



## Craft Academy celebrates first-year successes



As the new school year gets underway across the Commonwealth, students of Morehead State's Craft Academy for Excellence in Science & Mathematics are celebrating their successes from the Academy's inaugural year.

Students in the Craft Academy's first class, who are now starting their senior year of high school, have achieved in a number of areas, both as a group and individually. The students improved their ACT scores by two-to-five points during the last school year. Five Craft Academy students are National Merit semi-finalists and four students were chosen to participate in the Governor's Scholars Program. One student served as an intern for Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner Ryan Quarles and another was selected to attend NASA Space Camp.

One Craft Academy student placed seventh in the statewide Governor's Cup Mathematics Competition and two students placed third in the Regional IDEA State U business competition. Two additional students are starting an e-textiles business after having their

design skills displayed during a Rowan County Senior High School production of "The Wizard of Oz."

Craft Academy students are learning both in the classroom and the real world as they assist MSU faculty members with a broad range of research projects. Two Craft Academy students who have been working with associate biology professor Dr. Michael Fultz with his research on smooth muscle tissue will have their exo-medical experiment sent to the International Space Station in late November. Two other students traveled to Mexico over the summer to help Dr. Timothy Hare, professor of anthropology, as he worked on an archeological mapping project of an ancient Mayan ruin. The students used drone technology to help Hare map the ruins.

In addition, two more Craft Academy students participated in astronomical research at the National Radio Astronomy Observatory in Green Bank, West Virginia. Thirty-eight Craft Academy students traveled to Germany and Switzerland over the summer for a study abroad program where they focused on renewable energy.



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## **Walters, Preece and Price named to Board of Regents**

Gov. Matt Bevin has appointed Terri S. Walters of Pikeville, Patrick Price of Flemingsburg, and re-appointed Craig Preece of Lovely, to the Morehead State University Board of Regents. Walters' and Preece's terms expire in 2022. Price will succeed Kevin W. Pugh, who resigned and will serve until June 2019.

Walters is a senior partner at Jones, Walters, Turner & Shelton PLLC, a regional law firm with offices in Pikeville and Lexington. Walters is a graduate of Transylvania University and the University of Kentucky College of Law. She has served as the 7th Supreme Court District Representative to the Kentucky Bar Foundation and as a Kentucky Supreme Court appointee to the Disciplinary Trial Commission for the Kentucky Bar Association. Walters was born in Miami, Florida, and grew up in West Liberty. She and her husband reside in Pikeville.

Preece, chief financial officer of Booth Energy, received his Bachelor of Business Administration degree from MSU. After graduation in 1984, he joined the Walter P. Walters Insurance Agency. In 1986,

the Martin County native accepted an accounting position with Booth Energy. He started an insurance agency along with several partners in 1989. Preece serves as vice president at the company, Elite Agency, which now has seven offices with locations across central and Eastern Kentucky.

In 1995, Preece became the chief financial officer of Booth Energy and its various retail enterprises. He was honored as the recipient of the 2013 College of Business and Public Affairs Distinguished Alumni Award. Preece is currently a member of several boards and a former member of the board of directors of the MSU Foundation. He and his wife, April, have three children: Whitney Paige Preece Schmitt, Sean-Craig and CaraBell Preece.

Price has been assistant Fleming County attorney since 1975 and a member of Suit, McCartney, Price, Price and Ruark law firm since 1974. He is a member of the Kentucky and Fleming County bar associations, Fleming County's Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce and Buffalo Trace Foundation. He is a graduate of MSU and the University of Kentucky College of Law.

## **MSU honors faculty, staff with awards**

Morehead State University honored five individuals during the University's Fall Convocation on Wednesday, Aug. 10. The 2016 award recipients were: Dr. Stacy Baker, professor of music tuba/euphonium, Distinguished Creative Productions; Dr. David Eisenhour, professor of biology, Distinguished Researcher; Dr. Karen Taylor associate professor of French, Distinguished Teacher Award; Dr. Kristina DuRocher, associate professor of history, Distinguished Faculty Service Award; and Joseph C. Fraley, farm manager, Distinguished Staff Service Award.

## **Curry selected as AECT champion**

MSU's Dr. John Curry, associate professor of education, has been selected as one of approximately 40 educators/practitioners in educational technology worldwide identified and selected as a "champion" to participate in the Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT) Breakfast of Champions during its annual convention in Las Vegas in October.

## **Groundbreaking held for ADUC project**

Officials of Morehead State University, along with members of its Board of Regents and local and state legislators, broke ground Friday, Aug. 26, for phase two of the renovations to the Adron Doran University Center. The state funded project includes approximately 87,000 square-feet of new space to house the centralized student services operations and more flexible and accessible student food service. The project also includes infrastructure upgrades and renovations for approximately 53,000 square-feet of the existing ADUC structure.