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Morehead State, University of Pikeville Partner to Create Early Admission Pathway to Medical School

Morehead State University and the University of Pikeville's Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine (KYCOM) have signed a memorandum of agreement last Thursday creating a new early admission pathway that will provide qualified MSU students with a direct route toward earning a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree.

Under the agreement, KYCOM will reserve up to five seats annually in its Early Admission Program for eligible Morehead State students who meet established academic and admissions requirements. The partnership creates expanded opportunities for students interested in pursuing careers in medicine while strengthening the educational pipeline for future healthcare professionals in Kentucky.

University leaders from both institutions gathered to formalize the agreement on Thursday, July 30.

"This partnership creates an exciting opportunity for Morehead State students who aspire to become physicians. By establishing a direct pathway to the Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine, we are helping talented students pursue their professional goals while supporting the growing need for healthcare providers across Kentucky and the region. We are proud to collaborate with the University of Pikeville in creating new opportunities that help our students succeed and serve their communities," said MSU President Dr. Jay Morgan.

UPIKE President Burton J. Webb, Ph.D., and UPIKE Vice President for

Health Affairs and Dean of KYCOM Joe Kingery, D.O., are pleased with the agreement and the opportunities it will create for future physicians in Kentucky.

"The University of Pikeville is proud to partner with Morehead State University to create new opportunities for students who are called to careers in medicine," said Webb. "As a nationally recognized leader in educating physicians who choose to practice in rural and underserved communities, KYCOM is uniquely positioned to help meet Kentucky's growing healthcare needs. We look forward to welcoming these talented students and supporting them as they prepare to make a meaningful difference in the communities they will one day serve."

"At KYCOM, our mission has always been to prepare compassionate, highly skilled physicians for rural and underserved communities," said Kingery. "This partnership with MSU strengthens that mission by creating a clear pathway for exceptional students who are committed to serving others. We are excited to work alongside Morehead State to mentor these future physicians from the beginning of their journey through medical school and beyond."

The agreement allows qualified students to complete their undergraduate education at Morehead State before continuing their medical education at KYCOM. Participating students must meet specific academic standards, including minimum cumulative

and science grade point averages, completion of prerequisite coursework, and achievement of required MCAT scores.

The partnership reflects a shared commitment between the two institutions to expand educational opportunities and support students pursuing careers in healthcare. By creating a clearly defined pathway from undergraduate studies to medical school, the agreement helps reduce barriers for aspiring physicians and encourages more students to remain in Kentucky for their education and professional training.

"I'm really excited for the opportunity this agreement, which was facilitated by Northeast AHEC, provides to the Biomedical Sciences and Biomedical Chemistry

students in my department, who will be the bulk of applicants to the KYCOM program," said Dr. Charles Lydeard, chair of the MSU Department of Biology & Chemistry.

As part of the agreement, Morehead State will continue serving as the undergraduate degree-granting institution, while KYCOM will provide the professional medical education part of the program. The agreement is in effect through June 30, 2031.

Students interested in learning more about MSU's pre-med and biomedical sciences programs should contact Morehead State University's Department of Biology & Chemistry at bioc@moreheadstate.edu or 606-783-2945.

Kentucky State Police Post 8 Traffic Safety Checkpoint Announcement

The Kentucky State Police (KSP), Morehead Post would like to offer periodic reminders to drivers who travel our roadways. Our agency strives daily to ensure the safety of the motoring public. Some of these proactive measures include various roadside safety checkpoints and saturating known problematic areas in the district through general patrol tactics.

The Kentucky State Police utilizes traffic safety checkpoints to promote safety for motorists using the public roadways and to provide a deterrent for

those who violate laws contained in the Kentucky Revised Statutes.

The intent of a traffic safety checkpoint is to provide high visibility, public safety service, focusing on operator impairment, vehicular equipment deficiencies (confirming appropriate registration and insurance of vehicles) and the valid licensing of drivers. Other violations of law and/or other public safety issues that arise will be addressed.

These checkpoints will allow the Kentucky State Police the opportunity to periodically

concentrate its efforts in checking for violations of Kentucky traffic and regulatory laws that will ultimately increase the safety of the citizens within the Commonwealth.

Post 8 serves the following counties: Bath, Elliott, Fleming, Lewis, Mason, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Powell, Rowan and Wolfe.

Traffic Safety checkpoint locations in the Post 8 District may be located at our web site: <https://www.kentuckystatepolice.ky.gov/post8checkpoints>

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for **New Roof Installation** will be received by the Housing Authority of Morehead, 200 Heritage Place, Morehead, Kentucky 40351 on **Wednesday, September 2, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.** and then at said office of the Executive Director publicly opened and read aloud. Prior to the opening of the envelope, the names of all contractors listed shall be read aloud and incorporated into the bid.

The plans, specifications, and other contract documents may be examined at the following locations:

Cauthen & Associates, LLC
9047 Executive Park Dr., Suite 221
Knoxville, Tennessee 37923

Dodge Data & Analytics
Construct Connect
Builders Exchange of Kentucky
Lynn Imaging, Lexington, Kentucky

Prospective bidders may obtain copies of the Contract Documents from Raylon Harness, Cauthen & Associates, LLC, 9047 Executive Park Dr., Suite 221, Knoxville, TN 37923. A deposit of \$200.00 is required for one set of Contract Documents. All bid deposit checks or drafts shall be made payable to Cauthen & Associates, LLC. Requirements for bid deposit refunds can be found in the expanded Advertisement for Bids bound within the Project Manual.

All bidders must be licensed Contractors as required by 815 KAR 8:010 of the Kentucky Administrative Regulations and as required by the local municipality. All bidders shall provide evidence of a license in the appropriate classification before a bid can be considered. Reference is made to the instructions to Bidders for Contracts contained in the Project Manual for further bidding information.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. No bidder may withdraw his bid within 60 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Walk through and Prebid Conference
At 11:00 a.m. on **Wednesday, August 19, 2026**, a prebid conference will be held at the administrative office of Housing Authority of Morehead, 200 Heritage Place, Morehead, Kentucky, for the purpose of answering questions bidders may have and to consider any suggestions they may wish to make concerning the project. Immediately following the prebid conference, a walk-through of the project(s) will be held by the Owner. Although not mandatory, all contractors are recommended to attend this walk-through and prebid conference.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF MOREHEAD

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