



MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY

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MSU Soars as a Top 20 Public University Again

Morehead State University has now spent two decades as one of the top public universities in the South, according to U.S. News & World Report, including the past few years as a Top 20 public regional school.

For 2024, MSU once again made the rankings of U.S. News & World Report as one of the Top 20 public regional universities in the South. This is the 8th consecutive year MSU has made the Top 25 (highest rank was #15 in 2023 and marks Morehead State's 20th consecutive year as a top-ranked institution.

MSU's overall ranking comes from a consistent commitment to academic excellence, a welcoming campus atmosphere, beneficial learning experiences inside and outside the classroom, and student support.

The rankings emphasize outcomes such as graduation and retention rates, faculty quality, student demographics, and other university performance metrics.

"We are committed as a campus to excellence, and we are demonstrating that excellence in our rankings and through other ways," said MSU President Dr. Jay Morgan. "We continue to look for ways to improve for our students."

Morehead State is an environment where first-generation college students can thrive from their first day on campus until graduation. Class size and personal attention remain strengths for MSU, with a 14:1 student-faculty ratio and an average class size of 16, allowing for more significant one-on-one time with the University's experienced and dedicated faculty and staff.



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Morehead State joins JED Campus for student mental health support

Morehead State University has joined The Jed Foundation (JED) as a JED Campus to support student mental health and wellbeing.

JED Campus is a nationwide initiative of JED, a nonprofit that protects emotional health and prevents suicide for our nation's teens and young adults. The goal is to help schools evaluate and strengthen their mental health, substance misuse, and suicide prevention programs and systems. This will ensure schools have the most effective mental health safety nets possible.

"We're excited to partner with the Jed Foundation to support this important initiative. Student mental health has emerged as a growing concern nationwide, and our institution is not an exception to this trend," said Max Ammons, MSU's dean of students.

Lacefield creates first endowed scholarship for space science

Eugene Lacefield hopes to support other young minds interested in the field by creating a new scholarship endowment at MSU: The Eugene Lacefield Space Studies Endowment. Thanks to his generous \$100,000 contribution, future generations of MSU students will continue to shoot for the stars.

Lacefield's contribution created the first endowed scholarship for space systems engineering students. The Eugene Lacefield Space Studies Endowment will provide annual scholarship awards to junior and senior students enrolled full-time in the Bachelor of Science in Space Systems Engineering program or graduate students enrolled in the Master of Science in Space Systems Engineering program.

Morehead State joins College Completion Accelerator program

Morehead State University has joined the Complete College Accelerator (CCA), a nationwide initiative to improve and close college access and completion gaps. MSU is one of approximately 80 higher education institutions from 11 states to join.

Complete College Accelerator is a nonprofit organization attempting to raise the ability to attain a college education as part of Complete College America. With funding from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's Intermediaries for Scale (IFS) initiative, Complete College America will work with 11 state agencies, including the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE), over the next four years. The collaboration will implement research-based practices designed to increase college completion statewide.

Morehead State to offer vascular sonography degree concentration

Morehead State's Diagnostic Medical Sonography (DMS) program will provide a new vascular sonography concentration beginning in the fall 2024 semester.

DMS students who choose the concentration will learn how to perform a vascular sonographic examination and can sit for the vascular sonography board examination. Vascular sonography is a noninvasive test healthcare providers use to determine how blood flows in arteries and veins in your arms, neck, and legs to diagnose blood clots, narrowed blood vessels, and other vascular health conditions.