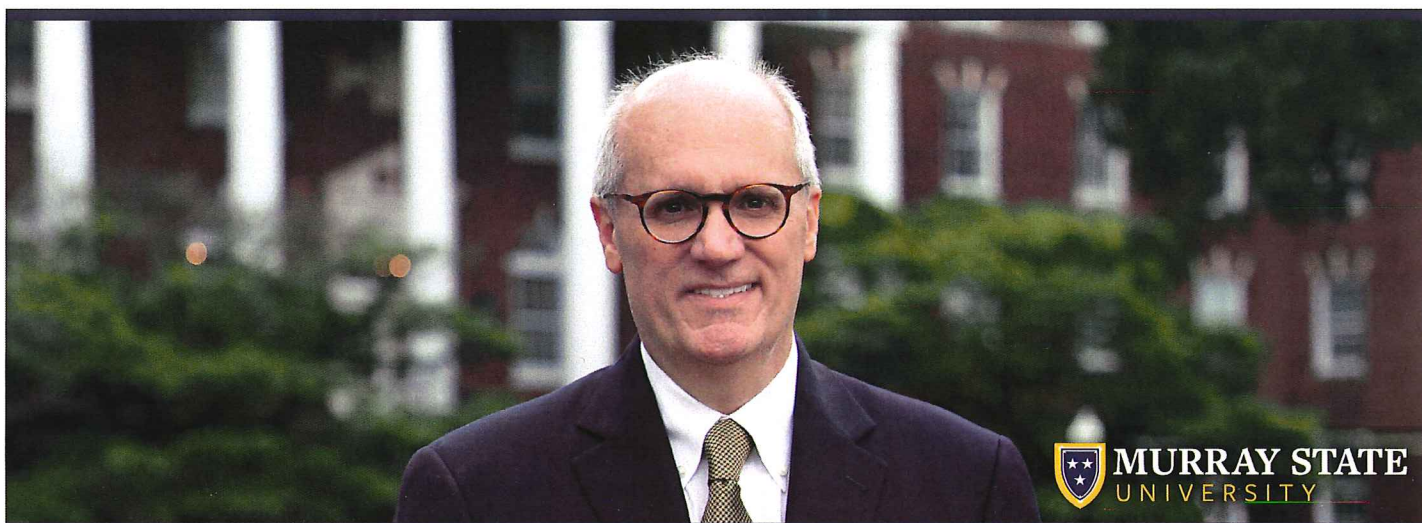


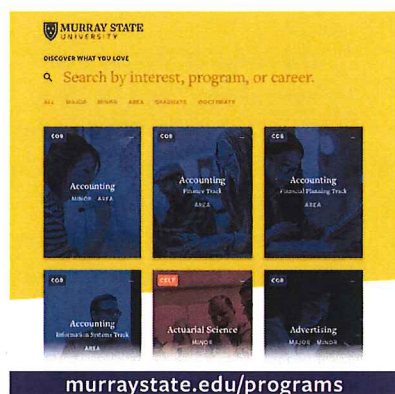
# GOOD NEWS REPORT

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The Murray State University Board of Regents named Dr. Robert L. (Bob) Jackson as the University's interim president effective Aug. 16, 2018, following the departure of former Murray State President Bob Davies. A 1985 graduate of Murray State, Jackson previously served as president of the MSU Foundation. As Jackson looks ahead, he intends to emphasize four key priorities — recruit, enroll, retain and graduate — while adding, “Our best days are in front of us.”

## MURRAY STATE LAUNCHES DYNAMIC ACADEMIC PROGRAMS WEBSITE



Murray State launched a new website in August 2018 to provide information about the University's 126 academic programs.

The new site allows prospective students to discover what they love from a single online destination — one that is easy to navigate and consistent in its design and content. It features undergraduate and graduate offerings with information about curriculum details, class sizes, club and internship

opportunities, possible careers and related programs. It is optimized for mobile devices in addition to being written and designed according to web best practices.

“Choosing what to study can be stressful, but we hope this resource eases what for many is a life-defining decision,” said Daniel Fukuhara, web specialist, who led the creation and design of the project.

## CENTER FOR ADULT AND REGIONAL EDUCATION OPENS DOORS FOR STUDENTS



Murray State launched the new Center for Adult and Regional Education (CARE) to provide greater access and support for the unique needs of non-traditional learners.

“The creation of CARE is an opportunity for Murray State to promote and develop lifelong learning opportunities for adult

students throughout our service region and beyond,” said Dan Lavit, executive director.

In order to accommodate adult students with busy schedules, new programming will offer more convenience and flexibility at the University's main campus, the regional campuses and online.

## UNIVERSITY BEGINS 2018–19 ROAD SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Murray State faculty and staff started visiting high schools throughout Kentucky this fall as a part of the Road Scholars program, a recruitment initiative to assist in enrolling interested students at the University.

The Road Scholars program consists of three components

and begins with faculty and staff visiting high schools to provide information to students. The schools are then encouraged to tour campus as the second component, while the program concludes with faculty and staff returning to the high schools for college fairs or similar events.



## CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDENT DEFENDS KNOWLEDGE THROUGH INTERNSHIP

This past summer, Olivia Graff of Murphysboro, Illinois, was one of three students selected for an internship with the Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy.

A typical week for Graff included mirroring the responsibilities of an

attorney: attending court sessions, interviewing clients and organizing case files. She was also afforded many opportunities to expand her professional network by working alongside lawyers in Calloway, Graves and Marshall counties.

## COMPUTER SCIENCE AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS STUDENTS PURSUE INTERNSHIPS

Several students in the Department of Computer Science and Information Systems, including Rhea Gibson, Ebony Clark and Andrew Callor, stayed busy during the summer months with local and regional internship opportunities.

"Information technology (IT) isn't just sitting at a computer for eight hours watching the ones and zeroes pass by on the screen — it's

interactive and exciting," Gibson said. "Working with computers allows a lot of leeway in terms of continuous learning, and I never want to stop learning."

Gibson worked with Industrial Training Services in Murray, Clark worked with Computer Services, Inc., in Paducah and Callor worked at the UPS Air Group Building in Louisville.

## UNIVERSITY HOSTS CREATIVE ARTS WORKSHOPS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

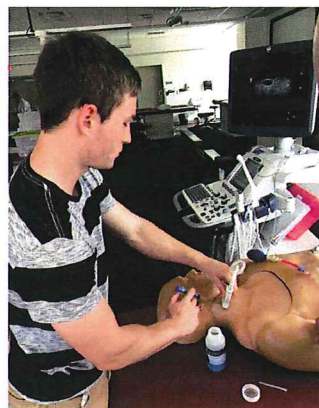
Nearly 80 high school students from the region visited Murray State this summer for the 2018 Creative Arts Workshops sponsored by the University's College of Humanities and Fine Arts.

"These workshops provide the opportunity to focus on creative writing, visual arts or vocal performance in an intense setting while working with the extraordinary faculty at Murray State,"



said Nicole Hand, professor of art and assistant dean. "These workshops build on what students have learned in high school and provide them with in-depth and specialized instruction."

## STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN RURAL COMMUNITY HEALTH SCHOLARS PROGRAM



Five Murray State students participated in the Rural Community Health Scholars program this summer, spending four weeks traveling throughout Kentucky and studying community health

and population-based health issues within rural communities.

The scholar program is sponsored by the Purchase Area Health Education Center within the School of Nursing and Health Professions. It is an opportunity for students interested in careers in health care to participate in a wide array of hands-on experiences, to shadow physicians and health professionals, to give back to communities and to tour medical schools.

## MURRAY STATE OFFERS NEW ONLINE BACHELOR'S IN AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE

The Hutson School of Agriculture now offers an opportunity for students to pursue a bachelor's degree in agricultural science through a convenient online format.

"This is intended to be another monumental opportunity to expand

the scope of Murray State agriculture," said Dr. Tony Brannon, dean. "This online degree option is designed for those who may be limited by geography, time or other circumstances yet still want to better themselves with a degree in higher education."

## STUDENTS BUILD BAJA BUGGY FOR NATIONAL COMPETITION

Three students in the Institute of Engineering designed and built a baja buggy, a single-seat and all-terrain sporting vehicle, for their design course. They then traveled to Pittsburg, Kansas, to compete against other colleges at the Baja SAE Competition.

Watch the full story at [murraystate.edu/bajabuggy](http://murraystate.edu/bajabuggy).



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