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Craft Family expands Craft Academy at Morehead State

Morehead State University's Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics is growing to new heights through increased support from the Kentucky General Assembly. Additionally, Dr. Joe Craft and Ambassador Kelly Craft are contributing additional funds for the expansion of the Academy.

"We are very appreciative of the Commonwealth and General Assembly for providing funds to grow the Academy and to the Craft Family for their generous sponsorship and support of an additional 40 more students," says MSU President Jay Morgan. With this expansion, the Craft Academy will become the largest in the state, with the opportunity to enroll 240 students.

"The Crafts have been unyielding in their support of our students, and it is appreciated," said Morgan.

The announcement was made at an open house event on Tuesday, Aug. 29, where Joe Craft spoke to the 177 Craft Academy students. The event also highlighted the Academy's new and modern facilities, located in Alumni Tower. Guests had the opportunity to explore the recently revamped facility. The space includes an expanded maker space, improved study spaces, a new computer lab, and tools conducive to an advanced learning environment.

The Craft Academy for Excellence in Science in Mathematics ranks among the top high schools in the United States. It is a dual-credit academy for academically exceptional Kentucky students. Craft Academy provides students with postsecondary residential experience to complete their junior and senior high school years by enrolling in college courses. It aims to meet the unique educational needs of academically gifted and talented high school juniors and seniors in the Commonwealth.



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MSU once again earns multiple Colleges of Distinction recognitions

Morehead State University's commitment to academic excellence and student success for every member of the Eagle Nation led to it earning College of Distinction recognition in multiple categories for 2022-23. MSU has continued to provide the quality academic experience that led to the University being designated a College of Distinction in 2023-24.

Created in 2000, Colleges of Distinction helps students and families navigate the selection process to find the best college for prospective students. Colleges of Distinction recognize schools prioritizing distinctions like student engagement, community, teaching, and outcomes.

NASA administrator kicks off 2023 McBrayer Lecture Series

NASA Administrator Bill Nelson will kick off Morehead State's McBrayer Presidential Lecture Series in September with the keynote address at the inaugural Appalachian Space Technology and Research Advancements Conference (ASTRA-CON) on Friday, Sept. 15, at 1 p.m. in the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC) ballroom.

Nelson was named the 14th NASA administrator on May 3, 2021. Before becoming administrator, he represented the state of Florida for 18 years in the U.S. Senate and 12 years in the U.S. House of Representatives.

In 1986, he trained and flew with the crew of the Space Shuttle Columbia. They orbited Earth 98 times over six days, and Nelson conducted 12 medical experiments, including the first American stress test in space on a treadmill and cancer research.

Additionally, ASTRA-CON offers an opportunity for collaboration among aerospace companies, space research institutions, and students. The event will feature speakers, student presentations, discussion groups, workshops, exhibitor booths, and more. MSU students created the conference, and they will lead the activities and events.

MSU students get experience for surveying careers

Morehead State students in the construction and civil engineering program can hone their skills and graduate ready for jobs in the surveying profession through a partnership with Curd Surveying and Land Consulting Inc., owned by MSU Instructor Joe Curd.

As much as he teaches concepts in the classroom, Curd knows the best way for students to understand what goes into surveying is to do it. In Curd's classes, MSU students are doing surveying that will contribute to very concrete results. Curd and his students are working with MSU Facilities Management to prepare for the construction of a new science and engineering building slated to begin next year.

MSU at Mt. Sterling celebrates 20th anniversary

Morehead State University has a history of educating and serving the region that includes outreach through regional campuses like MSU at Mt. Sterling.

MSU at Mt. Sterling celebrated its 20th anniversary in August with members of the Mt. Sterling Chamber of Commerce, Mayor Al Botts, and members of the community. A special anniversary event was also held to raise funds for a scholarship for students attending MSU at Mt. Sterling