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Local Students Explore Space

Morehead, KY – Thirteen teams from area schools participated in the first annual Morehead State University Space Science Movie Project. Student created video documentaries on subjects like Black Holes, Space Debris, Dark Matter, Special Relativity, Exploration and Life on other planets were previewed recently at the Morehead State University Star Theatre.

Majority Leader Representative Rocky Adkins (D-Sandy Hook), Majority Whip Representative John Will Stacey (D-West Liberty) and Morehead State University President Wayne Andrews were on hand to greet over 80 students, teachers and guests that attended the event and awards ceremony.

Teams from Greenup County High School, Lawrence County High School, Sheldon Clark High School, Johnson Central High School, Betsy Layne High School, Lee County High School, Morgan County High School, Elliott County High School and Menifee County High School took part in the two month long program.

Students and teachers spent two days in January studying space and science concepts at the new Morehead State University Space Science Center. They also got a chance to work with top scientists and experience the new state-of-the-art planetarium. Students returned to campus for one day to view documentaries from each of the teams and to receive awards.

Each student earned an iPod for their work on the project. The team received a new 27-inch iMac to help create future video projects along with three additional iMac workstations for the studio in their school.

“These schools produced some incredible work with top-notch science and creativity,” said Krista Barton, Director of the MSU 21st Century Education Enterprise. “It was particularly impressive given the number of days these schools were unable to work on the project because of the snow in Eastern Kentucky.”

MSU’s 21st Century Education Enterprise created the program with help from MSU’s Departments of Science, Education and Space Science. NASA provided funding through the Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation. Dataseam provided the computers used in the schools for the project. All the documentaries can be viewed at www.kydataseam.com/studio

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