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College of Science announces academic award honorees

Morehead State's College of Science has announced its academic award winners for the 2019-20 school year. Each year, one student from each major in the college is recognized for outstanding academic achievement.

Honorees from the Department of Agricultural Sciences are:

- Adam Cox from Waddy, plant science
- Brannan Hamm from Paris, agribusiness
- Alexa Nelko from Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania, veterinary technology bachelor's program
- Malinda Porter from Oil Springs, outstanding agricultural science student
- MaKayla Rose from Olive Hill, agriculture education
- Zachary Stirn from West Harrison, Indiana, animal/equine science
- Kate Webb form Morehead, pre-veterinary science
- Lydia Wills form Independence, veterinary technology associate program

Honorees from the Department of Biology and Chemistry are:

- Amina Anwar from Nicholasville, pre-medicine
- Jacob Bingham from Hindman, pre-physician assistant
- Kelsey Bolen from Stambaugh, pre-physical therapy
- Cory Edwards from Chesapeake, Ohio, biomedical chemistry
- Cassidy Lacey from Williamstown, biology
- Charli McClay from Lucasville, Ohio, biology teaching
- Rebecca Mikula from Savannah, Missouri, chemistry
- Steven Moore from Lovely, pre-dentistry
- Sarah Purdy from Morehead, biomedical sciences
- Tyler Sullivan from Belcher, pre-pharmacy

Honorees from the Department of Kinesiology, Health and Imaging Sciences are:

- Samantha Duvall from Olive Hill, radiologic science
- Haley Frizzell from Salt Lick, respiratory care
- Gavin Goeltz from Hudson, Wisconsin, kinesiology, health, and imaging sciences graduate
- Blake Harrison from Irvine, computed tomography/magnetic resonance

- Megan Sharp from Stafford, Virginia, health and physical education
- Thomas Sonafrank from Pinnacle, North Carolina, leadership in medical imaging
- Courtney Stack from Muskego, Wisconsin, health promotion
- Rebecca Watts from Lost Creek, exercise science
- Summer Westlund from Lexington, diagnostic medical sonography

Honorees from the Department of Mathematics are:

- Alexis Krumpleman from Covington, Department of Mathematics Thomas Edward Fouch Prize for Excellence in Mathematics and Mathematics Award
- Madeline Morgan from Crittenden, mathematics teaching

Honorees from the Department of Nursing are:

- Baylee Akers from Salt Lick, associate degree nursing first-level
- Sarah Arnett from Mt. Sterling, associate degree nursing second-level
- Casey Bently from Garrison, post-licensure first-level baccalaureate
- Rachel Cole from Oil Springs, Master of Science in Nursing second-level
- Abigail Gillispie from Grayson, baccalaureate nursing program, junior-level pre-licensure
- Joshua Perry from Inez, post-licensure second-level baccalaureate
- Heather Pick from Ashland, Master of Science in Nursing first-level
- Rebecca Werring from Williamsburg, Ohio, baccalaureate nursing program, sophomore-level pre-licensure
- Madeline Wilson from Lawrenceburg, baccalaureate nursing program, senior-level pre-licensure

Honorees from the Department of Physics, Earth Science and Space Systems Engineering are:

- Madison Howard from Hazard, physics
- Sean McNeil from Morehead, space systems engineering graduate student
- Emily Newsome from Kite, space systems engineering undergraduate student
- Russel Rogers from Clearfield, geology

Honorees from the Department of Psychology are:

- Katherine Boyd from Lexington, junior neuroscience
- Georgia Cali Clark from Princeton, senior neuroscience
- Ashley Hamm from Winchester, clinical psychology graduate program
- Jessica Hamm from South Vienna, Ohio, junior psychology
- Abigail Mohr from Winchester, undergraduate and senior psychology
- Rachel Turner from Crestwood, sophomore psychology
- Brianna Williams from Grayson, sophomore neuroscience

Honorees from the UK-PA Physician Assistant Program are:

- Tabitha Martin from Stanton, physician assistant graduate program

For more information about programs in Morehead State's College of Science, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/science, email dsci@moreheadstate.edu or call [606-783-2158](tel:606-783-2158).

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MSU alumnus and entrepreneur develops innovative emergency rescue product

Joseph “Kelly” Moore (00) knew he wanted to have a career in business when he graduated from Morehead State University with a Bachelor of Business Administration with an emphasis in finance. With his current entrepreneurial endeavor, he is in the business of potentially saving lives.

Moore and Matt Able are co-founders of the Lexington-based company Longtail Designs LLC. They recently announced the launch of a Kickstarter campaign for the Rescue Biner, the company’s first product.

The Rescue Biner is an aluminum carabiner that features additional tools to use in a life-saving emergency for first responders or victims of an automobile accident. These include a concealed razor blade for slicing through seatbelts and a tungsten carbide tip capable of easily breaking out vehicle windows.

Before going into business for himself, he found a knack for business at MSU. Moore and his family moved to Morehead from Kemmerer, Wyoming, in the summer of 1994, and he enrolled in the spring of 1995. After graduation he worked for two decades in finance as a federal employee. He has been a financial officer for the United States Air Force primarily based at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, and also has analyzed and overseen budgets for the U.S. Forest Service, first in Fort Collins, Colorado, before returning to Kentucky as a budget officer for the Daniel Boone National Forest from 2010 to 2018.

When he was a student at MSU, Moore said he enjoyed the fact that MSU was in the Daniel Boone National Forest, but it was the small classes and the personal attention he received from faculty that was most beneficial to his future.

“My financial and accounting courses laid the foundation for me to learn cost modeling, financial and data analysis, and teamwork,” he said. “I’m a solution-driven person and the positive feedback and support I received while attending MSU really helped craft my business acumen as I started my professional career.”

The idea for the Rescue Biner came about before founding Longtail Designs in 2016. Moore met Able when he started working for the Daniel Boone National Forest in Winchester and they both developed backgrounds as wilderness first responders. This led to them bouncing ideas back and forth and seeing a need for something useful when there is an accident occurs and seconds matter.

“The design evolved from an article I had read where a person had used scissors to cut an accident victim out of a vehicle seat belt. I don’t carry scissors in my vehicle. Most don’t,” Moore said. “So, when Matt Able and I sat down, we really had a moment of clarity and the Rescue Biner was born.”

Moore said the company had planned to launch its current Kickstarter campaign a couple of years ago for their patented product. They chose crowdfunding both due to the company's tight budget and wanting to use its primary resources to make the most effective product possible.

"We deliberately chose to focus on our getting the design right and not on seeking investor funding through the traditional models," he said. "We wanted to leave it up to the consumers to choose our product and not spending thousands of dollars getting an analysis report on what we 'might' be able to do."

Longtail Designs' Kickstarter campaign for the Rescue Biner launched on April 14 with the campaign's deadline ending on May 27. Since its launch, they are more than halfway to their goal of raising \$30,000.

"As a company, we want our designs to make a difference for those who use them," Moore said. "As entrepreneurs, we want to build something that gives back and looks out for our community and the environment instead of just worrying about the bottom line. If we do things the right way and worry about being a good company that makes great products, the rest will take care of itself."

To contribute to Longtail Designs' Kickstarter campaign, visit www.kickstarter.com/projects/longtaildesigns/rescuebiner-this-carabiner-can-save-your-life.

For more information on MSU's School of Business Administration, 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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MSU Career Services partners with Parker Dewey to offer micro-internships

Morehead State University's Office of Career Services realizes the value of students' gaining experience in their field of study through hands-on experiences with employers. Now, there is a new opportunity available to MSU students and alumni to obtain meaningful job experience and receive compensation for their work.

MSU has partnered with Chicago-based Parker Dewey, which offers a platform to connect current students with a diverse network of employers, to provide micro-internships for MSU students. Micro-internships are professional, paid, short-term assignments that occur in a mostly virtual setting. These opportunities typically range in length from five to 40 hours of work. This new partnership complements existing campus recruiting efforts and full-semester internships, which continue to be available to students. These opportunities can be a beneficial way for students to keep their skills sharp and gain experience to leverage for a future opportunity, especially in the current economic climate.

"In support of the Commonwealth's overall efforts to mitigate the risk and spread of the novel coronavirus, our office developed this partnership to ensure our students have opportunities to gain the hands-on experience employers are seeking from the safety of their homes," said Megan Boone, director of career services. "Additionally, the varied experiences available through Parker Dewey will allow students who are still exploring careers, to try out a variety of fields in a low-risk manner."

Alumni, community businesses and employers are invited to create micro-internships for Morehead State University students by developing short-term projects that provide experiential learning opportunities and build relevant skills.

To take advantage of this incredible resource, visit Morehead State University's Parker Dewey page at info.parkerdewey.com/moreheadstate.

If you have additional questions, contact the Office of Career Services at 606-783-2233, careerservices@moreheadstate.edu or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/career.

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MSU academic advisors celebrate Global Advising Week

Morehead State University's academic advisors and degree completion coaches with the Office of Retention and Academic Advising are celebrating Global Advising Week with the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA).

To honor the 40th anniversary of NACADA and celebrate the academic advising profession, NACADA has established Global Advising Week, which will be held this week through May 9.

In addition to degree completion coaches and advisors with MSU's Eagle Success Program, each college at MSU houses an Academic Advising Center.

MSU academic advisors and degree completion coaches are:

Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

- Farrah Baldwin
- Amanda Hogge
- Cindy Jent

College of Science

- Marlene Blankenbuehler
- Annelle Lord
- Barbara Spencer

Elmer R. Smith College of Business and Technology

- Lauren Jordan
- Laura King
- Laura Rucker
- Lexius Yarbrough

Ernst & Sara Lane Volgenau College of Education

- Risa Boyd
- Tina Stevens

Eagle Success Program

- Steve Crail
- Craig Dennis

Degree Completion Coaches

- Topaz Butler
- Jana Fife

One of the many reasons MSU consistently ranks as one of the top regional public universities in the South is its commitment to student success. MSU's academic advising team exemplifies this dedication as they use their skills and experience to help students realize their full potential. Incoming first-year students are assigned a professional academic advisor who them. Each advisor is an essential retention agent for MSU.

"The advising staff at MSU are top-notch professionals. They are a fantastic group of individuals who dedicate their energies to the overall success of our students," said Michelle Barber, director of retention and academic advising. "Their knowledge base is unparalleled, and students benefit greatly from their guidance and support."

To learn more about advising, tutoring and other student success resources, call 606-783-2084, email aare@moreheadstate.edu visit www.moreheadstate.edu/advising.

Picture: MSU's academic advisors and degree completion coaches are participating in NACADA's Global Advising Week. Pictured are (1) Tina Stephens, (2) Marlene Blankenbuehler, (3) Lexius Yarbrough, (4) Laura King, (5) Risa Boyd, (6) Amanda Hogge, (7) Craig Dennis, (8) Lauren Jordan, (9) Laura Rucker, (10) Topaz Butler, (11) Annelle Lord, (12) Barbara Spencer, and (13) Jana Fife.

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Volgenau College of Education names academic award recipients

Morehead State's Ernst & Sara Lane Volgenau College of Education is honoring student achievement by announcing the winners of its annual academic awards. Students were recognized in departments of Early Childhood, Elementary and Special Education (ECESE), Middle Grades and Secondary Education (MGSE), and Foundational and Graduate Studies in Education (FGSE).

Early Childhood, Elementary and Special Education honorees are:

- Stephanie Barrows, Shelbyville, outstanding post-master's director of special education certificate.
- Haley Boyd, Morehead, outstanding undergraduate in community support program.
- Larissa Gilbert, Olive Hill, outstanding undergraduate in Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education (IECE) program.
- Cera Goodpaster, Winchester, outstanding undergraduate in P-5 program.
- Miranda Jarvis, Lexington, outstanding graduate in Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) IECE program.
- Stephanie Kilgore, Betsy Lane, outstanding undergraduate in special education program (LBD).
- Hannah McFarland, Salyersville, outstanding undergraduate in special education program (MSD).
- Margaret Grace Whitten, Van Lear, outstanding undergraduate in community support program.

Middle Grades and Secondary Education honorees are:

- Jesse Currens, Lawrenceburg, outstanding graduate student in MGSE MAT program.
- Madeline "Maggie" Morgan, Crittenden, outstanding undergraduate in secondary program.
- Cory E. Rawlins, Ironton, Ohio, outstanding undergraduate in middle grades program.

Foundational and Graduate Studies Education honorees are:

- Cassandra Best, Owensboro, outstanding graduate student in educational leadership-technology Doctorate in Education (Ed.D.).
- Cindy Burton, Russell Springs, outstanding graduate student in Master of Arts in Education (MAE) Educational Technology.
- Kimberly R. Clevenger, Pikeville, outstanding graduate student in Education Specialist (Ed.S.) program.
- Hannah Scott, Bardstown, outstanding graduate student in P-12 educational leadership Ed.D.

The Morehead State University's Volgenau College of Education is offering a reduced tuition rate to all Kentucky school teachers and other educators enrolled in courses within our College of Education. For more details on the reduced tuition offer, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/kyeducators.

For more information about MSU's Volgenau College of Education and its programs, call 606-783-2162 or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/education.

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Caudill College announces honorees of student academic awards

Morehead State's Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences has announced the recipients of its student academic awards for the 2019-20 school year. Honorees are organized by academic department.

Honorees in the Department of Art and Design are:

- Outstanding Graduate Student in Art & Design, Joel Knueven, Moscow, Ohio.
- Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Art & Design, Cassandra Mullins, Pike County.
- Outstanding Freshman in Art & Design, Brenna Molden, Somerset.
- Outstanding Sophomore in Art & Design, Sinclaire Dorsey, Ashland.
- Outstanding Junior in Art & Design, Caleb Paul, Olive Hill.
- Outstanding Senior in Art & Design, Kaylee Thornsberry, Morgan County.
- Outstanding Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA), Mardy Wells, Brandenburg.

Honorees in the Department of Communication, Media and Languages are:

- Outstanding French Student, Timothy Douglas, Maysville.
- Outstanding Spanish Student, Michelle Hernandez, Paris.
- Outstanding Convergent Media Student, Julianna Leach, Ewing.
- Outstanding Strategic Communication Student, Cassidy Tinnell, Louisville.
- Outstanding Trail Blazer Student, Makayla Holder, Creal Springs, Illinois.
- Outstanding NewsCenter Student, Olivia Leet, Wallingford.
- Outstanding Graduate Student, Ryan Frye, Winchester.

Honorees in the Department of English are:

- Outstanding Graduate Student in English, Joanna Botts, Mt. Sterling.
- Outstanding Undergraduate Student in English, Victoria Nash, Florence.
- Outstanding Student in Creative Writing, Elizabeth Von Mann, Richmond.

Honorees in the Department of History, Philosophy, Politics, Global Studies and Legal studies are:

- Outstanding Undergraduate Student in HPPGL, Alexa Potts, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.
- Outstanding Undergraduate Student in History, Tessa Collins, Morehead.
- Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Philosophy, Robert Carl Stiens III, Fayetteville, Ohio.
- Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Political Science, Alexandra Quillen, Greenup County.
- Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Legal Studies, Alexa Potts, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.
- Outstanding Student in Global Studies, Stephanie Belding, Jacksonville, Florida.

- Edwa and Allie W. Young Memorial Award, Olivia Dale, Flat Gap.
- George T. Young Memorial Fund Award in History, Gracie Davis, Georgetown.
- Victor Howard History Award, Victoria Nash, Florence.
- Outstanding Master of Public Administration Student, Sarah Fink, Hollsopple, Pennsylvania, and Jingwen Wu, Xinjiang Province, China.

Honorees in the Department of Military Science are:

- Army R.O.T.C. Superior Cadet Decoration Military Science I, John Frank Greene, Lexington.
- Army R.O.T.C. Superior Cadet Decoration Military Science II, Austin Kline, Effingham, Illinois.
- Army R.O.T.C. Superior Cadet Decoration Military Science III, Tristin Pitzer, Greenfield, Ohio.
- Army R.O.T.C. Superior Cadet Decoration Military Science IV, Kristopher Krolkowski, Salt Lick.

Honorees in the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance are:

- Outstanding Graduate Student in Music, Tanner Leonardo, Louisville.
- Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Music, Derek Easterling, West Liberty.
- Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Theatre, Sahara LaForce, Van Lear.
- Outstanding Undergraduate Student in Dance, Sydney Cook, Edgewood.
- Outstanding Student in Technical Theatre, Tyler Abrams, Olive Hill.
- Outstanding Student in Theatre Performance, Jacob Dowell, Nicholasville.
- The Little Company Award, Rebecca Earehart, Tollesboro.
- Theodore Presser Scholar, Natalie Gatian, Jane Lew, West Virginia.
- Edwa P. Young and Allie W. Young Memorial Scholarship Award, Reagan Cox, Lexington and Isaiah Florence, Hamilton, Ohio.
- E. Glenn & Helen F. Fulbright Music Education Scholarship Award, EmaLee Copeland, Milton; Derek Easterling, West Liberty; Carson McCann, Elizabethtown; and Caleb Gibson, Louisville.

Honorees in the Department of Sociology, Criminology and Social Work are:

- Outstanding Graduate Student in SSWC, Tasha L. Chaffin, Johnson County.
- Outstanding Student in Social Work, Alicia Nicole McCaule, Erie, Pennsylvania.
- Outstanding Student in Sociology, Molli Huffman, Pike County, and Tiffany Justice, Fleming County.
- Outstanding Student in Criminology and Criminal Justice, Justin Corlis, Brooksville.
- Outstanding Student in Gender Studies Minor, Amanda Younce, Pike County.
- Richard Reser Scholarship, Symone Crumbie, Paris.
- Lola Crosthwaite Scholarship, Katelyn Bellamy, Powell County.

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Judy Family makes a planned gift commitment to MSU

Wayne (68) and Brenda (68) Judy have been long-time supporters of Morehead State University. Their commitment to student success continues today as the family plans to leave a sizeable planned gift to the University to establish the Judy-Craig Family Endowment, a fund to benefit MSU students.

“We decided long ago that Morehead is a very significant part of who we are,” Wayne said. “I never had anyone in my family go to college before me and Brenda only had one cousin who had gone to college, but he did not complete a degree. So, graduating from Morehead State University is a significant part of us and our family history. We want to ensure we are a part of it for generations to come. Morehead State University will receive a significant part of our estate when we’re not around anymore. We are happy to be able to provide this support beyond our years.”

The Judys are both natives of Gallatin County, Kentucky, and both graduated from Gallatin County High School in 1964. They have been together since they were 16 years old and married after their sophomore year at MSU. Wayne earned a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry and Brenda earned a bachelor’s degree in elementary education before earning a master’s degree in elementary education from MSU in 1971.

The Judys have been generous supporters of MSU for many years. Since graduating, the couple has made annual gifts to support the greatest needs of the University by directing their support to funds that provide scholarships and more. In 2000, they were instrumental in the establishment of the Allen Lake Professorship in Biology by making a significant gift in honor of Dr. Lake, one of their favorite professors.

With this most recent planned gift, the couple has committed to join the MSU Visionary Society. This giving society recognizes donors who have included MSU in their estate plans. Membership in the Visionary Society does not involve annual dues or obligations at the time of commitment. It simply allows MSU to recognize the generous plans that have been made to support future generations.

The Judy-Craig Family Endowment, created by the couple’s estate gift, will provide scholarships for students from Kentucky who are pursuing a degree in elementary education or physical, biological or environmental sciences.

For more information on this scholarship, or MSU’s Visionary Society, contact MSU’s Office of Alumni Relations and Development at 606-783-2033, email giving@moreheadstate.edu or visit alumni.moreheadstate.edu.

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Craft Academy virtual graduation to be held May 16

The Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics at Morehead State will hold a virtual graduation ceremony for its seniors on Saturday, May 16.

Students, staff, the graduation platform party and registered distinguished guests will attend a Zoom event at 11 a.m. The event will be recorded live, and a video of the ceremony will be made available to parents and family members. Distinguished guests who wish to attend the live recording must RSVP by emailing craftacademy@moreheadstate.edu by May 13.

“The Class of 2020 is the fourth graduating class in the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics. The class of 2020 raised the bar for other students to emulate,” said Dr. Carol Christian, director of the Craft Academy. “Whether attaining the highest class institutional GPA, participating in more research and internships to participating selflessly in numerous community service activities, each class stands on the shoulders of those who came before them, leaving their unique mark and legacy of high expectations and high performance.

“We are extremely proud of the accomplishments of the class of 2020. We are grateful to the expertise and guidance from MSU faculty and appreciative of the parents that trusted them in our care on this amazing journey! A special thank you to the legislators and Dr. Joe Craft and Ambassador Kelly Craft in making this academy a reality.”

For more information about the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/craft-academy, email craftacademy@moreheadstate.edu or call [606-783-2093](tel:606-783-2093).

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MSU alum hired as principal for Fayette County Public Schools

Fayette County Public Schools (FCPS) Superintendent Manny Caulk has announced that Morehead State University alumnus Donte Tichenor (13) will be the new principal at Booker T. Washington Elementary School in Lexington.

“I am extremely excited and humbled by this opportunity to serve in this community,” Tichenor said. “When I entered the field of education more than 10 years ago, I never envisioned myself being in an elementary school. God has a way of ordering your stops and closing doors that you thought were meant for you. None of this would have been possible without Morehead State University.”

Tichenor earned a bachelor’s degree in psychology from the University of Kentucky before attending MSU to earn his Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) in Middle Grades Social Studies. At MSU, he was awarded Graduate Student of the Year.

“When I decided to return to school to pursue a graduate degree in teaching, Morehead State took a chance on me when other universities said I needed higher scores,” Tichenor said. “Fast forward almost a decade later and numerous roles within my district, I am now principal of Booker T. Washington Elementary School.”

Tichenor worked for the Job Corps program and later a private mental health provider before joining FCPS in 2009. There, he served in roles as a substitute teacher, paraeducator, social studies teacher, behavior interventionist and dean of students. Tichenor led the Informational Technology Academy at Bryan Station High School in 2018. In his most recent role, he came to Booker T. Washington Elementary to serve as the professional growth and effectiveness (PGE) coach prior to becoming principal.

Tichenor said he has multiple goals as the principal at Booker T. Washington Elementary, including creating a positive culture, retaining and recruiting good teachers, frequent and passionate celebrations of student success, focusing on student growth and empowering both families and the community to contribute to student success.

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Eighteen students earn Adobe Certification

Eighteen Morehead State students earned Adobe Certifications during the spring semester.

This semester's results are as follows:

- Four students earned certification in Visual Design using Adobe Photoshop.
- Seven students were certified in Graphic Design and Illustration using Adobe Illustrator.
- Three students earned certification in Print and Digital Publication using Adobe InDesign.
- One student was certified in Visual Effects & Motion Graphics using Adobe After Effects CC 2018.
- Three students earned certification as a Graphic Design Specialist. The certification is obtained by a student who has passed the Illustrator, InDesign, and Photoshop exams.
- MarTisse Dapre Andrews, a senior from Lexington, had MSU's top score on Adobe Certification exams. He earned his certification in Visual Design using Adobe Photoshop.

“Our students deserve a very big ‘congratulations’ for all of the hard work that went into this achievement. Never does that statement ring truer than this term,” said Tony Glover, IT services coordinator, tech liaison and certification program coordinator. “The difficult nature/changes the COVID-19 crisis has placed on students and educators alike presented new challenges on how to continue their education online in these extraordinary times. Our students had to overcome the transition from face-to-face classes to online instruction only, poor internet service in a lot of areas, getting the required Adobe Software installed, no practice exams were offered to strengthen skills, and taking the actual certification exam on a virtual PC, not on the Mac platform they are used to using. Yet they still succeed with all of these factors stacked against them.”

“The certifications earned this semester truly reinforce the fact that MSU’s continued commitment to quality education and career readiness in digital media is working.”

For more information about the Digital Media and Technology Certification program at MSU, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/adobe, contact Glover at c.glover@moreheadstate.edu or call 783-9338.

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Achievement through adversity: MSU recognizes Spring 2020 graduates

Morehead State University recognized the academic excellence of the more than 1,000 graduates of the Class of 2020 on Saturday, May 9.

The MSU Spring Commencement Program is online at <https://bit.ly/3fIKe8W>.

Since MSU's Spring 2020 Commencement Ceremony was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the University invites you to participate in a special ceremony to recognize and honor their achievement later this year. This event will take place at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, 2020. It will only include students from the Spring and Summer 2020 class and will not be combined with our regularly scheduled fall commencement, which will take place at 10 a.m. that same day.

Alexa Potts of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, was selected as the commencement speaker representing the Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. She is the daughter of Dan Potts and Amy Potts. She graduated with a 4.0 cumulative GPA and earned a Bachelor of Arts in History and Legal Studies with a minor in Spanish.

At Morehead State, Potts was a member of the George M. Luckey Jr. Academic Honors Program. She was an Undergraduate Research Fellow for three years, where she presented her research on travel writing in Kentucky at the Kentucky Philological Association and the Celebration of Student Scholarship in 2018. She also represented the Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences at the 2017 Idea Festival in Louisville.

She was named the 2019 Outstanding Undergraduate Student in History. Potts was a recipient of a Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences student academic award for outstanding undergraduate student in History, Philosophy, Politics, Global Studies and Legal Studies (HPPGL) for the 2019-20 academic year. She completed three terms as attorney general for the Student Government Association (SGA). She also was a member of the MSU Flute Ensemble, the Societas Pro Legibus and Sigma Delta Pi – National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society.

As a member and team captain of MSU Rifle, Potts was named Air Rifle All-American and First-Team All-OVC (Ohio Valley Conference) for air rifle and smallbore during the 2018-19 season. That same year, she set the school record for air rifle individual scoring versus Jacksonville State. At the 2019 OVC Championships, Potts also set the smallbore individual scoring record, the smallbore individual 20 shots prone school record and the individual aggregate school record. She qualified for the 2019 NCAA Championships as an individual.

Her academic achievements as a student-athlete include receiving the OVC Academic Medal of Honor for excellence in athletics and academics for the 2016-17 school year. Later, she was named the 2019-20 OVC Scholar-Athlete, awarded annually to the top three men and women in the OVC for their accomplishments and

leadership on the field and in the classroom. Potts also served as the student leader for Athletes in Action (AIA).

Potts said she plans to enroll in law school and credits MSU with her preparedness.

“My MSU education is one of the most valuable things in my life because it has enriched me with knowledge and experiences that have prepared me for my future while leaving warm memories of my undergraduate years. Without my MSU education, I would not be the student I am today, ready to continue the pursuit of my legal education at law school,” Potts said. “My education at MSU has provided me with tangible skills, such as the ability to draft a legal motion, engage in research, speak in public settings and collaborate with a group to reach common goals. I would not be ready to jump into law school without these important skills, and I would not have mastered these vital skills had it not been for my MSU education.”

For details on MSU’s graduation ceremonies, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/graduation.

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MSU students complete internships with Kentucky Legislative Research Commission

Morehead State University alumna Amethyst Muncy (20) and senior Nick Anderson have both taken an important step in their respective pursuits of careers in the field of law. They completed internships through the Kentucky Legislative Research Commission's (LRC) Legislative Intern Program this spring.

LRC's Legislative Intern Program allows qualified college students to gain knowledge of the legislative process and the creation of public policy through hands-on experience and various internship assignments. The 2020 program, originally scheduled to run from January through April, allows students to work with Legislative Research Commission nonpartisan staff and members of the Kentucky General Assembly.

Muncy, a native of Louisa, just graduated with a degree in legal studies with a minor in Spanish. As a student at MSU, she scored the highest score on the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) in MSU's history, testing in the 97th percentile. She was a member of the Societas Pro Legibus and volunteered at the Pro Se Divorce Clinic in Morehead.

Muncy was accepted with a scholarship to the University of California – Berkeley, which ranked 9th in the country by U.S. News & World Report. She aspires to work as a civil rights or immigration lawyer.

“I think the legal studies program definitely makes you ready for law school because it teaches you how to be a paralegal,” Muncy said. “I’ve basically taken all the classes I’m going to take my first year. All my professors taught me really well, so I think I will do really well in law school.”

Anderson is a senior double-major in political science and legal studies from Morehead. He was a member of the 2018 MSU Homecoming Court. Anderson previously completed a five-week internship for Canadian Parliament Member Shaun Chen of the Scarborough North region, where he assisted in correspondence with Chen's diverse constituency comprised of citizens originally from the Middle East, China and South Asia.

Anderson was chosen to serve as an intern with the House and Senate Judiciary Committee in Frankfort. He said that while the internship was cut short due to COVID-19, the scope of topics the committee covered, along with the nonpartisan nature of the internship, was a unique and beneficial experience.

“From early January to mid-March, I was fortunate to be a gear in the clockwork of the 2020 legislative process,” Anderson said. “The breadth of subject matter most benefitted me as a student and as someone hoping to attend law school, for it opened my eyes to the immense scope of the law and how it impacts almost every aspect of our daily lives.”

Morehead State University has been named one of the Top 25 Most Affordable Bachelor's in Legal Studies for 2020 by Great Value Colleges (GreatValueColleges.net). MSU's legal studies program was also ranked 12th out of the top 25 legal studies programs by TheBestSchools.org.

To learn more about MSU's Bachelor of Arts in Legal Studies, contact the Department of History, Philosophy, Politics, Global Studies and Legal Studies at hpil@moreheadstate.edu, call 606-783-2655 or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/study/legalstudies.

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MSU summer classes begin June 8

Morehead State offers several options to allow you to continue your education throughout the summer.

All of MSU's summer classes are offered online, letting you conveniently learn at home. Classes are condensed, allowing you to earn credits in a shorter amount of time than during the standard academic year. You can earn up to 12 undergraduate credit hours each summer semester or six graduate hours.

Summer session is from June 8 to Aug. 31. Summer I takes place from June 8 to July 2 and Summer II takes place from July 6 to Aug. 31.

Morehead State University has always been committed to our region and the Commonwealth. Nearly 85% of the students we serve are Kentuckians and many of our alumni have stayed to work and live in Kentucky. We are demonstrating our commitment to the Commonwealth with several initiatives that will help families during the COVID-19 pandemic. MSU commits to:

- No increases to tuition or fees for the next academic year;
- No requirements for standardized test scores for general admission for the fall 2020 semester; and
- Offer online summer courses and fall courses in a variety of formats.

To learn more, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/commitment.

Also, MSU is offering discounted tuition for select graduate courses in the Ernst and Sara Lane Volgenau College of Education. For more information, [visit www.moreheadstate.edu/kyeducators](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/kyeducators).

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Appalachian Horse Revival postponed until October

Morehead State's Second Annual Appalachian Horse Revival equestrian show has been postponed until Oct. 29-31, in conjunction with all the horse associations fall show schedules.

The event was originally scheduled for Memorial Day Weekend but was postponed due to restrictions on large social gatherings imposed in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The show will be held at the Derrickson Agricultural Complex.

For more information, visit <http://alumni.moreheadstate.edu/horserevival>, email equineevents@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2662.

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MSU alum named media coordinator with SOAR

Morehead State alum Hanna Gabbard (19) has been named as the digital media coordinator with Shaping Our Appalachian Region (SOAR).

Gabbard earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with an emphasis in Regional Analysis and Public Policy as well as a minor in Appalachian Studies at MSU. Gabbard worked for the past year as an AmeriCorps VISTA with SOAR since graduating from MSU. In her new position, she will work to address employment issues in the 54 Kentucky counties served by SOAR, helping small business owners learn to complete globally, work remotely and embrace new trends and technologies. Gabbard will guide SOAR's communication and digital media reach. She'll contribute and be responsible for updating content for SOAR's various websites and work to compile compelling stories in a variety of formats to highlight the incredible work taking place across the region.

A native of Perry County, Gabbard said she was first inspired to get involved with SOAR after attending the inaugural SOAR Summit while she was in high school.

"As I sat there surrounded by over a thousand people who believed in our region and wanted to work together to create an economic transition that would allow Appalachia Kentucky to move forward in a self-sustainable way, I knew that I wanted to be part of that," she said. "I wanted to live and work in this region that means so much to me and create a better Appalachia Kentucky for future generations."

Gabbard said SOAR served as inspiration for many of her research papers during college and said her field of study prepared her perfectly for her work with SOAR.

"My government classes allowed me to learn about the intricate way that local, state, and national government works together and how non-profit organizations play a role in that. The Appalachian Studies department was full of awesome, passionate professors that I thoroughly enjoyed learning from. I feel as if I left MSU with a better understanding of our region and the history that still plays a very relevant role in the events of today. Being able to carry this perspective around with me in everything that I do is very valuable," Gabbard said.

Gabbard said she found her work as an AmeriCorps VISTA extremely rewarding and encouraged other recent grads to consider participating in the program.

"Serving as an AmeriCorps VISTA in a community is a great way to gain experience, both personally and professionally," she said. "For someone that is a recent college grad wanting to take a break from school or maybe doesn't exactly know what path they want to take, it can be a great option."

For more information on SOAR, visit www.soar-ky.org. To learn more about SOAR's partnerships and impact across the region, visit www.thereisafuture.org.

For more information about programs in Morehead State's Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/caudillcollege, email ccahss@moreheadstate.edu or call [606-783-2650](tel:606-783-2650).

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Patti Caudill Wood Scholarship established; first recipient announced

The Morehead State University Foundation has announced the establishment of the Patti Caudill Wood Scholarship, a fund to benefit Morehead State University students. The scholarship's first recipient is Riley Hall, a graduate of Rowan County Senior High School. She is a nursing major with career goals to become a certified nurse-midwife.

"I've never known if I would be able to attend college due to the financial hardships that my family has fought through," Hall said. "Because of this, I have always strived to succeed in my education so that I could take care of my own family one day. This scholarship serves as many things for me, some of those being reassurance and comfort, but perhaps most importantly as a sense of hope for my future."

The scholarship was established by Patti Caudill Wood. Wood is a proud supporter of MSU and the surrounding community. To show her support and pride in MSU, and in the light of COVID-19 pandemic taking an incredible toll on the medical community, she has established this annual scholarship to support graduates of Rowan County Senior High School who are pursuing a degree in a medical field at MSU.

"I have known for a while I wanted to create a scholarship at MSU, but current events inspired me to expand my plans. During this pandemic, those in the medical profession have been on the frontlines every day," Wood said. "From doctors and nurses to technicians and office staff, they're all showing up and doing what we need them to do. I wanted to give back to support students who have an interest in following in those footsteps someday."

The scholarship recipient must be a graduate of Rowan County Senior High School who is an incoming freshman majoring in an area relating to a medical field. The scholarship is renewable until the recipient's fourth year of undergraduate study if a 3.0 GPA and full-time status are 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 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.

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MSU receives high marks by ETC for COVID-19 response

While the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in many significant changes to colleges and universities, Morehead State University has garnered praise for its response to these challenging times.

Education To Career (ETC) ranked MSU in its College Rankings Results for the COVID-19 Economic Crisis. It earned the distinction of being declared a Tier 1 institution. It is among 1,200 institutions ranked by their ability to offer a quality education under any conceivable scenario, including in-classroom, online and a hybrid format that includes both forms of instruction.

To search ETC College Rankings for the COVID-19 Economic Crisis by state, visit www.jobsearchintelligence.com/etc/college-rankings-2020-update.

In addition to institutions having a minimum of three years delivering online curriculum, Tier 1 distinction is earned through the following criteria:

- A physical campus for in-classroom instruction barring health authorities allowing colleges to re-open in September.
- Software and system capabilities to support distance learning programs.
- Faculty experienced in teaching online.
- Reasonable tuition and fees on a relative basis.

Founded in 2013, Educate To Career is a nonprofit organization. It is a leading resource for educational attainment, outcomes-based personalized college and career planning, and related financial planning, data and programs in the U.S. The COVID-19 pandemic changed ETC's college selection criteria, making "distance learning" a mandatory component for a high ranking. Schools with experience in distance learning, the ability to support in-classroom teaching and reasonable tuition costs are primary considerations.

For information about MSU's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/coronavirus.

To learn more about MSU's Commitment to the Commonwealth and participate in a virtual visit, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/commitment.

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Morehead Writing Project offers professional development opportunities for area teachers

Before schools potentially reopen in the fall, teachers in Morehead and the surrounding region will be able to take advantage of a variety of online professional development opportunities through the Morehead Writing Project (MWP) Online Summer Institute (OSI) in coordination with the National Writing Project.

The Morehead Writing Project has been delivering online professional development (led by Kentucky educators with experience teaching online and hybrid classes) for almost 10 years. The National Writing Project has been providing research-based comprehensive literacy professional development for decades.

Teaching conditions in the upcoming school year will likely be different for the entire school year. Classrooms, buildings and districts will need educators ready to plan classes that can be flexible enough to meet new challenges in education while simultaneously educating a diverse student population and supporting teacher's mental and physical health.

“We have no idea at this time what our education system will look like in the fall, spring or possibly for the next few years, but one thing that we do know is that educators will need to be flexible and ready to work with a variety of tools to meet this changing and challenging new world,” said Dr. Deanna Mascle, instructor of English and site director of the Morehead Writing Project. “Morehead Writing Project’s OSI has always included asynchronous online instruction for the nine years of its existence and is led by instructors whose experience extends even further. Our flexible instruction and project-based learning approach offer participants the unique opportunity to design lessons and units guided by personal experience and their individual teaching context.”

Educators from kindergarten through college in any discipline, teacher leaders, literacy coaches, supervisors of instruction and principals can all benefit from Morehead Writing Project’s professional development opportunities. MWP is approved to provide professional development by the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) and a preferred provider for the Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy (SRCL) grant and the FY20 Kentucky Comprehensive Literacy grant. The OSI also has been approved for Effective Instructional Leadership Act (EILA) credit.

The Morehead Writing Project’s OSI educators develop the skills and knowledge they need to meet this challenge in the following ways:

- Educators will gain first-hand experience through an online self-paced program that can later be applied to their specific teaching context.

- The program's embedded, project-based learning helps educators gain first-hand experience and insight into developing their project-based units of instruction.
- Required creation of individual online lesson plans while receiving coaching, models and a library of resources that can be adapted for classroom needs.
- Participants will be introduced to a wide range of tools and strategies through educators with experience teaching both online and hybrid classes that can be harnessed for their future teaching challenges.
- Comprehensive literacy instruction (reading, writing and critical thinking) to help educators at any level across all content areas embed strategies in their classes.

The OSI will take place online during the Summer I (June 8 through July 2) session at Morehead State University. The cost is \$1,000 for 36 hours of professional development credit. Those interested in graduate credit can enroll in ENG 608 for three graduate credit hours (and ENG 609 for three hours and a total of six) through Morehead State University's graduate program. Students enrolled in the classes for graduate credit do not need to pay the professional development fee.

There will be weekly expectations and participants should expect to do a minimum of eight to 10 hours of work each week (double that participants elect to take six graduate hours). There is no specific time and date participants need to work and they can jumpstart work if preferred.

To learn more about the professional development opportunities through Morehead Writing Project, visit www.moreheadwritingproject.org or contact Mascle at d.mascle@moreheadstate.edu or by calling 606-783-5280.

For more details on reduced tuition for Kentucky educators, as well as information on graduate and certification programs offered by the Volgenau College of Education, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/kyeducators.

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Still time to register for MSU online SOAR sessions

Morehead State University has changed its on-campus Student Orientation, Advising and Registration (SOAR) sessions to an online format to make experiencing MSU easy for incoming students. There is still time to register for upcoming SOAR sessions.

“MSU will continue to be flexible and work to accommodate student needs during these unusual times,” said Russ Mast, vice president for student affairs. “We look forward to having our new students join the Eagle family in the fall.”

The SOAR online experience includes:

- Pre-recorded videos to watch the week of the scheduled online SOAR session.
- A virtual campus tour.
- Live Q & A on Facebook Live.
- A brief quiz on content from the videos.

Fall class schedules will be released for participants on Friday of the scheduled online SOAR week.

Future online SOAR sessions will take place during the following weeks:

- June 1-5, attend Facebook Live at 1 p.m. June 4 or 5.
- June 22-26, attend Facebook Live at 1 p.m. June 23.
- [Wednesday, July 8](#), MSU at Mt. Sterling students only, more details to follow.
- July 13-17, attend Facebook Live at 1 p.m. July 13 or 14.

Admitted students for Fall 2020 will need to sign up at www.moreheadstate.edu/soar for the week of their preferred SOAR session. Once registration is complete, they will be emailed additional details.

MSU is demonstrating its Commitment to the Commonwealth through several initiatives designed to help students and families during these unprecedented times. We are proud to announce that we are freezing tuition and fees at this year’s rates for the upcoming academic year. To learn more about the additional commitments we have made, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/commitment.

To learn more about SOAR at MSU, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/soar or contact the Office of First Year Programs at fyp@moreheadstate.edu or 606-783-5208.

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Morehead Writing Project offers online summer writing camp

With the cancellation of in-person camps at Morehead State University for Summer 2020, the Morehead Writing Project will offer an online summer writing camp.

The Power Your Story Y'all Summer Writing Camp is open to high school writers (rising eighth graders through graduating seniors) and will focus on solutions journalism. Participants will choose an overlooked and misunderstood issue touching their community. They will be guided through the process of crafting a news story for publication in the style of long-form journalism, a branch of journalism that generates longer and more in-depth articles than the typical news story.

The camp is scheduled for the first two weeks in June. Participants can attend either week or both if they choose:

- Week 1 – June 1-5
- Week 2 – June 8-12

Registration for the camp is \$80 for one week or \$150 for two weeks.

Dr. Deanna Mascle, instructor of English at MSU, and Sarah Webster of Gallatin County High School will provide non-evaluative support during the camp weeks. It will be a combination of morning meetings, daily writing prompts and activities the writers will work on independently, and small group workshops in the afternoon or evening.

"So many students have lost opportunities for this summer and we hope that our Power Your Story Y'all Summer Writing Camp will allow students to learn something new, connect with other creative-minded teens and learn more about the Morehead State University community," Mascle said. "This camp will be fun and flexible, and we can't wait to get started."

For information about programs in the Department of English, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/english, email english@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-9448.

To learn more about MSU's convergent media program, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/study/communication, email cml@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2134.

Learn about the Morehead Writing Project by visiting www.moreheadwritingproject.org, by contacting Mascle at d.mascle@moreheadstate.edu or by calling 606-783-5280.

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Hail named to board of Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation

Dr. Michael Hail, professor of government and political science at Morehead State University, has been appointed by President Donald Trump to serve an additional term as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation.

Hail is the coordinator of government and political science programs in the Department of History, Philosophy, Global Studies and Legal Studies at MSU. He was also elected to serve as chairperson of the Somerset Independent Schools Board of Education in Kentucky and serves as director of the Statesmanship Center.

Hail received a bachelor's degree from Centre College in Danville and earned a Ph.D. from the University of Delaware. He teaches courses on public administration, federalism and constitutional law, public management, state and local government, economic development, Western political philosophy, intelligence studies and American political thought. Hail focuses his research on federalism and intergovernmental management with specific interest in economic development policy, state and local government, American political thought and Western political philosophy.

The Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation was created in honor of 33rd U.S. President Harry S. Truman and was established by Congress in 1975. The foundation serves Truman's passion to support future generations of public servants.

For more information on the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation, visit www.truman.gov.

To learn more about programs in MSU's Department of History, Philosophy, Global Studies and Legal Studies, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/hpil, email hpil@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2655.

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Optimist Club of Morehead Founders Scholarship announces 2020 recipients

The Morehead State University Foundation has announced the Optimist Club of Morehead Founders Scholarship recipients for the 2020-21 school year. The recipients are Kaleb Sergent and Cedric Meadows.

Sergent is a graduate of Rowan County Senior High School in Morehead. He is planning to major in elementary education and hopes to become a kindergarten teacher. Meadows is a graduate of Lakeside Christian Academy in Morehead. He is planning to major in business administration with goals to start his own business.

The scholarship, founded in 2017, is a memorial to the founding members of the Optimist Club of Morehead, whose main objective is to benefit the youth of the community. It was founded in 1964 by a group of business and educational leaders of Morehead.

"The creation of the Founders Scholarship was a means for our club to recognize those individuals who established the Club," said Optimist Club of Morehead President Bill Redwine (79), who is also the former assistant vice president of auxiliary services at MSU. "Several of the original members were campus leaders and it's only logical that we recognize them in this manner."

Scholarship recipient criteria include being graduating seniors who are residents of Rowan County, attaining at least a 3.0 GPA combined in their junior and senior years of high school.

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.

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MSU continues to offer scholarships for fall semester

Morehead State University is committed to making college affordable for students by offering numerous scholarships for the 2020-21 academic year.

MSU offers a variety of institutional and departmental scholarships, as well as scholarships funded through the MSU Foundation. Scholarships are awarded based on academic merit and financial need. Last year, we awarded nearly \$18 million to our students in scholarships and grants through institutional aid and the MSU Foundation.

Once you apply to MSU, you are automatically considered for institutional scholarships. Visit www.moreheadstate.edu/apply to fill out your application and to submit transcripts and test scores.

To apply for additional scholarships, visit moreheadstate.awardspring.com.

In addition to scholarship opportunities, MSU is committing to keeping a college education affordable by freezing tuition costs for the 2020-21 academic year. Learn more at www.moreheadstate.edu/commitment.

Plus, the Volgenau College of Education is offering a reduced tuition rate on graduate courses to all Kentucky schoolteachers and other educators enrolled in courses within the college. Learn more at www.moreheadstate.edu/kyeducators.

Please contact Enrollment Services at admissions@moreheadstate.edu or 606-783-2000 with any questions.

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Spring 2020 Dean's List released

Morehead State University's Spring 2020 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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Burke receives McBride Tutoring Award

Libby Burke, a senior from Alton, New Hampshire, is the recipient of this year's Molly McBride Tutoring Excellence Award.

The award is given annually to a tutor who demonstrates a superior level of tutoring skills and caring for MSU students. It is named in honor of Molly McBride, a Tutoring and Learning Center (TLC) tutor who was killed in a car crash in May 2013.

The TLC tutors are undergraduates who help their fellow students through tutoring mathematics, business, sciences, writing, foreign languages and other subjects. This semester, the Tutoring and Learning Center made a successful pivot to increase online tutoring due to COVID-19.

"I always strive to help others. This love of helping others achieve things they once were not able to on their own is what drove me to pursue a career in education, as well as become a part of the MSU Tutoring and Learning Center," Burke said. "I have loved every second of my work as a tutor and have learned so much from every student I've met."

Burke is a moderate to severe disabilities and middle grades mathematics education major. With more than 600 appointments in her tutoring career, she tutors her fellow students in math, English, communication, education, Praxis and more.

For more information about tutoring at MSU, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/tutoring, email tutoring@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-5105.

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Steps for the NEST Challenge raises money for student support fund

Morehead State University alumni and friends are stepping up to help students by taking actual steps for a worthy cause.

From May 18 through May 22, MSU held a Steps for the NEST Challenge, where participants commit to taking 10,000 steps per day (50,000 steps total) to raise money for the NEST Fund. Over 100 individuals signed up to participate, taking 4,196,168 steps and raising \$2,340.

Special recognition was also given to the following award winners:

- Eagle Who Took the Most Steps: Vicki Collins Blakeman (81) – 135,040
- Eagle Who Took the Most Steps “Honorable Mention”: Cheryl Stegall Blevins (87) – 113,090
- Eagle Who Reached 50,000 Steps Goal First: Kathryn Rogers (07)
- Youngest Eagle Participant: Ava June Tackett
- Most Senior Eagle Participant: Clyde I. James (65)

The NEST (Needs for Students in Trying Times) Fund is a newly established fund created to support students during times of hardship and transition. It covers support to three primary sources of student aid: Eagle Essentials, the SHARE Fund and the Eagle Emergency Loan Fund.

To learn more about Eagle Essentials and other student financial resources, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/eagle-essentials.

For information on how to donate to the Eagle's NEST fund, visit alumni.moreheadstate.edu/waystogive.

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