Racer Proud Program

Racer Proud lapel pins are awarded to any faculty or staff member who go above and beyond their assigned duties to help students succeed. For more information on the Racer Proud Program, please visit: https://www.murraystate.edu/headermenu/administration/PresidentsOffice/racerproud/

Racer Proud pin awarded to Jamie Miller
Murray State University’s Jennifer Smith, Enrollment Management Specialist and Racer Academy Coordinator recently awarded a Racer Proud Pin to Jamie Miller, Project Foreman for Facilities Management.
“This was my first opportunity to oversee a project from the office’s point of view, and working with Jamie made my experience enjoyable, and I would gladly work with him again. Jamie has been instrumental in getting the work completed in a timely manner which helps our area run more efficiently,” said Smith.

Racer Proud pin awarded to Bobby Daniels
Murray State University’s Don Robertson, Vice President of Student Affairs has awarded a Racer Proud pin to Bobby Daniels, coordinator of housing maintenance.
“Bobby is very proactive with student room maintenance and repair needs. He meets with the students and explains how things will be fixed and does constant follow ups. He has a very caring attitude and philosophy,” said Robertson.

Racer Proud pin awarded to Evan Ditty
Murray State University’s Don Robertson, Vice President of Student Affairs has awarded a Racer Proud pin to Evan Ditty, Coordinator of Greek Life & Student Leadership Programs.
“Evan is very hands on with our Greek students. He meets one on one with every [Greek] chapter president and gives individual attention (beyond eight hours a day) to students,” said Robertson.

Dr. Davies presented Racer Proud Pins to the following individuals (at Staff Congress Meetings):
Jerry O’Bryan, Murray Department of Transportation
Stephanie Totty, Business and Off-campus Coordinator, Arthur J. Bauernfeind College of Business
Maria Rosa, Director, Transfer Center
Shanna Burgess, Director, of the TRIO Student Support Services Program
Dana Howard, Social Media Marketing Manager, Branding, Marketing and Communication
Charley Allen, Web Manager, Branding, Marketing and Communication (http://www.murraystate.edu/calendar)
Ann Matheny, Administrative Assistant, Regional Academic Outreach
Chuck Plummer, Groundskeeper, Facilities Management
Tressa Ross, Coordinator, College of Education and Human Services Recruitment & Retention Center
John Young, Administrative Assistant, Center for Telecommunications Systems Management

New Members:
Re’Nita Avery Meriwether, Director, Student Life and Curris Center
Jeff Gentry, Assistant Chief - Major, Public Safety
Brittney Stinnett, Fitness Coordinator, Campus Recreation and Wellness Center
Terry Stalls, Building Services Technician, Facilities Management
Michele Sanders, Senior Programmer Analyst, Information Systems
Letter of Appreciation

I am writing this letter as a letter of appreciation for the assistance in the investigation of Trooper Joseph Cameron Ponder being killed on September 13, 2015, from your Murray State GIS department, and namely from Mr. Michael Busby, GIS System Manager/Programmer.

As I began to collect the numerous items of evidence and documentation, I contacted the Murray State GIS department early on in my investigation. I was directed to Michael Busby who immediately took great interest in assisting me and my investigation. I explained to him that I wanted a series of maps to visually construct and describe the multiple scenes in detail. The finished products he delivered in person were phenomenal. They are just what I was looking for to give a visual perspective to everything I had typed in my narrative describing the scenes and the area. Mr. Michael Busby proved to be of great assistance, and I wanted you to be aware of his actions. Your GIS department is a great resource to the community.

Lt. Daniel White
Kentucky State Police
Post 01, Mayfield
WKMS News Wins Awards

Your WKMS news team was recognized this spring with national and regional awards for radio work in 2015. This includes a national award for "Best Radio Feature Reporting" from the Society of Professional Journalists for the WKMS documentary: Western Kentucky A Birth Place of Steel. Todd Hatton, Chad Lampe and Allison Crawford will receive the award at the National Press Club banquet this June in Washington D.C.

The Kentucky Associated Press notified WKMS News that its work in 2015 for Murray State’s listener-supported public radio service has taken home KAPB awards, including:

First Place Award for Station Website.

Matt Markgraf won Second Place Award for Best Long Light News Feature for “Cleaning Up The Columbia Theatre, A Paducah Treasure.”

Allison Crawford took home a Second Place Award for Best Short Light News Feature for “TVA Fishery Biologists Measure Kentucky Lake Health by Shocking Fish.”

Lampe Moderates Candidate Forum This Morning
Station Manager Chad Lampe moderated a forum with the candidates for 1st Congressional District at the Paducah Chamber's Power in Partnership breakfast. Democrat Sam Gaskins and Republicans Jason Batts, Miles Caughey, James Comer and Michael Pape participated.

Amy Crump, Manager of Retail Operations was recently selected to attend the 2016 Foodservice Management Institute, to take place June 6-10 in New York. Crump serves as retail manager for both Thoroughbrewed Cafes, Starbooks, and Business Express, in addition to overseeing the student manager program.

Evan Ditty, Coordinator of Greek Life & Student Leadership Programs, was recently selected as a small group facilitator at the 2016 Undergraduate Interfraternity Institute, during the month of May. The event brought together fraternity men and sorority women to create opportunities to explore, define and enhance their leadership skills. Each UIFI session attracts approximately 75 community leaders throughout North America.

Scholars Week. 3 Staff Members had Presentations

Carol Inman: Honors Theses and General Science Research

Jody Cofer Randall: Posters-at-the-Capitol Display

Jeanie Robertson: Student Teacher Eligibility
Kentucky Academy of Technology Education

- At this point in the 2015-2016 fiscal year, KATE has provided 233 sessions, allowing training for over 2,300 K-12 educators.
- KATE is presenting 14 sessions during the two-day College and Career Readiness Summit being held at Murray State University in June. KATE will also be offering “The Chrome Experience,” a “sandbox” lab open during both days of the CCR Summit, allowing educators and administrators to experiment with various Chrome devices while providing immersion into the Google Chrome platform.
- KATE will be offering 10 training days in June, July, and August, for 10 Kentucky school districts.
- Ginny Kelly, Dwayne Buchanan, Patti DePriest, and Dusty Reed will be presenting two sessions at the International Society of Technology in Education (ISTE) conference in Denver, CO, this June.
- KATE staff presented 10 different sessions at KySTE 2016, held in Louisville this past March. At this event, they also manned a vendor booth and passed out information and prizes to Kentucky teachers.
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- KATE completed Professional Development MOUs with Calloway County, Union County, and Webster County during the spring 2016 semester.
- A mini-conference regarding Google Apps for Education will be held in Madisonville on July 28.
- Kate the Robot visited three school districts during the spring 2016 semester.
- KATE Administrative Assistant, Missy Tish, was awarded the 2016 COEHS Outstanding Staff Support Award.
- KATE Techs have completed the computer lab upgrade for the COEHS instructional/testing lab. This will provide a more up-to-date environment for the Praxis/CASE tests offered to COEHS students.
- KATE Techs are in the process of completing the faculty/staff computer replacement rollout for 2016. This process is expected to be completed by the beginning of the fall 2016 semester.
- Cooper Levering and Eric Rich have partnered with Information Systems to build and implement MSU’s new work order system, Team Dynamics.
- Ginny Kelley has completed the inaugural year of Girls Who Code, the success of which will allow Ginny to offer this resource again next year.

Teacher Quality Institute

- The College and Career Readiness Summit, held by the Teacher Quality Institute, will be taking place June 14-15. This annual event is free of cost to regional educators and provides them with up to six hours per day of PD/EILA credit. With an overwhelming participant response, 542 attendees are scheduled for the June 14 session, while 416 people plan to attend the June 15 session. We are anticipated to have 71 presenters during the Summit, several of which are COEHS faculty members.
- The Professional Development School year-long pilot program is locked in with its chosen candidates. Four regional schools (Browning Springs Middle, Mayfield Middle, Murray Middle, and Paducah Middle) and six MSU students will be participating.
Telecommunications Systems Management

AY 15-16 Events

Hosted AT&T Women in Telecom Golf Day at Miller Memorial Golf Course
  Raises funds for scholarships for women in the TSM Program

Information and Telecommunications Education and Research Association (ITERA) Conference in Louisville, Kentucky. Murray State is a founding member of this association.
  10th Annual Student Case Study competition
  Murray State team was a finalist for the 9th time
  Dr. Michael Bowman completed term as Chairman of the Board
  Mr. Michael Ramage completed term as Vice-President and was elected President
  Mr. John Young serves as Executive Director for the association

TSM National Advisory Board meeting hosted on campus
  Members participated as judges at “The Next Big Thing” high school entrepreneur event held at Murray State
  TSM National Advisory Board Scholarship became fully endowed and was renamed
  The James Gantt TSM National Advisory Board Scholarship

Patterns of Distinction – Security Matters conference co-hosted with Community Financial Services Bank (CFSB)
  TSM Awards Luncheon hosted as a part of the conference –
    Mr. Chris Wooldridge – District Director Small Business Development Center – Dick Anderson Leadership Award
    Dr. Masaru Okuda – Dr. Gary Brockway TSM Faculty/Staff Excellence Award
    Dr. James Gantt – Gene Wells Ray Lifetime Achievement Award

CISCO Academy – established by Dr. Masaru Okuda

Contract with Department for Homeland Security (DHS) and National Institute for Hometown Security (NIHS) – $173,000.00 – Recreating Facility Security Training Materials

TSM Scholarships
  Computer Services Inc (CSI)
  AT&T Women in Telecom
  Michael and Cindy Bowman - endowed
  Wilson & Virginia Gantt - endowed
  James Gantt TSM National Advisory Board - endowed
Murray State-Hopkinsville Regional Campus Receives Award

Pictured from left: Slone Cansler, Director, Lisa Joiner, Administrative Assistant, and Mary-Elaine Horn, Student Services Coordinator

During the recent Christian County Chamber of Commerce Compass Award Breakfast, Murray State University’s Hopkinsville Regional Campus received the **Regionalism Compass Award**.

This annual award recognizes a regional-oriented business that has locations in multiple communities in the Southern Pennyrile Area and is serving as a leader in the advancement of the region.

**Abigail French and the MSU Women’s Center hosted the Celebrate Women’s Luncheon**

Celebrate Women Luncheon, was held on March 14th at 12:30 pm in the Curris Center Ballroom. **Susan Guess, MSU Board of Regents member** and co-founder of Guess Anti-Bullying Foundation, was the keynote speaker. Dr. Constance Alexander presented “Gender Equality: I’ll Know It When I See It,” a creative writing piece developed by Murray State students.

**Public Safety**

**Jennifer Miller** – (Public Safety's newest dispatcher) graduated the Department of Criminal Justice Training five week in residence telecommunications academy. Jennifer earned her state certification as a 911 dispatcher.

**Officer Chris Fike** was nominated and won the Lion's Club Police Officer of the Year Award for Murray State Police Department. Officer Fike exemplifies the Murray State University Police Department’s mission statement to provide an orderly environment conducive to learning and an assurance of safety and protection to students, faculty, staff, and visitors to the campus.
Lauren Smee, Wellness Coordinator – Events Hosted by Human Resources
Fall 2015 Health Fair Pre-draw: 9/29/15
Fall 2015 Health & Benefits Fair: 10/28/15
Spring 2016 Health Fair: 2/24/16
Spring 2016 Health Fair Post-draw: 3/15/16
AIC Draw: 3/16/16
2016 BVC Health Fair: 6/21/16

Re-Think Your Drink
Join Murray State as we team up with Calloway County to make better beverage choices.
February 1 - March 14 | More details to come!

Mark your calendar....

Spring Health Fair
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7:30am - 10:30am | Curris Center Ballroom
All MSU employees, spouses, & retirees are invited to receive free screenings and health education!

Health Fair Post-draw
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Summer 2016 Class Schedule
6/1/2016 - 7/29/2016
All classes will be held in the Caf Health Dance Studio (3rd level).
No sign up is required and there is no cost.
Racer Wellness classes are for all MSU employees and spouse.

Monday:
Zumba (Trish): 5:00pm-6:00pm

Tuesday:
Pilates (Brittney): 11:30am-12:15pm
Zumba (Chanell): 5:00pm-6:00pm

Wednesday:
Pilates (Brittney): 11:30am-12:15pm

Thursday:
Zumba (Trish): 5:00pm-6:00pm

*Pilates classes will only be through June*
Office of Multicultural Affairs Major Accomplishments 2015-2016

- **Diversity Scholars Program**’s overall GPA increased from 3.02 in the 2014-15 academic year to 3.26 in the 2015-2016 academic year.

- Emerging Scholars Institute students completed **1,546 hours of Community Service** during the academic year.

- Emerging Scholars Institute students completed **20,459 study hours** between Waterfield Library and the Multicultural Center during the academic year.

- Four students from the Nurses of Color Mentoring Program were accepted into the nursing program and were recognized at the 11th annual Diversity Achievement Awards.

- **11th annual Diversity Achievement Awards** had over 400 students, family members, faculty and staff in attendance. 7 Lifetime Achievement Awards were awarded to **Dr. Jerry Sue Thornton**, Dr. Walter G. Bumphus, Dr. Aileen Bumphus, Dr. Sandra Moore, Mr. Dennis Jackson, Mr. Howard Bailey, and Mr. Wendell Thomas. (April 1, 2016)

- **The 2nd Annual Race and Ethnicity Symposium** had over 90 students, faculty & staff, and community members in attendance. The speakers included CEO of Dream Catcher Educational Consulting Service, Dr. Jerry Sue Thornton; Federal Defenders of New York Attorney, Vincent Southerland; retired Vice President for Student Affairs at Western Kentucky University, Howard Bailey; Chair of the Delaware County Health Coalition, Elder Kevin Woodgett Sr.; and Ndidi Oriji, Senior Vice President of Advertising Standards at NBC Universal, Inc., served as the luncheon keynote speaker. In addition, 31 students from the Emerging Scholars Institute participated in a poster session highlighting research on race and ethnicity across various academic disciplines. (April 1, 2016)

- The Office of Multicultural Affairs, in partnership with the Emerging Scholars Institute and Black Student Council initiated the Diversity Pledge Challenge to promote diversity and inclusion across campus. **The Diversity Pledge initiative garnered 4,355 signatures and was recognized by WPSD Local Channel 6.**

- **Fall and Spring Hitimu Celebrations** continue to be well attended with the Spring Hitimu having 45 student RSVPs and 171 total with family, guest, faculty and staff and the Fall with 30 student RSVPs and 133 total with family, guest, faculty and staff.

- **Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Breakfast and Day of Service** had another great attendance with 150 faculty, staff, students and community members. (January 18, 2015)

SG Carthell, Senior Director of Diversity Initiatives
Office of Multicultural Affairs

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May 2016 Graduation

The Class of 2016 featured recipients of 1,565 degrees and certificates including 8 associate, 1,142 baccalaureate, 400 master/specialist, and 11 doctoral program degrees as well as 4 graduate certificates.

Special Thanks to the following Faculty, Staff, and Students for putting on another very successful Murray State University Graduation:

CFSB Staff
MSU Music Department
MSU President’s Office
MSU Horticulture Club
MSU Registrar’s Office
MSU Provost Office
Faculty Marshals
MSU Public Safety

A Special Thanks to Mary Ann Gardner for coordinating all of this.
2016 Staff Congress Results

Secretarial/Clerical Category

Debbie Griffin
Housing
Years at MSU: 13
Have you served on Staff Congress before? Yes
If so, how long did you serve? 3 years

Debbie Plummer
Biology
Years at MSU: 13
Have you served on Staff Congress before? Yes
If so, how long did you serve? 12 years since returning to Murray State.
I served on Staff Congress during my previous employment at MSU 12 years.

General/Facilities Management Category

Terry Stalls
Facilities Management
Years at MSU: 2
Have you served on Staff Congress before? No
If so, how long did you serve?

The second General/Facilities Management slot is Vacant
Executive/Managerial/Professional Category

Jeff Gentry
Public Safety
Years at MSU: 16
Have you served on Staff Congress before? No
If so, how long did you serve?

Brian (Robert) Purcell
Information Systems
Years at MSU: 13
Have you served on Staff Congress before? Yes
If so, how long did you serve? 3 years

At-Large Category

Re'Nita Avery Meriwether
Curris Center
Years at MSU: 13
Have you served on Staff Congress before? No
If so, how long did you serve?

Stephanie Totty
Center for Undergraduate Business Advising
Years at MSU: 7
Have you served on Staff Congress before? Yes
If so, how long did you serve? 6 years
At-Large Category (Continued)

There were two write-in Candidates elected to serve in the At-Large Category:

Michele Sanders

Information Systems – Senior Programmer Analyst

Years at MSU: 17

Have you served on Staff Congress before? No

If so, how long did you serve?

Brittney Stinnett

Wellness Center - Fitness Coordinator

Years at MSU: 4

Have you served on Staff Congress before? No

If so, how long did you serve?