

IRAPP awarded \$733,000 grant for YouthBuild

MSU's Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy (IRAPP) was recently awarded a \$733,000 grant from the Department of Labor for a YouthBuild program.

In a highly competitive selection process, MSU's program was chosen as one of the most likely to complete the program's mission of "providing education and employment skills necessary to achieve economic self-sufficiency in occupations in high demand and post-secondary education and training opportunities."

Morehead State's YouthBuild program, specifically geared to help encourage Rowan County youths between the ages of 18-24 who are without a high school diploma or GED to further their education while attaining construction skills and certification, was one of only a handful of rural programs that were selected for funding. Fewer than 11 percent of existing rural programs were funded.

"We have been operating an effective YouthBuild program since 2005," said Loretta Carroll Stewart, YouthBuild director. "When the program was still under the Department of Housing and Urban Development, rural programs did not fare very well with the move to DOL, as evidenced from the small number of rural programs funded. But I believe that our track record of producing positive results, along with the strong community partnerships we have developed that are so very critical to the success of this type of program, were enough to convince the reviewers that although we might not be in Los Angeles or Boston, we are on the right track here in Morehead and know what we're doing."

Information and advertising announcing recruitment for a new class of participants is expected soon. Participants that meet the qualifications will earn a stipend to help meet their bills as they pursue educational opportunities and learn valuable construction skills. Additional information is available by calling Stewart at 783-9470.

Regent to speak

Morehead State alumnus and Regent Sylvia Lovely jokes about how she was born in city hall, but she's only half kidding. The small hospital in Menifee County where she was born was, indeed, transformed years later into the city hall.

Her first book, "New Cities in America: The Little Blue Book of Big Ideas," is published by Minerva Publishing and Butler Books and her second book "The Little Red Book of Everyday Heroes" is published by Clark Publishing.

Lovely will be on the Morehead State campus Wednesday, Nov. 7, for a presentation to MSU students and a book signing. Her speech, "How We the People Can Become Community Patriots" will start at 8 p.m. in the Crager Room of the Adron Doran University Center.

The book signing is scheduled for 9 p.m.

Her passion for civic engagement began long before she graduated from law school. Lovely speaks across the country, encouraging citizens to take similar action in building the kind of world and future they seek.

Lovely is a regular contributor to newspapers and publications and a featured commentator on various TV and radio programs.

Since 1990, she has been executive director and CEO of Kentucky League of Cities.

Non-traditional student month

MSU has a long and proud tradition of providing high quality credit and non-credit programs for non-traditional/commuter students. These are the same individuals who are raising children, keeping the household, and serving the community all while they go to school.

November is Non-Traditional/Commuter Student Month and several events are scheduled locally throughout the month.

On Tuesday, Nov. 6, students will host an opening ceremony on the first floor of the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC) beginning at 10:30 a.m. Aramark will help with the event.

Commuter Appreciation Day will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 14, at the bus stop between Lappin Hall and Combs Building. Refreshments, donated by Aramark, will be served.

The Favorite Faculty Day is set for Tuesday, Nov. 20, at 12:30 p.m. at the ADUC grill. A faculty member will eat free, compliments of Aramark.

On Tuesday, Nov. 27, in the ADUC grill at 11:30 a.m. will be the Open Forum.

Additional information on non-traditional programs is available from Jacquelyn Scott, non-traditional and commuter coordinator, at 783-2102 or by e-mail to j.scott@moreheadstate.edu.

Christmas books

The annual tradition of sharing the joys of reading with local children for the holiday season will continue this year with Storybook Christmas.

The Storybook Christmas project provides new books to low-income Rowan County children. The project has been sponsored for the past 19 years by the MSU Adult Learning Center and the Adult Basic Education and Literacy (ABEL) Advisory Council.

Parents, who are eligible based on income, are invited to select books for their children during Rowan County Christmas give-out day.

Donations of new children's books or monetary donations are being accepted now through Nov. 30. Checks should be made to MSU Foundations/SB Christmas, and mailed through campus mail to: Jennifer McKinney, Adult Learning Center, UPO Box 1337.

Books may be dropped off at the Adult Learning Center, 316 E. Main St., or call 3-2871 to arrange for someone to pick up book donations.

Online nursing

MSU's Department of Nursing is accepting applications for its online RN-BSN program.

Start your studies with "NURB 327: Transitions to Professional Nursing Practice," offered in the Spring 2008 semester, and open to all registered nurses. Additional information: 783-2639

People in the News

Seven faculty members accompanied 31 MSU students to Louisville in October to hear a speech given by former Soviet Union leader Mikhail Gorbachev. MSU faculty members who attended were: **Dr. Royal Berglee**, associate professor of geography; **Dr. Robert Frank**, associate professor of speech; **Dr. Sara Jones**, assistant professor of government; **Dr. Rebecca Katz**, associate professor of criminology; **Dr. Adrian Mandzy**, associate professor of history; **Dr. Randall Swain**, assistant professor of government; and **Dr. Kristina Wilson**, assistant professor of history. **LaDonna Purcell**, director of support services, has been elected vice president of the

MSU partners with community on water project

MSU has been awarded a five-year Non-Point Source Pollution grant from the Kentucky Division of Water and United States Environmental Protection Agency. The total of the grant, including match, is \$1.1 million.

This project represents a major collaborative effort between the Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy (IRAPP), Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences and Earth System Science at MSU.

An important element of this project involves collaborative partnerships between MSU and the City of Morehead, Rowan County Fiscal Court, Rowan County Health Department, Morehead Utility Plant Board, Kentucky Division of Water, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Agricultural Extension Service, Licking River Basin Team, Licking River Watershed Watch, the Natural Resource Conservation Service, and the USDA Forest Service.

The goal of the grant is to improve the quality of surface waters in the Triplett Creek watershed, hopefully to the extent that impaired streams can be removed from the state's Division of Water's impaired waters list. Triplett Creek has been listed as impaired under section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and is on the state's first priority list.

Two of the tributaries of Triplett Creek, Christy Creek and Dry Creek, are on the state's second priority list.

The primary means of achieving the stated goal will be the development and implementation of a watershed-based plan that prioritizes best management practices designed to reduce pollutants. IRAPP will coordinate efforts by all partners and arrange educational and participation workshops for interested citizens in Rowan County.

MSU biologists and geologists, who have studied water quality in the Triplett Creek watershed for the past 20 years, will monitor water quality before and after implementation of best management practices. The grant is a significant contribution to fulfilling MSU's mission to assist regional partners in efforts to act as better stewards of our natural and human resources.

The grant was co-written by April Haight, director of the Center for Environmental Education; Dr. Geoffrey Gearner, professor of biology; Dr. Steven Reid, associate professor of geology; and Dr. Christine McMichael, IRAPP assistant professor of geography.

Haight, who will serve as the project director, can be reached at 783-2455.

Kentucky Group, National Association of Educational Procurement for 2007-08. The NAEP is a professional organization whose mission is to facilitate the development, exchange and practice of effective and ethical procurement principles and techniques within higher education and associated communities, through continuing education, networking, public information and advocacy.

Dr. Benjamin Malphrus, professor of space science and director of the Space Science Center, was a co-presenter of a technical seminar on the KentuckySat (KySat) project at the University of Louisville's Speed School of Engineering on Oct. 26.

Job vacancies

INTERNAL

Customer Service Coordinator, Office of Enrollment Services. To ensure consideration, apply by Nov. 8.

EXTERNAL

Search Extended. Director of Facilities Planning and Operations #1438, Office of Facilities Management. To ensure consideration, apply by Nov. 1.

Assistant or Associate Professor of Sociology #1526 (Tenure Track), Department of Sociology, Social Work, and Criminology. To ensure consideration, application materials must be received by Nov. 1. However, position will remain open until filled.

General Management Consultant (West Liberty), Small Business Development Center. To ensure consideration, apply by Nov. 1.

Environmental Health and Safety Technician II, Office of Environmental Health and Safety. To ensure consideration, apply by Nov. 2.

Secretary Specialist (Nursing), Department of Nursing. To ensure consideration, apply by Nov. 8.

Chair #1517, Department of Psychology. Review of applications will begin Nov. 9 and will continue until the position is filled.

Site Coordinators (Two Positions), Gear Up Kentucky Program. Review of applications will begin Nov. 9 and will continue until positions are filled.

Career and Technical Education (CTE) Coordinator and Assistant/Associate Professor, Department of Agricultural and Human Sciences and Industrial and Engineering. To ensure consideration, apply by Nov. 15.

General Manager, University Bookstore. To ensure consideration, apply by Nov. 19.

Assistant Professors of Education (Tenure Track, Two Positions), Department of Curriculum and Instruction. Review of candidate materials will begin Dec. 14 and will continue until positions are filled.

Building Services Technician, Office of Facilities Management. Applications will begin Oct. 19, however, applications will continue to be accepted through Dec. 31 to fill positions if they become available.

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.

Morehead State University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action educator and employer with a strong commitment to community engagement.

MSPR forums

To assist in the planning to provide the best in educational, informational and entertainment programming, Morehead State Public Radio (MSPR) is holding a series of regional community forums.

The forums are scheduled at various locations in the region. MSPR staff will be available to discuss programming, policy and procedures. Light refreshments will be served. The public is invited to attend.

MSPR Regional Community Forum schedule will be: Monday, Nov. 5, MSU at Prestonsburg, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., main lobby, Postsecondary Education Center; Thursday, Nov. 8, MSU at Ashland, 10-11:30 a.m., Student Lounge, lower floor, Administration Building;

Monday, Nov. 12, MSU at West Liberty, 5-6:30 p.m., main lobby, MSU Academic Center; Thursday, Nov. 15, MSU at Mt. Sterling, 5-6:30 p.m., main lobby, Clay Community Center; and Monday, Nov. 19, MSU at Jackson, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., main lobby.

NOTICE OF JOB OPENING

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY. Responsibilities: Teach undergraduate and graduate courses in Industrial and Engineering Technology which may include Advanced Computer Aided Graphics, Electronic Composition, Computer Imaging, Photography, Duplication, Computer Simulation, Gaming, and Animation; coordinate the 2+2 completer program in Technology Management; develop online and distance education courses; conduct scholarly research in the discipline; advise students; participate in departmental and university service; and develop technical laboratories. **Qualifications:** Doctorate in Industrial Technology, Engineering Technology, Technology Management, Engineering, or closely related discipline; or possession of a terminal degree in a related discipline. ABD's who expect to complete their degree program by December 2008 may be considered. Excellent teaching skills and the potential to conduct scholarly research in the discipline. Ability to publish in scholarly journals and seek funding for research and/or laboratory/curriculum development. Good computer and multimedia skills. Excellent oral and written communication skills. **Desired Qualifications:** Industrial experience and/or professional license/certification.

This notice is posted as a result of the filing of an application for permanent alien labor certification with the U.S. Department of Labor for the Job Opportunity listed above. Any person may submit documentary evidence that has a bearing on this application for permanent employment certification, including information on available workers, wages and working conditions and the employer's failure to meet the terms and conditions for the employment of alien workers and co-workers. Such evidence should be submitted to: Certifying Officer, U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Atlanta National Processing Center, Harris Tower, 233 Peachtree Suite, N.E., Suite 410, Atlanta, GA 30303

Happenings

Thursday, Nov. 1

Folk art exhibit: "Hotbed, Folk Art from Elliott County," Kentucky Folk Art Center; exhibit runs through Dec. 30.

Art exhibit: "5 Maestros Michoacanos: Contemporary Mexican Art Exhibition," main gallery, Claypool-Young Art Building, through Nov. 2.

Basketball: Lady Eagles vs. Georgetown College (exhibition), Academic-Athletic Center, 5:15 p.m.

Basketball: Eagles vs. Mountain State University (exhibition), AAC, 7:30 p.m.

Second Stage Theatre Production: "On the Verge," Button Auditorium, 7:30 p.m., through Nov. 3.

Concert: MSU Jazz Ensemble II, Duncan Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 2

Volleyball: Eagles vs. University of Tennessee-Martin, Wetherby Gymnasium, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 3

Kentucky Music Educators Association String Solo and Ensemble Festival Day, for area students, Baird Music Hall, all day.

Volleyball: Eagles vs. Murray State University, WG, 11 a.m.

Football: Eagles vs. Drake University, Jayne Stadium, 1 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 5

Registration for Spring 2008 term, online, all campuses, assistance available in academic departments from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., through Nov. 8; transfer student registration, Nov. 9.

Morehead State Public Radio (MSPR) regional community forum, MSU at Prestonsburg, main lobby, Postsecondary Education Center 11 a.m., also Nov. 8, MSU at Ashland, Student Lounge, lower floor, Administration Building, 10 a.m.

Basketball: Eagles vs. Berea College (exhibition), AAC, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 6

Basketball: Lady Eagles vs. Kentucky Christian University (exhibition), AAC, 7 p.m.

Concert: MSU Concert Band, DRH, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 7

14th Annual MPATE (Math, Physics and Technology Exploration) Day, for area high school students, various campus locations, all day.

Wellness Center workshop: exercise programs, WC classroom, 3 p.m.

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