

# Alumni news

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## “Prime Time” Alumni Weekend held April 19-20

During Murray State University’s Alumni Weekend a full slate of activities were offered. Members of the 1952 and 1942 classes enjoyed reunion activities that included the Emeritus Club Luncheon and a brunch at 15th & Olive Restaurant, formerly “The Hut.” Murray’s downtown courtsquare was the site on Friday evening as the MSU Alumni Association hosted its fifth annual Auction at the Bull Pen Restaurant and over \$7,000 in proceeds were raised for the new Alumni Center. In addition, an all-choir reunion was also held during the weekend and a special performance was given by the group during the Alumni and Friends Banquet. During the banquet, the 2002 Distinguished Professor and 2002 Distinguished Researcher, a first-time award, were honored along with the 2002 Distinguished Alumnus recipients.



(Above) The class members of 1952 returned to their alma mater and reminisced about their college days 50 years ago. The 25 members who returned to campus traveled from states that included California, Florida and Colorado.



The new MSU Alumni Association Board of Governors officers were installed during the Alumni and Friends banquet. Percy Belt, immediate past president, Hopkinsville, gave the gavel to Martha Cunningham Lewis, who is the incoming president, Benton. From left, Chris McNeill, president elect, Paducah, Belt, Lewis and Jim Carter, vice president for institutional advancement and executive director of the MSU Alumni Association. The new officers began their term in May and will serve through April 30, 2003.



1942 class members and their spouses returned to campus. From left – Betty Burdick Wood '42, Jean and J.P. Tucker '42, Robert Wood and Martha Melton Putnam '42.



Dr. F. King Alexander and Percy Belt, MSU Alumni Association immediate past president, present the First Distinguished Researcher award to Dr. David S. White of the Center of Excellence at the Hancock Biological Station.



From left – Jim Carter, vice president for institutional advancement and executive director of the MSU Alumni Association; President Alexander; Lana Porter; David Alexander and Percy Belt. Porter and Alexander were honored as the 2002 Distinguished Alumnus recipients.



From left – Dr. Alexander, Michelle Barber and Dr. Milton Grimes. Grimes was named the 2002 Distinguished Professor and Barber received a \$1,000 scholarship in his honor.



**Anna F. Rock and Robert D. Rock Memorial Scholarship**  
 Five Marshall County students are the first to benefit from the \$900,000 bequest gift from the late Anna F. Rock. This gift established the Anna F. Rock and Robert D. Rock Memorial Scholarship that ranks among the top five scholarship gifts in the university's history. The number of annual scholarships will increase as the scholarship fund grows. Pictured from left, Gale Chambers, Anna Rock trustee; Charles Adams-Jones, 2002 Christian Fellowship High School graduate; Rebecca Stockhaus, 2002 Christian Fellowship High School graduate; F. King Alexander, MSU president; Abby Woolfolk and Angela Woolfolk, 2002 Marshall County High School graduates. Chris Lane, a 1997 Marshall County High School graduate and an MSU sophomore student majoring in geosciences also received a scholarship.

**MSU Notables at World's Biggest Fish Fry in Paris, Tenn.**

Jackie Hays Bickel '79, a 1990 MSU Distinguished Alumnus recipient, recently returned to her Paris, Tenn., hometown as the Grand Marshal of the 49th Annual World's Biggest Fish Fry. Hays is the 5 and 6 p.m. anchor for WAVE 3 NEWS in Louisville, Ky., and has been honored as the "best anchor woman" by *Louisville Magazine* for the past seven consecutive years. During the fish fry, Hays talked with Dr. F. King Alexander, MSU president, and Joe Pannunzio, MSU football coach.

***Alumni Chapters to Host Summer Events!***

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend these upcoming summer alumni chapter events and enjoy catching up with former classmates and friends!

Watch the mail or check our website

[www.murraystate.edu/ialu](http://www.murraystate.edu/ialu) for locations and times. Hope to see you this summer.

- **Paducah:** Tuesday, July 16 at the home of Bill '65 and Charlene Beasley '65
- **Henderson:** Thursday, July 18

- **Lexington:** Tuesday, July 23 at the home of Dr. Frank '58 and Pat Miller '59
- **Louisville:** Wednesday, July 24 at the home of Dr. Kern Alexander
- **Owensboro:** Thursday, August 1

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