

Project's goal is to enroll adults President: MSU will meet challenge

MSU has joined a statewide outreach effort to attract and graduate adult students returning to college.

MSU's initiative, known as Project Graduate, involves several campus units all working in concert to support students' academic careers. Its purpose is to identify former students who have earned college credit, and assist them in re-enrolling in school and finishing their degree.

Project Graduate developed from MSU's membership in the Kentucky College Access Network (KentuckyCAN), which was funded by the Council on Postsecondary Education and the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence.

Jacquelyn Scott, non-traditional and commuter coordinator in the University's Office of Enrollment Services, serves as MSU's liaison for the project.

"There are many adult students who were here in past years but who didn't finish," Scott said. "They're just out there. Many of them had to go to work for one reason or another, and they had a lot of responsibilities, which is why they dropped out."

MSU's goal, according to Scott, is to find former students and offer them the assistance they need to return to college to complete their education. It will involve the efforts of University personnel in the areas of admissions, financial aid, academic advising and registrar at the Morehead and all other regional campuses.

Scott said there are more than 310,000 Kentucky residents who have earned college credit but did not graduate. Of those, some 11,000 have completed 90 or more course hours, which is about 75 percent of the credits required for a bachelor's degree.

MSU's regional launch of Project Graduate was planned for January. It is expected that the project will have a greater impact on Fall 2008 enrollment.

Interim director

An experienced educator, actor and academic department chair has been tapped to lead the honors program at MSU.

Dr. Robert "Bob" Willenbrink, chair of the Department of Communication and Theatre, will serve as the interim director of MSU's George M. Luckey Jr. Academic Honors Program for the spring and summer terms of 2008.

He succeeds Dr. Marshall Chapman, who will return to teaching full-time in the Department of Physical Sciences. Dr. Chapman worked with the honors program for eight years, including about five years as director.

"I wish the honors program and Bob Willenbrink my best wishes and support," he said.

A two-time MSU graduate, Dr. Willenbrink received bachelor's and master's degrees in communications. He holds a doctoral degree in theatre from Bowling Green State University in Ohio. Since 2002, he has served as professor and department chair at MSU, and as the W. Paul and Lucille Caudill Little endowed chair of theatre since 2004.

Prior to his employment at MSU, Dr. Willenbrink was chair, director of theatre and professor in the Department of Speech, Theatre and Mass Communication at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway.

"I'm honored to serve in this capacity and look forward to continuing the excellence of the honors program at MSU," he said.

In its 120 years of existence, MSU has overcome many challenges and will do so again in the current state budget crisis, MSU President Wayne D. Andrews said here on Wednesday, Jan. 9.

He told an audience of faculty and staff members that the University will get through by staying true to its mission of being "a light to the mountains" and by working together.

MSU has been directed to develop plans to reduce its operating budget by as much as \$7.2 million by July 1.

"Although I am greatly concerned about this situation, it is reassuring to know that we have a good strategic plan and a solid business plan to guide us and that our leadership team is committed to doing what is best for the University," Dr. Andrews said during the spring semester convocation in historic Button Auditorium.

He added:

"No doubt our greatest challenge will be to strategically reduce budgets while protecting our core business of teaching and learning, scholarship and service. We must be willing to make reasonable adjustments in our processes and perhaps most importantly, we must work together."

Dr. Andrews stated it is imperative that the governor and the legislature work together to solve Kentucky's budget woes, but MSU has to do its share.

"We must do whatever it takes to make sure we are organized for maximum efficiency and effectiveness," said Dr. Andrews.

"We must make sure that our academic programs and our general education requirements are relevant in the 21st century and we have to be even more focused on our vision, mission and values."

It was announced that MSU's annual campus giving campaign had produced a record of \$200,841 in gifts from employees and retirees.

Service awards

MSU employees were recognized for years of service at a ceremony in December.

They were:

5 years: Marie Anderson, Michael Fultz, Julia Hypes, Philip Krummrich, Scott Meisel, Kerry Murphy, Jennifer O'Keefe, Chien-Chih Peng, Mark Stidham and Karen Taylor

10 years: Marshall Chapman, Larry Cowart, Darren DeMoss, David Eisenhour, Agnes Manley, Randy McCoy, Steve Parkansky, David Smith and Eric Swank.

15 years: Jeff Barker, Lynn Haller, Tonia Lewis, Wendell O'Brien, Janet Ratliff, Allen Risk and Brenda Wilburn.

20 years: Lisa Caskey, Loretta Lykins, Adrian Swain and Sue Vencill.

25 years: Andrea Cornett, Barbara Dehner, James Hall, Charles Mason, Jenny McKinney, Kathy Mincey and Elsie Pritchard.

30 years: Ruth Robinson

40 years: David Saxon.

People in the News

Four faculty members were awarded summer fellowships for creative productions. The individual \$5,000 awards were granted by the Research and Creative Productions Committee in MSU's Office of Research and Sponsored Programs. Those receiving the awards were: **Dr. Sherif Rashad**, assistant professor of computer science, for "Data Mining Approach for Location Management in 4G Wireless Heterogeneous Networks." **Dr. Allen**

Recognized as campaign co-chairs were Beth Patrick, vice president for planning, budgets and technology, and Dr. Clarendia Phillips, chair of the Department of Sociology, Social Work and Criminology.

Dr. Robert C. Dickeson, president emeritus of the University of Northern Colorado, was the convocation guest speaker.

He encouraged the MSU faculty to complete its ongoing academic audit so that the institution could reallocate resources to its priorities.

Dr. King tribute

The 22nd annual MSU celebration of the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will be a musical homage to the late civil rights icon.

"A Musical Tribute to Dr. King" will be the theme of the event, which will be held on Monday, Jan. 21.

The night's events will begin with the traditional candlelight vigil, slated to begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Little Bell Tower on MSU's campus.

Following the vigil, participants will march to the First Christian Church, located at 227 E. Main St., Morehead, for the main program.

The presentations will feature a collaboration of campus and community musicians and vocalists. Scheduled to perform are:

The First Christian Church Adult Choir and the church's Bell Choir; MSU's Tuba and Euphonium Ensemble and Black Gospel Ensemble; Marie Anderson, secretary specialist in Office of Multicultural Student Services; and Brian Harding and Danielle Cirelli, Morehead graduate students.

Musical selections will include various patriotic and/or sacred pieces. Among them will be: "We Shall Overcome," "Amazing Grace," "My Shepherd Shall Supply My Need," "Precious Lord," "Change is Gonna Come," "America" and "Lift Every Voice and Sing."

Also, the Lakeside Christian Academy Choir will be performing "I Have a Dream."

At the conclusion of the program, MSU President Wayne D. Andrews and Dr. Francene Botts-Butler, director of MSS, will offer closing remarks. A reception will follow. The event is sponsored by the MSS office, the President's Cultural Diversity Fund at MSU and the Rowan County Ministerial Association.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Botts-Butler at 783-2668.

Cline to retire

A retirement reception will be held in honor of Joe Cline, chief of police, on Tuesday, Jan. 29, from 3:30-5 p.m. in the Heritage Room of the Adron Doran University Center.

Chief Cline has served in the MSU Police Department since 2001 and was named Chief of Police in 2003. He is retiring effective Jan. 31.

Risk, professor of biology, for "Peat Mosses (Sphagnum) of the Cumberland Plateau." **Dr. Stephanie Welter**, assistant professor of biology, for "Variation in Pigmentation, Color Change Ability, and Behavioral Background Preferences in Dragonfly Larvae." **Dr. Kristina Wilson**, assistant professor of history, for "Lessons in Black and White: The Racial and Gender Socialization of White Children in the Jim Crow South."

Symposium set Job vacancies

With the strides females have made in the business world in recent years, it is important for women to keep up with the latest trends and growth areas.

With that in mind, MSU's Small Business Development Center in Paintsville will present its annual women's business conference on Feb. 19 in Prestonsburg.

The 9th Annual Big Sandy Women's Business Symposium will highlight "Women—The New Majority." The event will be held at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park.

The symposium will focus on the data that reveals that women are no longer considered a minority group in business, and that female-owned companies have shown the largest percentage of growth in the small business arena.

Special guest speakers will include Dr. Baretta Casey and Jackee Schwartz. Dr. Casey, professor of family medicine and vice chair of the University of Kentucky's Department of Family and Community Medicine, also is the director of UK's Center for Excellence in Rural Health.

Schwartz is the owner of How2Think.com and a certified instructor for Dr. Edward de Bono's "Six Thinking Hats."

The symposium will include exhibitor displays, networking opportunities and more, and is scheduled to be held from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. The fee is \$25.

Participants are invited to register online at <http://kysbdc.ecenterdirect.com/ConfSignup.asp?id=5161>, or by calling the SBDC at (606) 788-6022 or (606) 432-5848.

MSU's Small Business Development Center is located within the University's College of Business, and brings together a full range of services to small businesses. It is funded in part through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Ensemble band

Twenty-three student musicians at MSU participated in the Kentucky Intercollegiate Marching Band for Gov. Steve Beshear's inaugural parade on Dec. 11.

The intercollegiate ensemble was established by the Kentucky College and University Band Directors.

MSU marching band members performed with fellow students from colleges and universities across the state, all wearing their institution's uniforms as a visual symbol of individual school pride, yet marching together in fellowship with other schools' musicians.

The purpose of the multi-school group was to promote the spirit of the parade with a band that represents non-partisan, non-political, yet unanimous support for the office of the Governor of Kentucky. Additionally, it was intended to foster cooperation and good will among Kentucky collegiate band directors and their students.

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Chief of Police, University Police. Review of applications will begin Jan. 19 and will continue until the position is filled.

Assistant or Associate Professors of Science Education and Physical Science or Earth/Space Science (Tenure Track, Two Positions), Department of Physical Sciences beginning Aug. 7. Review of applications will begin on Jan. 30 and will continue until positions are filled.

Elmer & Donna Smith Endowed Faculty Chair, College of Business and Department of Information Systems beginning August 2008. Review of applications will begin March 1, 2008, and will continue until the position is filled.

Search Extended. Clinical Director, University Counseling Center. Review of new applications will begin March 1 and will continue until the position is filled.

Distance Instruction Librarian I or II, Camden-Carroll Library. To ensure consideration, apply by April 11.

Internal applicants should obtain a copy of the job opportunity posting from the Office of Human Resources indicating the application materials required for each position. Official transcripts are required for administrative positions.

A keyboarding exercise is required for secretarial, clerk/typist and dispatcher positions and must be completed prior to the position closing date. To register for this keyboarding exercise, contact the OHR at 783-2097.

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Open House

MSU's Office of Enrollment Services has announced its Open House dates for the spring. Scheduled on two Saturdays, Feb. 2 and March 8, from 9 a.m. until noon, the events will be held in the Adron Doran University Center on the Morehead campus.

According to Enrollment Services, the Open House events will be an excellent opportunity for students and families to discover why MSU has been named one of "America's Best Colleges" by U.S. News and World Report for the fourth year running.

University representatives will be available to meet students and families, answer questions, lead campus tours and share information concerning college life.

MSU earned a third place ranking among top tier public universities for faculty-to-student ratios and class size. Eighty-eight percent of the MSU faculty is full-time.

Students and families are encouraged to register for the Open House. To learn more about this event or to complete an online registration card, you may visit www.moreheadstate.edu/openhouse.

Additional information: 783-2000.

Happenings

Thursday, Jan. 17

Basketball: Lady Eagles vs. Samford University, Academic-Athletic Center, 5:15 p.m.

Basketball: Eagles vs. Samford University, AAC, 7:30 p.m.

Faculty recital: Dr. Jacob Roseman, flute, Duncan Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 19

Basketball: Lady Eagles vs. Jacksonville State University, AAC, 2 p.m.

Basketball: Eagles vs. Jacksonville State University, AAC, 4:15 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 21

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. birthday holiday, no classes or office hours; classes resume and offices reopen according to regular schedule on Tuesday, Jan 22.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Unity in the Community Candlelight March and Celebration, Little Bell Tower, 6:30 p.m., followed by service at First Christian Church, 227 E. Main St., Morehead.

Tuesday, Jan. 22

Kentucky Blood Center blood drive, on campus, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 24

Second Stage theatre production: "The Last Fraction Hero" and "Barbie Get Real," The Little Company, Lucille Little Theatre, Breckinridge Hall, 7:30 p.m., also Jan. 25.

Sophomore recital: Jonathan Payne, tuba, DRH, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 26

Rifle: Eagles vs. Akron, Button Rifle Range, 8 a.m.

Advisory board

The Community Advisory Board for Morehead State Public Radio will conduct its quarterly meeting on Sunday, Feb. 3, at 3 p.m.

The meeting will be held in the MSPR studios, located in Breckinridge Hall on the MSU campus. Meetings of the board are open to the public.

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