



Murray State University celebrates commencement

Murray State University hosted commencement ceremonies for spring and summer 2023 graduates on May 13 at the CFSB Center. A total of 1,681 degree recipients comprised the graduating class of spring and summer degree applicants, including doctoral, specialist, master's, baccalaureate and associate degrees. A total of 37 states and 19 countries were represented in the graduating class.



Professor receives Distinguished Political Scientist Award

Dr. James Clinger (*pictured at left*), professor of political science, recently received the Distinguished Political Scientist Award at the annual meeting of the Kentucky Political Science Association at Western Kentucky University.

Clinger is the first political science faculty member from Murray State to receive the award since its creation in 1987. The award is periodically given to a political scientist whose contributions to the discipline and profession are regarded as outstanding and worthy of notice.

Clinger holds a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts from the University of Kansas and a Ph.D. from the University of Washington-Saint Louis. He teaches courses in state and local government, Kentucky politics, intergovernmental relations, public policy analysis and public budgeting and finance. He is also the director of the Master of Public Administration program at Murray State.

Statewide Program of Distinction in Cybersecurity and Network Management recognized nationally for community outreach

Murray State University's statewide Program of Distinction in Cybersecurity and Network Management placed fourth nationally through a community outreach competition by the National Centers of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Education (CAE-CD).

Among the approximately 400 CAE-CD institutions, Murray State was the only Kentucky school in the top 10. Its submission included nearly 80 outreach events held throughout the year, reaching more than 14,000 individuals.

In 1997, Kentucky House Bill 1 created Programs of Distinction through the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education at public postsecondary institutions, including Murray State University's cybersecurity program. Murray State offers a bachelor's degree in Cybersecurity and Network Management, along with an accelerated master's degree (available online) in Cybersecurity Management that can be completed in 12-18 months.



Murray State has a Cyber Education and Research Center that provides education, research, development and outreach support for the University's cyber-related programs.

In 2019, Murray State was designated a Center for Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Education by the National Security Agency and Department of Homeland Security.

The program is recognized as a Center for Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense, certified through the Quality Assurance Commons with the Essential Employability Qualities Certification, and has won multiple national awards over the years.

Graduates join a global network of alumni who are employed at Google, Microsoft and Amazon Web Services, among others.

Additional information is available at murraystate.edu/cyber.



Arthur J. Bauernfeind College of Business maintains prestigious accreditation

The Arthur J. Bauernfeind College of Business at Murray State University has maintained its business accreditation by AACSB International—The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB).

AACSB accreditation is the hallmark of excellence in business education. As the world's largest business education alliance, AACSB provides quality assurance, business education intelligence and professional development services to over 1,500 member

organizations and more than 785 accredited business schools worldwide.

The Arthur J. Bauernfeind College of Business houses six academic departments. These encompass 44 undergraduate and graduate programs and tracks that prepare students for careers in a variety of fields:

- Accounting
- Computer Science and Information Systems
- Economics and Finance
- Journalism and Mass Communications
- Management, Marketing, Business Administration and Logistics and Supply Chain Management
- Organizational Communication and Leadership

Also recently, the Department of Journalism and Mass Communications at Murray State University was re-accredited during the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications' meeting in Chicago, Illinois.



U.S. News & World Report ranks Murray State University among 2023-2024 Best Graduate Schools

Murray State University has been ranked among the 2023-2024 Best Graduate Schools for three programs - Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP), Master's of Business Administration (MBA) and Master's of Public Administration (MPA) by *U.S. News & World Report*. These recognitions are added to Murray State's ranking last fall as one of the top schools in the country in multiple categories, marking the institution's 32nd consecutive year of top-tier rankings by the reputable college guide.

Designed for prospective students looking to further their education beyond college, the Best Graduate Schools rankings evaluate programs in a variety of disciplines including business, education, engineering, law, medicine and nursing.

By collecting graduate school data annually, *U.S. News* is able to present the most current figures on enrollment, job placement, faculty and other critical quality indicators that help prospective students make informed decisions.

The Doctor of Nursing Practice at Murray State is a clinical doctoral degree program in nursing designed for nurses seeking a terminal degree in nursing practice and offers an alternative to research-focused doctoral programs. Graduates of the DNP program will be able to serve as leaders who use best practices as advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) at individual, population and organizational levels.

Murray State's AACSB accredited MBA Program has a long, rigorous and proud tradition of quality and excellence in business and management education, and a recognized capacity for meeting the educational needs and challenges of MBA students.

The MPA program at Murray State provides education and training for professional careers in government agencies and non-profit organizations. The program prepares students who are seeking a career in public service or to enhance the careers of those already employed in the public sector.



College of Humanities and Fine Arts recent graduates see a high success rate in law school placement

The Murray State University College of Humanities and Fine Arts has produced a high rate of recent graduates being accepted into a law school post-graduation. The students from the department who have applied for law school have seen a 100 percent success rate of getting into a school with a majority of these graduates receiving scholarships.

The Department of Political Science and Sociology offers a pre-law program with a focus in political science, combining a political science major with a pre-law minor. With the pre-law area, undergraduate pre-law students work toward two objectives: admission to law school and to complete an undergraduate degree which will help students compete in law school.



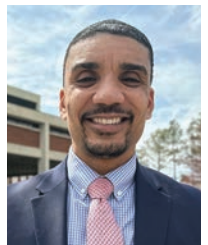
Nearly \$3 million mental health service partnership demonstration grant awarded to College of Education and Human Services

Murray State University's College of Education and Human Services is pleased to announce that Partner and Connect: MSU/West Kentucky Educational Cooperative (WKEC) Mental Health Providers Academy, a nearly \$3 million, five-year, Mental Health Service Partnership Demonstration grant from the Department of Education, has been awarded to WKEC on behalf of 14 high-need school districts, as well as Murray State's College of Education and Human Services.

The academy will train and credential 24 diverse school counselors/mental health providers and six diverse community school psychologists in a graduate program designed to place mental health providers in high-need school districts to reduce the counselor-to-student ratio in rural and low-income schools.

The high-need school districts being served are: Ballard County, Caldwell County, Carlisle County, Christian County, Crittenden County, Dawson Springs Independent, Fulton County, Fulton Independent, Hickman County, Livingston County, Lyon County, Mayfield Independent, Paducah Public Schools and Union County.

Staff member selected as President for statewide association



Kendrick Quisenberry, senior associate director of recruitment at Murray State University has been selected as President for the Kentucky Association for College Admission Counseling Association (KYACAC).

KYACAC is the only professional association in the Commonwealth that brings together those who work with students as they make the transition from high school to post-secondary education. The goal of KYACAC is to serve college-bound students within the Commonwealth and to improve their access to higher education.

KYACAC is a state affiliate of the National Association for College Admission Counseling. KYACAC represents over 150 institutions and more than 500 individual members at the college, university and high school levels, as well as educational groups, service organizations and professional associations.