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MSU faculty and students benefit from Level UP program

Through its Level UP experiential education program, Morehead State University ensures graduates are prepared for career success. MSU faculty helps mentor students to become career-ready by providing hands-on opportunities in courses that build the critical skills employers are looking for in new hires.

Level UP program students agree that the courses prepare them for career success. Last academic year, 800 students improved their career readiness by taking one of more than 60 Level UP courses taught by 50 faculty and staff members.

Taylor Bishop, a junior from Greensburg double-majoring in history and political science, had the opportunity to study abroad in Hungary and Romania over spring break.

"I undoubtedly think because of this opportunity to take a Level UP class, I got the push I needed to develop more professional critical thinking skills that my career goals of working for the state department are no longer an 'if' but a 'when,'" he said.

Regardless of their major, students are motivated and engaged when they can apply the theories they learn in the classroom hands-on.

Isabella Gilvin, a senior early elementary education major from Maysville, said one standout project from the semester involved collaborating with classmates on a social studies poster and craft activity to engage elementary students and their families at Tilden Hogge Elementary School's Kentucky History Night.



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KCTCS, MSU presidents renew tuition discount agreement for employees

Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) President Ryan Quarles and Morehead State University President Jay Morgan renewed a 50% tuition discount agreement last week to support professional development for their full-time employees.

Beginning with the fall semester, any full-time KCTCS employee attending MSU and any full-time MSU employee attending a KCTCS college will receive a 50% tuition discount in any undergraduate or graduate program. The discount does not apply to 800-level courses in doctoral programs.

“We value our employees, and we’re always looking for partnerships that offer them opportunities for growth,” said Quarles. “This 50% tuition discount is a great benefit for our more than 4,000 teammates. I’m thankful to be partnering with Dr. Jay Morgan and Morehead State University to renew this agreement.”

“Morehead State is proud to continue offering this tuition incentive to KCTCS employees. We have a great partnership with KCTCS and appreciate the service they provide to our region and beyond,” said Morgan.

Morehead State renews KY research partnership

The Kentucky IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence (KY INBRE) recently received a renewal grant award from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) totaling more than \$20 million over the next five years. KY INBRE’s primary goal is to increase the biomedical research capacity at Kentucky universities and enhance the training of the next generation of biomedical researchers.

The renewal grant totals over \$20 million in federal research dollars for state-supported and independent higher education institutions committed to developing vital biomedical research programs. The University of Louisville (UofL) is the lead institution of the statewide grant.

MSU joined KY INBRE in 2003, and since then, the program has provided more than \$11 million in funding for faculty and student research support, laboratory renovations, and modern biomedical research equipment this year. MSU will receive \$331,000 and an estimated \$1.75 million over the next five years.

MBA program makes Fortune Magazine ranking for third consecutive year

Fortune Magazine recognized Morehead State University’s Master of Business Administration (MBA) program for the third consecutive year.

The popular financial media outlet named MSU to its Fortune 2024 Best Online MBA (Master of Business Administration) Programs list. It was one of 92 schools highlighted nationwide (ranked #43) and the only Kentucky university to make the list. MSU also made Fortune’s 25 Most Affordable Online MBA Programs of 2024, ranked #18 and was the only Kentucky public university to earn this recognition.

The rankings come from Fortune Education, a global business media outlet created to help prospective MBA students find the best institutions offering MBA programs.