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Dr. Jay Morgan announces Morehead State University Foundation sets fundraising records for 2022

Morehead State University President Dr. Jay Morgan has announced fundraising success for the 2022 calendar year. Last year, over 4,000 donors came together to contribute \$6.7 million in support. The previous record for calendar-year giving was exceeded by nearly \$1 million.

“Our Foundation is critical to the support of our students. The Foundation is continuing to grow thanks to the support of our generous alumni and donors,” said Dr. Morgan. “Our University would not be where it is today without our loyal donors who believe in Morehead State and want to assist our students.”

From his first day on campus, Dr. Morgan established increasing private giving for student scholarships as one of the highest priorities for MSU. Since his tenure began, the MSU Foundation has raised almost \$35 million, much of it going to scholarships. This milestone is one Dr. Morgan attributes to the support of MSU’s alums, corporate supporters, faculty, and staff.

The funds raised by the Foundation help MSU continue to serve Eastern Kentucky by preparing students with the career skills and experience they need to succeed.

The MSU Foundation is a non-affiliated corporation and tax-exempt educational foundation designed to assist the University with financial support through privately funded scholarships and aid. The total endowment held by the MSU Foundation is now valued at nearly \$70 million.



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\$2.75 million Wi-Fi upgrade coming to MSU campus

Morehead State is upgrading its Wi-Fi network to put MSU in a class all its own for Kentucky's public universities.

Through asset preservation funds and as part of MSU President Dr. Jay Morgan's campus revitalization plan, MSU will spend \$2.75 million to upgrade the University's Wi-Fi network and improve overall network access for students, faculty, staff, and visitors. Rick Phillips (Class of 2011), chief information officer for the Office of Information Technology (OIT), said this is an upgrade of all 1,400 APs (Access Points) across campus to 6E.

The replacement of the APs will begin at the end of the Spring 2023 semester and take about nine months, with priority given to residence halls and commonly utilized areas like the Adron Doran University Center and Button Auditorium before moving on to administrative and academic buildings. MSU plans to improve the network at regional campuses and the University Farm.

Morehead State University freezes student housing rates

Morehead State University will again be freezing on-campus residential housing rates for students for the upcoming academic year. The decision to freeze housing rates is part of the University's commitment to making higher education more accessible and affordable for students and their families.

The freeze on housing rates will apply to all students who live on campus, regardless of their year in school or their housing assignment. The freeze on housing rates is just one of many ways MSU is working to support its students.

March to Service Initiative launched

MSU's Center for Career Development and Experiential Education (CCDEE) launched the March to Service Initiative to enhance these efforts.

The March to Service Initiative stems from the Council on Postsecondary Education's Kentucky Graduate Profile. This endeavor ensures that students graduating from Kentucky colleges will develop 10 skills to prepare them for life, including communication, cultural competency, and civic engagement.

The faculty designed community and civic engagement volunteer projects throughout March to increase MSU students' civic engagement while incorporating skills developed within their respective majors. Students will also reflect on what they learned and the overall value of their experience.

Alum Daniel McGowan establishes Lifetime Learning Scholarship Endowment

Daniel L. McGowan (Class of 2001), senior vice president for PNC Investments, established the Daniel L. McGowan Lifetime Learning Scholarship Endowment – a fund to provide scholarship support to students studying in the Elmer R. Smith College of Business and Technology.

"I'm honored to be able to support students in this way - to help other MSU students, who also share my passion for business and finance," McGowan said. "I hope that my contributions inspire future graduates to continue to give back when they're able, as well."

The scholarship is for students pursuing a degree in the school of business administration from Bath, Boyle, Carter, Clark, Elliott, Estill, Fleming, Garrard, Jackson, Jessamine, Lewis, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Owsley, Powell, Rockcastle, Rowan, Taylor, or Wolfe counties.