

MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY

2024 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



We are Racers.

KEY POINTS

9,857 STUDENTS ENROLLED

- 1,660 freshmen enrolled
- largest freshman class in 100-year history - up 21%

111 
KENTUCKY COUNTIES
REPRESENTED

49 
STATES
REPRESENTED

16:1 
STUDENT TO
FACULTY RATIO

99%
RECEIVE
FINANCIAL AID
first-time/full-time
students

A RECORD
\$127
MILLION
FINANCIAL AID
AND SCHOLARSHIPS
AWARDED ANNUALLY

52%
GRADUATE
DEBT-FREE
students with no
known student debt

\$495 MILLION
ANNUALLY

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
ECONOMIC IMPACT

generated by Murray State

- BASED ON A 2016 ECONOMIC IMPACT REPORT



■ Murray State University is home to the **Breathitt Veterinary Center**, a Biosafety Level 1 veterinary diagnostic laboratory, located in Hopkinsville, Kentucky.



■ In addition to its main campus in Murray, Kentucky, Murray State University has **five regional campuses** in Ft. Campbell, Henderson, Hopkinsville, Madisonville and Paducah.

CAPITAL PROJECT REQUESTS 2024-2026

Deferred Maintenance and Asset Preservation

PRIORITY 1: Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) Asset Preservation Request (\$60M)

Murray State supports the CPE's Asset Preservation Request of \$700M in annual state bond funds to expand on the funds authorized by the State in the 2022-24 biennium for asset preservation and to help address continued facilities renovation and renewal at Kentucky's public colleges and universities.

Funding is requested without a match requirement.

Murray State's allocation of the \$700M state bonds request is \$60M.

PRIORITY 2: Construct School of Veterinary Medicine (\$90M)

This project would result in the construction of a new accredited School of Veterinary Medicine to address the growing large animal veterinarian shortage across Kentucky, to be housed under the Hutson School of Agriculture at Murray State University.



PRIORITY 3: Construct School of Nursing and Health Professions Building – Phase II (\$11.6M)

This project is to construct a phase II new School of Nursing and Health Professions Building. The additional funding needed to construct and equip the new School of Nursing and Health Professions Building is \$11.6M. This will allow the total original scope to be completed of which \$45.5M was authorized by the 2022-24 General Assembly.



PRIORITY 4: Asset Preservation Pool – 2024-26 Additional (\$34.2M)

For the projects planned to have been completed with the 2022-24 Asset Preservation Funding, an added 63% (\$34.2M) is estimated for phase II funding of these projects.

PRIORITY 5: Construct Learning Commons with Housing (\$38M)

This project is to construct a new state-of-the-art learning commons to house a student success center, classrooms, student group meetings and learning activities. The facility will also include residential housing with one or more dining options.

This is an important recruitment and retention initiative for first-time students.



PRIORITY 6: Reauthorization and Authorization for University (Agency) Bonding (\$122.2M)

- Construct Residential Housing (\$69M)
- Replace College Courts Apartments (1 to 5 Bldgs.) (\$15M)
- Athletic Facilities Improvement Pool Projects (Private Funds) (\$20M)
- Asset Preservation Pool - Residence Halls (\$6M)
- Construct New Auxiliary Services Building (\$1.4M)
- Renovate Residence Hall Electrical System (\$4.4M)
- Residence Hall HVAC System (\$3.6M)
- Renovate Residence Hall Interior (\$1.6M)
- Replace Residence Hall Domestic Water Piping (\$1.2M)

PERFORMANCE FUNDING AND BASE FUNDING INCREASES

Murray State University supports the Council on Postsecondary Education's (CPE) Performance Funding request for appropriations of \$22.7M in each year of the biennium to increase student success and a base funding adjustment to provide incentives for institutions to pursue state goals for higher education.

Murray State Cybersecurity and Cyber Center (\$9.2M)

In 1997, House Bill 1 created Programs of Distinction (POD), through the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) at our public postsecondary institutions with the aim of serving the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

The Program of Distinction at Murray State University is Cybersecurity.

Murray State supports the continued investment and enhancement of the Cyber Education and Research Center at Murray State University as well as the creation of a network of cyberinfrastructure across the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

For fall 2023, there was a record enrollment in cybersecurity programs. Murray State is requesting \$9.2M in funding for continued expansion and improvement to the Cyber Education and Research Center.



NATIONAL RANKINGS

30+
CONSECUTIVE YEARS
TOP TIER UNIVERSITY
- U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT

12+
CONSECUTIVE YEARS
AMERICA'S BEST COLLEGES
- FORBES

TOP 10
REGIONAL UNIVERSITY
FOR QUALITY AND VALUE
- U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT
2023 RANKINGS


2022 BEST COLLEGE
- WALL STREET JOURNAL/TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION


**BEST COLLEGES
FOR VETERANS**
- U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT


**BEST BANG
FOR THE BUCK**
- WASHINGTON MONTHLY


**BEST COLLEGES IN AMERICA
RANKED BY VALUE**
- MONEY



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