

Area School News

MANCHESTER, NH —Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Fall 2025 President’s List. The fall terms run from Sept. to Dec. of 2025.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President’s List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Dimitri Nanopoulos, Foster Grim and Alyson Wyatt, all of Louisa; Shayuana Christian, Jennifer Starr and Lavahishia Robinson, all of Prestonsburg; William Stanley of Langley; Leshawna Wesley of Banner; Haylee Sexton of Staffordsville; Kayla Cantrell of Flat Gap; and

Nora George of East Point.

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit, accredited institution with a 93-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults.

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COLUMBIA — Lindsey Wilson University opened 2026 by celebrating students who achieved academic success during the 2025 fall semester. Among students honored were those named to the Lindsey Wilson Dean’s List.

The Lindsey Wilson Dean’s List recognizes full-time undergraduate students who have achieved a grade point average of 3.50 or higher on a 4.00 scale and who are in good academic standing for the semester.

The following local students were named to the Lindsey Wilson 2025 fall semester Dean’s List: Amy Chander and Tarah Johnson, both of Louisa; Cody Hurley from Auxier; Jacklyn Setser from Blue River; Crystal Greiner, Saleena Valencia, and Crystal Caudill, all of Prestonsburg.

Lindsey Wilson University is a vibrant liberal arts university in Columbia. Founded in 1903 and affiliated with The United Methodist Church, the mission of Lindsey Wilson is to serve the educational needs of students by providing a living-learning environment within an atmosphere of active caring and Christian concern where every student, every day, learns and grows and feels like a real human being.

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HUNTINGTON, W.Va. - Marshall University’s John Deaver Drinko Academy for American Political Institutions and Civic Culture has announced its Aug. and Dec. 2025 class of National Society of ACTA Scholars.

ACTA is an academic honorary society that was founded in 2020 by the American Council of Trustees and Alumni, a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit that promotes rigorous studies in the arts and sciences, and advocates for the study of civics at the college level. Marshall University was one of the first institutions of higher education in the country to establish a National Society of ACTA Scholars Chapter.

“ACTA Scholars complete a set of course requirements providing advanced preparation for the responsibilities of informed and engaged citizenship, for effective communication and competition within the global marketplace, and for skilled and creative problem solving to address our present and future challenges,” said Dr. Montserrat Miller, executive director of the Drinko Academy. “Three of the seven courses needed for National Society of ACTA Scholars eligibility are already built into Marshall’s core curriculum. But only a few majors require students to study U.S. government, U.S. history, or economics. The National Society of ACTA Scholars chapter at Marshall encourages more students to take such courses, along with literature and foreign language classes.”

Thirty-five Marshall University students quali-

LC BOE SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING & DRAFT BUDGET WORK SESSION

By SARAH GAUZE

The LC BOE met on Thursday, January 29th, in a special-called meeting to discuss the first step in a three-step process to review the 2026-2027 Draft Budget.

In communications, Mrs. Katie Webb, LC Superintendent, discussed our current winter weather issues affecting normal school operations. As of the end of January, LC has used 8 of its 10 Nontraditional Instruction (NTI) Days, with 6 traditional snow days. The snow days will be added to the end of our school calendar. Mrs. Webb thanked our school maintenance crews for their work on our school parking lots and walkways. She also thanked the LC and KY state crews for their hard work in clearing our roadways.

Thank you to TRMC for sponsoring the weekly 15-minute radio show, Bulldog Bites, which airs on WSIP on Tuesday evenings. The show will run from February through May and resume as the

fied to graduate as ACTA Scholars in the first half of the 2025-2026 academic year. These students completed degrees with majors and minors in the College of Liberal Arts, the College of Education and Professional Development, the College of Health Professions, the Lewis College of Business and the College of Science.

Lawrence County Marshall graduate Ashton Brumfield of Louisa, has been recognized as an ACTA Scholar. He earned his BA in Political Science in Dec. of 2025.

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LAWRENCE COUNTY — Caleb Copley, C.O.O. of Hutch Auto Group surprised the senior class of 2025/2026, with a “Drive Toward Success Car Give-away, when school begin in August of 2025. One lucky Lawrence County High School senior will drive away with a car, thanks to the generosity of Hutch Auto Group.

Eligibility Criteria: Must be a senior at Lawrence County High School; Minimum 3.0 GPA; Not classified as chronically absent; and Demonstrates the Four Rs: Respectful, Responsible, Ready, and Builds Relationships

How to Apply: Submit a 500-word essay by Friday, April 3, about your goals, your hustle, and how this car will help you get where you’re going.

The winner will be announced at Senior Awards Night.

A video about the giveaway was posted on the LC High School Facebook page on Aug. 13, 2025.

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MOREHEAD — Morehead State University continues to soar higher and build on its reputation as a high-quality institution. MSU recently earned its highest-ever ranking as the #12 best public university in the South and was once again named a College of Distinction in multiple categories.

While MSU is proud of these accolades, the University is even more proud of its exceptional Eagle students.

The Fall 2025 Dean’s List is now available online. These students’ accomplishments reflect our long-standing commitment to academic excellence and student success.

To qualify for the Dean’s List, students must have completed at least 12 undergraduate credit hours and earned a 3.5 GPA or higher for the current semester.

To view the Dean’s List, visit www.moreheadstate.edu/deanslist.

See for yourself what makes MSU the place to pursue your future. When you visit campus, you can meet with students and faculty, see facilities for

new school year reopens.

Mrs. Brandi Peters, LC Finance Officer, discussed the first phase of the LC Draft Budget with LC BOE members. This is a

working phase and will be followed by two additional phases, in alignment with KDE regulations. The board will continue to discuss the draft budget at the February 17th BOE meeting.

The board approved to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of the possible acquisition or sale of real property pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(b). This potential property acquisition concerns the LC Community Center.

The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 17, at 6 p.m., at LCHS. Louisa East Elementary School will be in the spotlight, showcasing student achievements.

The board adjourned the meeting.

hands-on research and study, learn about living on campus and more.

Visit www.moreheadstate.edu/visit for more information.

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MOREHEAD — A two-time Morehead State University graduate and MSU instructor in education is now leading one of the University’s regional campuses.

Dr. Tammy Martin (Class of 1988, 2025), a former senior instructor in teacher education at MSU in Prestonsburg, is now the director of MSU at Ashland. Martin initially attended Berea College to study nursing before she left to start a family. The combination of parenthood, sparking an interest in education, and a desire to provide a better life for her family led her to re-enroll at Berea College.

After earning a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from Berea College, Martin taught 12 years in her hometown in Greenup County. Her passion for instructional excellence and student growth led her to school leadership, where she enrolled at Morehead State University, earning a Master of Arts in Elementary Education in 1988. She also obtained further certifications as an instructional supervisor, elementary principal, and superintendent of schools. Martin then served as assistant principal at Louisa Elementary for a year.

She also served in the Kentucky Department of Education as an Education Recovery Leader, supporting schools in their continuous improvement efforts.

Now, in her new role as director of MSU at Ashland (and part-time instructor, admitting she couldn’t entirely leave teaching behind), Martin said she plans to use her experience in and out of the classroom to bring more awareness to what MSU at Ashland has to offer and help every student get the relevant knowledge and real-world experience they need to secure a job in their field. In particular, Martin said she enjoys being able to help nontraditional students like herself write the next and occasionally unexpected chapters of their lives.

“I think all of us as just human beings want to leave this world knowing that you’ve had some kind of an impact on it,” she said. “I’m excited to start getting into area high schools and talk to some of these seniors that are getting ready to go into college...we need to make sure parents and students know we have this wonderful opportunity right here locally that so many people don’t realize.”

Dr. Martin can be reached at ashland@moreheadstate.edu or 606-327-1777. To learn more about MSU at Ashland, contact ashland@moreheadstate.edu or 606-327-1777.

25-P-00166 Estate of John E. Goble, 58KG Estates Road, Louisa, KY 41230 Notice is given that Daphne Goble, 558KG Estates Road, Louisa, KY 41230, has been appointed as Administratrix on Jan. 8, 2026, by the Lawrence District Court. All Creditors must file their claims within six months of the above date. Jodi L. Parsley Lawrence District Court Probate Division (2/4 pd) **** 26-P-00001 Estate of Timothy Lee Keeton, 5579 Highway 1715, Martha, KY 41159 Notice is given that Susan C. Eldridge, 3522 South Highway 706, Isonville, KY 41149, has been appointed as Administratrix on Jan. 8, 2026, by the Lawrence District Court.	All Creditors must file their claims within six months of the above date. Jodi L. Parsley Lawrence District Court Probate Division (2/4 pd) **** 26-P-00002 Estate of Jessie Mahon, 173 Hay Branch Road, Louisa, KY 41230 Notice is given that Joyce Mahon, 173 Hay Branch Road, Louisa, KY 41230, has been appointed as Executrix on Jan. 8, 2026, by the Lawrence District Court. All Creditors must file their claims within six months of the above date. Jodi L. Parsley Lawrence District Court Probate Division (2/4 pd) **** 25-P-00161 Estate of Ted Compton Attorney: Michael Ar-	rington, P.O. Box 420, Ashland, KY 41105 Notice is given that Sheri C. Hovey, 4120 Hampton Parkway, Fuquay Varina, NC 27526, has been appointed as Executrix on Jan. 22, 2026, by the Lawrence District Court. All creditors must file their claims within six months of the above date. Jodi L. Parsley Lawrence District Court Probate Division (2/4 pd) **** 26-P-00003 Estate of Eula Dean Fields, 4847 Yellow Creek Road, Louisa, KY 41230 Attorney Niles Brian Cumbo, P.O. Box 1844, Inez, KY 41224 Notice is given that Scottie Fields, 5040 Yellow Creek Road, Louisa, KY 41230 and Carolyn J. Goble, 5141 Yellow Creek Road, Louisa,	KY 41230, have been appointed as Co-Executors on Jan. 29, 2026, by the Lawrence District Court. All creditors must file their claims within six months of the above date. Jodi L. Parsley Lawrence District Court Probate Division (2/4 pd) **** 26-P00008 Estate of Randall E. McNeil, 107 Dry Fork Road, Webbville, KY 41180 Notice is given that Robert Craig McNeil, 4294 South State Highway 1, Grayson, KY 41143, has been appointed as Executor on Jan. 29, 2026, by the Lawrence District Court. All creditors must file their claims within six months of the date. Jodi L. Parsley Lawrence District Court Probate Division (2/4 pd)	**** 23-P-00182 Estate of William Edward Derefield Notice is hereby given that Phyllis Jean Derefield, Administratrix, has filed a Final Settlement in the estate of William Edward Derefield, to be heard in the Lawrence District Court on Feb. 26, 2026, at 9 a.m. All exceptions to the settlement must be filed prior to the hearing. Jodi L. Parsley Lawrence District Court Probate Division (2/4 pd) **** 23-P-00160 Estate of Deborah Saunders Notice is hereby given that Everett Saunders, Jr., Executor, has filed a Final Settlement in the estate of Deborah Saunders, to be heard in the Lawrence District	Courtroom on Feb. 26, 2026, at 9 a.m. All exceptions to the settlement must be filed prior to the hearing. Jodi L. Parsley Lawrence District Court Probate Division (2/4 pd) **** 23-P-00092 Estate of Donald L. Hamilton Notice is hereby given that Mark Hamilton, Executor, has filed a Final Settlement in the estate of Donald L. Hamilton, to be heard in the Lawrence District Court on March 5, 2026, at 9 a.m. All exceptions to the settlement must be filed prior to the hearing. Jodi L. Parsley Lawrence District Court Probate Division (2/4 pd)
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