

Alumni news

Winter 2004



Murray Night honors 2004 Kentucky General Assembly



From left: Gene Strong, secretary, Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development; Gov. Ernie Fletcher; and Dr. F. King Alexander, MSU president, during Murray Night, held recently in Frankfort, Ky. Hosted at Frankfort's Berry Hill Mansion, Murray Night was recently sponsored by Murray State University with co-sponsors Murray-Calloway County Economic Development Corporation, Murray-Calloway County Chamber of Commerce, and USSTC/MSU Agricultural Leadership Development Program in honor of the Kentucky General Assembly.



A group of MSU students traveled to Frankfort for Murray Night on Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2004. They are pictured on the steps of the Berry Hill Mansion with Sid Easley, chairman of the MSU Board of Regents and Wells Lovett, a member of the MSU Board of Regents.

Summer Send Offs

Plans are being made with several alumni chapters to host the annual summer Racer Roadshow events in their area to welcome the incoming freshmen and communicate with alumni and friends. Murray State University representatives from athletics, alumni affairs, school relations, career services and academic colleges travel around the region to greet fellow friends and alumni.

The following areas are in the process of scheduling events in their area:

In State

- Crittenden County
- Henderson/Union County
- Hopkinsville/Christian Co./Todd Co.
- Lexington/Fayette Co.
- Louisville/Jefferson Co./Oldham Co.
- Madisonville/Hopkins Co.
- Marshall Co.
- Mayfield/Graves Co.

- Muhlenberg Co./Ohio Co.
- Owensboro/Daviess Co.
- Paducah/McCracken Co.

Out of State

- Evansville, Ind.
- Nashville, Tenn.
- St. Louis/Metro East

For more information on events, call Patti Jones at 270-762-3437, 800-758-8510, or by e-mail, patti.jones@murraystate.edu

OVC Racer Rally in Nashville

It's OVC Basketball Tournament Time! Plan to join Dunker, the Racer Pep Band, Cheerleaders and Racer fans to show your Racer Spirit! The rally will be hosted by the Murray State Alumni Association and the Greater Nashville Alumni Chapter.

Who: MSU Alumni and Friends

What: OVC Championship Racer Rally
Light refreshments available

When: Saturday, March 6, 2004, 2-3:30 p.m.

(Contingent on wins in the first and semifinal rounds of the tournament. If the Racers lose in the first or semifinal rounds, the rally will be cancelled)

Where: Millennium Maxwell House Ballroom East
2025 MetroCenter Boulevard, Nashville

For more information on the OVC Tournament, go to: www.ovcsports.com

For OVC Tournament Tickets, call: (270) 762-4895



Murray State establishes new online giving site

MSU alumni and friends can now show their loyal support to their alma mater through the newly launched online giving website. Located at www.murraystate.edu/ialu/onlinegiving/, the new web link was recently implemented as a way for alumni and friends to make a quick and positive input on Murray State's students, faculty and staff.

J. Mark Hutchins, associate vice president for institutional advancement, said it is important for MSU to be accessible to our alumni and friends. "Online giving at MSU in an electronically safe and web-secure environment provides donors a way to make gifts immediately and at their convenience."

Hutchins said the online giving has generated a positive response since the system was launched this past December.

N O T I C E

The annual Alumni Donor Recognition Weekend postponed indefinitely

The spring Alumni Donor Recognition Weekend originally scheduled for April 17 has been postponed indefinitely. A change of plans has been made because of many constraints the budget cuts are creating for numerous higher educational institutions.

J. Mark Hutchins, associate vice president for institutional advancement, said they look forward each year to this event because MSU's donors and alumni certainly deserve many thanks for their outstanding support of Murray State. "Budget situations such as the ones we are experiencing now, however, force us to consider ways to cut our expenses without sacrificing academic quality. We will plan future events to have for alumni and donors as the resources become available."

However, plans are still being made to honor the 1954 MSU Golden anniversary class during MSU's Commencement weekend, May 8-9. Patti Jones, associate director of MSU Alumni Affairs, said the group has slated a full schedule of activities during the weekend. Campus tours, a reception at the Alumni Center for the Classes of 1954 and 2004 and the Emeritus Club luncheon at the Curris Center are all a part of the weekend's events.

Murray Legacy Tuition Grant

We know our alumni have strong feelings and believe in their education and want their children and grandchildren to follow in their footsteps. With our Murray Legacy Tuition Grant, your alma mater is giving you the chance to carry on the Murray tradition with a great value and great education.

The Murray Legacy Tuition Grant:

- Begins in the fall of 2004 for incoming freshmen and new transfer students
- Covers eight semesters toward a first baccalaureate degree
- Provides a tuition grant equal to the difference between out-of-state and in-state tuition rates

Keep the Murray tradition a family tradition, at one of the nation's top public Universities!

For more information, go to:

www.murraystate.edu/ialu/legacy_grant.htm

SAVE THE DATE

The MSU Alumni Association and Evansville/Henderson alumni chapters invite you to a

BIG FAT GREEK PARTY

at the Acropolis!

Co-owned by four siblings, all MSU graduates, the Acropolis features authentic Greek cuisine in a Mediterranean atmosphere – a perfect setting for Murray State alumni and friends to gather for an evening of food, fun and fellowship!

PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US! RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BY APRIL 9!

Who: MSU's Henderson and Evansville alumni and friends

What: BIG FAT GREEK PARTY (alumni gathering)

When: April 13, 2004, from 6-8 p.m.

Where: Acropolis Restaurant, 501 N. Green River Rd., Evansville

Cost: \$10 a person (includes appetizers and non-alcoholic beverages)

For reservations, call Joyce Whitney at (800) 758-8510

Visa and MasterCard accepted, make checks to:

MSUAA, 100 Alumni Center, Murray, KY 42071-3357

Murray State University Alumni Association Chapter Presidents

District of Columbia/Northern Virginia – Ann Curtsinger '76 '82
Indiana – Brandon L. Hayes '95, Michael and Trish Gage '95

Nashville – John '76 '02 and Vicki Via Shaber '72 '73
St. Louis/Metro East – Hal '59 and Rose '60 Prow

Crittenden County – Dulcie Waldrop Hardin '71
Henderson/Union County – Doug Bell '95
Hopkinsville/Christian Co./Todd Co. – Percy Belt '73
Lexington/Fayette Co. – Bob Waller '56
Louisville/Jefferson Co. – Todd Barlow '90
Madisonville/Hopkins Co. – Michael W. Hunt '93
Marshall Co. – Ricky Nimmo '77
Muhlenberg Co./Ohio Co. – Dean Rowe '89
Murray/Calloway Co. – Mark Vinson '81
Owensboro/Daviess Co. – Randy A. Clemens '90
Paducah/McCracken Co./Ballard Co./Livingston Co. – Sonny Smith '78

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- Alumni Class Notes
- MSU Calendar of Events

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