The BVC staff instituted a cross-training program between the departments in the laboratory. This helps us prepare for instances such as outbreaks, high case volume, or even unexpected absences.

The Registrar’s Office attended a statewide workshop at Fort Campbell military base. In addition to learning how to better serve Murray State’s veteran population, registrar staff also completed open side repels from a 34-foot tower used for Air Assault School training.
The library staff hosted Waterfield Wired (450 student participated) which was a fun filled event that introduced freshmen to the library. In the fall and spring the staff also offered extended study hours prior to finals week with the assistance of the BST staff.

WKMS News produced an hour-long documentary titled “West Kentucky: A Birthplace of Steel” which explored the history and mystery of western Kentucky’s early 19th century iron industry and how one of the men behind it, William Kelly, developed the process of refining iron into steel that kick-started America’s rise to industrial might. The documentary was inspired by information from MSU Chemistry professor Dr. Bommanna Loganathan whose work resulted in Kentucky’s first ever National Historic Chemical Landmark.
Following this year, Dining Services will be able to provide funding for several initiatives outside of dining, include sharing the cost for Curris Center improvements, new desks for classrooms, renovating spaces for Counseling Services, and on-going support for new positions in the Counseling Services and Student Disabilities Office. In addition, Dining Services continued to co-fund an annual student scholarship as well as provide goods and services in excess of $100,000 in donations and sponsorships for student organizations and university departments.

Branding, Marketing and Communication’s Web Management team put in the extra time and effort to assure the change to the new web content management system would be as timely and efficient as possible while implementing the university's first-ever responsive website to accommodate all mobile devices. The new design was completely created in-house, saving the university money. While transitioning the whole www.murraystate.edu website the web team also trained 150 web agents across the campus.
The Retention Office created a “Parent Referral” form allowing parents and family members a way to contact the office directly to express concerns about their son/daughter. Because of the innovation from the staff, Mapworks presented MSU with an Excellence Award during their Mastering Mapworks Conference.

From the work of the Alumni Affairs Staff there was a tremendous increase in alumni watch party participation all over the U.S. Included in that season was the largest pre-game event in the history of MSU during the OVC Tournament. Racers took over downtown Nashville and over 450 alumni and students attended that event at Tequila Cowboy.
The Office of International Enrollment and Retention in IIS received a record number of applications and was able to admit over 300 new international students for the fall of 2014 and over 200 new students for the spring of 2015. Both were record numbers.

In response to national and local issues relative to race, The Office of Multicultural Affairs created an event called “Racial Legacies and Learning: Race & Ethnicity Symposium.” About 200 students, faculty, staff and community members participated in this daylong event that is a start on the road to actively promoting positive discourse relative to issues of race and ethnicity in our community.
The Curris Center Office staff opened the Racers Helping Racers food pantry in partnership with Needline of Murray/Calloway County. This food bank is assisting our students and is open three days a week with help from volunteers. All food is donated from the campus community as well.

The mail staff continues to go above and beyond with service by personally making stops at locations extra times to pick up mail that had not been finished for the day. All students are taken care of, even in times when they were short on change to mail packages or letters out.
The Network & Telecommunications Services group recognized the impending network congestion issues that streaming services such as Netflix would cause and found an innovative solution. They implemented a video caching solution on the campus network that dramatically improved the streaming video experience quality for users, while simultaneously reducing Internet bandwidth consumption by 30-40% and saving the university thousands of dollars per month.
Education Abroad has been more involved this year with experimental learning as an integral part of the University’s Quality Enhancement Plan. Along with the faculty, the staff have created new hands-on learning experiences for MSU students abroad including English teaching internships in China, Nursing in Belize, Telecommunications Systems Management in Belize, and an upcoming program in Germany with the Institute of Engineering.

The Transfer Center increased Transfer Student Orientation participation by 24% from 2013-2014. Because orientation is not mandatory for transfer students, constantly striving to improve communication, marketing and the program itself to attract as many students as possible is very important to help students start their educational career at MSU with success.
Finance and Administrative Services staff completed the certification process for compliance with Payment Card Industry standards to save the university from significant fines from the credit card providers. They also implemented an online Human Resources benefits open enrollment process and several other projects while beginning the management of the largest number of capital construction projects that MSU has had at any one time (BVC, Franklin College and Engineering and Physics.)
In September of 2014, due to the work of our CFSB Center staff, Murray State triumphed over an assortment of reputable universities to win the Country Music Television’s “Hot 20 Countdown Campus Invasion.” Production planning and meetings spanned over two months to prepare for the CMT filming crew who took over campus in November. Chase Bryant, Joe Nichols and Big & Rich performed a free concert to a full house of Murray State students and community members. On November 22 the Hot 20 Countdown show aired to 87 million homes across the U.S., centered on the traditions, excitement and spirit of Murray State.
Secretarial/Clerical Category

Ann Matheny  
Continuing Education and Academic Outreach (CEAO)  
Community College  
Years at MSU: 8 years  
Served on Staff Congress – 3 Years

John Young  
Center for Telecommunications Systems Management (CTSM)  
Years at MSU: 15  
Served on Staff Congress – 6 Years

General/Facilities Management Category

Jerry O'Bryan  
Transportation  
Years at MSU: 19  
Served on Staff Congress – 9 Years

Kenny Sanford  
Central Plant  
Years at MSU: 5 years  
Served on Staff Congress – 1st Term

Executive/Managerial/Professional Category

Dana Howard  
Branding, Marketing, Communication  
Years at MSU: 9  
Served on Staff Congress – 6 Years

Sheri Riddle  
Technology Support & Consulting Services (TSCS)  
Years at MSU: 18  
Served on Staff Congress – 9 Years

At-Large Category

Jessica Evans  
Office of Institutional Effectiveness  
Years at MSU: 5  
Served on Staff Congress – 2 Years

Orville Herndon  
Journalism and Mass Communications (JMC)  
Years at MSU: 23.5  
Served on Staff Congress – 21 Years
At-Large Category

Robyn Pizzo
Education Abroad Office
Years at MSU: 4
Served on Staff Congress – 1st Term

Logan Stout
Transfer Center
Years at MSU: 3
Served on Staff Congress – 2 Years