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MSU RETIREES NEWSLETTER 2026
Staying informed & Engaged!

Letter from Alumni Relations & Development Executive Director Jessi Ferguson

Dear MSU Retirees,

As we progress through a new year, we are reminded of the remarkable legacy each of you carries. Your years of dedication, mentorship, and service helped shape MSU into the vibrant community it is today. That impact didn't end at retirement – it continues to echo through our students, our campus, and one another.

Staying connected to MSU isn't just about looking back; it's about remaining part of a community that still values your voice, your experience, and your presence. Whether you join us for events, support campus initiatives, or simply keep in touch with fellow retirees, your engagement strengthens the Eagle family in meaningful ways.

Thank you for everything you've contributed – and for all the ways you continue to enrich MSU. We're grateful you're part of this association, and we look forward to the months ahead together.

Warm regards,



Jessi Ferguson (Class of 2011, 2012)

Executive Director, Alumni Relations & Development



Join Us for the Retirees Luncheon – May 20, 2026

Reconnect, Celebrate, and Make a Difference at the Annual Retiree Luncheon!

We warmly invite you to join us for this year's Annual Retiree Luncheon—a special occasion to reconnect with fellow retirees, share memories, and enjoy a complimentary meal in great company. You'll also hear updates from Morehead State University and learn how the Retirees Association continues to support and engage our community.

This year, we're proud to continue our support of Eagle Essentials, MSU's campus store that provides free resources to students in need. From non-perishable food and hygiene items to school supplies, your generous contributions help empower student success. We encourage you to bring a donation to the luncheon and be part of this meaningful initiative.

***Please take a moment to complete the information update at the end of this newsletter so we can keep you informed as event details become available. You may also call 606-783-2033 to update your information.**

Celebrating Our Newest Retirees!

On behalf of the Morehead State University Retirees Association and the entire MSU community, we proudly recognize and celebrate the following individuals on their retirement. Your years of dedicated service have left a lasting impact on our university, and we are deeply grateful for your commitment, passion, and contribution.

As you embark on this exciting new chapter, we extend our warmest congratulations and best wishes for a fulfilling and joyful retirement.

If you notice that a name has been inadvertently omitted, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 606-783-2033 so we may update our records and ensure every retiree is properly honored.

2025 Retirees

Carla J. Aagaard

Madonna L. Hanshaw

Malinda B. McMurry

Lola A. Aagaard-Boram

Jason P. Holcomb

Gary C. Mesa-Gaido

Verdie A. Craig

Thomas P. Kmetz

Nancy A. Preston

Richard Fletcher

Bethany L. Lowery

Jeanne Petsch

Connie Grimes

Russell F. Mast

Keith A. Quinn

April Miller

Susan A. Maxey

Willis L. Taylor

Stay Connected & Get Involved with the MSU Retirees Association!

Retirement is not an ending. It's a new chapter filled with opportunities to stay engaged, give back, and continue making a difference. The MSU Retirees Association invites you to remain an active part of the Eagle community.

Ways to Stay Involved:

Attend Events

Reconnect with former colleagues and forge new friendships at a variety of social gatherings, campus celebrations, and special outings.

Visit alumni.moreheadstate.edu/events to explore upcoming opportunities.

Volunteer Your Time

Share your time and talents by supporting campus and community initiatives like Eagle Essentials or lend a hand during hallmark events such as Move-In Day, Family Weekend, and Homecoming.

**SCAN TO VISIT THE
RETIREES WEBSITE**



Paving the Way for the Next Generation

MSU is committed to student success and academic excellence, and our campus is evolving to reflect that commitment. Through strategic budgeting, state funding, and generous private gifts, renovation projects will enhance learning environments and the campus experience for years to come.

Multidisciplinary Academic Building



New Campus Entrance



New Residence Hall



Prefontaine Hall



Science and Engineering Building



Veterinary Technology Renovations



To learn more about how we're Moving MSU Forward, visit:
<https://www.moreheadstate.edu/forward>

Homecoming 2025

Homecoming is one of MSU's most cherished traditions. It's a time for retirees, alumni, students, family, and friends to come together and celebrate what it means to be an Eagle. This year's Homecoming was unforgettable!



Save the Date! Homecoming 2026 will be held October 22-24.

We can't wait to see you back on campus!

2026 Calendar of Events

- March 4-7** - OVC Basketball Tournament
- March 26-27** - 24-Hour Giving Challenge
- April 15** - President's Concert on the Lawn
- April 25** - MSU Spring Gala
- May 20** - Retirees Luncheon
- June 14-19** - Travel to Mackinac Island, Michigan
- September TBA** - Travel to Salem, Massachusetts
- October 22-24** - MSU Homecoming

Stay Connected: Upcoming Events and Travel Opportunities

Get ready for another exciting year filled with opportunities to connect, explore, and celebrate your Eagle pride! The MSU Retirees Association invites you to join fellow retirees, alumni, and friends at events throughout the year – from local gatherings and special celebrations to travel adventures and campus traditions.

Every event is a chance to reconnect with familiar faces, make new friends, and stay engaged with the MSU family you helped build.

Stay Engaged.

Stay Inspired.

Stay Eagle Proud.

Visit our Events Page for details:
alumni.moreheadstate.edu/events

Coastal Charm of Cape Cod & Martha's Vineyard!

Our recent adventure to Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard was a dream come true! Travelers wandered through charming seaside villages, marveled at historic lighthouses, and savored fresh lobster rolls along the coast. From the windswept beaches of Cape Cod to the timeless elegance of Martha's Vineyard, every moment was filled with breathtaking views and unforgettable experiences.

The laughter, camaraderie, and shared discoveries made this trip truly special—and we're already planning our next adventure! If you loved the coastal beauty and rich history of New England, you'll be captivated by what's coming next: Mackinac Island, Michigan. Picture horse-drawn carriages, Victorian architecture, and the serene waters of Lake Huron. Don't miss out on another incredible journey!





The MSU Alumni and Retirees Associations are excited to present a **6 day/5 night trip** to:

MACKINAW CITY & MACKINAC ISLAND

JUNE 14-19, 2026

5 nights hotel accommodations, 5 hotel breakfasts, 3 wonderful dinners & 1 Grand Lunch

The itinerary includes three overnight stays in Mackinaw City, with a day trip to Mackinac Island.

Open to all alumni, faculty, staff, retirees, and friends of MSU!

“World-Famous” Dinner at the Bavarian Inn

Since 1888, more than 20 million guests have returned to feast on our world-famous family-style dinners.

Buffet Lunch at the Grand Hotel

Throughout the history of the Grand Hotel, dining has been one of the brightest highlights of the guest experience, and every meal is truly special, thanks to exceptional food, service, and ambiance.

YOUR GETAWAY INCLUDES:

Frankenmuth - Michigan's Little Bavaria

Stroll cobblestone streets and charming shops in this storybook German town, where European ambiance meets Midwestern hospitality.

Bronner's Christmas Wonderland

Step into a holiday dream at the world's largest Christmas store-where it's Christmas every day, and the magic never ends!

Fort Michilimackinac

Explore 18th-century fort and fur trading village, reconstructed from historic maps and decades of archaeology.

Soo Locks Boat Tour

Witness an engineering marvel as your boat rises 21 feet through the Soo Locks-the largest waterway traffic system on Earth!

Carriage Tour of Mackinac Island

Step back in time on a horse-drawn carriage tour with the world's oldest buggy service with over 400 horses and 100 carriages!

AND MORE!

Pricing:

Double Occupancy: \$1699/person

Single Occupancy: \$2099/person

Deposit:

\$250/person

DUE by Feb. 28

FINAL PAYMENT DUE by Apr. 3

LIMITED AVAILABILITY. MAKE YOUR RESERVATION TODAY!

For information and/or reservations, please call the MSU Alumni Office at **606-783-2033**, or visit our website alumni.moreheadstate.edu

TRAVEL PROTECTION

Travel protection can be purchased at \$199/person for double occupancy or \$259 for single occupancy. If you wish to purchase travel protection, please send a separate check to the MSU Alumni Office made payable to **PML Travel & Tours**. Insurance premiums are not refundable, should your plans change.

Discover Your On-Campus Retiree Benefits!

Reconnect. Reengage. Rediscover.

As a valued MSU retiree, you have access to a variety of on-campus perks designed to keep you connected and supported. From library access to fitness facilities, explore the many ways you can continue to enjoy the MSU experience!

Athletic Tickets

- ✓ **Discounted Price** - Tickets may be purchased at Morehead State University Athletics - Official Athletics Website
- ✓ **Ticket Rate Per Individual Sport/ Season Pass:**
 - Basketball: \$100 per Ticket (Bleacher Seating), or \$245 per Ticket (Chairback Seating)
 - Football: \$40 per Ticket
 - Baseball/ Softball/ Soccer/ Volleyball: \$30 per Ticket

Barnes & Noble Bookstore

- ✓ **Discount** - 10% (MSU Campus location only)

Camden-Carroll Library

- ✓ Retirees are welcome to use the Camden-Carroll Library. A user card can be purchased for \$6 at the front desk.

Career Services

- ✓ **Free** - The services of the Center for Career Development and Experiential Education are available to MSU alumni and retirees for lifetime at no charge. Jobs and volunteer opportunities targeted for MSU are always posted on Eagle CareerNet at www.moreheadstate.edu/careernet

KY Folk Art Center

- ✓ **Free** - No cost to visit the Museum and enjoy the beautiful artwork and displays of local artists.

Parking Permit

- ✓ **Free** - Retirees of Morehead State University are eligible to receive a complimentary parking pass each year, which provides designated parking when you visit campus. To receive your parking pass, please complete the form at the link below. Passes are mailed to you via the University Police or may be picked up in person.
<https://alumni.moreheadstate.edu/retireeparking>.

MSU Theatre Tickets

- ✓ **Discount** - \$6 tickets
Tickets are available at the box office in Breckinridge Hall or may be purchased online.

Space Science Center

- ✓ **Discount** - Public shows on Saturdays, \$10 for adults, \$5 for children and seniors, free for MSU card holders.

Tuition Waivers

- ✓ **Free** - *If age 65+*
MSU offers the Caudill Scholarship to individuals 65 years of age, which covers tuition and fees. All that we require is a photo ID, driver's license, or other form of government identification, that lists the individual's date of birth.

Recreation & Wellness Center

- ✓ **Free** - If age 65+ - Silver Sneakers Program: United Healthcare
- ✓ **Discount** - \$100 per semester, \$200 per academic year, \$40 per summer or \$240 annually. \$10 per individual fitness class

Recreation & Wellness Center

- ✓ **Free** - If you have an interest in staying fit and remaining engaged, Fit Eagles may be for you! Join this supportive group on Mondays and Thursdays at 11:30, for a walk on our beautiful campus. You will meet at the Little Belltower.

Dr. Charles “Charlie” Mason:

A Legacy of Dedication and Giving Back

An MSU alumnus, faculty emeritus, and lifelong mentor, Dr. Charles Mason has been the heart and soul of Morehead State University’s Geology program for decades. Known simply as “Charlie” to generations of students, his teaching style, field experiences, and personal investment in each student’s success have left an enduring mark on the program and its people.

From leading the Geology Club and hosting “GeoDog” fundraisers, to personally preparing chili for students at his home, Dr. Mason built more than a department—he built a family. He made sure active club members received \$1,000 toward Field Camp, led multi-week field trips across the country, and even lowered course credit hours to make those opportunities more affordable. Beyond academics, Charlie helped students through financial challenges, offered life advice, and opened his home to those in need.



Walls and Dr. Mason

Now, his legacy of generosity continues through philanthropy. Inspired by the countless alumni who credit Charlie for shaping their careers and lives, supporters established the Charlie Mason Geology Endowment—a permanent fund that will benefit geology students for generations to come. In addition, the program continues to thrive through multiple geology-focused endowments, a testament to the strong community Charlie helped create and sustain.

Dr. Mason remains an active advocate for MSU and its geology students, fostering alumni connections and supporting the next generation of scientists. His life’s work exemplifies what it means to give back—not for recognition, but out of genuine care for others and belief in the power of education.

Create a Legacy—Empower the Next Generation of Eagles

Imagine the impact you can make by helping a student achieve their dreams. By establishing a scholarship, you’re not only honoring your own MSU journey or that of a loved one, but you’re also investing in the future of Morehead State University and the lives of students who will carry the Eagle spirit forward.

Creating a scholarship is a powerful way to:

- Celebrate a legacy to recognize a person, milestone, or your own MSU experience
- Ease the burden to help students focus on learning by reducing financial stress
- Shape the futures to support the development of tomorrow’s leaders, thinkers, and changemakers.

If you’re ready to make a lasting difference, we’re here to help you every step of the way. Contact the Office of Alumni Relations and Development at 606-783-2033 to learn more about how you can establish your own scholarship.

Together, we can open doors, inspire dreams, and ensure the Eagle legacy continues for generations to come.

Dr. Sue Luckey Ballroom



In Memory of Dr. Sue Y. Luckey

Morehead State University has named the Adron Doran University Center (ADUC) Ballrooms in memory of the late Dr. Sue Y. Luckey, a beloved faculty member, retiree, and lifelong supporter of MSU. Dr. Luckey's decades of service, leadership, and generosity, along with a transformational planned gift to the MSU Foundation, will continue to support students for generations to come. A visionary educator, she helped establish the MSU Retirees Association, chaired the Department of Information Sciences, and directed the MBA program. Her remarkable legacy now lives on through endowed scholarships and this lasting campus tribute.



Scan the QR code to read more about Dr. Luckey's extraordinary impact.

Plan with Purpose - Leave a Legacy Through Planned Giving

Why Choose Planned Giving? Create a plan, aligned with your values, while empowering the future generation of Eagles! Enjoy flexible options that won't affect your current lifestyle but will carry on your legacy at MSU.

Ways to Give

- Wills & Trusts: Include MSU in your estate plans.
- Retirement Plans: Name MSU as a beneficiary of your IRA or 401(k).
- Income-Producing Gifts: Charitable gift annuities or trusts provide lifetime income.
- Real Estate & Property: Donate appreciated assets for potential tax benefits.

Planned giving is more than a financial choice; it's a commitment to education's transformative power. Start the conversation, contact Alumni Relations & Development at **606-783-2033** or giving@moreheadstate.edu to explore your options.

Honoring the Legacy of Our Colleagues: Memorial Brick Program

Morehead State University is proud to honor the lives and service of our former employees through the **Memorial Brick Program**—a lasting tribute to those who have passed during or after their time at MSU. Each name is thoughtfully inscribed along the **Memorial Brick Walk**, located in the heart of campus, serving as a permanent reminder of their dedication and impact.

The **Memorial Brick Dedication Ceremony** is held annually on the Friday of Homecoming Weekend, bringing together colleagues, friends, and family to reflect and remember.

We are committed to recognizing all who have served our university. If you know of a retired or current faculty or staff member who has passed and has not yet been honored, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at **606-783-2033**.

For more information, visit
alumni.moreheadstate.edu/memorialbricks



2025 Memorial Brick Honorees

Bobby Dehart 1978-2011

Dr. Randall McCoy 1997-2023

Paul Denayer 2006-2014

Edward G. Nass 1963-2004

Joy Dennis 1965-1981

James Pelfrey 1973-1983

Dr. Ronald Fiel 1972-2002

Kenneth Porter 1949-1988

Richard Faulkner 2012-2019

Helen Rowe 1994-2014

John Graham, III 1967-2002

James "Sarge" Sergent 1983-1996

**Lt. Col. (Ret.) Richard Green 1990-
2000**

Ralph Shoaf 1996-2000

Kyung "Kozy" Hamilton 1977-2010

Bonnie Sloan 1977-2005

Dr. Karen Taylor 2002-2025

Joyce Hart 1960-1970

Denise Trusty 2015-2024

Dr. Travis Lockhart 1982-2005

Keith Walker 2009-2019

Dr. Sue Y. Luckey 1963-1994

Call for Nominations: 2026 MSU Founders Award for University Service

Morehead State University and the MSU Board of Regents are proud to recognize individuals whose extraordinary service has left a lasting impact on our campus community. Established in 1978, the **Founders Award for University Service** honors employees or volunteers who have demonstrated exceptional dedication, leadership, and commitment to the University's mission.

We are honored to announce **Wayne Martin** (Class of 1968, 1972) as the 2025 recipient of this prestigious award. A distinguished alumnus, coach, broadcaster, and long-serving member of the MSU Board of Regents, Mr. Martin's decades of service exemplify the spirit of this recognition. His leadership has helped shape the University's growth, guided it through pivotal moments, and inspired generations of Eagles.

We invite you to help us celebrate those who make MSU extraordinary. If you know someone whose service deserves to be recognized, please submit your nomination by **May 1, 2026**.

Visit alumni.moreheadstate.edu/foundersaward to nominate or view past recipients.



Email Access After Retirement or Separation: What You Need to Know

As part of Morehead State University's transition process, please note: Faculty retain access to their MSU email accounts for 180 days after retirement or separation, while staff retain access for 60 days. Some individuals who retired prior to 2019 may still have access under previous policies.

To continue receiving important updates, event invitations, and communications from the MSU Retirees Association, please ensure we have your current, non-MSU email address on file.

Stay Connected: Update Your Information

Name of retiree: _____

Department at time of retirement: _____

Retirement date: _____ Years of Service at MSU: _____

Name of spouse/partner: _____

Retiree Address: _____

City, State & Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Non-MSU Email: _____

Please check if this is a new name or address:

☐ New Name

☐ New Address



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