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Letters of appreciation

I was fortunate to be recognized on two occasions during the month of September for my work in the community. The first occasion was during the Marshall University Student Council meeting on Sept. 10, when I was presented with a special recognition award for my contributions to the community. The second occasion was during the Marshall University Employee Appreciation Day on Sept. 15, when I was honored for my dedication to the university.

On behalf of my family, I would like to thank the Marshall University staff and faculty for the lovely planter sent for my mother's funeral service. During a sad time in our lives, the concern of our friends provides much needed support.

Susan Thomas Ferrell

Columbia Gas announces new internships

Catherine Good Abbott, President and Chief Executive Officer of Columbia Gas Transmission Corp., was the featured speaker at Marshall University’s new John Deaver Drinko Library on Monday, Oct. 26 at 11 a.m. as part of a news conference announcing a new technology internship program for students at MU.

"The Information Technology Careers Advancement Program, or ITCAP, will provide Marshall University students advanced internship opportunities to train with Columbia Gas and other prominent regional businesses. We are proud to promote this program to help provide students with the skills they need to succeed in today's economy," Abbott said. "It is designed exclusively for Marshall students and combines hands-on industry experience, vendor-authored certifications and fast-track employment opportunities for graduates.

Developed by the Marshall Technology Institute and Productivity Point International (PPI), the program includes a stipend and the opportunity to earn course credits. It is open to associates, bachelors and masters degree candidates at MU and the Marshall Community and Technical College who are enrolled in business or technology related programs.

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Marshall statue as the nucleus of a new campaign in a number of ways, including: producing a written work by Marshall, maintaining a library of all works written about him, republishing the importance each day as we face the challenges of tomorrow. This program can make a real difference in the lives and eventual careers of youngsters in the region, said Eric Ihnat, partner with PPL Technologies. Abbott said. "This partnership will help students develop the overedge technical training West Virginia businesses need to have in order to design the manufacturing of the new century." The goals of the "Science on Wheels" project are three-fold: to provide teachers of grades four through eight with a mechanism for the innovative teaching of science with an emphasis on interactive and hands-on learning; to offer students in grades four through eight opportunities to learn science in an understandable, participatory, and generative way, and to enrich curricular opportunities of education majors at Marshall by involving them in the development and teaching of science content appropriate for the targeted grade levels. "This program will complement West Virginia Higher Education Task Force on Teacher Education. Children in the graduate of the Marshall University Middle Childhood Education Faculty Development Program. The goals of the "Science on Wheels" project are three-fold: to provide teachers of grades four through eight with a mechanism for the innovative teaching of science with an emphasis on interactive and hands-on learning; to offer students in grades four through eight opportunities to learn science in an understandable, participatory, and generative way, and to enrich curricular opportunities of education majors at Marshall by involving them in the development and teaching of science content appropriate for the targeted grade levels. "This program will complement West Virginia Higher Education Task Force on Teacher Education. Children in the Marshall University Middle Childhood Education Faculty Development Program.

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Jean Edward Smith named John Marshall Professor

Noted political scientist and John Marshall biographer Jean Edward Smith will join the Marshall University faculty next July 1 as John Marshall Professor of Political Science, MU President J. Wade Gilley has announced. A long time member of the University of Maryland, Smith currently is a visiting professor of history at Princeton University. In addition to teaching, Smith will work with the new John Marshall Research Center and will address visitors to the campus. From 1989-93 served as the dean of the School of Education, Human Services and Humanities. He is currently chair of the Governor's Cabinet on Education Subcommission on Public/Private Education Partnerships. Childress has also been chair of the West Virginia Higher Education Task Force on Teacher Education. Childress is a graduate of the Marshall University Middle Childhood Education Faculty Development Program.