives."

Demonstrations will be held at the following times:

- Feb. 3, 10 a.m.-12:50 p.m., 104C Claypool-Young - Sculpture Room
- Feb. 3, 2-4:45 p.m., 104C Claypool-Young - Sculpture Room
- Feb. 4, 9:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m., 104C Claypool-Young - Sculpture Room

An afternoon lecture will be held Monday, Feb. 3 at 2 p.m. in 111 Claypool-Young, where participants will have the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about Bowen's process and techniques.

This event is provided by support from the Buckner and Sally S. Hinkle Endowment for Humanities.

For more information about programs and activities in Morehead State's Department of Art and Design, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/art, email arde@moreheadstate.edu or call [606-783-2766](tel:606-783-2766).

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MSU announces call for nominations for Distinguished Service Awards

The Morehead State University Service Committee requests nominations for the 2019-20 Distinguished Service Awards.

Full-time MSU faculty and staff members can be nominated and nominations can be made by any member inside or outside the University community. Service may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Service as an official representative of the University beyond job responsibilities.
- Sponsorship or advisor of University-approved extracurricular activities and/or official MSU student organization.
- Participation in department, college, and University ad hoc and standing committees.
- Coordination of and/or participation in workshops, conferences, clinics, in-service and special events.
- Development of proposals (organization initiatives, curriculum development or projects).
- Development of relations/partnerships with external groups that enhance MSU (business, civic, education and government).
- Service rendered as a citizen, not as a representative of the University (e.g., Little League Coach, American Cancer Society volunteer, captain of American Heart Association Walk-A-Thon team, etc.).

Recipients of the Distinguished Faculty Service Award and the Distinguished Staff Service Award will each receive a \$2,500 award. The presentation of the awards will be part of Fall Convocation.

Nominations must be submitted by 4 p.m. Friday, March 27. Submissions should include the name and address of the nominee, along with a brief one-page letter explaining how the nominee meets the criteria. Nominations should be submitted to:

Service Committee

Office of the President
202 Howell-McDowell Bldg.
Morehead State University
Morehead, KY 40351

For more information on the awards and nomination process, please contact Shana Savard-Hogge, Service Committee chair, at s.savard@moreheadstate.edu or 606-783-2132.

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Miller to publish book series on education leadership

The dean of Morehead State’s College of Education is sharing his experience and knowledge through a book series on education leadership.

Dean Dr. Christopher T. Miller and Dr. Anthony Piña, associate provost for teaching and learning at Sullivan University, have signed a contract with Brill Publishing under their Sense Imprint for a new book series in collaboration with the Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT). Titled “Leadership and Best Practices in Educational Technology Management,” the series focuses on providing opportunities for focused writings on leadership within the field and within the AECT. The mission of the series is to document leadership, management and administration issues, best practices, and research within the field of educational technology (digital learning, e-learning, online/distance/blended learning, etc.).

“This is an amazing opportunity to represent Morehead State University in helping to address a gap in the literature related to leadership and management within the field of educational technology,” Miller said.

For more information about the book series, contact Miller at c.miller@moreheadstate.edu or call [606-783-2855](tel:606-783-2855).

For information about programs in MSU’s College of Education, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/education, email c.miller@moreheadstate.edu or call [606-783-2162](tel:606-783-2162).

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Sophomore art exhibit opens Feb. 5

“Works in Progress: 2020 MSU Sophomore Art and Design Exhibition” will be on view in the Golding-Yang Art Gallery in the Claypool-Young Art Building, Feb. 5-19.

An opening reception will be held Wednesday, Feb. 5, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Golding-Yang Gallery on the first floor of the Claypool-Young Art Building. The reception is open to the public. Refreshments will be served and there will be live music. This year’s exhibition features artwork by 22 student artists.

For more information on the exhibit, contact Melissa Yungbluth, gallery director, at myungbluth@moreheadstat.edu.

For information on programs in MSU’s Department of Art and Design, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/art, email arde@moreheadstate.edu or call [606-783-2766](tel:606-783-2766).

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MSU education program recognized in Teacher Prep Review

Morehead State University's Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education (P-5) program was recognized by the National Council on Teacher Quality (NCTQ) in its 2020 Teacher Prep Review, specifically on the preparation it provides to elementary teacher candidates in how to teach children to read.

This program was part of a small group – only about a quarter of programs nationwide – to qualify for an “A” by providing a combination of the following:

- Explicit instruction on each of the five components of reading instruction;
- Support for instruction with high-quality textbooks that accurately detail established principles of scientifically based reading practices; and,
- Evidence that teacher candidates must demonstrate mastery through in-class assignments, tests and fieldwork.

“I am exceedingly proud that MSU ranks in the top 26% of institutions offering early reading within traditional elementary programs. I regularly hear from alumni and school district personnel about the high quality of reading preparation MSU students receive and it is gratifying to see that it is recognized at a national level as well,” said Dr. Christopher Miller, dean and professor in MSU’s College of Education. “We have amazing faculty in education that focus on trying to prepare our students to become the best possible teachers in the field. This recognition demonstrates the quality of the hard work our faculty put towards teacher preparation.”

The NCTQ Teacher Prep Review evaluates the quality of programs that provide preservice preparation of teachers, including both traditional and nontraditional programs. The university-based and college-based preparation programs that were assessed are responsible for producing 99% of traditionally prepared teachers.

MSU’s Bachelor of Arts in Early Elementary (P-5) program prepares future teachers to provide quality, research-based instruction to children in primary through fifth grade. Students work with faculty members who have years of experience working in P-12 schools before teaching in higher education. Class sizes are small to foster close interaction with professors and other students in the classroom, providing opportunities for individual mentoring to support growth as an educator.

For more about MSU’s College of Education and its programs, call 606-783-2162, email Dr. Chris Miller at c.miller@moreheadstate.edu or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/education.

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MSU student makes appearance on ‘Undercover Boss’

It wasn't Bailey Richardson's first time taking a summer job when she wasn't attending Morehead State University, but it was the first time her summer job resulted in her making an appearance on a popular CBS reality show.

As a supervisor of food and beverage for Dippin' Dots ice cream stands at the Kentucky Kingdom amusement park in her hometown of Louisville, the junior nursing major was recently featured on an episode of "Undercover Boss," where Dippin' Dots CEO Scott Walker went in disguise to visit Kentucky Kingdom's Dippin' Dots carts and the company's production plant in Paducah.

"The producers told me that we were filming for a documentary on buying a franchise of Dippin' Dots. That 'Brad' (Walker's fake name), a former welder, wanted to purchase a franchise. I kind of thought that they just wanted to make a documentary on all of the different aspects of Dippin' Dots," Richardson said. "I guess it was kind of weird to me that he wanted to go from welding to an ice cream company, but, hey, I wasn't one to judge."

During the show, which aired on CBS on Jan. 22, Richardson talks about her background and how losing her older brother, Devin, to heart failure inspired her to become a nurse. She ultimately chose MSU due to its size, cost and beautiful "safe feeling" campus. Richardson feels like her experience in and out of the classroom has equipped her to make an impact in her field.

"I think what has prepared me the most for life after college is, for one, making the choice of going away. I have learned so much being on my own these past three years," she said. "I also think my professors have truly prepared me for what is to come in my career."

At the end of the show, when Walker revealed his identity to Richardson, he gave her \$20,000 to use toward her schooling. He also provided a luxury vacation to Universal Studios Hollywood on Walker's private jet for her and her family and offered \$20,000 to establish the Devin Webb Foundation, a charity to raise money to battle heart disease.

"The biggest thing to me that came from 'Undercover Boss' was the breath of fresh air it gave to me and my family. It seriously was the light at the end of the tunnel. My family has been through so much more than I even mentioned on the show. It was so nice to have something good happen after so much bad," Richardson said. "It gave me hope and strength that I needed, me and my family."

The Dippin' Dots episode of "Undercover Boss" is available through CBS All Access at www.cbs.com.

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

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