

CPE task force releases report on readiness

Morehead State University President Wayne D. Andrews and other Kentucky higher education leaders recently unveiled a statewide plan designed to improve college readiness for students.

The Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education's (CPE) Developmental Education Task Force released its suggestions for reducing the number of students who are academically underprepared for postsecondary education, and for better supporting and retaining those students.

The task force's report, "Securing Kentucky's Future: A Plan for Improving College Readiness and Success," was released Feb. 12 and outlines six core suggestions.

They include: updating college admissions regulations, creating an integrated accountability system tied to performance funding; funding infrastructure improvement; aligning college readiness standards and tie to educator professional development; better linking educator preparation to college readiness; and developing early student interventions.

"These recommendations outline a comprehensive strategy to tackle the challenges Kentucky faces in the area of college preparation and success," said Tom Layzell, president of the CPE.

The council's Quality and Accountability Policy Group formed the task force as a result of recent reports showing that in both 2002 and 2004, just more than 50 percent of first-time freshmen did not meet the council's standard for preparation in math, English and reading. Members of the task force included representation from all sectors of education as well as state leaders in the legislative and executive branches.

The group looks at the roles of higher education institutions, as well as what middle and high schools can do toward attaining the long-term goal of increasing the number of people holding college degrees in Kentucky.

By raising educational attainment to the national average by 2020, the state will attract higher wage and knowledge-based business and industry and the overall quality of life for Kentuckians is projected to improve in several areas.

Fitness training

Want to learn the correct way to get back into shape while avoiding injuries?

Morehead State University's Wellness Center is offering workshops designed to teach you how to exercise with proper techniques for maximum efficiency and safety. The Wellness Center exercise science interns will present body resistance training workshops throughout the month of March.

The schedule will be as follows: Chest and triceps, March 5 and 7, 5 p.m.; Hamstrings, March 13, 5 p.m. and March 15 at 7 a.m.; and Back, biceps, and shoulders, March 26 and 28, 5 p.m. All sessions will be held in the MSU Wellness Center classroom.

Also at the Wellness Center in March, Dr. John Warber, registered dietician and assistant professor of human sciences, will continue his series about the food we eat. The classes are scheduled on Tuesdays from 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The workshops are free for all MSU students, faculty, staff and community. Additional information: 783-2083.

Dance ensemble to present show

One of MSU's newest academic programs is keeping students on their toes - literally.

The University's dance program, currently being developed into an academic minor, features practical instruction in contemporary dance forms, according to Ashley L. Suttlar, assistant professor of dance and director of the MSU Dance Ensemble.

Suttlar holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts in dance performance and choreography from Virginia Commonwealth University, and a Master of Fine Arts degree in dance from Temple University.

From 2001-05, she worked as a performance artist in Philadelphia, and is a former member of both Paule Turner's Court and Charles O. Anderson's Dance Theatre X. She also has performed with Tania Isaac Dance Projects, Darla Stanley, Melanie Stewart Dance Theater and Kariam Welsh. Her work has been presented at numerous festivals, conferences and universities.

As the director of MSU's Dance Ensemble, Suttlar is coordinating the group's second annual concert, "Canvas," to be held at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 22-24 in the Lucille Little Theatre within Breckinridge Hall.

Seven student choreographers will participate in the event, showcasing a variety of dance styles as solos or small groups. The Dance Ensemble will perform two works, both choreographed by Suttlar.

"Canvas" tickets are available for \$8 for adults, and free to MSU students with a valid EagleCard ID. Reservations are suggested and may be made by calling the Theatre Box Office at 783-2170.

Dr. Little on KET

MSU faculty member Dr. Ricky Little will be featured in a performance that will be aired on Kentucky Educational Television (KET).

Dr. Little, associate professor of music, will appear in the documentary "The Spirituals," which will be aired on KET 1 and 2, Feb. 24, 25 and 27. An assistant conductor and soloist with The American Spiritual Ensemble, he speaks and performs in the film.

"The Spirituals" made its world premiere in October 2006. Directed and filmed by Mexican-American filmmakers Ari Luis Palos, and Eren McGinnis of Dos Vatos Productions, "The Spirituals" documents the story of the Negro spiritual and features The American Spiritual Ensemble.

"The Spirituals" will air Saturday, Feb. 24 at 7 p.m., KET1; Sunday, Feb. 25 at 3:30 a.m., KET1, and at 4 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. on KET2; and Tuesday, Feb. 27, at 2 a.m., KET1 (all Eastern time).

Dr. Little earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in music from Oakwood College, and the Master of Arts in vocal pedagogy and the Doctor of Musical Arts in vocal performance from The Ohio State University.

People in the News

Dr. J. Dudley Herron, retired chair of the Department of Physical Sciences at MSU, has been honored by the American Chemical Society with the ACS Award for Achievement in Research for the Teaching and Learning of Chemistry. Recipients are honored for contributions of major significance to chemistry. Dr. Herron and other award winners will be honored at the Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, March 27, in conjunction with the 233rd ACS national meeting in Chicago.

Dr. Brenda Wilburn, associate professor

Women's history to be celebrated in music, more

Several events celebrating the contribution of females to history and culture will be featured at MSU in March.

In observance of Women's History Month, the Interdisciplinary Women's Studies Program will sponsor a jazz performance, a legal lecture by an MSU alumnus, and a reading by a prominent Appalachian writer.

The Lynne Arriale Jazz Trio will kick off the month-long celebration with a concert on Thursday, March 8 in Duncan Recital Hall within Baird Music Hall. The trio's performance, slated to begin at 8 p.m., is free and open to the public.

Arriale has long been critically acclaimed as having a "singular voice" as a pianist, composer, arranger and trio leader.

Arriale's visit and concert are sponsored by Morehead State's Buckner and Sally S. Hinkle Endowment for Humanities, Morehead State Public Radio, Caudill College of Humanities, Department of Music, and Interdisciplinary Women's Studies Program, as well as the Southern Arts Federation and Rocco's Ristorante in Ceredo, W.Va.

Also on March 8, the Student Association for Feminist Thought (S.A.F.T) is hosting "International Women's Day Poetry Reading" at 4:30 p.m. on the first floor of the Adron Doran University Center.

Local attorney Earl Rogers III will discuss women's legal rights in his lecture, "Marriage and Divorce in Kentucky: Women's Rights and Responsibilities," on Wednesday, March 14, at 4:30 p.m. in 2 Breckinridge Hall.

Rogers, a 1989 graduate of MSU, earned his law degree at the University of Louisville. His practice includes criminal defense, domestic litigation and more, and he also is the master commissioner for his native Bath County. Co-sponsors of Rogers' lecture are the Department of Geography, Government and History, and the Appalachian Studies Program.

TRiO Day set

MSU will host TRiO Day, on Saturday, Feb. 24, on the campus. More than 400 students from 15 institutions across the state are expected to attend.

For more than 30 years, TRiO Programs (Talent Search, Upward Bound, Upward Bound Math/Science, Veterans Upward Bound, Student Support Service, Educational Opportunity Centers and the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Program) have been providing valuable support services to help students who are economically disadvantaged or from working families to successfully enter college and graduate.

of nursing, earned the Doctor of Public Health (Dr.P.H.) degree with a focus on health behavior in December from the University of Kentucky. She primarily teaches within the Baccalaureate Nursing Program (BNP). A licensed nurse since 1979, a registered nurse since 1986 and an advanced practice nurse since 1995, she has earned National Certifications as a Nurse Educator from the National League of Nursing and Family Nurse Practitioner and School Nurse Practitioner from the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

Trumpeting...

The MSU Trumpet Ensemble has been invited to compete in the National Trumpet Competition which will be held March 14-18 on the campus of George Mason University in Fairfax, Va.

The students are under the direction of Greg Wing, assistant professor of music/trumpet.

The National Trumpet Competition, which was begun in 1992, is now the largest single instrument competition in the world.

Held annually at George Mason University, the competition provides performing and educational opportunities for students from the middle school through the collegiate level, representing 40 states and six foreign countries.

Music professors and professional musicians from across the nation have donated their time to serve as judges for the semi-final and final rounds of the competition.

Not only does NTC sponsor the annual student competition, artists such as Doc Severinsen, the Canadian Brass, Arturo Sandoval, Maynard Ferguson and Phil Smith have performed at exhibition concerts for the competition, providing inspiration for the students.

Each year, the National Trumpet Competition receives thousands of entries from around the country. "To be asked to compete in the semi-finals round on this level is indeed an honor," Wing said.

Additional information regarding the competition can be found at www.nationaltrumpetcomp.org or from Wing by calling 783-2401 or sending a message to g.wing@moreheadstate.edu.

Courses offered

MSU has nearly 70 different courses which will begin on the main campus or at its regional campuses later this semester.

To view the options, access MSU's Web site, www.moreheadstate.edu, select class schedule from the current students' portal; then select Second Half Semester to view the list. Registration information, and other frequently asked questions, is available on the Eagle Express Lane.

The MSU at Mt. Sterling regional campus will offer six classes: SOC 376, Industrial Sociology, March 2-17; PSY 154, Introduction to Psychology, March 12-May 11; EDGC 105, Career Planning, March 17-May 11; MSU 400, The World of Work, March 17-May 11; MSU 399, Manipulating Digital Images, March 31-April 28;

Among the classes offered at MSU at Prestonsburg are: MSU 399, Outdoor Recreation, March 17-May 5; GEO 300, World Geography, March 17-May 11;

Offered at all five regional campuses—Ashland, Jackson, Mt. Sterling, Prestonsburg and West Liberty—is GOVT 351, Public Administration, March 30-April 28.

Additional information: (800) 585-6781, option #3; or 783-2008.

Job vacancies

EXTERNAL

First Steps Program Evaluation Specialist #1446 (Fixed-Term), Department of Curriculum and Instruction. To ensure consideration, apply by March 11.

Extended Search. Senior Enrollment Services Counselor for Diversity #1408, Office of Enrollment Services. To ensure consideration, apply by February 22.

Clinical Director of University Counseling Center #1424, University Counseling Center beginning July 1. Review of applications will begin on March 2 and will continue until the position is filled.

Assistant Professor of Music-Clarinet #1445 (Tenure Track), Department of Music beginning August 2007. Review of applications will begin March 23 and will continue until the position is filled.

Assistant Professor of Music-Flute #1444 (Tenure Track), Department of Music beginning August 2007. Review of applications will begin March 23 and will continue until the position is filled.

Assistant Professor of Imaging Sciences #1406 (Tenure Track), Department of Imaging Sciences beginning August 2007. Review of applications will begin March 26, 2007 and will continue until the position is filled.

Assistant Professor of Health Education #1442 (Tenure Track), Department of Health, Physical Education and Sport Sciences beginning August 2007. Review of applications will begin March 26 and will continue until the position is filled.

Building Services Technician #1390, Office of Physical Plant. This announcement is to invite applications for the purpose of establishing a pool of applicants from which to select full-time, fixed-term Building Services Technician vacancies that occur through June 30.

Police Officer #1436, MSU Police Department. This announcement is to invite applications for the purpose of establishing a pool of applicants from which to select as Police Officer vacancies that occur through Dec. 31. Applications will continue to be accepted until this date.

Police Telecommunicator #1437, MSU Police Department. This announcement is to invite applications for the purpose of establishing a pool of applicants from which to select as Police Telecommunicator vacancies that occur through Dec. 31. Applicants will continue to be accepted until this date.

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 exercise, contact the OHR at 783-2097.

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Happenings

Thursday, Feb. 22

Presentation: Visiting artist Yoko Sekino-Bovo, ceramics, 10:20 a.m. and 12:40 p.m. main gallery, Claypool-Young Art Building.

Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) Program orientations: MSU at West Liberty, 150 University Drive, 5:30 p.m.; and MSU at Mt. Sterling, 3400 Indian Mound Drive, 7 p.m.

Folk art exhibit: "Against the Grain: Minnie Adkins, Kentucky Folk Carver," through May 27, charge; opening reception, Feb. 22, 6 p.m.

Dance production: "Canvas," Lucille Little Theatre, Breckinridge Hall, 7:30 p.m., through Feb. 24.

Friday, Feb. 23

Baseball: Eagles vs. Bluefield State College, Allen Field, 1 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 24

Baseball: Eagles vs. Butler (doubleheader), AF, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.; also Feb. 25, noon.

Kentucky TRiO Day, for high school and college students in Upward Bound, Student Support Services, Talent Search and Education Opportunity Center programs, featuring academic competitions, tours, more, on campus, all day.

Music Admissions and Scholarship Auditions, Baird Music Hall, TBA.

Tuesday, Feb. 27

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

Wednesday, Feb. 28

Baseball: Eagles vs. Georgetown College, AF, noon.

Friday, March 2

Baseball: Eagles vs. Oakland, AF, 2 p.m., also March 3, 2 p.m. and March 4, 1 p.m.

Guest recital: John Sampen, saxophone, DRH, 8 p.m.

Saturday, March 3

2nd Annual String Day, featuring clinics, master classes, concerts, more, DRH, all day.

Tennis: Lady Eagles and Eagles vs.

Georgetown College, Sadler Courts, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Sunday, March 4

Senior recitals: Emily Listerman-McCafferty, flute, DRH, 3 p.m.; Clark Walker, voice, DRH, 5 p.m.

Recital: George Palton, tuba, DRH, 8 p.m.

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