

Morehead State University

Class of 2024

Fall Commencement

Saturday, December 14, 2024



The Program

Fall Commencement

Saturday, December 14, 2024 – 10:30 a.m.

Academic-Athletic Center

Processional Pomp and Circumstance by Elgar
Dr. Nathan Stites, Piano

Special Music Mr. Will Young

National Anthem Ms. Alura Schaum
Words by Francis Scott Key Dr. Nathan Stites, Piano
Music by John Stafford Smith

Opening of Ceremony Prof. Elizabeth Mesa-Gaido
Grand Marshal and Mace Bearer

Welcome and Introductions Dr. Joseph A. (Jay) Morgan
President

Presentation of Honorary Doctoral Degree President Morgan

Dr. Aristófanés Cedeño, Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters

Introduction of Student Representative Dr. Rajeev Parikh
Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Commencement Address Ms. Kaylee Whitaker
Student Representative

Presentation of Candidates for Degrees Dr. Parikh

Dr. Christopher Schroeder
Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education and Student Success

Dr. Johnathan Nelson
Dean, Elmer R. Smith College of Business and Technology

Dr. April D. Miller
Dean, Ernst and Sara Lane Volgenau College of Education

Dean, College of Science and Engineering

Dean, Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Conferring of Degrees.....President Morgan

Commissioning of ROTC Officers LTC Stephen T. Strack

Alumni Association InductionMr. Rick Hesterberg

Music by Betty Jo Whitt (1952)

Closing of Ceremony.....Prof. Mesa-Gaido

Recessional..... Mr. Will Young

Marshals

Prof. Elizabeth Mesa-Gaido

Dr. Kimberlee A. Sharp

The University

Administration

Dr. Joseph A. (Jay) Morgan
President

Dr. Caroline L. Atkins
Chief Diversity Officer

Dr. Rajeev Parikh
*Interim Provost and Vice President for
Academic Affairs*

Dr. Johnathan K. Nelson
*Dean, Elmer R. Smith College of Business
and Technology*

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Dr. April D. Miller
*Dean, Ernst and Sara Lane Volgenau College
of Education*

Ms. Mary Fister-Tucker
Vice President for Fiscal Services

Dr. Ahmad Zagari
Dean, College of Science and Engineering

Mr. Rick Hesterberg
Vice President for University Advancement

Dr. Sylvia Henneberg
*Dean, Caudill College of Arts, Humanities
and Social Sciences*

Mr. Russell F. Mast
Vice President for Student Affairs

Dr. Susan Maxey
Director, The Graduate School

Board of Regents

Ms. Rhonda Blackburn
Pikeville, KY

Mr. Sanford Holbrook
Mt. Olivet, KY

Dr. Joel Pace
Morehead, KY

Mr. Brady Lawson
Ezel, KY

Mr. Arthur Walker III
Mt. Sterling, KY

Mr. Craig Preece
Debord, KY

Mr. Adam Hinton
Flemingsburg, KY

Mr. Eric E. Howard
Lexington, KY

Dr. Joyce Stubbs
Olive Hill, KY

Mr. John Holbrook
Sandy Hook, KY

Mr. Wayne Martin
Winchester, KY

Commencement Profiles

Dr. Joseph A. (Jay) Morgan has served as the 14th president of Morehead State University since July 1, 2017. His focus at MSU has been on student success, performance outcomes, academic excellence, as well as university rankings and responsiveness to the region.



Prior to service at MSU, Dr. Morgan served as the state-wide chief academic officer and vice president for academic affairs and student success for the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education in Frankfort. Before state-wide service at the Council, Dr. Morgan served as provost and vice president for academic affairs at Murray State University, as well as associate provost, university faculty regent, leadership program director, graduate program coordinator, professor, and teacher educator. He also has career service in business and as a high school teacher and coach.

Dr. Morgan holds a Ph.D. from Oklahoma State University, a B.S. and an M.S. from Murray State University, and completed a graduate track for school superintendent, as well as a certificate in management from Vanderbilt University.

Dr. Morgan served as Board Chair of the Council of Presidents of the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference/ Division 1, as well as Board Chair of the Pioneer Football League, among other boards. He is a former board of trustees and executive council member of the Southern Association of College and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). He has also served as a board member of a medical university, vice chair of a public university board, an economic development board, a bank board, the Kentucky Educational Professional Standards Board administering public school teacher licensing and educational standards, and on several foundation boards and state financial boards. Additionally, his former public service includes four terms as an elected member of a city council, board president of a chamber of commerce, board chair of the United Way, was formerly named Citizen of the Year, is a Rotarian, and has been involved with economic development, banking and other regional initiatives. He has taught, worked and traveled in more than 15 countries for academics, business, research, and development.

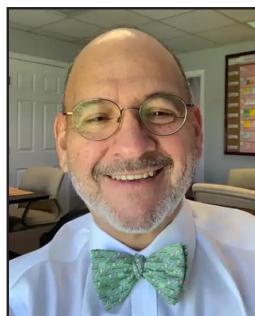
Since joining MSU, the University has broken records for private fundraising for scholarships, university graduation rates, grants and contracts, federal appropriations, and foundation endowments, and achieved record highs in U.S. News and World Report rankings. He has led the way for a new science and engineering building, two new residence halls, a new music and business building, and major renovations to a number of academic buildings and athletic facilities. His tenure has marked over \$300 million in campus facility improvements.

Dr. Morgan notes that MSU is striving to become a Top 10 Regional University in the South by staying focused on student success, and we are well on our way.

Commencement Profiles

Doctor of Humane Letters Recipient **Aristófanés Cedeño, Executive Director Emeritus**

Born and raised in Panama, Dr. Aristófanés Cedeño earned the degree of Attorney at Law at the University of Panama, where he taught political science before moving to the U.S. Once here, he earned a Ph.D. in Spanish Literature from Michigan State University.



For 15 years, Dr. Cedeño worked as a professor at the University of Louisville. He has published a book on Panamanian culture. His research interests include natural law, the 19th century, and the Romantic Movement, and he has published and edited a book and several papers in these areas.

Dr. Cedeño joined the Governor's Scholars Program (GSP) as faculty in 1992 and has served the program as campus director (Northern Kentucky University, 1995-2001), academic dean (1998-present), and executive director (2006-present).

Dr. Cedeño has completed appointments as an American Council on Education (ACE) Fellow (2006-2007, University of Pittsburgh) and a Bingham Fellow (Louisville, 2012). He currently serves on the Board of the Kentucky Humanities Council and the National Conference of Governor's Schools.

Commencement Profiles

Kaylee Whitaker of Whitesburg is the commencement speaker representing the Ernst & Sara Lane Volgenau College of Education. She is the daughter of Lance and Rhoda Whitaker (Class of 1995, 1997) and the sister of Courtney Whitaker (Class of 2024) and current MSU student Lance Ethan Whitaker. She will graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in Middle Grades (5-9) Mathematics & English Language Arts/Linguistics.



Whitaker is a Kentucky Scholar and an Alumni Scholarship recipient. She was named to the Dean's List for eight consecutive semesters and passed all three Praxis certification tests before graduation.

As an undergraduate student, Whitaker was a Kappa Delta Sorority member, serving as a Panhellenic Delegate Alternate from November 2022 to November 2023 and Sister Enrichment Team (SET) Leader from August 2022 to March 2023. She also received the Kappa Delta Foundation Scholarship. In April 2023, she was named to the Order of Omega Society, which comprises the top 3% of fraternity/sorority juniors and seniors on campus.

In addition to working for MSU as a credentials specialist assistant work-study for the Office of Enrollment Services, Whitaker helped bring the Kentucky Education Association – Aspiring Educators student organization back to campus in October 2022 and served as the organization's secretary from October 2022 to October 2023.

Whitaker plans to continue her education at MSU as a graduate student and will enroll in the Master of Arts in Education program with a mathematics concentration in Fall 2025.

Candidates for Degrees

Subject to the completion of all curriculum requirements, degrees will be conferred upon those listed herein and upon such others as may meet the graduation requirements. An asterisk represents students who are earning two degrees simultaneously. A double asterisk represents students who are being awarded a degree posthumously.

Graduate Degrees

Ernst and Sara Lane Volgenau College of Education

Candidates for the degree Education Specialist

David Michael Griffith

Kimper, KY

Instructional Leadership

Kortney Nichole Nichols

Louisa, KY

Instructional Leadership

Candidates for the degree Master of Arts

Carlie Mae Bryan

Ashland, KY

Counseling P-12

Travis Hardin

Bowling Green, KY

Adult and Higher Education

Stephanie G. Clemons

Mt. Sterling, KY

Counseling P-12

Carly Pratt

South Point, OH

Counseling P-12

Candidates for the degree Master of Arts in Teaching

Haley Danielle Arrasmith

Mt. Sterling, KY

Spanish

Brandon D. Elliott

Mt. Sterling, KY

Secondary English

Kristen L. Cantrell

Mt. Sterling, KY

*Interdisciplinary Early Childhood
Education*

Marwa Elsayed

Union, KY

Spanish

Brittany Ryan Dennis

Morehead, KY

Middle Grades Science

Phyllis Ann Helton

Means, KY

*Interdisciplinary Early Childhood
Education*

Jordan Leah Dixon

Ashland, KY

Spanish

Jarin Trey Higginbotham

Liberty Township, OH

Physical Education

Nathan Donald Lewis
Flemingsburg, KY
Middle Grades Science

Kellyn Laken Newsome
Inez, KY
Health

Carrie Abigail Rose Sargent
West Liberty, KY
Secondary Mathematics

Joshua Stephenson
Crestview Hills, KY
Secondary Social Studies

Elmer R. Smith College of Business and Technology

Candidates for the degree Master of Arts

Charles H. Rice
Maysville, KY
Sport Management

Candidates for the degree Master of Business Administration

Alisha Eagan
Semmes, AL
Business Administration

Matthew Alexander Hylton
West Liberty, KY
Business Administration

Justin D. Franzer
Coldwater, OH
Business Administration

College of Science and Engineering

Candidates for the degree Master of Science

Ada Bailey Ahmadi
Scottsville, KY
Career and Technical Education -
Agriculture

Tara Marie Bello
Santa Clarita, CA
Clinical Psychology

Zachary R. Crawford
Maysville, KY
Engineering and Technology
Management

MacKenzie Paige Neal
Richmond, KY
Biology

Vincent Onorato
Grayson, KY
Engineering and Technology
Management

Patrick Coleman Perkins III
Boston, MA
Engineering and Technology
Management

Antonio Pires

Brasilia, Brasil

Space Systems Engineering

Candidates for the degree Master of Science in Nursing

Taylor Leanne Henry

Jackson, KY

Family Nurse Practitioner,

Primary Care

Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Candidates for the degree Master of Arts

Israel E. Booker

Manchester, OH

General Sociology

Tiffany Nicole Drury

Lawrenceburg, KY

Communication

Sara Nicole Finley

Pendleton, KY

Communication

Starla Marie Livingood

Morehead, KY

General Sociology

Candidates for the degree Master of Music

Nicholas Lee Brewer

Lenore, WV

Music Education

Candidates for the degree Master of Public Administration

Brittany D. McIntyre

Carrollton, KY

Public Administration

Marques Young

Hughesville, MD

Public Administration

Undergraduate Degrees

Ernst and Sara Lane Volgenau College of Education

Candidates for the degree Bachelor of Arts

Hannah Rose Arnett

Ashland, KY

Early Elementary P-5

Jayla Brooke Bailey

Olive Hill, KY

Early Elementary P-5

Nancy Grace Bailey

Salyersville, KY

Early Elementary P-5

Chasidy Nicole Belcher

Belfry, KY

Early Elementary P-5

Rebecca Jewell Best

Falmouth, KY

Early Elementary P-5

Sydney Marie Bunch

Belfry, KY

Early Elementary P-5

McKenzie Claire Chandler

Middletown, OH

Middle Grades 5-9

Abigail O'Rourke Church

Ashland, KY

Early Elementary P-5

Kaleb Marshall Cobb

Hazard, KY

Middle Grades 5-9

Danielle Lawanda Deborah Deaton

West Liberty, KY

Middle Grades 5-9

Isabella Jade Gilvin

Maysville, KY

Early Elementary P-5

Madison Marie Graham

Ashland, KY

*Interdisciplinary Early Childhood
Education*

Abigail Faith Hayden

Inez, KY

*Learning and Behavior Disorders
and 5-9*

Haley Vann Hignite

Grayson, KY

Child Development

Steven Dewayne Howard

Prestonsburg, KY

Early Elementary P-5

Hannah Beth Jarvis

Grayson, KY

*Learning and Behavior Disorders
and P-5*

Abigail Taylor Jenkins

Salyersville, KY

Early Elementary P-5

Jesse Wynne Johnson

Galveston, KY

Early Elementary P-5

Haiden Nichole Jones

Ashland, KY

Middle Grades 5-9

Lillian Kinser

Louisa, KY

Early Elementary P-5

Preston Allen Ledford

Ashland, KY

Early Elementary P-5

James Michael Lockwood

*Downingtown, PA
Social Studies, Teaching*

Emily Alexandra McCreary

*Ashland, KY
Early Elementary P-5*

Chloe Anne Minton

*Portsmouth, OH
Early Elementary P-5*

Emily Brooke Moore

*Morehead, KY
Early Elementary P-5*

Madison J. Moore

*Salyersville, KY
Early Elementary P-5*

Briley Noel Morris

*Sellersburg, IN
Early Elementary P-5*

Madison Ruth Murray

*Paintsville, KY
Middle Grades 5-9*

Ashton Brooke Robinette

*Ashland, KY
Early Elementary P-5*

Ashley Madison Roe

*Olive Hill, KY
Early Elementary P-5*

Hailey Renee Sallee

*Louisville, KY
Learning and Behavior Disorders
and P-5*

Hanna Beth Sargent

*West Liberty, KY
Early Elementary P-5*

Sydney Alise Shepherd

*Ashland, KY
Early Elementary P-5*

Katelyn Nicole Spence

*Flatgap, KY
Early Elementary P-5*

Katelyn Marie Stewart

*Grayson, KY
Middle Grades 5-9*

Hannah Marie Tackett

*Martha, KY
Middle Grades 5-9*

Allie Taylor Thomas

*Grayson, KY
Early Elementary P-5*

Isabella Grace Thomas

*Owingsville, KY
Moderate and Severe Disabilities
and P-5*

Kaylee J. Whitaker

*Whitesburg, KY
Middle Grades 5-9*

Elmer R. Smith College of Business and Technology

Candidates for the degree Bachelor of Business Administration

Morgan N. Adams

*Rush, KY
General Business*

Julie Anne Alsip

*Winchester, KY
Accounting*

Kelsey Elizabeth Bentley

*Wellington, KY
General Management*

Christiana Alexandria Brooks

*Morehead, KY
General Business*

Hayleigh Jo Buckler

Ashland, KY

Information Systems

Charles Calvert

Scottsville, KY

General Business

Cameron Braden Chadwick

Mt. Sterling, KY

Accounting

Evan Thomas Cole

Louisville, KY

Information Systems

Carter Brian Cravens

Cypress, TX

Finance

Nick Dottore

Chagrin Falls, OH

Marketing

Jacob Engle

Charleston, WV

General Management

Dylan Michael Fitch

Inez, KY

Finance

Naol Fufa

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Marketing

Stephanie Heaven Fulmer

Cincinnati, OH

Small Business Management and

Entrepreneurship

Ruby Jada Gauze

Belfry, KY

Accounting

Sarah Elizabeth Hatfield

Morehead, KY

General Management

Erica Rose Hickman

Lawrenceburg, KY

Small Business Management and

Entrepreneurship

Hannah Elizabeth Kelley

Grayson, KY

Finance

Brandon Keith Kersey

Ashland, KY

Accounting

Luz Elena Leal

Winchester, KY

Health Care Management

Chase E. Lyons

Morehead, KY

Finance

John Dilan Maxey

Hillsboro, KY

Marketing

Alexander Walden McBrayer

Portland, OR

General Business

Adam C. McCarty

Morehead, KY

General Management

Mason Benson McClanahan

Augusta, KY

General Business

Emily G. McGrady

Shelbyville, KY

Small Business Management and

Entrepreneurship

Chad Tyson Morton

Mt. Sterling, KY

General Business

Andrew D. Owens

Pikeville, KY

Marketing

Jayla Renee Roe
Olive Hill, KY
General Management

Jonah Robert Stanley
Salt Lick, KY
General Management

Kyler Laine Stewart
Richmond, KY
General Management

Rory Evelyn Taylor
Dry Ridge, KY
General Management

Paul Zachary Thompson
Prestonsburg, KY
General Business

Stephanie Erin Thompson
Mt. Sterling, KY
General Management

Michael R. Turner
Viper, KY
General Business

Nolan Chance Wooten
Clarksburg, WV
General Management

Candidates for the degree Associate of Applied Science

Isaac Hunter Link
Mt. Washington, KY
Business Studies

Dijonea Palmer
Florence, KY
Business Studies

College of Science and Engineering

Candidates for the degree Bachelor of Arts

Kylie Morgan Abbott
Manchester, OH
Health Promotion

Amberlee Shae Cottle
West Liberty, KY
Health Promotion

Aleah Tylar Cummins
Brooksville, KY
Health Promotion

Karington Little
Lexington, KY
Psychology

Skyla S. Simmons
Louisville, KY
Health Promotion

Candidates for the degree Bachelor of Science

Kevin Ryan Adams

Morehead, KY

Chemistry

Grant Michael Amshoff

Bardstown, KY

Mathematics - Actuarial

Noah Parker Benza

Hebron, KY

Construction Management &

Civil Engineering Technology

Shelbie Anne Black*

Somerset, KY

Biology

Chemistry

Michael Oshel Bledsoe

Olive Hill, KY

Construction Management &

Civil Engineering Technology

Spencer Cole Bond

Olive Hill, KY

Exercise Science

Courtney Lynn Bowling

Jackson, KY

Mathematics - MSU Teach

Natasha Nicole Bowman

Pikeville, KY

Biomedical Sciences

Kirsten Haley Brown

Madison, IN

Horticulture

Landon S. Brown

Paris, KY

Agribusiness

Audrey Kay Burton

Russell Springs, KY

Veterinary Science

Mackenzie Hope Bush

Grayson, KY

General Agriculture

Kariss Alexandra Canaday

Lexington, KY

Equine Science

Georganna Mae Carpenter

Brooksville, KY

Exercise Science

Milea Faith Clayborn

Olive Hill, KY

Veterinary Science

Sophea Mae Dalton

Butler, KY

Animal Science

Maggie Anne Davis

Georgetown, KY

Neuroscience

McKayla Renae Davis

Paintsville, KY

Agriculture Education Teaching

Audrey Allannah Dawson

Louisville, KY

Psychology

Olivia Faith Dragoo

Ripley, OH

Exercise Science

Jeffrey Elam

West Liberty, KY

Computer Science - Gaming

Peyton Raymond Fairchild

Petersburg, KY

Earth Systems - Geology

Caleb Marlin Fannin

Flemingsburg, KY

Systems Engineering -

Mechatronics Systems

Jackson M. Feltner

Louisa, KY

Construction Management &

Civil Engineering Technology

Brian Landon Fitch

Catlettsburg, KY

Computer Science

Christopher Chase Fraley

East Point, KY

Systems Engineering -

Mechatronics Systems

Markita Michelle Gamsby

Grayson, KY

Exercise Science

Caleb Parker Gilliam

West Liberty, KY

Mechanical and Manufacturing

Engineering Technology

Jacob W. Handshoe

Hindman, KY

Biology

Kashawn Patrick Harrison

Louisville, KY

Exercise Science

Christopher C. Henderson

Waco, KY

Mechanical and Manufacturing

Engineering Technology

Keller Christopher Holloway

Centerville, OH

Biological Sciences - MSU Teach

John Tyler Hoskins

West Liberty, KY

Systems Engineering - Mechatronics

Systems

Kaitlyn Marie Howard

San Antonio, TX

Biology

John Lucas Hubbard

Manchester, KY

Construction Management & Civil

Engineering Technology

Hannah Husted

Morehead, KY

Computer Science - Computer

Engineering

Natalina Maloy Hughbanks

Lexington, KY

Biomedical Sciences

Jason W. Issac

Morehead, KY

Mechanical and Manufacturing

Engineering Technology

Megan Johnson

Lucasville, OH

Veterinary Science

Thomas Jacob Johnson

Paintsville, KY

Engineering and Technology

Management - Engineering

Management

Hannah Kane

Vanceburg, KY

Electronics and Computer Engineering

Technology

Timo Manuel Klausnitzer

Sinsheim, Germany

Neuroscience

Kaleb Michael Kohut

Ashland, KY

Biology

Catherine L. Livers

Bellevue, KY

Animal Science

James Louis

Hillside, NJ

Mechanical and Manufacturing

Engineering Technology

Amelia Lynne Lybarger

Jeffersonville, KY

Psychology

Christopher A. Marsh

Richmond, KY

Earth Systems - Geology

Mason Garrett Martin

Morehead, KY

Engineering and Technology

Management - Technology

Management

Haley Madison McCall

Catlettsburg, KY

Exercise Science

Jihad Khallid McCall

Jersey City, NJ

Exercise Science

Chloe Alyssa McCloud

Huntington, WV

Exercise Science

Lauren Baylee McGinnis

Flemingsburg, KY

Biomedical Sciences

Brady Charles McKnight

Stephens City, VA

Agribusiness

Luke Austin Millay

Brandenburg, KY

Agribusiness

Jerad Morgan

Lexington, KY

Psychology

Hayden John Lee Mulkey

Greenup, KY

Biomedical Sciences

Ian Victor Mullins

Virgie, KY

Computer Science - Cybersecurity

Madison R. Neely

Campton, KY

Engineering and Technology

Management - Engineering

Management

Lauren E. Nichols

Cynthiana, KY

Animal Science

Paul O'Brien

Yuba City, CA

Exercise Science

Hannah Brooke Oldham

Flemingsburg, KY

Psychology

Alissa Renee Owens

Pikeville, KY

Computer Science - Advanced Topics

Breno Mascarenhas Pontes*

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

General Mathematics

Space Systems Engineering

Adam Proctor

Harrodsburg, KY

Computer Science

Aidan Ray

Hawesville, KY

Electronics and Computer Engineering

Technology

Andrew Franklin Renner

Somerset, KY

Veterinary Science

Jenna Marie Riley

Lawrenceburg, KY

Exercise Science

Alyssa Breann Roark

Salersville, KY

Biomedical Sciences

Casey Andrew Robinson

West Liberty, KY

Psychology

Madison Star Sherlock

Shepherdsville, KY

Equine Science

Haley G. Skaggs

Morehead, KY

Veterinary Science

Clara Grace Smith

*Greenup, KY
Equine Science*

Noah T. Smith

*West Liberty, KY
Biological Sciences - MSU Teach*

Jenna Nicole Snapp

*Paris, KY
Veterinary Science*

Kelsey Sparks

*Bowling Green, KY
Biomedical Sciences*

Morgon Hunter Sparks

*Flemingsburg, KY
Systems Engineering -
Mechatronics Systems*

Kobe Blake Stamper

*Hazard, KY
Exercise Science*

Laikin Tarlton*

*Chillicothe, OH
Biology Environmental Science*

Ashleigh Sarah Delaney Taylor

*Ashland, KY
Computer Science*

Kristin Brooke Thacker

*Shelby Gap, KY
Mathematics - MSU Teach*

Dustin Bryan Todd

*Winchester, KY
Biomedical Sciences*

Ragan Renée Touchton

*Maysville, KY
Psychology*

Jarod Elijah Turley

*Raceland, KY
Electronics and Computer Engineering
Technology*

Jalen D. Anthony Villarreal

*Lexington, KY
Electronics and Computer Engineering
Technology*

James Michael Wayne

*Port St. Lucie, FL
Construction Management &
Civil Engineering Technology*

Betsy Ellen West

*Pinsonfork, KY
Applied Physics*

Kaitlynn Renee Willison

*Georgetown KY
Space Systems Engineering*

Tommy Edward Wright

*Winchester, KY
Biomedical Sciences*

Jeffrey Andrew Young

*Lancaster, KY
Computer Science*

Candidates for the degree Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Sydney Faith Adamson

*Maysville, KY
Nursing*

Katherine Sunny Lynn Barker

*Grayson, KY
Nursing*

Autumn Lashae Cole

*Ezel, KY
Nursing*

Geanna Dawn Ferguson

*Paintsville, KY
Nursing*

Sandra Clay Frederick

*West Liberty, KY
Nursing*

Abbey Elizabeth Hannah

*Salyersville, KY
Nursing*

Robert Ian Kesten

Lexington, KY

Nursing

Zoe R. Koop

Cincinnati, OH

Nursing

Macy Sue Lewis

Tollesboro, KY

Nursing

Alyndra Faith Meade

Tram, KY

Nursing

Emma Evans Moudy

Grayson, KY

Nursing

MaKenna Nicole Rose

Olive Hill, KY

Nursing

Caleb Andrew Spears

Canada, KY

Nursing

Samantha Jo Trimble

Mt. Sterling, KY

Nursing

Kristina Marie Vaughn

Barbourville, KY

Nursing

Mara Brown Wallace

Louisville, KY

Nursing

Jaylyn Shay Whaley

South Point, OH

Nursing

Ella Irene White

Elizabethtown, KY

Nursing

Carissa Eileen Nicole Wilson

Morehead, KY

Nursing

Candidates for the degree Associate of Applied Science

Patricia Anchoriz

Lexington, KY

Respiratory Care

Chaeli Jacqueline Faith Bowe

Prestonsburg, KY

Nursing

Anna Marie Bussey

Mt. Sterling, KY

Nursing

Ryleigh Crouch

Salt Lick, KY

Nursing

Kobe Drew Dutiel

South Webster, OH

Nursing

Jasmine Alexandria Easterling

Pikeville, KY

Nursing

Jazmyne Marie Elkins

Campton, KY

Nursing

Carla Haight

Flemingsburg, KY

Nursing

Arika Rochelle Hamilton

Flemingsburg, KY

Nursing

Bridget Marie Hardin

Morehead, KY

Nursing

Haleigh Harless

Salyersville, KY

Nursing

Abigail Jayne Horne

Mt. Sterling, KY

Nursing

Cameron B. Kimbler

Dana, KY

Construction Management and Civil

Engineering Technology

Alex Magallon

Los Angeles, CA

Nursing

Beverly S. McKee

Maysville, KY

Nursing

Ashleigh Merritt

Winchester, KY

Nursing

Leah Michelle Miller

Jeffersonville, KY

Nursing

Lindsey Rebecca Miller

Mt. Sterling, KY

Nursing

Allyson Mae Moore

Louisa, KY

Nursing

Madison Taylor Patrick

Flemingsburg, KY

Respiratory Care

Katlyn Marie Sorrell

Owingsville, KY

Nursing

Madeline Grace Sparks

Vanceburg, KY

Respiratory Care

Breanna Faith Taylor

Elkhorn, KY

Nursing

Amelia Noreen Ward

Argillite, KY

Nursing

Elizabeth C. Weathers

Mt. Sterling, KY

Nursing

McKenna LaDawn Woosley

Leitchfield, KY

Nursing

Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Candidates for the degree Bachelor of Arts

Tabitha Lane Albert

Louisville, KY

Strategic Communication

Fiona Paige Banks

Whitesburg, KY

Art

Caitlyn Gabrielle Bledsoe

Olive Hill, KY

History

Serenity Hailey Marie Blevins

Augusta, KY

Criminology and Criminal Justice

Trevor Jordan Callahan

Olive Hill, KY

Strategic Communication

Savanna Laura Justine Clark

Piketon, OH

Strategic Communication

Alyson Lauren Clay

Lexington, KY

Legal Studies

Brianna Abigail Combs

Salysersville, KY

Criminology and Criminal Justice

Adam Scott Dennison

Fallsburg, KY

Criminology and Criminal Justice

Matthew Taylor Fitch

Inez, KY

Criminology and Criminal Justice

Mason R. Fyffe

Garrison, KY

Legal Studies

Nathan Clay Hoskins

Richmond, KY

Sociology and Social Justice

Luke Andrew Howard

Portsmouth, OH

Philosophy

Emily Reese Humble

Monticello, KY

English

Brooklyn Suzanne Hurtt

Erlanger, KY

Political Science

Kelsey Rae Jent

Hillsboro, KY

Sociology and Social Justice

Kendal Rayne Jones

Ashland, KY

Legal Studies

Kaylee Suzanne Lacey

Williamstown, KY

Strategic Communication

Ty Curtis Ledford

Frenchburg, KY

History

Lindsey Lewis

Grayson, KY

Convergent Media

Michelle Paige López

Lawrenceburg, KY

Political Science

Thomas Dumitru Lyngklip

Rockford, MI

Traditional Music

Allyssa Nicole McMichael

Bardstown, KY

Criminology and Criminal Justice

Bayleigh Danielle Miller

Jackson, KY

Sociology and Social Justice

Jaden D. Morgan

Essie, KY

Convergent Media

Lindsay Rayne Mullins

Pound, VA

Criminology and Criminal Justice

Alex Tyler Peck

Wellington, KY

Legal Studies

Stephanie Marie Perry

Louisa, KY

Sociology

Mattingly Jane Ratliff

Paintsville, KY

Legal Studies

Grace Caroline Richardson

Russellville, KY

Convergent Media

Dawson Matthew Zane Rousey*

Hustonville, KY

Global Studies

Political Science

Jenefer Shin

Arlington Heights, IL

Art

Isabella Lynae Skaggs

Hazard, KY

Theatre, Teaching

Laikin Tarlton*

Chillicothe, OH

Spanish

Jaelyn Saige Terhune

Cynthiana, KY

English

Riley Paige Thompson

Morehead, KY

Strategic Communication

Mackenzie Kaylee Towns

Stanford, KY

Art

Isabella Trimble

West Liberty, KY

Criminology and Criminal Justice

Sean Taylor Wagoner

Morehead, KY

Music - General

Zakkary Wayland Whiting

Paintsville, KY

Convergent Media

Mercedes Elise Williams

Flemingsburg, KY

Convergent Media

Candidates for the degree Bachelor of Fine Arts

Jodi Kaliska Leadingham

Flatwoods, KY

Art

Adrienne Elizabeth Tuttle

Mt. Sterling, KY

Art

Cameron Chance McIntosh

Campton, KY

Art Teaching P-12

Candidates for the degree Bachelor of Music

Allyson B. Robinson

Isonville, KY

Wood and Brasswind Performance

Candidates for the degree Bachelor of Music Education

Julia Rose Hart

South Point, OH

Woodwinds P-12

Elijah Sword

Pikeville, KY

Brasswinds P-12

Candidates for the degree Bachelor of Social Work

Vicky June Baldridge

Ashland, KY

Social Work

Madison Nycole Beam

Olive Hill, KY

Social Work

Ashley Dianna Blankenship

Ashland, KY

Social Work

Jamie Lynn Bowman

Morehead, KY

Social Work

Veronica Leann Burchett

Olive Hill, KY

Social Work

Heather Lorraine Davis

Rush, KY

Social Work

Iesha Nicole Elam

Ashland, KY

Social Work

Elizabeth Grace Ellis

Hillsboro, KY

Social Work

Lacey Faye Estep

Kitts Hill, OH

Social Work

Macie Frye

South Point, OH

Social Work

Kristen Greene

Ashland, KY

Social Work

Lisa M. Haney

Morehead, KY

Social Work

Douglas Lewis

West Union, OH

Social Work

Charity D. McCleese

Hillsboro, KY

Social Work

Nikki Laura McCombs

Ironton, OH

Social Work

Katelyn Haley Mullins

Hillsboro, KY

Social Work

James Oney

Clay City, KY

Social Work

Destiny Powell

Maysville, KY

Social Work

Amanda Richards

*Russell, KY
Social Work*

Megan Rutherford

*Jeffersonville, KY
Social Work*

Hannah Leanne Slone

*Owingsville, KY
Social Work*

Lesley Nicole Smith

*Owingsville, KY
Social Work*

Halle Brooke Swanagan

*Grayson, KY
Social Work*

Toni Marie West

*Greenup, KY
Social Work*

Candidates for the degree Bachelor of University Studies

Shelby Barker

*Grayson, KY
University Studies*

Aaliyah Skye Barnett

*Salyersville, KY
University Studies*

Kayla D. Blevins

*Greenup, KY
University Studies*

Caleb Jonathan Brown

*West Liberty, KY
University Studies*

Lakyn Kara Coleman

*Pikeville, KY
University Studies*

Alexandria Lynn Eller

*Inez, KY
University Studies*

Cassandra Marie Fawns

*Flemingsburg, KY
University Studies*

Shaina Fletcher

*Hazard, KY
University Studies*

Ashleigh Emma Johnson

*Murfreesboro, TN
University Studies*

Luke Jeremiah Leith

*Pedro, OH
University Studies*

Taylor Dale Lippert

*Maysville, KY
University Studies*

Elizabeth A. Martin

*Martin, KY
University Studies*

Gigi Francis Meade

*Flat Gap, KY
University Studies*

Jackie Lynn Milburn

*Lawrenceburg, KY
University Studies*

Kayla Leann Muncy

*South Shore, KY
University Studies*

Juwon Oroyo

*Stone Mountain, GA
University Studies*

Shannon A. Philpot

*Corbin, KY
University Studies*

Kailee Alexandra Saylor

*Salyersville, KY
University Studies*

Austin Cecil Dale Spencer

Frankfort, KY

University Studies

Stephanie V. Tomlin

Flatwoods, KY

University Studies

Jennifer Renee Whoberry

Louisville, KY

University Studies

Landon James Wright

Modesto, CA

University Studies

Candidates for the degree Associate of Arts

Racheal M. Applegate

Vanceburg, KY

University Studies

Veronica Nichole Thompson

Morehead, KY

University Studies

Stephanie L. Butler**

Morehead, KY

University Studies

This concludes the ceremony.

Honors Program Graduates

Shelbie Black

Mason Fyffe

Michelle Lopez

Breno Mascarenhas Pontes

ROTC Commissioned Officers

Jalen Villarreal

The University Mace

The practice of carrying a mace in academic processions dates to medieval times in England when a person bearing a mace, a formidable weapon, walked in front of the highest-ranking official as they entered and departed ceremonial occasions, to protect him or her from personal injury.

As adapted by European and American universities, the mace has become a symbol of office to the institution's president and is carried by a distinguished member of the faculty. At Morehead State, the joint office of faculty grand marshal and mace bearer is held by the current recipient of the Distinguished Teacher Award.

The mace of Morehead State University was fashioned from Eastern Kentucky walnut in 1984 by John S. VanHoose, a retired faculty member from the Department of Industrial Education and Technology.

Academic Honors - Baccalaureate Degree

Summa Cum Laude - With highest honors

Magna Cum Laude - With great honors

Cum Laude - With honors

Academic Honors - Associate Degree

Distinction - With distinction

Academic Costumes

The academic regalia worn at commencement is a custom dating back to the Middle Ages. It was brought to this country during the colonial period. With the increase in the number of educational institutions and the development of new subject-matter fields, a group of American college and university representatives met in 1895 to establish a uniform system of academic apparel for this country. This led to the establishment of an “Intercollegiate Code of Academic Costume.” The American Council on Education formed a committee in 1932 to review the 1895 code, and it was again reviewed and revised in 1959.

All candidates for degrees and those who hold degrees, including university officials, faculty and visiting dignitaries, are attired in traditional cap and gown. Recipients of the associate degree and the bachelor’s degree wear black gowns and caps, and recipients of master’s, specialist and doctoral degrees wear black gowns and caps with hoods of various colors.

Bachelors’ gowns are designed with pointed sleeves. Masters’ gowns have long, extended sleeves, and doctoral gowns have bell sleeves with panels of velvet down the front and three bars of velvet across each sleeve.

The mortar board or cap is the headpiece most often worn at American universities for commencement ceremonies. Degree candidates wear tassels falling from the right quarter of the board, while graduates wear the tassel on the left. Tassels are usually black for bachelor’s and master’s degrees, and gold for doctorates.

The most significant part of the academic dress is the hood. The hood is worn falling from the shoulders, down the back of the gown in a display of vivid color. The hood is edged in velvet which by its color denotes the academic discipline in which the wearer’s degree was earned, and it is lined with the color(s) of the institution granting the degree. Colors used by Morehead State University graduates are:

Ernst & Sara Lane Volgenau College of Education – Light Blue

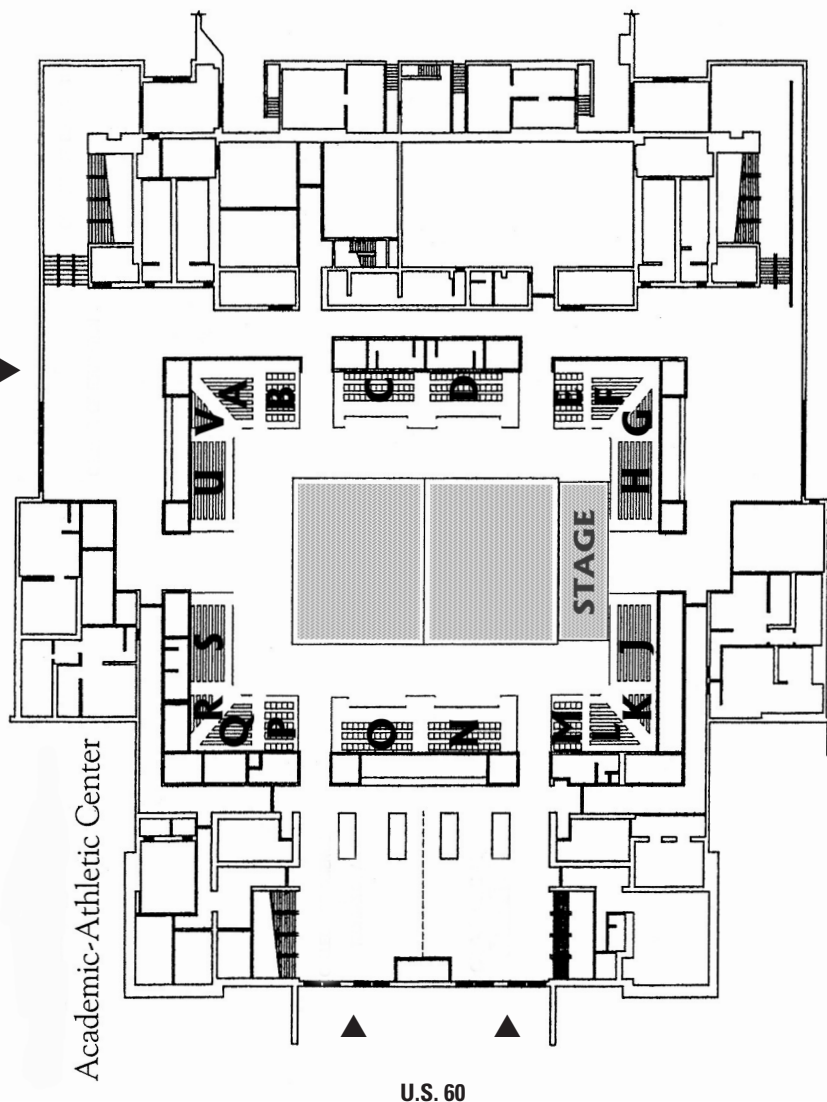
College of Science and Engineering – Gold

Elmer R. Smith College of Business and Technology – Drab

Caudill College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences – White

Nondiscrimination Statement

Morehead State University is committed to providing equal educational opportunities to all persons regardless of race, color, national origin, age, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, disabled veterans, recently separated veterans, other protected veterans, and armed forces service medal veterans, or disability in its educational programs, services, activities, employment policies, and admission of students to any program of study. In this regard the University conforms to all the laws, statutes, and regulations concerning equal employment opportunities and affirmative action. This includes: Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Executive Orders 11246 and 11375, Equal Pay Act of 1963, Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, Sections 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and Kentucky Revised Statutes 207.130 to 207.240; Chapter 344 and other applicable statutes. Vocational educational programs at Morehead State University supported by federal funds include industrial education, vocational agriculture, business education, and the associate degree program in nursing. Any inquiries should be addressed to: Affirmative Action Officer, Morehead State University, 301 Howell-McDowell Administration Building, Morehead, KY 40351, 606-783-2097.



Safety Notices

To ensure your safety during today's ceremony, please take note of the following:

- 1. Smoking, lighters and open flames are not permitted in the arena at any time.*
- 2. Locate your nearest exit. In the unlikely event of an emergency, follow the directions of the event staff and ushers. Do not follow the police, they will be going to the scene of the emergency. You will be directed to a safe area away from the arena.*

Alma Mater

(The audience is invited to participate.)

Far above the rolling campus,
Resting in the dale,
Stands the dear old Alma Mater
We will always hail.
Shout in chorus, raise your voices,
Blue and Gold - praise you.
Winning through to fame and glory,
Dear old M-S-U.



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