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Gender Studies Art, Media and Writing Contest open for submissions

The 16th Annual Judy Rogers Gender Studies Art, Media and Writing Contest is now open for submissions. The contest is named after Dr. Judy Rogers, former dean of undergraduate programs, who was an advocate for gender inclusiveness and a founding member of the interdisciplinary women's studies program at Morehead State, a predecessor to the current gender studies program.

The contest is open exclusively to MSU students and seeks submissions of writing, 2D and 3D art, digital art, mixed media art and film/video. Submissions of 2D art can be no larger than 30"x30", and 3D submissions must have no dimension larger than 24". Media submissions must be exhibit-ready and must include a label with the artist's name, contact information and email. Writing submissions must be no longer than ten pages in length and must include a cover sheet with the author's name, contact information and email. Submissions will be evaluated by members of the Gender Studies Leadership Team.

Dr. Bernadette Barton, director of the gender studies program and professor of sociology, says the fields of gender studies and the arts interconnect in several ways.

"Gender infuses all elements of social life, including, of course, the arts," Barton said. "Individual identities affect the act of creation; thus, one's sex, race, class, etc. informs one's work. Also, artists use their work to educate or offer a message that allows the viewer to understand something in a new way."

Successful submissions will provide insights into gender studies in general and women's issues in particular, within the context of American culture or the world at large. The deadline for submissions is Tuesday, Feb. 25. Entries should be delivered to 355 Rader Hall or emailed to Barton at b.barton@moreheadstate.edu.

Prizes will be awarded in the following categories:

- Performance/Video/Music: \$100.
- Visual Arts: \$100.
- Poetry: \$50.
- Prose: \$50.

The contest is sponsored by the Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences and the Gender Studies program.

For more information on the gender studies program at MSU, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/genderstudies, email Barton at b.barton@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2710.

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MSU Career Services to host spring Career and Internship Fair

Morehead State University's Career and Internship Fair is an opportunity for students to make connections and start gaining hands-on experience to launch their careers. Eagles can gain an advantage in reaching their career goals through attending the Spring Career and Internship Fair from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, at the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC) ballroom.

At MSU's career fair, you can connect with more than 100 employers and graduate programs, all while learning about full-time and part-time jobs, internships, co-ops and summer jobs.

"MSU makes it a priority to ensure our students engage in high-quality experiential opportunities as part of their learning experience because employers expect graduates to have hands-on experience in addition to the learning occurring in the classroom," said Megan Boone, director of MSU's Office of Career Services. "The career fair is the signature event that connects students to employers and graduate programs to land internships and co-ops, as well as full-time jobs."

Boone said it's vital for underclassmen – even freshmen – to make attending a career fair a priority as the event is a great way to gain information and advice to differentiate yourself from the competition.

Katie Smith, a senior marketing major, has taken advantage of the Career and Internship Fair throughout her college career.

"I got my internship from the career fair and interned with Sherwin-Williams, a paint company. After the fair, I was interviewed and worked in Lexington, Kentucky. I am now interviewing for a full-time management trainee position with Sherwin Williams as a result of that internship," Smith said.

Students do a bit of preparation to make the most of their time at the Career and Internship Fair:

- Dress the part - Make sure to dress professionally as potential employers will immediately take you more seriously when you make a strong first impression. If you need a suit or business jacket, feel free to visit the Suit Bank in the MSU's Office of Career Services. If you find something that you like and that fits, you can have it without charge.
- Bring copies of your resume - Also, have an introduction prepared that will serve as what Boone calls your "30-second commercial."
- Research the companies and schools that will be in attendance and be prepared with questions to ask them - A representative with Cintas Corporations said, "Come to the Career Fair prepared by researching the companies. When you walk up to the table, maintain eye contact and initiate the conversation. It always impresses me and allows us to have a meaningful conversation when students know about Cintas."
- Expand your network - It is never too early to explore industries and start building your network. You could be that student who walks out of the Career and Internship Fair with an offer to interview for a fantastic opportunity that you did not know existed. Many MSU graduates return to campus to recruit talent and are eager to assist current

students in achieving career goals. "There are so many advantages to attending the fair from making your name known to employers and graduate schools in your field to getting comfortable interacting in a professional setting," Boone said.

Students who attend the Career and Internship Fair will also have the unique opportunity to receive a free professional headshot that they can use on their LinkedIn page and other social media accounts.

"We want to ensure MSU students have the resources necessary to build a professional presence online and in person," Boone said.

Representatives at the fair genuinely want to recruit MSU students for jobs, internships and graduate schools.

"I enjoy attending MSU's career fairs because of the opportunity to meet people face to face versus meeting their resume. As a recruiter, I value seeing, speaking to and experiencing the candidate," said Marcus Hundley, a 2009 MSU psychology graduate who attended career fairs as a student and now works as a general hiring manager at Verizon Cellular Sales. "I always find qualified interns and employees that are ready to start their careers at the career fair."

MSU students and alumni from all majors are encouraged to attend and the event is free and open to the public. Make sure you download the free Career Fair Plus app that is available on both Google Play and Apple and find out who you can meet at the fair.

Thanks to MSU's Office of Career Services, Morehead State University students have access to numerous resources geared toward their success:

Resume Lab
2 to 4 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 5
Bert Combs Building, Room 302

Fall In Love With Your Major
1 to 3 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 12
Bert Combs Building, Room 302

Resume Blitz
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 19 and 20
ADUC, Second Floor

Internship Basic Workshop
3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 10
Camden-Carroll Library, Room 201

Education Career Fair
3:30 to 6 p.m.
Tuesday, March 24
Kroger Field, Lexington

Etiquette Networking Dinner
4:30 to 7 p.m.
Tuesday, April 14
ADUC, Ballroom C

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

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CPE approves new engineering program at MSU

The Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) has approved a new program at Morehead State, the Bachelor of Science in Systems Integration Engineering (BSSIE).

The first of its kind in the state, the BSSIE program combines science, physics and mathematics courses with hands-on mechanical and electrical engineering classes and labs to give students a robust interdisciplinary education that will prepare them for careers that require advanced systems integration skills.

"The ETM department is well-positioned to offer the Systems Integration Engineering program, with most faculty members having terminal degrees in the engineering disciplines that support this program," said School of Engineering and Computer Science Associate Dean Dr. Ahmad Zargari.

The program was developed in cooperation with local industries through their participation in MSU's Engineering and Technology Management Industrial Advisory Board. Comprised of representatives from more than 25 companies in the region, the board guided the creation of the program to meet the needs of industry in the area.

The new degree program will launch in Fall 2020.

For information on programs in Morehead State's School of Engineering and Computer Science, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/secs, email secs@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2418.

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MSU to host 61st annual Band Clinic

Morehead State University's School of Music will host its 61st annual MSU Band Clinic 2020 from Feb. 13 through Feb. 15.

This year's clinic will host 256 high school students from 33 high school programs from Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio and West Virginia. Students interested in the clinic submit an audition tape. The audition tapes are later screened by music faculty and placed for one of the three honor bands.

The MSU Band Clinic will also feature special guests Colonel Michael J. Colburn, Richard Saucedo and Dr. Margaret Underwood.

Colonel Michael J. Colburn is director of bands at Butler University and the former director of the United States Marine Corps "The President's Own" Marine Corps Band. Richard Saucedo is a noted composer/arranger and former director of bands and department chair at Carmel High School in Carmel, Indiana. Dr. Margaret Underwood is the current director of bands at Western Carolina University.

Dr. DuWayne Dale, assistant professor of music and director of bands at MSU, said clinic attendees will get to the treat of learning and rehearsing with these notable experts.

"From a purely musical standpoint, they get to work with these premier, internationally recognized guest clinicians for two solid days," Dale said. "We have just exceptional clinicians. I think that is just a big draw."

The MSU Band Clinic begins on Thursday, Feb. 13, where students will rehearse and then attend the first concert put on by the MSU Concert Band and MSU Steel at 7:30 p.m. The following day on Friday, Feb. 14, students will rehearse and cap off the day with another concert by the MSU Symphonic Winds and MSU Jazz Band at 7:30 p.m. The clinic's final day on Saturday, Feb. 15, will feature the students performing music they learned and rehearsed during the clinic performing alongside the clinic's guest clinicians for a finale concert at 7:30 p.m.

All concerts will be held in Button Auditorium and the performances are free and open to the public.

Dale said between interacting with guest clinicians, learning music quickly for a concert, interacting with fellow music students and getting the opportunity to audition for both admission to MSU and music scholarships, the MSU Band Clinic proves to be extremely beneficial to developing musicians.

"We have such an exceptional immersion experience for some of the best musicians in our region," Dale said.

For more information on the MSU Band Clinic 2020, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/bands, email msubands@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2486.

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MSU Military Initiatives to host Black History Month speaker

During Black History Month, Morehead State University's Office of Military Initiatives will host a guest lecture on leadership with special guest Isaiah Davis from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, in Ballrooms A and B of the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC). The event is free and open to the public.

Isaiah J. Davis currently serves as a senior director of distribution operations for Grainger, North America's leading broad line supplier of maintenance, repair and operating product. His current position also includes regional responsibility for distribution centers located in Greenville, South Carolina, and Jacksonville, Florida, that service the Southeast.

Davis joined Grainger in 2014 as the director of distribution operations for the Los Angeles Distribution Center located in Mira Loma, California. He also serves as the president for the company's African-American Business Resource Group, helping to shape diversity and inclusion strategy within the organization.

Before joining Grainger, Davis held various leadership positions within retail distribution for seven years, working for companies like Target and Toys "R" Us and serving in locations including Dallas, Texas, and Atlanta, Georgia. Prior to those roles, he served as a finance officer in the U.S. Army for four years and served one tour of duty in Iraq.

Isaiah holds a Master of Business Administration from Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas, and a Bachelor of Business Administration in finance from Mercer University in Macon, Georgia.

"Isaiah's versatile leadership experience from the military and multiple companies throughout many regions postures him to give relevant insight to MSU's students, faculty and the city of Morehead's community," said Dr. Silas Session, visiting assistant professor and director of military initiatives at MSU. "His experience from his ongoing tenure as the president of Grainger's African American business resource group will add more reasons not to miss his presentation."

To learn more about MSU's Office of Military Initiatives or admission for veteran students, active military or military-connected students, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/veterans or contact Dr. Session at ssession@moreheadstate.edu or 606-783-9416.

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Midnight in the Mountains dance marathon takes place this month

Morehead State University's Student Government Association (SGA) is hosting a dance marathon fundraiser event called Midnight in the Mountains from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. Friday, Feb. 21, at the Recreation and Wellness Center. The cost is \$35 for students to participate and includes admission to the event, food and refreshments, and a T-shirt. Other activities include dodgeball and a basketball tournament.

Money raised from Midnight in the Mountains will go to the following resources: Eagle Essentials, which provides students with everyday items like non-perishable food items, hygiene products and school supplies at no cost; the Eagle Emergency Loan Fund, a fund supported by faculty and staff to provide short-term, interest free loans to students who are facing financial barriers; and the SHARE (Student Hardship Assistance Resource Emergency) Fund, which directly supports MSU students during times of financial hardship due to an emergency or life-altering situation.

"As student government, we're meant to help those in need," said Connor Tilford, vice president for campus involvement for SGA. "Midnight in the Mountains is just one way we can help those right here in our own nest." Tilford is a business management major from Paducah.

This event is open to all students to sign up through Feb. 10. Students can sign up by visiting <https://alumni.moreheadstate.edu/s/1869/18/interior.aspx?sid=1869&gid=2&pgid=837&cid=2044>.

To sponsor the students participating, visit <https://securelb.imodules.com/s/1869/18/interior.aspx?sid=1869&gid=2&pgid=842&cid=2050>, and leave the student's name at the bottom as a referral to help the student raise money.

To learn more about SGA, call 606-783-2071, email sga@moreheadstate.edu or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/sga.

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

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MSU earns national ranking for online wellness promotion program

Morehead State University's Master of Arts in Wellness Promotion earned a spot in a recent ranking of the Best Online Master's in Health Education from College Rank (CollegeRank.net). Of the 15 universities highlighted, it was the only Kentucky university to make the list. Go to www.collegerank.net/best-online-masters-health-education/ to see a full list of rankings.

College Rank is a website that highlights and ranks every aspect of the higher education experience to aid students and families on their college journey. The rankings for its Best Online Master's in Health Education list are broken down through three aspects:

- 40% Potential salary after graduation
- 30% Individual program accreditation
- 30% Overall affordability

MSU's wellness promotion program integrates the specialized skills of exercise testing and prescription and program planning for health promotion. Graduates will be effective leaders in health promotion and exercise prescription for any organization that wants to improve the health of its community including worksite wellness programs, university recreation/wellness centers, health departments, YMCAs and other community-based wellness facilities, hospitals, clinics, commercial fitness, community health agencies and wellness websites.

This flexible, online program is designed to assist the working professional who wants to provide a higher level of service to their clients and patients. It is also an ideal program for students desiring a degree that will allow them to begin to help people live healthier lives, prevent illness and injury, and reduce the risk of chronic disease.

For more information on MSU's Master of Arts in Wellness Promotion, contact the Department of Kinesiology, Health, and Imaging Sciences at kh@moreheadstate.edu, call 606-783-8120 or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/study/wellnesspromotion.

To learn more about Morehead State's online degree programs, go to www.moreheadstate.edu/online.

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Morehead State hosts Admitted Student Day

Morehead State University invites incoming students to Admitted Student Day on Monday, Feb. 17. This event will offer the opportunity to meet MSU students, staff and faculty, finalize financial aid and take a tour of the campus.

The purpose of the Admitted Student Day event is for admitted students to tour the campus, ask questions and meet other high school seniors who are also considering attending MSU.

“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 staff from admissions, financial aid, housing and many more services – together in one place.”

On Admitted Student Day you may:

- Get a closer look at your academic program of choice.
- Get information on our residence life, student groups, career services and other outside the classroom opportunities.
- Tour campus.
- Speak directly with a financial aid counselor who can provide you with information about your aid, scholarships, and anticipated costs and payment plan options.
- Eat lunch in our new dining facilities.
- Discuss the next steps in the enrollment process.

Admitted Student Day is not the Student Orientation Advising and Registration (SOAR) program, which is for students who are admitted and confirmed for attendance this fall. For undecided college students, Admitted Student Day provides opportunities to ask questions and to get acquainted with MSU’s campus. For those admitted students who have made a commitment to MSU for the fall, the next step is to pay the enrollment deposit, register for SOAR and apply for campus housing.

To learn more about what to do after you’ve been admitted to MSU, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/whatsnext, email admissions@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-2000.

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Ronald E. and Sharon Beard Cooper Scholarship established

The Morehead State University Foundation has announced the establishment of the Ronald E. and Sharon Beard Cooper Scholarship Endowment, a fund to benefit MSU students.

The scholarship was created by Ron (73) and Sharon (74) Cooper. Ron, a native of Milford, Ohio, earned a Bachelor of Business Administration with a computer science option and Sharon, a Louisville native, earned a Bachelor of Science with a business education concentration. The couple met at MSU and married in 1973.

Ron worked in computer technology and telecommunications for Hoover Universal, Island Creek Coal Company, Ashland Oil, Sprint and the Commonwealth of Kentucky before retiring in 2015. He enjoys hunting and fishing and working on his hunting farm. Sharon was a business and computer teacher for over 40 years. While she officially retired in 2010, Sharon continues to teach computer and crochet/craft classes in Louisville.

"Morehead State University is our second home and we want help young people reach their goals at MSU," said Ron and Sharon.

The recipient of the award must be a full-time, undergraduate sophomore, junior or senior, majoring in a program in MSU's School of Business Administration and have a minimum 2.5 GPA. Proposed recipients and alternates shall be selected by the College of Business Scholarship Committee.

This scholarship was created as part of the Soar to New Heights Scholarship Campaign.

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

Photo: Photo: Ron (73) and Sharon (74) Cooper (pictured center, left to right) recently created the Ronald E. and Sharon Beard Cooper Scholarship Endowment in partnership with the MSU Foundation. Ron and Sharon were recently recognized at an MSU basketball game by MSU President Dr. Jay Morgan (far left) and Jim Shaw (far right), CEO of the MSU Foundation.

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Tau Kappa Epsilon Founders Scholarship established

The Morehead State University Foundation has announced the establishment of the TKE (Tau Kappa Epsilon) Founders Scholarship Endowment, a fund to benefit students involved in Greek life at MSU. TKE alumni have worked together to establish the TKE Founders Scholarship Endowment at the \$50,000 level.

“Tau Kappa Epsilon, being a service-oriented fraternity, realized the need to help students reach their full potential without the burden of excessive student loans,” said Jack Herlihy (69, 72) an alumnus from TKE and MSU. “With this in mind our TKE alumni are dedicated to providing the Morehead State University community with leadership and scholarships to help them pursue life’s ambitions.”

This scholarship was created as part of the Soar to New Heights Scholarship Campaign.

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 today.

Photo, right: Alumni from Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) Fraternity gather for a group photo at MSU Homecoming 2019. TKE alumni worked together to establish the TKE Founders Scholarship Endowment.

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Kaelin Yi went from Alabama to Appalachia to follow his military dreams at MSU

Like a lot of young men, Kaelin Yi was a boy who looked up to his father. Between watching him serve in the military and spending half of his life on the Eglin Air Force Base near Valparaiso, Florida, Yi knew from a young age he wanted to serve his country.

“I idolized heroes growing up, and seeing others put their lives on the line for strangers was something I loved and aspired to do,” he said.

A native of Huntsville, Alabama, Yi went on to graduate from Marion Military Institute, a junior military college in Marion, Alabama. From there, he received offers to attend well-known institutions like Syracuse University and the two most prominent colleges in his home state: The University of Alabama and Auburn University. Instead of sticking close to home or venturing to the Empire State for a much larger institution, Yi felt the best place for him to fulfill his military ambitions and career goals was to attend Morehead State University.

“I came here because it was smaller so I could focus on my academics and I was offered a slot to command a platoon in the Army,” Yi said, who currently holds the military rank of Second Lieutenant. “Unlike big schools, you can be one-on-one with the teacher to get the help you need to get the grade you desire in your class.”

Yi is a junior majoring in health promotion and university studies at MSU. He said since coming to MSU, the smaller campus setting has allowed him to interact with more students in places he frequents, whether it’s visiting the Camden-Carroll Library to stay on top of his studies or staying active at the Recreation and Wellness Center. The friendliness of the campus environment is what partly led him to participate in fraternity and sorority life as a member of Theta Chi Fraternity.

“One thing I never considered was rushing a fraternity. I ended up rushing Theta Chi, which was something I or my peers never thought I would do,” Yi said. “I learned a lot about the history behind the fraternity and others as well. So now, I have a much better appreciation for Greek life.”

Yi said upon graduation, he plans to travel to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and complete his Basic Officer Leader Course (BOLC) to gain the knowledge to become a field artillery officer. From there, he said he is hoping for active duty but would also like to serve in the civilian sector as a firefighter.

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

MSU supports veteran students, active military or military-connected students, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/veterans to learn more or call 606-783-9416.

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Women's business symposium set for Feb. 25

The 21st Annual Big Sandy Women's Business Symposium is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 25, at the Ramada Hotel and Conference Center in Paintsville. Presented by Morehead State University's Kentucky Small Business Development Center (SBDC), this year's theme is "Balancing Chaos." Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The cost of the event is \$30, which includes all workshops, meals, entertainment and keynotes. Registration is available online at <https://wbs2020.eventbrite.com/>.

The morning will start with a continental breakfast, networking and opening remarks at 9:15 a.m. by emcee Trish Adams. Attendees will then have their choice of two concurrent breakout sessions. The sessions offered will be:

- "Knowing How Money Works," presented by Brittany Lamb, Financial Professional for WealthWave.
- "Taking Care of You," presented by Amber Campbell, founder of Genesis Health and Wellness, LLC.

The morning keynote speaker will be Beth Davisson and the afternoon keynote will feature Kim Becking. Rachel Dale Messer will provide lunchtime entertainment.

Davisson is the founding executive director of the Kentucky Chamber Workforce Center. The workforce center is part of the philanthropic arm of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, the state's largest association advocating on behalf of businesses. She joined the chamber in 2017 to begin building the workforce center as its only full-time employee. Since then, the center has grown to a team of nine and continues to expand its support to employers and efforts to build a stronger workforce.

Becking provides practical tools and strategies to effectively manage the hard in life – at work and home. Her expertise on resilience and thriving amid change has been featured in national media such as People, SELF, The New York Times, USA Today, Good Morning America and Lifetime Television.

Messer is a 21-year-old singer and songwriter from a small town in West Virginia. She has been singing in church since she was three and cut her first gospel CD when she was only eight years old. She plays guitar, mandolin, autoharp and ukulele. She appeared on Season 15 of NBC's The Voice and she is a vocalist for Billy Jean Osborne's Kentucky Opry at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg.

Picture Perfect Photo Booth will return for their fourth year. They will be on hand all day, ready to capture that perfect symposium moment with friends and colleagues.

Sponsors for this year's event are AAA Real Estate, Appalachian Wireless, Community Trust Bank, Daffodils, Floyd County Tourism, Len Tan's Bridal Boutique, Mountain Association for Community Economic Development (MACED), Mountain Apothecary in Paintsville, Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, Picture Perfect Photo Booth, Peoples Banks, Q95FM, Southeast Kentucky Economic Development (SKED), Shaping our Appalachian Region (SOAR), Toyota Motor Manufacturing of Kentucky, Women's Business Center of Kentucky and WSIP Radio.

The event is funded in part through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration. Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities will be made if requested at least two weeks in advance.

For more information about MSU's Small Business Development Center, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/sbdc, email sbdc@moreheadstate.edu or call [606-783-2895](tel:606-783-2895).

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Student housing wins national and regional awards

Morehead State's Office of Student Housing is celebrating winning multiple regional and national awards from the National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) in 2019.

Student employee Lori Ann Dobson, a senior social work major from Louisville, and Hall Director Michael Watts won national awards for student and professional staff, bringing MSU's total for national NRHH awards to seven. The office also won 24 regional awards, including Community Service Program, Educational Program, Passive Program, Residence Life Professional Staff, and Student.

The office is also currently ranked third in the competition for the NRHH OTM Traveling Award. The Traveling OTM Cup recognizes the institution that accumulates the most points over an award year, which runs from April to March of the following year. Points are given for campus, regional and national wins. The school with the most points takes home the cup.

"It's important because it showcases not only the good work being done across the country but also builds in a culture of recognition to the campus. It's a way for member institutions to be able to celebrate successes on both a student, staff, and campus partner level that benefit the residential experience on the campus," said Alan Rucker, director of housing and residence education at MSU. "Our standing currently shows that we are doing amazing things in the halls. Both the quantity of regional and national OTMs and the quality of all the submissions are proof positive that living in the residence halls at MSU makes for a meaningful and meaningfully authentic experience for our students."

"I am so incredibly proud of our staff and students for showcasing what's happening here at MSU in our residence halls. It's always a great time to be an Eagle, but now is an especially awesome time to be an Eagle in our residence halls," Rucker added.

Rucker encourages faculty, staff and students to notify the Office of Student Housing if they see positive events or individuals doing good work in the residence community so it can be recognized.

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

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Russell High School Eagle Scholars visit Morehead State

Eagle Scholar students from Russell High School visited Morehead State University's campus, Thursday, Feb. 13. They had a tour of campus and met with MSU admissions staff and students.

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

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

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

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

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NASA Administrator Bridenstine to speak as part of McBrayer Lecture Series

Jim Bridenstine, administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) will visit Morehead State University and speak as part of the W. Terry McBrayer Presidential Lecture Series in Government and Leadership on Thursday, Feb. 20, at 3 p.m. The event will be held in the Cartee Family Theater in the Adron Doran University Center.

Morehead State offers one of only a few space science programs in the country. The Space Science Center has become renowned for research in nanosatellite technologies. MSU has been involved in the launch of five NASA-funded satellites: CXBN, CXBN-2, Lunar ICEcube, Ky-Sat 2 and the DM-7 Flight Demonstration.

“Morehead State University is pleased to have the administrator of NASA visit our campus and address our community,” said Dr. Morgan. “Our Space Science program is one of our distinguished programs and we hope to continue to develop partnerships with NASA in the years ahead.”

James Frederick “Jim” Bridenstine was nominated by President Donald Trump, confirmed by the U.S. Senate, and sworn in as NASA’s 13th administrator on April 23, 2018. Bridenstine was elected in 2012 to represent Oklahoma’s First Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives, where he served on the Armed Services Committee and the Science, Space and Technology Committee. His career in federal service began in the U.S. Navy, flying the E-2C Hawkeye off the USS Abraham Lincoln aircraft carrier.

The McBrayer lecture series is named in honor of MSU alumnus W. Terry McBrayer (59), who provided a generous gift to the University which supports the lecture series and student scholarships. McBrayer is a lobbyist, attorney and former politician in Lexington. He is a senior partner and lead lobbyist for the McBrayer, McGinnis, Leslie and Kirkland law firm. McBrayer is a native of Greenup County, and in addition to graduating from MSU, he also attended the Brandeis School of Law at the University of Louisville. He was elected to the MSU Alumni Hall of Fame in 1966 and was awarded an honorary doctoral degree in 1975.

The event is free and open to the public.

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CHS named winner of Suit Bank Showdown

Morehead State University's Office of Career Services has announced the winner of its annual Suit Bank Showdown.

Held throughout November, the event was a friendly competition where teams of faculty and staff compete to see who can contribute the most business professional clothing to the Suit Bank, which provides business apparel to students and alumni at no charge. Counseling and Health Services is the winner of the 2019 Suit Bank Showdown.

Each type of garment donated was assigned a specific number of points. Counseling and Health Services accumulated the highest point total. Other participants included:

- Budgets and Financial Planning
- Camden-Carroll Library
- Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics
- Department of Communication, Media and Languages
- Department of English
- Elmer R. Smith College of Business and Technology
- Global Studies
- Graduate School
- Internal Audits
- Student Support Services

Attire from the Suit Bank is used for the upcoming career and internship fair as well as for interviews, networking events, internships, presentations and conferences.

Director of Career Services Megan Boone was grateful for the donated items and knows they will go a long way to helping Eagles put their best foot forward in their career endeavors.

“We want to ensure MSU students and alumni have access to free professional clothing and are able to look their best and make a positive impression as they enter the professional world,” she said.

Donations are welcome at any time and can be dropped off at the Office of Career Services, located on the ground floor of the Camden-Carroll Library. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Donations to the Suit Bank are tax-deductible.

For more information on the Office of Career Services, call [606-783-2233](tel:606-783-2233), email careerservices@moreheadstate.edu or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/career.

Photo Caption: Front row from left: CHS Mental Health Counselor Garla Hart, Career Services Director Megan Boone and CHS Registered Nurse Alicia Stidham. Back row: CHS Director Goldie Williams, CHS Mental Health Counselor Julia Dahmane and CHS Intern Sami Case.

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MSU and BSCTC partner with Eagle Express

Morehead State University and Big Sandy Community and Technical College (BSCTC) signed a Memorandum of Agreement on Tuesday, February 18 affirming joint admission and reverse transfer for students between the institutions. The program, known as Eagle Express, provides academic advising and admissions counseling for bachelor's degree seeking students, from the beginning of their college careers at BSCTC to the point where they are ready to transition to MSU.

The partnership makes earning a university degree more accessible. Students participating in the program will have the benefit of advising from both schools, unofficial transcript review, and free transcript exchange. In addition, there is no application fee to enter this program. The Reverse Transfer Agreement will assist students who have transferred to MSU to complete an associate degree at BSCTC. Students who have completed at least 45 credits at BSCTC without completing an associate degree will qualify.

"Part of Morehead State University's dedication to student success is not just an experience that combines personalized attention and quality academic programs, but also making that experience accessible and affordable to students and families in Eastern Kentucky," said Dr. Jay Morgan, president of MSU.

MSU has had a presence in Prestonsburg and the surrounding area for more than 50 years.

Information about the program is available by contacting Tracy Counts, MSU transfer counselor, at t.counts@moreheadstate.edu, or Jason Blanton, MSU at Prestonsburg campus coordinator, at j.blanton@moreheadstate.edu.

Photo: Front row, from left, Haley Burchett, Wittensville, student; Dustin Blair, Flat Gap, student; Dr. Jay Morgan, MSU president; Dr. Sherry Zylka, BSCTC president/CEO; Mitchell Ray, Paintsville, student; Haley Patton, Salyersville, student; and Alyssa Thompson, Pikeville, student.

Back row, from left, Jason Blanton, MSU at Prestonsburg campus coordinator; Tracy Counts, transfer advisor; Dr. Denise King, BSCTC provost; and Dr. Dan Connell, MSU assistant vice president for regional education and outreach.

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Hunt Seat Team finishes season strong, three advance to regionals

The Morehead State University Hunt Seat Equestrian Team had a strong season finish with two weekends of away shows hosted by the University of Kentucky and Midway University.

The team tied for third place both days at the University of Kentucky and brought home a Reserve High Point Team award from Sunday of the Midway show. This finish left the team fourth overall in the region for the year, against intense competition and only fielding a full team the last show.

"I feel excellent about the team's performance last weekend," said MSU Equestrian Teams Coach Devin Lintzenich. "We were able to hold our own on Saturday even without a full team and when we had a full team Sunday, we finished in second, Reserve Champions. It's much harder to show with a smaller team because every rider's ride counts and everybody has to have a good day all the time."

Three riders will advance to regionals Feb. 29. Sophomore Jordyn Bagnall of Burlington, in Intermediate Flat and Open Fences; Junior Lauryn Barnett of Mason, Ohio, in Novice; and Senior Kira Danziger of Mason, Ohio, in Limit Flat.

"I have high hopes for regionals. Unfortunately, Kira and Lauryn are qualified in two of the biggest, toughest divisions. They face 23 and 15 other riders, respectively and only the top two riders from each division will qualify for zones," said Lintzenich. "Jordyn's divisions are much smaller, but even more competitive; she has been showing and placing well against the same riders all year. Some of it will come down to luck of the horses we draw. But they've been practicing hard so I know they will ride their best."

Some individual highlights from the last few weekends of competition include:

- Jordyn Bagnall won two firsts and a third in Open Fences, a first in Intermediate Flat, and a second in Open Flat.
- Kira Danziger earned second and third in Intermediate Fences.
- Craft Academy Junior Anna Edens of Olive Hill won second in Pre-Novice.
- Taylor Hicks, from Olive Hill, took home third and fourth in Introductory.
- Freshman Jessie House of Elizabethtown won two firsts and a fourth in Novice.
- Freshman Abby McCutcheon of Clintonville, W.Va., earned third in Pre-Novice.
- Freshman Emma Owens of Lexington won two thirds and a second in Limit Fences and a second and fourth in Limit Flat.

- Freshman Emily Perdue of Hendersonville, N.C., won first and fourth in Pre-Novice.
- Sophomore Chelsey Pullins from Pomeroy, Ohio, earned fourth place in Introductory.
- Sophomore Audrey Reed of Florence won two firsts, a third and a fourth in Limit Fences and a first and fourth in Limit Flat.
- Freshman Kenady Vice of Morehead came in second in Introductory.

For more information about equestrian teams at MSU, contact Lintzenich at dslintzenich@moreheadstate.edu, call 606-783-2662 or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/equestrianteams.

Photo: The MSU Hunt Seat Equestrian Team held its own in competitions at U.K. and Midway University Feb. 15016. Pictured in the first row, left to right: Abby McCutcheon, Jessie House, Chelsey Pullins, Kira Danziger, Emma Owens and Coach Devin Lintzenich. Back row, left to right: Audrey Reed, Lauren Day, Taylor Hicks, Emily Purdue and Jordyn Bagnall.

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Elizabeth Blackburn Fraley Memorial Endowment established

The Morehead State University Foundation has announced the establishment of the Elizabeth Blackburn Fraley Memorial Endowment, a fund to benefit MSU students.

The scholarship was created by Brandon Fraley (00) and named in honor of his late wife Elizabeth “Beth” Blackburn Fraley (03) who passed away in March 2018 following her battle with cancer at age 37. At the time of her passing, donors contributed to the MSU Foundation in her memory and Brandon has continued to grow the scholarship to the \$25,000 endowment level.

Beth was a member of Chi Omega Fraternity and was a very involved student. She graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) and Brandon graduated with a BBA in Marketing. He began his career in the pharmaceutical industry and now works as a financial advisor. During his time at MSU, he was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity and served as president of the Student Government Association (SGA), president of Interfraternity Council (IFC) and a member of the MSU Board of Regents.

The recipient of the scholarship award must be a full-time undergraduate or graduate student (classified as a sophomore, junior, senior or graduate student), be a major in the Elmer R. Smith College of Business and Technology and have a minimum 3.25 GPA. The scholarship is renewable if the criteria are met.

“Our time at MSU provided us with great opportunities to grow, learn and prepare us for our careers in business,” Brandon said. “The Elizabeth Blackburn Fraley Endowment Scholarship was created in Beth’s memory to provide opportunities for the next generation of business leaders.”

This scholarship was created as part of the Soar to New Heights Scholarship Campaign.

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

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

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Plagiarism lecture to be held Feb. 25

Bryan Frye, a Spears-Gilbert associate professor of law, will give a lecture at Morehead State on Tuesday, Feb. 25, at 7 p.m., in 111 Rader Hall.

Frye's lecture, "Plagiarize This Presentation," will discuss issues surrounding plagiarism such as what constitutes original work, expectations for students regarding original work and whether those standards are sensible. There will be a discussion and question and answer session following the lecture. The event is free and open to the public.

The event is sponsored by the MSU Philosophy Club.

For more information, contact Dr. Scott Davison at s.davison@moreheadstate.edu or [606-783-2273](tel:606-783-2273).

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‘In Front of Scenes’ art exhibit highlights work of MSU gallery art assistants

Artwork by Morehead State University’s Department of Art & Design’s gallery director and students is on display in the exhibit “In Front of the Scenes: Work by the MSU Golding-Yang Art Gallery Staff.” The exhibition is currently on display until Feb. 28 at the Rowan County Arts Center, 205 E. Main St., Morehead. It is free and open to the public. There will be a closing reception from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27.

Melissa Yungbluth, instructor for the Department of Art & Design and director of the Golding-Yang Art Gallery, invited eight of the gallery assistants – former and current assistants, and undergraduate and graduate students – to exhibit their work alongside her own work. Student participants include:

- Madison Anderson, senior, Bachelor of Arts in Art, Hagerhill
- Sinclaire Dorsey, sophomore, Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art, Ashland
- Nicole Duff, 2019 graduate, Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art, Clearfield
- Cassie Mullins, senior, Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art, Phyllis
- Bethany Pace, 2019 graduate, Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art, Clearfield
- Caleb Paul, junior, Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art Education, Olive Hill
- Dustyn Pruitt, graduate student, Master of Arts in Art, Ashland
- Kaylee Thornsberry, senior, Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art, West Liberty

“The Rowan County Arts Center had offered me a space to exhibit and I always like to give back to my gallery crew when I can. I thought it would be special to exhibit with them as a group,” said Melissa Yungbluth, instructor for the Department of Art & Design and director of the Golding-Yang Gallery. “We don’t often get to do things together outside of installing exhibitions here at the Golding-Yang Gallery. It’s also nice to remind people on occasion to think of the individuals who work so hard to install the shows that they see. I feel incredibly lucky to have had the crew that I did for my first year working at MSU. This is my thank you to them.”

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

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Dr. Russ Zokaites presents ‘Bootleg: Appalachian-Inspired Music’ trombone recital

Dr. Russ Zokaites, visiting assistant professor of music at Morehead State University, will give a concert of new music titled “Bootleg: Appalachian-Inspired Music” at 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27, at the Duncan Recital Hall in Baird Music Hall.

“Bootleg” includes music explicitly written for Zokaites and based on Appalachian music idioms. Composers and trombonists Bradley Edwards and William Timmons composed music based on existing tunes like “A Wayfaring Stranger,” “Everlasting Arms,” “He’s Gone Away” and “Sweet Betsy from Pike.” Grammy Award-winning composer Kenneth Fuchs and two-time American Prize winner Martin Hebel have used melodic and rhythmic structures found in Appalachian music to write original works.

MSU awarded Zokaites a creative production grant to record the music from “Bootleg.” The recording will disseminate these new works throughout the trombone and music communities. “Bootleg” is a recital composed with our region in mind and everyone will find something they like to hear.

“Music is for the populace. I aim to increase appreciation for classical music through education and performance,” Zokaites said. “By creating a community surrounding musical pursuits, we can make music for everyone.”

Zokaites’ instrumental collaborators include Professor Timothy Anderson from the University of Cincinnati, MSU Professor Dr. Gina Pezzoli, and pianists Mika Komuro and MSU Instructor William A. Murphy. These performers routinely concertize throughout the region and the world.

Zokaites is a native of Christiansburg, Virginia, where he started playing trombone in the school band. Since then, music has been a vehicle to see the world. He performed recitals at the 2019 and 2018 International Trombone Festivals, 2016 International Horn Symposium, the University of Cincinnati, the Manhattan School of Music, the Netherlands and many more venues. Zokaites, along with Col. Andrew Esch, John Rojak, Kenneth Fuchs and Gerry Pagano, also premiered the Fuchs’ Bass Trombone Concerto in March 2019 with the United States Army Band “Perishing’s Own” and the piano premiere at MSU during the same month. Since then, the piece has been performed by the United States Coast Guard Band, the United States Navy band and by members of the New Philharmonic, Detroit Symphony Orchestra and St. Louis Symphony Orchestra. Zokaites will record the concerto with the U.S. Army Band in March of 2020.

Zokaites joined the faculty at MSU in the fall of 2018. “Bootleg” will be his third faculty recital.

“My favorite concerts are for local audiences. I really enjoy seeing our community members, friends and students while I perform,” he said. “‘Bootleg’ is especially dear to my mountain upbringing and I cannot wait to share this music with an Appalachian audience.”

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.

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Morehead State alums selected for aerospace fellowship

Two Morehead State alumni have been selected for a prestigious summer fellowship program.

Cadence Payne (2017) from Shelbyville and Aaron Zucherman (2019) from Thousand Oaks, California, both graduates of MSU's space science program, have been selected for the 2020 class of the Matthew Isakowitz Fellowship Program, a summer internship and executive mentorship program designed to help undergraduate and graduate students pursuing aerospace careers gain valuable paid experience in the field before they graduate. Payne is a member of the Space Telecommunications, Astronomy and Radiation (STAR) Laboratory at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), and Zucherman is a Ph.D. candidate in systems engineering at Cornell University. Payne will have an internship at Millennium Space Systems and Zucherman will have an internship at Starburst Aerospace.

"I am very excited about this opportunity because Starburst is a unique company that has its hand in almost every corner of the aerospace industry and whose main goal is to advance new technologies and enable economic development," Zucherman said, adding he wants to learn about both sides of the aerospace industry.

"As someone with a technical background, I look forward to being able to not just evaluate the technology a company produces but learning how to evaluate a company's financial and business acumen."

Zucherman credits his time at MSU and his work with Dr. Ben Malphrus, executive director of the MSU Space Science Center, for setting him on the path to a future in aerospace entrepreneurship.

"My acceptance to Cornell's Ph.D. program and the offer to take over their lunar spacecraft mission only happened because of the experiences I had at the (space science) center working on Lunar IceCube and other Interplanetary smallsat proposals," Zucherman said. "I would also not have developed an interest in the business of space let alone consider becoming an entrepreneur if not for my work with Dr. Malphrus."

Payne learned about the fellowship at an intern event during a presentation by Steve Isakowitz, president and CEO of Aerospace Corporation, where she has interned for the past three summers. During the fellowship, she will work on a project supporting on-orbit performance and calibration of remote sensing data generated from future spacecraft missions.

"I'm thrilled to take a deep dive into a very technical topic for the summer while getting to witness the aerospace industry from the commercial perspective," she said. "Though I'll certainly gain new technical skills from this program, I'm also hoping to learn many things from both my mentor, John Grunsfeld, as well as the

other fellows regarding navigating my career, choosing opportunities that fit my personal goals, and generally broadening my knowledge on the field. The exposure I'll gain from the great minds who have come before me in the program, as well as the mentors and industry leaders I'll interact with during the summit will be one of the most enriching moments of my career."

Like Zucherman, Payne credits her time at MSU, and the continued mentorship and support of the faculty, for helping her achieve her career goals.

"I owe a lot of my success thus far to the wonderful mentors I had, and continue to have, from Morehead State. Thank you to Dr. Malphrus, Dr. Pannuti, Bob Kroll, Jeff Kruth and many others for believing in me and helping to steer me in the right direction. The program there at Morehead is truly something special, and I'm looking forward to witnessing what the next generation of Eagles will accomplish," Payne said.

The Matthew Isakowitz Fellowship Program is a nonprofit organization honoring the memory of an engineer, entrepreneur and extraordinary individual whose passion for commercial space exploration led to great strides in the industry and inspired all who knew him. For more information, visit www.matthewisakowitzfellowship.org.

For information about MSU's space systems engineering program, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/study/spacesystemsengineering, email b.malphrus@moreheadstate.edu or call [606-783-2381](tel:606-783-2381).

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MSU named Military Friendly School for 2020-21

For the second year in a row, Morehead State University has been named a Bronze-level Military Friendly School®.

Victory Media, originator of the family of Military Friendly employment, entrepreneurship and education resources for veterans and their families, published the 2020-21 Military Friendly Schools and Employers ratings at militaryfriendly.com and in the upcoming May issue of G.I. Jobs magazine.

For more than a decade, Military Friendly ratings have set the standard for companies and colleges demonstrating positive employment and education outcomes for veterans and their families.

“MSU again received the Military Friendly Bronze award, which is a concrete example of the intentionality we have in serving the military community,” said Dr. Silas Session, director of military initiatives. “MSU will continue to provide top-rated support for our veterans and military-dependent students across our campus to the greatest extent through recognition, programming, recruiting and retention of all military-related students.”

Military Friendly® Schools strive toward and succeed in the areas that matter most in helping veterans make the transition from the military to school and, ultimately, satisfying careers in the civilian world. The methodology for the ranking and the names of awardees are published online at militaryfriendly.com.

MSU assists military and veteran students through:

- Application fee waiver.
- Priority registration.
- Credit for military training and service.
- No academic penalty upon documented deployment.
- Participation in the Yellow Ribbon Program.
- Organization for student veterans, Eagle Vets.
- LTC Alan R. Baldwin Veterans Resource Center.

MSU was also recognized by Military Times among the Best for Vets: Colleges 2019.

Additional information for veterans, national guardsmen and reservists, and military families is available at www.moreheadstate.edu/veterans, or by contacting Session at 606-783-9416 or ssession@moreheadstate.edu.

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MSU Concert Choir hosts Chili Cook-Off dinner and concert

The Morehead State University Concert Choir is hosting its a Chili Cook-Off dinner and concert on Thursday, Feb. 27, at the First Baptist Church, 123 East Main Street in Morehead. Dinner is from 5:30 to 7 p.m. with the concert at 7:30 p.m.

The all-you-care-to-eat chili dinner will include peanut butter sandwiches, crackers, tortilla chips, dessert, and tea or lemonade. If you bring a pot of chili, you will receive a free ticket.

The annual Morehead State University Winter Choral Showcase Concert follows at 7:30 p.m., and admission is free. MSU's University Chorus, Chamber Singers, Vocal Jazz Ensemble and the Black Gospel Ensemble will join the Concert Choir for the evening concert. The directors of the ensembles are Dr. Roosevelt Escalante, associate professor of music and director of Black Gospel Ensemble, and Dr. Greg Detweiler, professor of music and director of choral studies. The concert will also feature pianist William Murphy, instructor of music.

"The chili dinner has proven to be very popular with the town/gown community and we have made it an annual event," Detweiler said. "We hope you will join us and, even better, compete."

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students. Children ages six and under are admitted free. Tickets can be purchased from choir members or reserved.

If you are interested in purchasing tickets or bringing a pot of chili to compete for the "Best Chili Gold Card" (dinner for two at Cracker Barrel), please contact Brooklyn Ison by leaving a voicemail at (859) 200-4428.

For more information on MSU's choir programs, contact the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance at 606-783-2473, mtd@moreheadstate.edu or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/mtd.

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NASA Administrator Bridenstine and U.S. Rep. Massie visit MSU

NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine, U.S. Rep. Thomas Massie, and staff from the offices of U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell, U.S. Sen. Rand Paul, and U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers visited Morehead State University for a tour of the University's Space Science Center and conversation with faculty members, researchers and students engaged in NASA partnerships.

Morehead State offers one of only a few space science programs in the country. The Space Science Center is renowned for research in nanosatellite technologies and was named best aerospace research and development center in Kentucky by Southern Business and Development magazine. MSU has been involved in the launch of five NASA-funded satellites: CXBN, CXBN-2, Lunar ICEcube, Ky-Sat 2 and the DM-7 Flight Demonstration.

On their tour of the facility, Administrator Bridenstine and Rep. Massie interacted with students working on miniature space-ready satellites, observed the operations of MSU's space communication systems, and observed the 21-M space tracking antenna.

Following the tour, Bridenstine spoke as part of the W. Terry McBrayer Presidential Lecture Series in Government and Leadership. Bridenstine discussed how NASA will reach the moon through its Artemis program. The Gateway, a reusable command and service module, will be in orbit for 15 years. The move to go with commercial partners will diversify production, allowing NASA to focus on development specific to the government sector, Bridenstine said.

"We're going to go with commercial partners, we're going to go with international partners," he said. "We are building a coalition of nations for a sustainable return to the moon. We're going, and we're staying."

Bridenstine added, Morehead State is an important partner in the country's return to the moon and space science innovation.

"MSU is an amazing university that provides a lot of talent to NASA and to contractors serving NASA," he said. "Morehead State's partnership with NASA on the Deep Space Network will prove to be invaluable."

The McBrayer lecture series is named in honor of MSU alumnus W. Terry McBrayer (59), who provided a generous gift to the University which supports the lecture series and student scholarships. McBrayer is a lobbyist, attorney and former politician in Lexington. He is a senior partner for the law firm McBrayer PLLC and lead lobbyist MML&K Government Solutions, both founded by McBrayer. A native of Greenup County, he graduated from MSU and attended the Brandeis School of Law at the University of Louisville. He was elected to the MSU Alumni Hall of Fame in 1966 and was awarded an honorary doctoral degree in 1975.

For information about MSU's space systems engineering program, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/study/spacesystemsengineering, email b.malphrus@moreheadstate.edu or call [606-783-2381](tel:606-783-2381).

Photo 1: From left, Terry McBrayer, Administrator Jim Bridenstine and MSU President Jay Morgan.

Photo 2: From left, Rep. Thomas Massie, Administrator Jim Bridenstine and Dr. Ben Malphrus, professor of space science and executive director of the Space Science Center.

Photo Gallery: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/msu1887/albums/72157713200716068>

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MSPR spring fund drive is Feb. 29-March 6

Morehead State Public Radio's (MSPR) 2020 Spring Fundraiser and Membership Drive will take place Saturday, Feb. 29, through Friday, March 6.

Kicking-off the spring fundraiser, MSPR is hosting "Brews and News" at Sawstone Brewery, 175 E. Main Street, Morehead from 4 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 29. There will be live music, news trivia and locally crafted beer available at the event. There will be doors prizes and the chance to win free T-shirts, CDs and other prizes.

"We'll have a specially-designed T-shirt for the event," said Paul Hitchcock, MSPR general manager. "It'll be a fun way to kick-off our spring fundraiser.

"This is our annual spring fundraiser and membership drive when we directly seek financial gifts and comments from our listeners to support WMKY's student work-studies and local programming," said Hitchcock.

WMKY (90.3FM) MSPR serves more than 20 counties throughout Eastern Kentucky with regional news and cultural programming from the campus of Morehead State University. Also, MSPR's website provides regional news, live web stream, archived audio and community events.

"The money we raise helps maintain our grant funding through the Corporation for Public Broadcasting," added Hitchcock. "Our ability to raise local funds helps us meet criteria for grants to purchase national programming, such as All Things Considered, Morning Edition and The World."

An emphasis on local news continues to be a crucial part of MSPR's programming, as well as a variety of locally hosted music programs, including bluegrass, classical and jazz. Specialty programs such as A Time for Tales, Grant Alden's Field Notes, Golden Age of Radio, Health Matters, Nothin' But The Blues, Odd Numbers, Open Mic and That Was Radio provide unique programming to WMKY's listeners.

Recently added to WMKY is "Our Island Universe." Hosted by astrophysicist Dr. Shanil Virani, director of MSU's Star Theater and instructor of space systems engineering, the weekly segment looks at understanding what lies beyond the horizon and what it means to us on earth.

"An important part of our mission is to preserve and promote this region's cultural heritage with programming that is educational, informative and entertaining," said Hitchcock. "We have a long history of serving this community, but we need listener support to maintain our operations."

Financial gifts to Morehead State Public Radio (WMKY) are tax-deductible and may be made online at www.wmky.org. Listeners may also call-in during the fundraiser at 606-783-2001.

Businesses or individuals interested in offering a Challenge Pledge for the fundraiser should contact Paul Hitchcock at 606-783-2334 or e-mail at p.hitchc@moreheadstate.edu.

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Military Initiatives to host Women's History Month event

Morehead State's Office of Military Initiatives will host an event to commemorate Women's History Month on Tuesday, March 2, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in ballrooms A and B of the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC).

The event will include a panel discussion with representatives from the Kentucky Veterans Administration Women's Outreach Department and other professional leaders. Panelists will include:

Lt. Col. April Brown, program manager for veteran's employment, education and training with the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs. Brown has 29 years of military service with the Kentucky National Guard and has held numerous leadership positions to include multiple company and battalion commands. She is a retired police sergeant from the Lexington Division of Police with 20 years of service.

Lt. Col. Kathleen Buss, commander of the U.S. Air Force ROTC at the University of Kentucky. Buss entered the Air Force in 1998 after graduating from the Air Force Academy. After earning her wings with distinguished graduate honors, Lieutenant Colonel Buss was assigned to Charleston Air Force Base in South Carolina, where she was an instructor and demonstration pilot, flew as an aircraft commander in the elite special operations force, and amassed more than 500 combat hours in support of operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom. She was then stationed at the Pentagon as branch chief for strategy and plans on the air force's International Affairs team. Following her Pentagon tour, Buss served in a diplomatic role at the US Embassy in Bogota, Colombia.

Robyn C. Stuart, owner and operator of D.B. Bourbon Candy, LLC. She served in the U.S. Army for six years and is a veteran of Operation Desert Storm, and was also stationed at two bases in Germany, Rheinberg and Mönchengladbach. She has received numerous awards, including the Veteran Women Acts of Service Award, the People in Business to Know Award and the Who's Who in Business Award.

Dr. Silas Session, director of Military Initiatives at MSU, said those who attend the panel will learn more about the roles women play in the military.

"Attendees will gain an appreciation for the sacrifice women military members and family members have given," he said. "They will be encouraged by their examples and leadership tips from different women with different backgrounds."

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Session at ssession@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-9416.

For information about MSU's Office of Military Initiatives and Veterans Resource Center, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/veterans, email ssession@moreheadstate.edu or call 606-783-9416.

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MSU Theatre performs Shakespeare's classic 'Hamlet'

Morehead State University Theatre is presenting one of Shakespeare's most beloved tragedies next month.

"Hamlet" will be performed at 7:30 p.m. March 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7; and at 2 p.m. on March 8 at The Lucille Caudill Little Theatre in Breckinridge Hall. Tickets are \$11, \$6 for seniors and non-MSU students, and free with ID to MSU students.

The play follows the story of Hamlet, the prince of Denmark, as he seeks to avenge the death of his father, King Hamlet, by killing his uncle Claudius. Motivated by apparent interactions with the ghost of his deceased father, he plots to eliminate his uncle, who is responsible for the king's death, who currently occupies the throne and who is married to Gertrude, Prince Hamlet's mother.

Greg Carlisle, associate professor of theatre at MSU and the play's director, said he wanted to stay true to Shakespeare's work while using production elements to make it more engaging to the audience. In addition to the show's colorful and vibrant costumes, the set will use a curtain as a centerpiece with multi-leveled platforms to accommodate the story and allow seamless shifts between internal and external locations. The entire ensemble of 16 actors sit on cubes that surround the stage and are ready to enter the story at a moment's notice.

"This creates a sense of intimacy and immediacy to the story that includes the audience members who are sitting right there on the edge of the stage with the actors," he said.

Carlisle said whether it is production design, acting out passages from the play's dialogue to resemble film flashbacks or having a cast much more diverse than the one that would have presented the production in Shakespeare's day (there are six men and 10 women, including a female title-character), everyone involved has enjoyed taking a timeless classic into somewhat different territory.

"Since the advent of realism as a dominant mode of storytelling, 'Hamlet' has often been presented as a brooding, philosophical play, but our production strives for the Shakespearean authenticity of balancing that serious contemplation with humor, songs and swordplay," Carlisle said. "I took the approach that Hamlet is a play that welcomes the exploration of dramatic potential.

To learn more about MSU's Department of Music, Theatre and Dance, contact 606-783-2473, mtd@moreheadstate.edu or visit www.moreheadstate.edu/theatre.

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MSU Career Services hosts spring Career and Internship Fair next week

Morehead State University students can gain an advantage in reaching their career goals through attending the Spring Career and Internship Fair from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, at the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC) ballroom.

At MSU's career fair, students can connect with more than 100 employers and graduate programs, all while learning about full-time and part-time jobs, internships, co-ops and summer jobs.

"MSU makes it a priority to ensure our students engage in high-quality experiential opportunities as part of their learning experience because employers expect graduates to have hands-on experience in addition to the learning occurring in the classroom," said Megan Boone, director of MSU's Office of Career Services. "The career fair is the signature event that connects students to employers and graduate programs to land internships and co-ops, as well as full-time jobs."

Students who attend the Career and Internship Fair will also have the unique opportunity to receive a free professional headshot that they can use on their LinkedIn page and other social media accounts.

MSU students and alumni from all majors are encouraged to attend and the event is free and open to the public. Attendees can download the free Career Fair Plus app that is available on both Google Play and Apple and to assist in navigating the fair to meet with representatives from employers and graduate schools.

Thanks to MSU's Office of Career Services, MSU students have access to numerous resources geared toward their success that takes place following the Career and Internship Fair:

Internship Basic Workshop
3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 10
Camden-Carroll Library, Room 201

Education Career Fair
3:30 to 6 p.m.
Tuesday, March 24
Kroger Field, Lexington

Etiquette Networking Dinner
4:30 to 7 p.m.
Tuesday, April 14

ADUC, Ballroom C

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

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Board of regents to hold work session

Morehead State University's Board of Regents will hold a special-called meeting and work session Thursday, Feb. 27, at the MSU at Mt. Sterling campus, room eight. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. with a light breakfast, followed by a building tour at 9:45 a.m. The special-called meeting will start at 10 a.m.

The meeting will open and enter an executive session to discuss the disposition of real estate. After the executive session, the board will vote on the disposition of surplus property and will vote on policy revisions.

The board will also hear updates on the Kentucky Employee Retirement System (KERS) and the current legislative session from MSU President Dr. Jay Morgan.

The board will also set tentative meeting dates through June 2021.

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

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MSU's The Little Company presents 'This is my Heart for You' at SETC

In November 2019, The Little Company, MSU's touring children's theatre, presented author Silas House's "This is My Heart for You" on campus and earlier this month in Prestonsburg and Pikeville. Now, the company will perform the production at the Fringe Festival at the South Eastern Theatre Conference (SETC) in Louisville at 11:15 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28.

"This is My Heart for You" centers around a crisis of conscience that rocks the small Appalachian town of Troublesome. This causes a vivid cast of characters to examine their own beliefs, fears and prejudices during one hot and profound summer that will change them all.

Octavia Biggs, director of The Little Company, is the director for the production and said the nature of the show required her and her fellow cast and crew members to portray a story that creatively tackles some challenging and often uncomfortable societal issues.

"I want to offer a way to navigate difficult conversations while still respecting each other. So, educating and sharing the vocabulary needed to navigate those waters is crucial, and difficult," Biggs said. "Breaking down barriers is tough, and a lot of times is not easy."

Despite the show's struggles and challenges, Biggs said that working through this process with this young, large cast proved to be a highlight for her as a director.

"I've been working with such a large group of people all working together to create a story that has an opportunity to offer voices to the voiceless," she said. "I am surrounded by an amazing group of young people working on this show and that is why I love my job and love being a director. The opportunities to create work that is collaborative and cohesive."

The SETC is a 501(c)3 nonprofit and membership organization serving a constituency reaching across 10 states in the southeast region (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia) and beyond. The Fringe Festival is the SETC's showcase for one-person shows and experimental theatre to youth-centered productions and state festival runner-up performances.

To learn more about SETC, visit www.setc.org.

For more information on MSU theatrical productions and the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/theatre or 606-783-2170.

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High school art exhibit opens March 4

The Annual Burley-Coal Art Exhibition and Competition will be held March 4-11 in the Golding-Yang Art Gallery inside the Claypool-Young Art Building. This exhibition is held each year in partnership with the Kentucky Art Education Association.

The show features hundreds of works in all media by regional high school students. Schools participating in the show include Allen Central, Bath County, Belfry, Boyd County, Fleming County, Greenup County, Lawrence County, Lewis County, Mason County, Montgomery County, Morgan County, Paintsville, Paul Blazer, Perry County Central, Pikeville, Raceland-Worthington Independent, Russell Independent and West Carter High Schools.

“For most, if not all, this is the first chance these budding artists have to exhibit their work in a formal gallery,” said Melissa Yungbluth, director of the Golding-Yang Gallery. “It’s a small taste of what their futures could be, and we are honored to be the regional chosen gallery for the inaugural displaying of their work.”

Awards are given in 13 different categories: ceramics, digital media, drawing, fashion design, fiber arts and textile design, graphic design, jewelry and metalsmithing, mixed media, painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture and video and film, as well as best in show 2-D and best in show 3-D. All first-place winners will move on to the all-state competition. The jurors are the faculty for the Department of Art and Design.

High School Art Day will be March 11. The exhibiting student artists will spend the day at the Department of Art and Design watching demonstrations, interacting with current students and faculty and participating in the annual sculpture contest, where within a few short hours, the schools as groups are tasked with creating sculptures using only cardboard and tape.

For more information about the Burley-Coal exhibition, contact Yungbluth at myungbluth@moreheadstate.edu or call [606-783-2766](tel:606-783-2766).

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Poetry reading with alum Chris Prewitt set for March 5

Morehead State alum and award-winning poet Chris Prewitt (10) will read selections of his work March 5 at 6 p.m. at CoffeeTree Books, 159 E. Main St.

Prewitt earned his master's degree in English at MSU in 2010. His book, "Paradise Hammer," won the 2018 James Tate Poetry Prize. A recipient of the Virginia Tech/Poetry Society of Virginia Poetry Prize and the Richard Kennedy Thomas Wolfe Student Essay Award, Prewitt has also been nominated for the Pushcart Prize and Best of the Net.

Prewitt will also speak to student in Associate Professor of English Chris Holbrook's poetry writing class March 5, at 2 p.m.

The event is part of the MSU Department of English Spring Reading series. The next author to be featured in the Spring Reading Series will be Michael Chitwood on Tuesday, March 31.

For more information, contact Holbrook at c.holbrook@moreheadstate.edu or [606-783-2606](tel:606-783-2606).

To learn more about programs in MSU's Department of English, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/english, email english@moreheadstate.edu or call [606-783-9448](tel:606-783-9448).

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Clarinet Day scheduled for March 7

Morehead State University's Department of Music, Theatre and Dance will host its 9th Annual MSU Clarinet Day, Saturday, March 7, 2020, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Baird Music Hall.

Activities planned for the event include:

- Masterclasses for high school, college, and middle school clarinetists.
- Guest artist recital.
- Yoga for musicians clinic.
- Play in MSU's Clarinet Honor Choir.
- Try out and purchase instruments and accessories.

This year's guest artist will be Dr. Elizabeth Crawford, professor of music performance at Ball State University, where she teaches clarinet, pedagogy and literature. She has performed recitals and given master classes throughout the world, most notably in Poland, New Zealand and South Africa. An active member of the International Clarinet Association, she served as the organization's advertising manager from 2016 to 2018. She has also been an active contributor to the National Association of College Wind and Percussion Instructors.

The event is sponsored in part by MSU's Department of Music, Theatre and Dance; Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences; Buckner and Sally S. Hinkle Endowment for Humanities; Morehead State Public Radio; Yamaha Corporation of America; Miles Ahead Music; Hurst Music; and D'Addario.

To register for Clarinet Day or for more information, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/clarinetday.

Additional information is available by contacting event host Dr. Lori Baruth, professor of music, clarinet, at [606-783-2490](tel:606-783-2490) or by email at l.baruth@moreheadstate.edu.

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Community Conversations series to discuss transgender rights

Transgender rights will be the topic at the next session of Community Conversations on Thursday, March 5, 5-6:30 p.m. in room 329 of the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC).

Morehead State alum Christina Tierney and senior English and philosophy major Jacob Tackett of Ashland will be the speakers at the event. Tierney is a transwoman and Tackett identifies as non-binary. The speakers will be discussing definitions and terms, how different cultures perceive transgender people, how transgender people are portrayed in the media, current issues facing transgender people, resources on campus and how to be a good ally.

“It is important that the MSU community be at the forefront of understanding and supporting a variety of gender expressions,” said Dr. Bernadette Barton, professor of sociology and director of MSU’s Gender Studies program. “Trans rights are currently much-discussed on the local and national levels. Further, our cultural understanding of gender identity and expression is changing rapidly. We are working to increase cultural competence for those not involved in Gender Studies who are confused by the changing ideas and terms.”

“We are also seeing a big uptick in the number of students at MSU who identify as trans and non-binary, and it is important to Gender Studies and student affairs that we best serve students.”

The Community Conversations lecture series is a collaboration between the Gender Studies Program and the Eagle Diversity Education Center.

For more information, contact Barton at b.barton@moreheadstate.edu or call [606-783-2710](tel:606-783-2710).

To find out more about the Eagle Diversity Education Center, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/edec, email edec@moreheadstate.edu or call [606-783-9569](tel:606-783-9569).

For information on MSU’s gender studies program, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/genderstudies.

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MSU mourns death of Professor L. Curtis Hammond

Morehead State Associate Professor of Music Dr. L. Curtis "Curt" Hammond passed away on Thursday, Feb. 27 at Baptist Health in Lexington.

Born May 23, 1962, in Fort Sill, Oklahoma, he is the son of Larry Clinton and Joan Marie Huls Hammond of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. In addition to his parents, he is survived by two daughters, Abby Hammond and Meghan Hammond, both of Morehead, and their mother, Cathy Hammond of Morehead.

Other survivors include one brother, Robert "Bob" Hammond of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; one sister, Pammy Bates of Estelline, South Dakota; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews.

Hammond taught in the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance at MSU since 1993. He received the Doctor of Music degree from Florida State University, the Master of Music degree from the Cleveland Institute of Music, and the Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Nebraska. In addition to teaching horn at Morehead State, Hammond also taught graduate courses and courses in music theory, sight singing, and music listening. He conducted the MSU Horn Ensemble and was a member of the MSU Faculty Woodwind Quintet, The Baird Winds, and the MSU Faculty Brass Quintet, the Horizon Brass Quintet.

He has performed in the Lexington Philharmonic Orchestra, The New Sousa Band, New Colombia Brass Band, Florida Orchestra, Tallahassee Symphony, Albany (GA) Symphony, The Cleveland Orchestra, Ohio Chamber Orchestra, Youngstown Symphony, South Dakota Symphony, Lincoln Symphony Orchestra, and the Nebraska Chamber Orchestra. Hammond has also performed with numerous musicians including Barry Tuckwell, The American Horn Quartet, Isaac Stern, Yo-Yo Ma, Andre Watts, Anna Moffo, Nadia Salerno-Sonnenberg, Richard Stoltzman, George Shearing, Dave Brubeck, Billy Taylor, Charlton Heston, Burt Bacharach, Dionne Warwick, Peabo Bryson, Aaron Neville, Melissa Manchester, Sheena Easton, Roberta Flack, and LeAnn Rimes.

He was a deacon at the First Christian Church and board member and performer with the Cave Run Symphony Orchestra. He was an H. O. train collector and loved all things trains. He also loved to play golf, was passionate about watching his girls play sports, bonding with family over the Minnesota Vikings, Nebraska Cornhuskers, and, frankly, all sports. He enjoyed traveling to Lake Poinsett, South Dakota, with family to spend time with his South Dakota family and friends;

relaxing and walking and feeding the birds while enjoying a cup of coffee; all things music (even a Jonas Brothers concert); and lastly, “whipping it up in the kitchen.”

A Celebration of Life will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 29, at Morehead First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) with the Rev. Donald Chase officiating.

Pallbearers include Tyler Sullivan, John Johnson, David Oyen, Brian Mason, Anthony Nolan, Aaron Bates, Scott Bates, and Joshua Bates. All former and current students and co-workers will serve as honorary pallbearers.

Visitation will be Friday, Feb. 28, from 6 to 8 p.m., at Northcutt & Son Home for Funerals, 400 Fraley Drive Morehead, KY 40351, and on Saturday, Feb. 29, from noon to 2 p.m. at Morehead First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 227 East Main Street, Morehead, KY 40351.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Dr. L. Curtis Hammond Music Scholarship Fund, MSU Foundation, 150 University Blvd., P O Box 1887, Morehead, KY 40351.



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MSU Career Services seeks internship awards nominations

Morehead State University's Office of Career Services is seeking nominations for awards for MSU's 2019 Student Intern of the Year, 2019 Internship Employer of the Year, and 2019 Internship Faculty Supervisor of the Year awards. Nominations must be received by Friday, March 13.

"Career Services is excited to be able to recognize excellent faculty supervisors and employers who make these experiential education opportunities available to our students," said Megan Boone, director of MSU's Office of Career Services. "The students deserve recognition as well as they are making an impact for these employers. Internships are important for student success and we look forward to receiving some great nominations."

MSU students who had an internship, co-op, student-teaching experience, practicum or clinicals in the past year and have been considered an outstanding employee is eligible for the Student Intern of the Year Award. The selection committee evaluates the intern based on quality and quantity of work, interpersonal skills, oral and written communications, and other areas related to working in the field they have chosen. Employers and MSU departments are encouraged to nominate their interns for this award.

Employers who have had an MSU student intern in the past year and has been considered a great employer may be nominated for the Internship Employer of the Year Award. The selection committee evaluates how well the intern felt trained and the quality of specific learning objectives set by the employer. We ask that students who have interned on-campus or off-campus consider nominating their employer for this award.

Faculty who supported students' experiential education during the past year and considered a great mentor might be nominated for the Internship Faculty Supervisor of the Year. The selection committee evaluates how the faculty devoted the extra effort or resources to prepare students for the experiential activity, collaborated in a way that complements class instruction and demonstrated commitment to student success.

You can access all the nomination forms at <https://www.moreheadstate.edu/Academic-Affairs/Undergraduate-Education-and-Student-Success/Career-Services/Internship-Awards>.

To be considered for the award, please email a completed copy of nomination forms to Jacob Murphy at careerservices@moreheadstate.edu by Friday, March 13. The awards will be presented during the 15th Annual Celebration of Student Scholarship award ceremony on April 22.

Additional information is available by contacting the Office of Career Services at 606-783-2233, careerservices@moreheadstate.edu or visiting www.moreheadstate.edu/career.

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Equestrian Team hosts two weekend horse shows

The Morehead State Western Team had a successful weekend with two shows on Saturday, Feb. 22. The team was third overall in the morning show and claimed High Point Team in the afternoon show. The students hosted and competed in the show. In the afternoon show, senior Sydnee Barker from Frankfort, Ohio, was Reserve High Point Rider overall. Three western riders will move on to Regionals on March 1 at Midway University: senior Sara Misura from Wadsworth, Ohio, in Rookie B; Sophomore Chelsey Pullins from Pomeroy, Ohio, in Beginner; and Sophomore Hannah Wagner from Union, in Rookie B.

Team riders earned the following placings at the shows:

- Sophomore Jordyn Bagnall from Burlington, third and fourth in Level 1.
- Sydnee Barker, first and fourth in Reining, second and fourth in Open Rail.
- Freshman Shelley Black from West Mayfield, Pennsylvania, fifth in Beginner.
- Sophomore Elena Botsford from East Greenwich, Rhode Island, fourth and sixth in Beginner.
- Freshman Autumn Cox from Hazard, sixth in Rookie B.
- Sophomore Brooke Farler from Tollesboro, fourth and fifth in Beginner.
- Freshman Abby McCutcheon from Clintonville, West Virginia, fifth in Rookie B.
- Sara Misura, fifth and sixth in Level 1.
- Sophomore Rudy Pohlabein from Edgewood, fifth and sixth in Level 2.
- Chelsey Pullins, third in Beginner and fourth in Rookie A.
- Sophomore Audrey Reed from Florence, third and fourth in Level 1.
- Freshman Andrea Robinson from Mt. Sterling, Ohio, fifth and second in Rookie B.
- Freshman Siara Swisher from Mt. Orab, Ohio, fourth and sixth in Rookie B.
- Hannah Wagner, first in Rookie B and sixth in Level 1.
- Freshman Kenady Vice from Morehead, first and fifth in Beginner.

"I am super proud of all our riders, especially for our great rides in the afternoon that made us high point team," said Coach Devin Lintzenich. "I'm looking forward to Regionals; everyone is practicing super hard. Sara and Hannah have a huge division to ride against but I know they'll put their best rides in the ring, and Chelsey has a great chance with two of the four riders in her division getting to move on to Semifinals in Oklahoma."

For more information about equestrian teams at MSU, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/equestrianteams, email d.lintzenich@moreheadstate.edu or call [606-783-2662](tel:606-783-2662).

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Star Theater ranked among top 30 planetariums in the nation

Morehead State University's Star Theater has been ranked among the top 30 college planetariums by the website, Great Value Colleges.

In composing the ranking, the site considered four factors:

- Is the facility a planetarium or an observatory? A planetarium is a simulation of the night sky, while an observatory uses telescopes to look at the actual sky at that moment. The Star Theater is both.
- The types of telescopes and equipment used at the facility. The Star Theater projects full 180° x 360° real-time blended video and graphics on a 40-foot dome screen using six digital projectors and state-of-the-art surround sound.
- Discoveries: The rankings also took into account the research being done at each facility. MSU's Space Science Center is on the cutting edge of aerospace technology with extensive research and development of nanosatellite technology, satellite tracking and telemetry, spacecraft systems testing and more.
- Visitor experience: The rankings considered whether or not facilities were open to the public and what types of shows are available. The Star Theater hosts public shows every Saturday with educational and entertainment programming for all audiences. Area schools can schedule field trips to the theater, and there are several educational programs educators can choose from to suit any age group. The theater also hosts special events for astronomical events such as solar eclipses, International Observe the Moon Night and others.

"Many people may not realize that our planetarium is primarily operated by students - mostly undergraduate students," said Dr. Ben Malphrus, director of the MSU Space Science Center. "Operating the planetarium, providing sky tours and speaking to the public provides invaluable experiences for students in science and engineering fields. The quality of the shows and events that led to this award is a reflection of their excellent work."

Shanil Virani, who took over as director of the Star Theater about a year ago, has made efforts to increase public awareness and outreach. He expanded public programming at the Star Theater from monthly shows to weekly shows, increased social media engagement, started a weekly segment called "Our Island Universe" that airs on Morehead State Public Radio and writes a monthly column in The Morehead News called "Kentucky Skies." He said these efforts have paid off.

"Kentucky families lead busy lives and by providing more opportunities for families, particularly those with young children, to visit the Space Science Center we have seen significant growth in our attendance," Virani said. "Our Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram pages have nearly doubled since the fall and continue to grow. To

me, it demonstrates the love and passion our community has not only for science and engineering but also for supporting the Space Science Center's efforts to be a national model and leader in science education and community engagement."

Looking to the future, Virani said he'd like to offer even more opportunities for young people to engage with the Star Theater, including more hands-on opportunities designed to inspire an interest in STEM fields. Some of his ideas include creating a series of summer exploration camps for children of different age groups and a monthly "Science Sunday" program specifically for girls who are interested in STEM.

"Many studies now demonstrate that if we are to get more and more young Americans interested in pursuing education and careers in STEM, we need to start early and provide many opportunities," Virani said.

View the complete list of top college planetariums at www.greatvaluecolleges.net/best-college-planetariums-and-observatories-in-the-united-states.

To learn more about MSU's Star Theater, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/startheater, email startheater@moreheadstate.edu or call [606-783-9593](tel:606-783-9593).

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