

Craft Academy at Morehead State University announces Class of 2027



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Members of the Class of 2027 of the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science & Mathematics at Morehead State University.

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The Craft Academy for Excellence in Science & Mathematics at Morehead State University is proud to announce the members of the Class of 2027.

Students from across the Commonwealth were selected to attend the Craft Academy, located on the campus of Morehead State University. The students live in the Craft Academy resi-

dence hall and earn dual credit as they complete their final two years of high school at the Academy while taking college-level courses.

Craft Academy provides students with a postsecondary residential experience to complete their junior and senior years of high school by enrolling in college courses. The Academy aims to meet the unique ed-

ucational needs of the Commonwealth's academically gifted and talented high school juniors and seniors. The academic rigor of the Craft Academy challenges students to excel at their highest level through project-based STEM+X courses and hands-on learning experiences, emphasizing innovation, design and creativity, and civic and regional engagement.

Students are selected to attend the Academy for excelling in science, math, and other STEM-related fields. They must apply and complete a face-to-face interview and submit recommendations from STEM teachers, a community member, and a person of their choice. To be considered, they must also qualify with ACT or SAT scores and complete the required

essays.

Craft Academy will welcome 120 incoming juniors in the fall of 2025. The following local students are members of the Craft Academy Class of 2027.

- Maddie Leigh Fleming, Vanceburg, Lewis County High School.
- Laura Beth Horsley, Vanceburg, Lewis County High School.
- Ethan Blake Swearin-

gen, Vanceburg, West Carter High School.

The Craft Academy aims to meet the unique educational needs of the Commonwealth's academically gifted and talented high school juniors and seniors.

To learn more, visit the Craft Academy website, email [craftacademy@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:craftacademy@moreheadstate.edu) or call 606-783-2093.

Cut-off date for 2026 EQIP will be September 26, 2025

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The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Kentucky is encouraging landowners, farmers and producers to visit their local NRCS office now to receive information and apply for conservation technical assistance and possible funding opportunities.

The application process for NRCS's conservation programs is continuous, but funding selections for specific programs are made throughout the year. For the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Kentucky NRCS has an-

nounced that applications for assistance received by September 26, 2025, will be evaluated and considered for funding.

EQIP is a conservation program that provides financial and technical assistance to farmers and ranchers who face threats to soil, water, air, and related natural resources on their land. Through EQIP, NRCS develops contracts with agricultural producers to voluntarily implement conservation practices. Persons engaged in livestock or agricultural production and owners of non-industrial private forestland are eligible for this

program. Eligible land includes cropland, pastureland, private non-industrial forestland, and other farm or ranch lands.

In Fiscal Year 2025, NRCS in Kentucky provided over \$25 million in EQIP financial assistance to assist private land users to address natural resource issues on their land.

For more information about EQIP or the other programs offered by NRCS, visit us on the web at [www.ky.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.ky.nrcs.usda.gov) or contact your local NRCS service center at <http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app>.

CPE awards grants to support recovery resource centers on five Kentucky campuses

By Melissa Young

The Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE), in partnership with the Kentucky Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission (KYOAAC), awarded grants to five postsecondary institutions to support collegiate recovery resource centers (CRRCs) on their campuses. Bellarmine University, Campbellsville University, Morehead State University, University of Kentucky and Western Kentucky University each received \$78,000 to aid in this effort.

CRRCs are designed to support students in recovery from substance use disorders and those managing co-occurring mental health challenges. Each center will offer trauma-informed peer recovery services, academic support and workforce readiness programming in collaboration with community recovery and behavioral health providers.

"This initiative is about building recovery-ready campuses and communities," said Dr. Leslie Sizemore, Vice President of Workforce and Economic Development at CPE. "We are proud to sup-

port these institutions as they lead with compassion, evidence-based practices and a commitment to student well-being and success."

The project runs from July 1, 2025 through June 30,

2026. All institutions will participate in quarterly reporting, a statewide convening and ongoing evaluation to demonstrate the impact of CRRC programs across Kentucky.

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Councilman's Comments

Richard Walje

The good news is, I don't plan to subject you to political ads on a regular basis. But I do want to give my best efforts to clear the air concerning Vanceburg's city budget. I have learned that a lot of smoke in politics does not always mean fire. I believe that to be the situation here. Having trust in your local elected officials is very important, particularly when it comes to all of our hard earned tax dollars. I believe that trust to be deserved with Vanceburg's governing body. If I ever believed otherwise I would speak up clearly. I have spoken with our city attorney as well as Kentucky League of Cities' Attorney and of course, our city clerk. Below is my best understanding.

Vanceburg apparently has budgeted by the line item and exceeded some projected line items at times throughout fiscal year. Approximately 31 times last fiscal year is my

understanding. Through inquiries with other Kentucky municipalities I discovered this is not uncommon and in fact one city I contacted had exceeded line items approximately 90 times last fiscal year. The difference being that they use line items as a working tool to develop funds for larger categories, police department, road department, etc. and it's not necessary to amend budget every time a line item is exceeded, which is not practical as it requires a budget amendment ordinance with two readings and public notice in paper which would've equated to 62 public readings and 31 taxpayer postings in local paper this last year. The simple fix in my view is for Vanceburg to

budget by the larger categorical funds and use line items as working tools to develop said categories. This in my view relinquishes no city council oversight and we can always amend the budget at any time of our choosing. It took about a 10 minute conversation with our city clerk for me to be satisfied that all funds at all times have been fully accounted for. She will speak with any citizen and certainly any member of council.

If you have questions, please feel free to call me at 606-262-0822. Leave message as I may be on another call. I will get back with you and explain my thoughts on this matter to the best of my ability. Thanks.

NOTICE

Due to the Labor Day Holiday Lewis County Conservation District Board of Supervisors meeting will be held Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

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ABSOLUTE ESTATE AUCTION  
SAT., AUG. 30, 2025, 10:30 A.M.

325 Stanfield Lane, Tollesboro (Burtonville),  
Lewis Co., KY 41189



The Don and Phyllis Stanfield (deceased) property, now owned by their children Tamie (Jackie) Boling, Darren Scott (Beverly) Stanfield and Kelly Stanfield. The home is located in the Burtonville community, accessed by a private drive off Buck Lick Road. The property is situated on a 1.703 acre newly surveyed parcel of land, secluded, located and accessed by means of a long gravel private roadway (the use of the roadway is not exclusive to the use of the purchaser, but provides access to an adjacent farm and an adjacent tract of woodlands) extending from Buck Lick Road to the home/property. The property is served by a spring that has never gone dry in the approximate 60 years of ownership by the Stanfield family. The home on the property consists of a 1.5 story frame farmhouse that offers 3 bdms. and one bath. The property could provide for owner occupancy, rental income, or provide part-time home for a hunter who leases hunting acreage nearby.

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