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MURRAY
STATE COLLEGE

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We have a lot to celebrate and be thankful for this holiday season.

From the incredible faculty and staff, to our hardworking students, we are all blessed by the communities that so many of us call home, and the supporters who help us bring ideas to life.

I've come to know that it's the people who give their time, resources, effort and love that make this place so wonderful.

Our Ardmore and Tishomingo campuses serve our students in different ways, but they have one very special thing in common: the embodiment of the Aggie spirit.

“When you come to Murray, you aren't just a number, you are family. A family who works together to see you succeed, professionally and personally. Our best days are ahead at Murray State.”

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Faltyn', written in a cursive style.

DR. TIM FALTYN
President
Murray State College

Speaking just for my family and I, we are blessed to be here and be part of the great things happening with our college.

As I reflect on the true meaning of this holiday season, I hope and pray that we would take the time to count each of our blessings and appreciate all of those who work so hard to make Aggie Nation an exciting place to live, work and play.

From all of us at Murray State College, we wish you a blessed holiday season and happy new year!



REGENT HIGHLIGHT



SUZIE BREWSTER

Murray State College Regent Suzie Brewster is the 2022-23 Murray State College Board of Regents Chair.

Suzie Brewster is a woman of many talents, whether she was in the classroom or on Capitol Hill. Brewster was a teacher and a counselor for 21 years and spent more than 20 years as a consultant/lobbyist in Washington D.C., serving for more than 10 different groups.

Now, her talents lie in the great outdoors, in the hunting world to be exact. She is a National Rifle Association (NRA) Certified Firearms Instructor, the Safari Club International Diana 2011 International Woman Hunter of the Year, and a recipient of the Dallas Safari Club Outstanding Hunter Achievement Award.

Brewster received her Bachelor of Science degree from Southwestern Oklahoma State University and her Master of Science degree from East Central University for a master's administration certificate.

Regent Brewster was appointed by Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin in 2017.

“Suzie is an amazing and courageous leader. She has been a leader among leaders. Her knowledge, character, political awareness and love for Murray is simply astonishing. She has been one of the greatest leaders during my four-term tenure.”

ALLEN BENSON

Murray State College Board of Regents Vice Chair

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FARMHOUSE FUNDRAISER

The Murray State College Foundation hosted a “Farmhouse Fundraiser” to raise money for the Murray State College Kindell Ag Work Ethic Scholarship. This scholarship is generally awarded to agriculture students; it allows them to work on the Murray State farm while attending school.

More than \$20,000 was raised to help fund this scholarship.

THIS YEAR’S RECIPIENTS ARE:



LANE BELL

Bell is from Pauls Valley, Oklahoma. He is a freshman Animal Science major and competes on the livestock judging team.

“I am very thankful to receive this scholarship to further my education as well as learn hands-on skills from Mr. Campbell. The

lessons that I’ve learned on and off the farm are ones that I will take with me for years to come.

Being on the livestock judging team teaches me skills to make timely decisions and further contributes to my confidence in decision making.”



JACOB THOMPSON

Thompson is from Stringtown, Oklahoma. He is a sophomore Agriculture major and competes on the livestock judging team.

“I am fortunate to receive this scholarship. Working with Mr. Campbell has helped me learn a lot of new things. I feel the

experiences that I’ve gained are unique to Murray; working on the farm has given me more insight in the ends and outs of agriculture.

My time spent on the Murray farm has been by far the highlight of my time here. I encourage anyone who has the chance to work on the farm to take advantage. I sincerely thank everyone who gave me this opportunity.”



DAN HOLLEY

Holley is from Silo, Oklahoma. He is a freshman Agriculture Business major and competes on the shooting sports team.

“I have worked for other ranches and for a fencing company. This job has taught me different pieces of agriculture that I hadn’t

learned before, such as learning about animal genetics. I know these experiences will help me earn a career after college.”



WALKER REDMAN

Redman is from Durant, Oklahoma. He is a freshman Animal Science major and competes on the shooting sports team.

“This scholarship means a lot to me. Working on the farm has taught me so much about farm life. I’ve learned more about

cattle, but mostly swine. The new experiences are broadening my skills and will help me accomplish career goals down the road.”



CODY SMITH

Smith is from Soper, Oklahoma. He is a freshman Agriculture major and competes on the shooting sports team.

“I have worked in feedlots for the past three years. I chose to work with Mr. Campbell on the Murray farm because it allows me to learn

about a different side of agriculture.

This opportunity has given me the chance to continue my education and is opening new doors for me while doing so.”



BRODY VANDAGRIFF

Vandagriff is from Sulphur, Oklahoma. He is a freshman Agriculture Business major and competes on the shooting sports team.

“I am grateful for the chance to work at the Murray farm.

This opportunity allows me the flexibility to work around my class schedule. The Kindell Ag Work Ethic Scholarship also allows me to stay on campus to better focus on my education.”

You can continue to support this scholarship with a gift to the MSC Foundation, a non-profit 501(c)3 organization.

ALUMNI BANQUET

Murray State College is proud of our graduates, former students, staff, faculty and friends. Each year, an individual(s) is selected to receive the Distinguished Alumni Award, and an individual(s) is inducted into the MSC Athletic Hall of Fame.

These honorees are recognized at an awards luncheon during Homecoming week.

Inductees are selected based on their noteworthy accomplishments, commitment and importance to the history of Murray State College and/or dedication to the community.

THE 2022 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI INDUCTEES



REX LOKEY

Lokey is a 1967-1969 attendee of Murray State College. He lived on campus as a child with his parents, one of whom, Margaret Lokey, was a faculty member who taught music and

piano. Upon graduation from Tishomingo High School, Lokey served with the Merchant Marines. He enrolled at MSC upon returning in 1967 and completed three semesters before marrying Rita Oekerman on October 12, 1968. In the spring of 1969, he enlisted with the Oklahoma Army National Guard and retired from the US Army Reserves in 2008 with the rank of Sergeant First Class, having served a total of 23 years in the United States military. Lokey enrolled at Southeastern Oklahoma State University in 1972 and received both a bachelor's and master's degree in education. He served in several area schools as a principal and special services director, with 39 years in public education before retirement in 2011.



DAKOTA COLE

Cole is a 2004-2006 graduate of Murray State College. He is from Tishomingo, Oklahoma, is a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation and has worked with the tribal government since 2010. He currently

serves as Secretary of the Treasury, overseeing the payroll of more than 13,000 employees, \$400 million in annual federal awards and \$6 billion in assets. Prior to serving in his current role, he served under Secretary of Treasury and Deputy Secretary of Commerce as a management accountant, director of management reporting and Chief Accounting Officer. In his professional career, Mr. Cole has been integral in establishing the Chickasaw Nation as one of the most economically diverse and successful tribes in the United States. He has been honored with numerous awards and accolades, some of which include National Congress of American Indian Economic Development 40 Under 40, Oklahoma Society of CPAs Trailblazer Award, Oklahoma Citizens Academy Class VIII, and Leadership Oklahoma Class 33.

THE 2022 ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



TOM TURNER

Turner is a 1967-1969 graduate of Murray State College. As a student, he was Student Senate Vice-President as well as Baptist Student Union President. Turner is a NJCAA JUCO All-American in the 880M run; the

1968 and 1969 Oklahoma JUCO Conference Champion in the 880M, 1-Mile and 1-Mile Relay; the 1968 and 1969 JUCO Region 2 NJCAA Champion in the 880M, 1-Mile and 1-M Relay; an Oklahoma JUCO record holder for the 880M and 1-Mile; and Region 2 NJCAA record holder in the 880M and 1-Mile run. Following his time at MSC, Turner became a member of the University of Oklahoma's 2-Mile Relay Team that set a school record that stood for 10 years. As an educator, he has devoted 46 years to students as a teacher, coach and superintendent. Mr. Turner has been overheard, stating that he is an "Aggie for life"! His service and humility are heavily recognized by his classmates, friends and family.



NOEL NEVAREZ

Nevarez is a 2011-2013 graduate of Murray State College. He is from Princeton, Texas and upon joining the Baseball team, immediately made an impact as a true freshman. During Nevarez's freshman year,

he batted .399 with 55 hits, 13 doubles, 45 RBIs, 6 home runs and scored 30 runs. He was named All-Conference player as a freshman. During his sophomore year, he batted .378, with 88 hits, 21 doubles, 67 RBIs, scored 66 runs and hit 15 home runs, making him a national leader. Nevarez was a big part of the Aggies conference tournament run and 2013 World Series win, the first in school history. He earned the titles of World Series MVP, 1st Team All-Conference, Conference Player of the Year and 3rd Team All-American. He set records for the MSC program, as having the 5th highest all-time career home runs, 4th all-time in batting average, total at bats and RBIs. He is 3rd all-time in triples, hits and total bases, and 2nd all-time in doubles and slugging percentage. Nevarez was inducted into the MSC Hall of Fame as a member of the 2013 National Championship Team in 2016.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

The Murray State College Online Child Development program was recently ranked one of the best in the nation by EduMed.org, in terms of two-year schools for overall quality, affordability and commitment to student success.



STUDENTS CAN EARN AN ASSOCIATE OF ARTS (A.A) OR ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE (A.A.S) DEGREE IN THE PROGRAM.

"This is quite the honor," said Amy McCain, Murray State College Dean of Learning and Student Success, Associate Professor, and the Program Chair for Child Development. "We are thrilled to be recognized as one of the top online child development programs. We look forward to continuing to be a part of the future of education by supporting students through our online initiatives."

The demand for graduates in the child development program continues to rise as the need for quality childcare becomes one of the most important concerns of our nation. Murray's online program affords individuals the opportunity to further their education, even with their busy schedules. The accessibility has opened the door for individuals, who may be currently working or taking care of families, to enjoy the benefits of completing an associate degree.

Potential benefits of earning an associate degree in child development include earning a promotion, developing professional skills, the ability to provide higher quality childcare and networking with fellow professionals in the field. The greatest benefit is obtaining the career of choice in the child development sector.

Graduates can be an early head start teacher, childcare master or lead teacher, family childcare home provider, childcare center director, school-age program director, early interventions/special needs program, and a paraprofessional assistant, to name a few.

Individuals can receive a top-notch education, work towards their degree no matter their location, ability to go anywhere and become the professional that they hope to be with an online degree from Murray State College.

The Associate of Arts degree includes requirements and courses generally completed in the first two years of a baccalaureate degree curriculum. This degree prepares students to work as teachers in early childhood programs and to transfer to four-year institutions.

The Associate in Applied Science degree program prepares students for careers in child development services and provides those already employed in childcare with the opportunity to increase their knowledge and update their skills.

MURRAY STATE COLLEGE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM'S MISSION:

Murray State College Child Development program is committed to empowering students by enhancing their skills and preparing them with practical experience for employment in various child development careers and/or for the pursuit of advanced degrees in child development, through emphasizing theory, developmentally appropriate practices, and an in-depth understanding of the whole child.



For more information about the online child development program at Murray State College, please contact:

AMY MCCAIN at amccain@mscok.edu

You can also visit the Murray State College Child Development and Education webpage at: <https://www.mscok.edu/academics/departments/child-development-and-education>.

MSC RODEO FALL RECAP

The 2022 Fall College Rodeo Season has come to an end.

Murray State's team competed and made the finals in all four of the fall college rodeos, traveling to Durant, Stillwater and Alva, Oklahoma and Colby, Kansas.

The 2023 spring schedule kicks off in Manhattan, Kansas February 16-18.

TEAM MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS



BLAKE CARTER
(calf roping and team roping)

- The first team member to qualify for both events in the short-go finals.
- He was named Cowboys Regional Rodeo Association (CRRA) Rookie of the Year.
- Qualified for the Junior NFR in Las Vegas in calf roping.



NIKKI LEWIS
(breakaway calf roping):

- Won the Arkansas Southern Region in her event.



BRYSON CUNNINGHAM
(bull rider)

- The first team member to place in this event and he placed 3rd.
- He's qualified for the American Cowboys Rodeo Association (ACRA) finals in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in January.



KIRA MEYERS
(barrel racing):

- The first team member to win the long-go round at an event.
- Placed in the top 50, out of 2,200 competitors, at the Better Barrel Races (BBR) finals in Oklahoma City.



KAGAN DAVIS
(barrel racing):

- The first team member to win both the average and the short-go final at an event.
- Won the Better Barrel Races-approved Mock NFR. Competed against 380 contestants.



KELSEY PEDILLIA

- Won the All-Around Cowgirl in the Southern Oklahoma Youth Finals and the barrel racing championship.



JACE HUGHES
(calf roper):

- He qualified for the Junior NFR in Las Vegas.

CURRENT REGIONAL STANDINGS FOR MSC RODEO TEAM MEMBERS:

KAGAN DAVIS is 6th in barrel racing.

KIRA MEYERS is 12th in the barrel racing.

BRYSON CUNNINGHAM is 6th in bull riding.

THE WOMEN'S TEAM moved from 23rd to 8th in the region.

THE MEN'S TEAM moved from 24th to 14th in the region.



LIVESTOCK JUDGING



State Fair of Texas

TEAM - 9TH OVERALL

Cheyenne Sanders - 7th in cattle division; 22nd overall

Tulsa State Fair

TEAM - 12TH IN SHEEP AND GOATS DIVISION

Mid-American Stock Show - Grand Island, Nebraska

SOPHOMORE TEAM - 5TH PLACE OVERALL

Cheyenne Sanders - 3rd place overall

FRESHMAN TEAM - 3RD PLACE OVERALL

Olivia Huey - 6th place in the cattle division

Connor Hamilton - 7th place in the cattle division

Nathan Wolfe - 10th place in the swine division

Carli Doerge - 10th place in the sheep and goats division

The team will compete at the Arizona National Stock Show in Phoenix, Arizona, on Dec. 31st to complete their 2022 season.

They will begin their 2023 season in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, at the Cattleman's Congress.

SHOOTING SPORTS



2022 Fall North Central Region Qualifier
Trap and Skeet – Kecki, Kansas

Waco, Texas, Competition

2022 Fall North Central Region Qualifier
Sporting Clays – Belle Plaine, Kansas

TEAM – 3RD PLACE OVERALL

TEAM – 10TH PLACE OVERALL

TOP MSC STUDENTS:

INDIVIDUAL TRAP:

TOP 5 MSC STUDENTS:

Clay Robertson
Nolan Marcus
Cody Richards
Dan Holley
Jacob Meierhoff

Clay Robertson
Hunter Campbell
Nolan Marcus
Cody Richards
Dan Holley

Clay Robertson – 281 score
Nolan Marcus – 271 score
Dan Holley – 242 score
Connor Corbell – 236 score
Walker Redman – 236 score

INDIVIDUAL SKEET EVENT:

INDIVIDUAL SPORTING:

Nolan Marcus
Clay Robertson
Connor Corbell
Jaden King
Cody Richards

Clay Robertson
Nolan Marcus
Cody Richards
Jacob Meierhoff
Ashton Huhsaker

Scott Robertson – Head Coach

Competed at the 2022 National Sporting Clays Championship

WON THREE DIVISIONS:

28 gauge shotgun

410 shotgun

Sub Gauge High Over All (HOA)

STUDENT CORNER



PEYTON BRIDWELL
MURRAY STATE COLLEGIATE FFA PRESIDENT

WHERE ARE YOU FROM?
Washington, Oklahoma.

WHAT IS YOUR MAJOR?
Agricultural Education

WHAT YEAR ARE YOU?
Sophomore

WHY DID YOU JOIN COLLEGIATE FFA?

“I chose FFA for the learning and leadership opportunities. This organization has made so many positive impacts on my life.”

HOW WOULD YOU ENCOURAGE SOMEONE TO JOIN AND BECOME INVOLVED IN FFA?

Being an FFA member for quite some time, has provided her with positive experiences and friendships that are unique and special to her. She hopes others looking to join, experience the same kind of joy and fulfillment. FFA is and has something for everyone; that's the best part about it!

THE MURRAY STATE COLLEGIATE FFA OFFICER TEAM:

- PEYTON BRIDWELL**, President
- CHYENNE SANDERS**, Vice President
- HAVEN HINTON**, Secretary
- ALLIE WOODS**, Treasurer
- DANIELLE BROOKS**, Reporter
- CARLI DOERGE**, Sentinel
- HAYLEE HOWELL**, Student Government Representative
- JAYSEN WELTY**, Student Government Representative
- NATHAN WOLFE**, Student Government Representative

FFA MOTTO: Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve

FFA MISSION: FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

FFA VISION: Growing the next generation of leaders who will change the world.

HOMECOMING EVENTS RECAP

Homecoming at Murray State College has been a long-standing tradition.

This year, with the weeklong festivities we really wanted to encompass not only both Ardmore and Tishomingo campuses, but the surrounding communities as well.

On the Tishomingo campus, groups and organizations were encouraged to compete in the coveted McDaniel Cup where points were awarded based on a "track meet style" point system. Whichever group or organization had the most points at the end would be the McDaniel Cup winner.

STAFF/FACULTY RESULTS



Monday, October 31st

The week kicked off on Halloween with students, faculty, and staff at both campuses competing in a door decorating contest.

STAFF/FACULTY RESULTS

- 1st - Outreach/Advisement
- 2nd - Vet Tech
- 3rd - Gunsmithing
- 4th - Housing
- 5th - Human Resources

STUDENT RESULTS

- 1st - President's Scholar Program
- 2nd - A-Team
- 3rd - President's Scholar Program
- 4th - Women's Basketball
- 5th - Women's Basketball

Other events that day included a costume contest, a flag painting contest and hay painting.

STUDENT RESULTS



HOMECOMING EVENTS RECAP

Tuesday, November 1st

Night at the Ballpark was hosted at the Johnston County Sports Complex. Athletes from across campus came together for a night of fun and fellowship, with an evening of games and competitions. Athletes from the shooting sports, livestock judging, softball, baseball, rodeo and a variety of other teams enjoyed a friendly Home Run Derby, the most popular event of the night.

Inductees into the MSC Athletic Hall of Fame were introduced on the field for a special presentation from President Tim Faltyn.

NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK



HOMECOMING EVENTS RECAP

Wednesday, November 2nd

The competition for points continued during a sign contest at the women's basketball game where students showcased their creativity and support for the Lady Aggies.

Homecoming festivities continued in Ardmore, Oklahoma, as well. A new event added to this year's event list was the Lady Aggies Basketball Watch Party. Students, faculty, and staff from both campuses were invited to watch the Lady Aggies host Collin County Community College, on the big screen at Mill Street Tavern. In addition to cheering on the Lady Aggies, everyone enjoyed appetizers, Murray giveaways and fellowship.

WATCH PARTY



Thursday, November 3rd

Students, faculty, staff, alumni, and the community were invited to Night on the Town.

Local businesses in downtown Tishomingo stayed open late for everyone to enjoy a night of fun, discounted shopping and giving. A percentage of sales went to MSC Scholarships.

NIGHT ON THE TOWN



HOMECOMING EVENTS RECAP

Friday, November 4th

Throughout the week, individuals donated to the annual Homecoming canned food drive to help give back to the community. The canned food drive was put on by the Murray State College Student Life in conjunction with Homecoming queen candidates.

All the donations were counted, and points continued to be doubled in the race to see who would be crowned queen during the Homecoming coronation as well as which group/organization would be named the McDaniel Cup champion. Donated items were given to INCA Community Services in Tishomingo and the Food and Resource Center in Ardmore.

INCA Community Services received around 12,000 canned and non-perishable food items to be used for events throughout the month of November as well as Christmas Day food baskets in all four of the counties INCA serves. The Food and Resource Center of South Central Oklahoma received 2,234 canned and non-perishable food items.

This year's queen was Chloe Cargal from Kingston, Oklahoma, with the President's Scholar Program. The Program raised a total of 4,428 non-perishable items, winning the McDaniel Cup.

ARDMORE FOOD DRIVE



TISHOMINGO FOOD DRIVE



MCDANIEL CUP WINNERS



HOMECOMING EVENTS RECAP

HOMECOMING QUEEN COURT



PRESIDENT'S SCHOLAR PROGRAM

Chloe Cargal,
2022 Murray State College
Homecoming Queen
escorted by
Trey Davidson



COLLEGIATE FFA

Danielle Brooks
escorted by
Sam Seimer



AGGIES ABROAD

Ashton Heffington
escorted by
Jan Haller



PHI THETA KAPPA (PTK)

Haven Hinton
escorted by
Zane Dickey



NURSING

Karley Riley
escorted by
Christopher Taylor



VET NURSING

Mackenzie Bradshaw
escorted by
Gaven Ohanlon



PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT STUDENT ASSOCIATION (PTA)

Balee Polson
escorted by
Cody Welch



NICHE

Andria Hamilton
escorted by
Bradley Gooch



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