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Reminder: Open house takes place today

Interim President Gary White and members of the university’s senior management team will host another informal monthly open house for members of the Marshall University community today, Wednesday, March 4, from 3 to 4 p.m.

The open houses are taking place on the first Wednesday of each month in the reception area of the Office of University Communications, 213 Old Main. Refreshments will be served.

All members of the Marshall community—faculty, staff and students—are welcome and encouraged to attend to meet and talk with administrators with a range of topics of their choice, which could include such matters as updates on the presidential search and the university’s 2020 plan. The next open house is planned for Wednesday, April 1.
Presidential search process gets underway

AGB Search consultants Jim Lanier and Dr. Arnie Speert have been on the Huntington campus the last couple of days. They've met with the Marshall community to get their perspectives on qualities and traits they would like to see in the next president.

Lanier and Speert met with the board of governors, faculty groups, students, staff and community members. They will use the input from the meetings to develop an advertisement and profile to solicit candidates for the position. Those who were not able to attend a meeting can provide feedback online here.

Hardmans present Marshall University with substantial gift

Dr. Ron Area, CEO of the Marshall Foundation, Inc., describes Doug and Sue Ellen Hardman as “loyal and great friends of Marshall University.”
“Not only are he and his wife generous donors, but Doug has provided outstanding leadership for our fundraising effort to equip the new Arthur Weisberg Family Applied Engineering Complex with specialized engineering equipment,” said Area. “We are truly grateful for all he and Sue Ellen do for Marshall.”

The Hardmans recently presented the engineering program with a gift of $150,000. In addition, Doug is the volunteer chairman of the fund-raising effort to equip the Weisberg complex. He also serves as the chairman of the Marshall Engineering Advisory Board.

“The goal is to raise at least $5 million and we’re more than halfway there,” Area said.

Hardman is vice chairman and past president & CEO of J. H. Fletcher & Co. in Huntington. He graduated from Marshall’s previous engineering program in 1970 and received his M.B.A. degree from Marshall in 1976.

“I’ve always supported engineering at Marshall,” Hardman said. “Our company, and all the manufacturing companies in the area, needs a local avenue to augment the engineering training of their technical employees. We haven’t had that for the last 30 years. Now we have an ABET-accredited engineering program with both bachelor’s and master’s degrees. With this new state-of-the-art facility and the associated engineering programs the Huntington area will be much more attractive to manufacturing companies that are evaluating new locations.”

Interim President Gary White said, “We’re delighted to have the gift and the continuing support of the Hardman family. He has been a very successful person in the mining equipment business and, like so many others, is willing to share his success with Marshall University. And, that’s really what keeps Marshall moving forward. His support is really synonymous with my accepting this interim presidency position, in that we all feel a sense of obligation and dedication to the university to give something back.”

University family mourns passing of A. Michael Perry

A. Michael Perry, who served Marshall University in a number of capacities including as president in 1999 and as member and chair of the Board of Governors, died Feb. 25.

Perry served as Marshall’s president for six months, leaving office at the end of the year, when Dan Angel took office.

“Mike had an unbelievable passion for life, his family, his church, Marshall University, Huntington and the state of West Virginia; and, for the wonderful Heritage Farm Museum and Village, which he built over the past 40-plus years,” said Marshall Interim President Gary G. White. “What a wonderful treasure he has left us! He talked so often about our Appalachian heritage, and what it means to all of us. But, he didn’t just tell us about it; he lived it.”
Perry, the son of Austin L. Perry and Virginia (Cole) Perry, was born in Huntington, West Virginia, on May 31, 1936. He graduated with a B. A. from Marshall College in 1958, then attended West Virginia University, where he earned his law degree in 1961 at the top of his class. He practiced law for 20 years, then turned to banking. He was chairman and CEO of Bank One of West Virginia until his retirement in 2001.

“There isn’t another individual who did more for this region over the last 50 years than Mike Perry,” said Jack Houvouras, publisher of Huntington Quarterly and Marshall Magazine. “More than a powerful leader, his life was also defined by faith, family and friendships. On a personal note, I will miss Mike, who was both a friend and mentor. I have never met a finer man in my life.”

Perry was a charter member of the Marshall’s College of Business Hall of Fame. Some of the other recognition he received included the West Virginia Bankers Association’s “Banker of the Decade;” the Huntington Herald Dispatch’s “Citizen of the Year” (twice); and the “Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser of the Year in 1996” by the West Virginia – NSFRE National Philanthropy.

He is survived by his wife, Henriella Mylar Perry, their three children, and eight grandchildren.

Scholar of African American history in West Virginia to deliver public lecture at Marshall University

Dr. Joe William Trotter, a prominent scholar and native West Virginian, will speak at Marshall Tuesday, March 10, on the topic “Coal, Class, and Color: The African American History of the Southern American Coalfields.” The event, which is free and open to the public, will take place at 7 p.m. at Foundation Hall, home of the Erickson Alumni Center.

“African Americans were involved in every aspect of West Virginia’s mining history,” said Dr. David Trowbridge, associate professor of history and director of African and African American Studies. “African Americans worked in salt mines, cleared timber, and built rail tunnels and tracks. Near the peak of the Great Migration that saw millions of African Americans leave the South, nearly 115,000 African Americans lived in West Virginia. Stories about black folk heroes such as John Henry remind us of the contribution of African Americans in building the state’s infrastructure.”
Trowbridge added that little is known about the black families who stayed in the region, or those who migrated to the coal fields in the early 1900s. Trotter’s research does more than simply fill a historical void; it addresses questions related to race, labor and social class. Trotter’s work demonstrates how mine operators attempted to derail union organizers and divide workers along lines of ethnicity and race. It explores moments when racial hatred led to great tragedy. It also provides examples of solidarity and interracial cooperation between miners.

“Above all else, Dr. Trotter’s work restores West Virginia’s black heritage and preserves the history of the state’s black communities and institutions,” Trowbridge said.

Trotter is the Giant Eagle Professor of History and Social Justice at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh. He also is director of Carnegie Mellon’s Center for Africanamerican Urban Studies and the Economy (CAUSE), founded in 1995. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota in 1980.

The event is sponsored by the Office of Intercultural Affairs, College of Liberal Arts and Department of History. For further information, contact Trowbridge by e-mail at david.trowbridge@marshall.edu.

School of Medicine announces new administrative chair of radiation oncology

Sanjeev S. Sharma, M.D., a 1993 graduate of the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine and board-certified radiation oncologist, has been named administrative chairman of the newly formed department of radiation oncology at the School of Medicine, Joseph I. Shapiro, M.D., dean of the school, announced last week.

“Dr. Sharma is a perfect match for this position,” Shapiro said. “He understands the mission of the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, and he understands the importance of providing outstanding medical education in all areas to our students. Dr. Sharma is a dynamic, forward-thinking addition to our team as we work to expand medical education and corresponding cancer research and treatments.”
Sharma was born in Ireland, but spent most of his youth in Huntington and graduated from Huntington High School in 1986. After enrolling at Marshall he completed the prerequisites for medical school in just three years before beginning medical school in 1993. After completing a residency in radiation oncology at the University of Kentucky, Sharma went through additional education including Cyberknife® clinical training at Oklahoma City, Okla., and Cyberknife® technical training in California.

“I’m very happy to return to my alma mater and become part of the education team,” Sharma said. “Short-term academic goals include laying the groundwork to begin a fellowship in radiation oncology in the subspecialties of stereotactic radiosurgery and gynecologic oncology. An additional goal is to recruit physicians for the Edwards Comprehensive Cancer Center to be able to expand our services to the surrounding communities.”

In addition to his clinical practice, Sharma has authored several research publications including a recent article on lung cancers that appeared in the Journal of Radiation Oncology, an international interdisciplinary journal that publishes original research, clinical investigations, review articles, editorial comments and other scientific articles relating to radiation oncology. He also is principal investigator on several clinical trials underway involving prostate and lung cancers.

Sharma will continue seeing patients at his current practice, Premier Radiation Oncology Inc., at St. Mary’s Medical Center. He officially joined the School of Medicine March 2.

Chief legal advisor honored at Civil Rights Day Awards Luncheon in Charleston

F. Layton Cottrill Jr., Esq., senior vice president for executive affairs and general counsel at Marshall University, was honored last week by the West Virginia Human Rights Commission.

Cottrill was one of 24 people who were honored at the Governor’s 12th annual Civil Rights Day Awards Luncheon held in Charleston.
Cottrill, who has served as the chief legal advisor for Marshall since 1989, was recognized at the
ceremony by Karen Bowling, cabinet secretary of the West Virginia Department of Health and Human
Resources, as “a professional, caring communicator who has created a foundation of equality for the
university.”

As Marshall’s chief legal advisor, Cottrill directs all litigation in which the university is involved, including
providing in-court representation. Primary responsibilities are in the areas of human resources,
intercollegiate athletics and economic development and outreach. He also represents Marshall before
the West Virginia Legislature, the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission, and additional
state and federal entities. He also provides legal advice and counsel to the president and other
university officials.

Since 1994, he has served as senior vice president for executive affairs, with responsibilities for the
offices of human resources, equity programs, public safety and facilities planning.

Before he joined Marshall, from 1987-1989 Cottrill was general counsel to the West Virginia Board of
Regents (now the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission).

Cottrill served two stints (1976-1979 and 1986-1987) in the West Virginia attorney general’s office,
representing the state’s higher education governing board and its 16 public colleges and universities, as
well as various state agencies and officials.

In the 1970s and early 1980s, he worked in private practice and served as city attorney for the towns of
Poca and Nitro. From 1977 to 1986, Cottrill was general counsel for various West Virginia Senate and
House committees related to banking, judiciary, industry and labor, roads and transportation, and
government.

Cottrill graduated cum laude from West Virginia University in 1972 with a bachelor’s degree in
economics. He was a member of both the economics and business national honorary societies.

In 1975, he earned a doctor of jurisprudence degree, also from WVU, where he was a member of the
Student Bar Association and the Law Students’ Civil Rights Research Council. He is a member of the West
Virginia Bar Association and the National Association of College and University Attorneys.

A native of Poca, he is married to Dr. Barbara Becker-Cottrill.

Reminder: Distinguished Faculty Service Award
nominations due March 13

Nominations are being accepted until Friday, March 13, for this year’s Dr. Carolyn B. Hunter,
Distinguished Faculty Service Award. The recipient of this prestigious award, which will honor an
outstanding faculty member with 30 or more years of service to Marshall University, will receive $1,000
and be recognized during the annual Marshall UAA Awards Banquet on Saturday, April 25.
The nomination form can be completed at:
www.marshall.edu/ucomm/files/web/CarolynBHunterOutstandingFacultyAwardCallforNominations.pdf
and should be forwarded to the office of alumni relations by campus mail, or e-mail at alumni@marshall.edu.

For additional information contact Larry Crum, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations, by phone at 6-3134 or by e-mail at crum17@marshall.edu.

Diversity Breakfast rescheduled for Friday, April 10

The annual Diversity Breakfast, postponed last month because of cold, snowy weather, has been rescheduled for Friday, April 10, in the Memorial Student Center’s Don Morris Room.

We look forward to this exciting affair as we continue to recognize the importance of diversity and the richness of inclusiveness at Marshall University and around the entire globe,” said Maurice Cooley, associate vice president of intercultural affairs.

Dr. Eduardo Pino, associate professor of pediatrics at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, and the medical director of the Pediatric Intensive Care unit at Cabell Huntington Hospital, will be the keynote speaker.

The theme for the event, which will run from 7:30 to 8:50 a.m., is “We are the World.” Marshall’s Diversity Breakfast was started in 2001 with the intent of promoting campus harmony and unity.

Special music will be performed during the breakfast by the Marshall University Jazz Ensemble, directed by Dr. Martin Saunders, associate professor of trumpet and jazz studies.

Hagarty’s painting featured in Utah exhibition
The work of Ian Hagarty, associate professor of painting, is being featured at Weber State University in Ogden, Utah, until April 10 in an exhibition titled “Pure Paint for Now People.”

Hagarty said Lydia Gravis, gallery director of the Mary Elizabeth Dee Shaw Gallery at Weber State, contacted him about the exhibition last year.

“I worked with both Lydia and the chair of [Weber State’s] Department of Visual Art and Design, Matthew Choberka, over the preceding months to the buildup of the exhibition to identify which work of mine they wanted to curate into the show,” Hagarty said. “To be included in an exhibition among some of the most prominent and up-and-coming contemporary painters in the country is exciting.”

Other exhibitions on Hagarty’s horizon include a solo exhibition of mixed media artwork titled “Cloud Feedback,” which will be featured at gallery Sinresis in Empoli, Italy, and a group exhibition in the SG Gallery at the Scuola Internazionale di Grafica in Venice, Italy. He said he also is in the planning stages for a two-person exhibition at the Angela Meleca Gallery in Columbus, Ohio, in 2016.

Photo: When the River Dredge, 38”x48”, acrylic on canvas by Ian Hagarty, is on display at Weber State University.

Faculty achievement: Diener featured in H-D article

Dr. Laura Michele Diener, associate professor of history and director of the Women’s Studies program, was the subject of a detailed article that appeared in the Feb. 24 issue of the Huntington Herald-Dispatch.

Titled “Connecting education, community,” the article paid tribute to her commitment to the community through both her volunteer work and her teaching, as well as her efforts to involve students with the community, both as students and later when they leave the classroom.

The article can be accessed at www.herald-dispatch.com/features/x406442442/MU-professor-connects-education-community-service. (Note: paid access may be required.)
New food bank executive director visits staging site for Empty Bowls

Facing Hunger Foodbank Executive Director Cynthia Kirkhart visited Marshall’s Art Warehouse last week for a behind-the-scenes view of the food bank’s largest fundraiser of the year, Empty Bowls.

Kirkhart spoke about the impact of the class of 10 students tasked with producing a chunk of this year’s bowl count.

“Your efforts and the range of money that we have brought in with Empty Bowls has been anywhere from $13,000 to almost $20,000,” Kirkhart said. “You really are the best source of money that I’ve come across, and I’ve worked with nonprofits for 30 years.”

Frederick Bartolovic, assistant professor of ceramics, described how unique the opportunity was to his students.

“One of the great things about this class is what you can begin to see through the process,” Bartolovic said. “It gives students the opportunity to see how they, as artists, can make an impact on the community, and I think that’s something that’s very challenging within art education and within academia in general. In this class, that experience is much more direct than in another studio class.”

“$1 will provide the foundation for seven meals. Twenty-thousand dollars (an amount raised at a single Empty Bowls event) can mean 140,000 meals just from Empty Bowls in one year,” Kirkhart said. “That’s an impact that few of us get to enjoy.”

Huntington’s 12th annual Empty Bowls is scheduled from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Friday, April 17, at First Presbyterian Church. For more information about Empty Bowls, visit www.marshall.edu/emptybowls/. For more information about Facing Hunger Foodbank, visit www.facinghunger.org.

Photo: Cynthia Kirkhart, executive director of the Facing Hunger Foodbank, looks through bowls being prepared for the April 17 Empty Bowls event, which will benefit the food bank.
Marshall continues traumatic brain injury support group

Faculty members in the College of Health Professions have partnered with the Center for Excellence in Disabilities (CED) at West Virginia University to offer a local support group for those with traumatic brain injuries.

The support group held its first meeting Jan. 28 and continued with another Feb. 25 at the main branch of the Cabell County Library. Dr. Carrie Childers, group organizer and professor in the college’s Department of Communication Disorders, said the Brain Injury Group (BIG) was created to provide support, education and information about services for individuals with brain injuries and the people associated with them.

Future meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, March 25, and Wednesday, April 29.

“According to a study conducted by the West Virginia University Injury Control Research Center, there are 22,000 new traumatic brain injury cases each year in West Virginia,” Childers said. “In addition, there have been 1.3 to 3.8 million sports-and-recreation-related traumatic brain injuries in the United States each year, according to a study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.”

For more information about the programs and services offered in the College of Health Professions, visit www.marshall.edu/cohp.

Marshall Psychology Clinic to offer transgender support group beginning in March

The Psychology Clinic will be conducting a support group focusing on transgender-related issues beginning this month. The group sessions will be conducted by Alyssa Frye, M.A., and Whitney Myers, B.A.

Plans call for the sessions to be held on Mondays from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The exact start date will be set after consulting potential participants.

“The group is currently being formed and available slots in the group are limited,” said Dr. Keith Beard, professor of psychology and director of the Psy.D. program. The group is available to Marshall University students and staff, as well as members of the community who identify as transgender.

“It is vitally important to assist in providing support to individuals who identify as transgender, as there are limited resources or support networks available in the area,” Frye said. “We know attending support groups and relating to others can be very beneficial, so we wanted to offer a safe place for individuals to openly discuss any issues they face.”
Beard added, “We’ve run this group in the past with great success. There is definitely a need and we are very pleased to be able to provide the service. I’m also very pleased that we have clinic staff who are willing to and interested in providing services to a community that is often ignored.”

“We hope that the group will help provide a sense of safety and support to group members,” Myers said. “We will discuss a wide variety of common issues, as well as provide an open forum to address the unique concerns of the members. No matter where you are in your journey of transition (or non-transition), we welcome you.”

Organizers said that the group will be a safe and supportive group environment to discuss a variety of issues with others in similar situations, such as getting comfortable discussing their gender identity with others, discrimination, transitioning, advocating for oneself, family/relationship issues and other topics of interest to participants.

Those interested in participating should e-mail Frye at adkins577@marshall.edu or Myers at myers134@marshall.edu or call the Psychology Clinic at ex. 6-2772.

Marshall to host West Virginia Athletic Trainers’ Association Conference and Sports Medicine Symposium in Flatwoods

The Department of Athletic Training will host the West Virginia Athletic Trainers’ Association (WVATA) Conference and Sports Medicine Symposium March 6-7 in Flatwoods.

The conference will provide an opportunity for athletic trainers across the state to discuss the introduction of House Bill 2746 and Senate Bill No. 506, which require that athletic trainers be licensed, instead of registered, according to program director, Dr. Joseph Beckett.

“We traveled to the Capitol on Jan. 29 to represent the WVATA and advocate for athletic training licensure for the state of West Virginia,” Beckett said. “Currently, 43 out of 50 states, including all states
surrounding West Virginia, have athletic training licensure. Licensure is the highest attainable credential within the health care field.”

Beckett said having athletic training licensure would provide an additional level of protection to the general public.

“With state licensure, there is protection against untrained individuals referring to themselves as athletic trainers,” Beckett said. “We are hoping to make licensure a reality within West Virginia and help create more jobs and revenue with the introduction of House Bill 2746 and Senate Bill No. 506.”

Zach Garrett, assistant professor and clinical coordinator for the program, has served as the event coordinator for this year’s WVATA conference. Garrett said there are currently seven Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE) programs in the state and all will be present at next weekend’s conference.

Those who attend the WVATA Conference and Sports Medicine Symposium can receive seven hours of continuing education units. The conference will be held at the Days Hotel Flatwoods Conference Center in Sutton. For more information on the WVATA Conference, visit www.wvata.org online.

Photo: Marshall University athletic training faculty and students visited the State Capitol on Jan. 29 to discuss the importance of obtaining state licensure for their profession. Nineteen members represented the university, which was the largest contingent of athletic training faculty, staff and students from any university in the state.

Thundering Word’s Victoria Ledford leads team to fifth consecutive state tournament championship

Victoria Ledford isn’t predicting a national championship for Marshall University’s Thundering Word speech and debate team, but she believes they can finish in the Final Four. And, who’s going to argue with the best debater in West Virginia?
Ledford and the rest of the Marshall team head to Athens, Ohio, tomorrow to compete in the Pi Kappa Delta National Convention Tournament at Ohio University. The tournament concludes Sunday.

"I expect that we will do very well," Ledford said. "Last year, we received fourth as a team at this tournament, which is a huge feat considering there are typically about 80 schools in attendance. It’s equivalent to being in the final four of the NCAA (basketball tournament). We’ve made it that far, and though our team may be smaller this year, I expect us to do just as well."

Ledford, a senior Honors Communications Studies major from Erwin, Tennessee, excelled in the 2015 West Virginia Intercollegiate Forensic State Championship held Feb. 13-14 at West Virginia University at Parkersburg, winning six championships to become the top competitor in the state.

Marshall dominated the field of five teams, scoring a tournament-record 876 points. Shepherd University was awarded second place. Davis and Elkins College, WVU-Parkersburg and Fairmont State University also competed.

"I am very pleased that we brought home our fifth consecutive state title," Ledford said. "I was particularly proud of our novice members, who did extremely well at the tournament. As a whole, our team brought the best they had, and I was very pleased that I won the tournament at my last-ever state competition."

Marshall Coach Danny Ray called Ledford’s accomplishment “huge.”

She won pentathlon, which means she was the top competitor in West Virginia,” Ray said. “Only the top five events count in pentathlon and she won six events. One of her state championships didn’t count towards this honor.”

Marshall Graduate Assistant Coach Nancy Jackson said, “The students and all of the coaches worked very hard in order to accomplish this feat. Several students attempted new events and they were rewarded for their ambition.” The Thundering Word was first in overall sweepstakes and won every individual state championship.

Ledford won individual championships in Persuasive Speaking; Informative Speaking; Broadcasting; Impromptu Speaking, Programmed Oral Interpretation and Individual Public Debate Association (IPDA) Speaker; was co-champion in IPDA Debate; was second in Rhetorical Criticism, and placed third in Dramatic Interpretation.

“Our hard work is a compilation of what we have been working for since our program was revived in 2011,” Ledford said. “Our head coach, Danny Ray, has put in an unfathomable amount of effort, especially when he recruited two nationally ranked graduate assistant coaches (Deion Hawkins and Nicholas Brebhan) in fall 2013 to join our program; their work laid the foundation for the success you see today.”

Ledford said she and her teammates are well prepared for the nationals.

“I practice every day,” she said. “Competitive speaking is like any other competitive event at the college level. We have team practice for two hours every week, I have at least four hours of individualized coaching every week, and I work on my own approximately three to five hours per week, perfecting
every speech that I've prepared. I video myself, I perfect the inflection of every word, and I even have practice debate rounds with other members on the team.”

Several other members of the Thundering Word also performed well in the state tournament. They included:

Alyssa Hager, a sophomore Communication Studies major from West Hamlin, who won championships in Poetry Interpretation, Dramatic Interpretation and Improvisational Duo with Matt Osteen. She was second in Pentathlon and Persuasive Speaking, and third in Prose Interpretation and Broadcasting.

Osteen, a Communication Studies major from Jefferson, who won championships in Extemporaneous Speaking and in Improvisational Duo with Hager; was co-champion in IPDA Debate; second-place speaker in IPDA Debate; took second place in After-Dinner Speaking, and placed third in Pentathlon and Rhetorical Criticism.

Juliet Djietror, a senior biomedical sciences (Pre-Med) major from Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, who won championships in After-Dinner Speaking and in Duo with DeVan Sample; was second in Prose Interpretation, third in Persuasive Speaking and fourth in Pentathlon.

Taryss Mandt, a junior Geology major from Alexandria, Virginia, who placed second in Informative Speaking. She was third in Poetry Interpretation; fourth in Prose Interpretation and fifth in Pentathlon Impromptu and Improvisational Duo with Djettror.

Garett Walker, a senior Spanish major from Shady Spring, who took third place in Programmed Oral Interpretation, Impromptu Speaking and After-Dinner Speaking; fourth-place in Rhetorical Criticism, and fifth in Informative Speaking and Extemporaneous Speaking.

Sample, a senior Honors English major from Martinsburg, who was the champion in Prose Interpretation and shared the Duo championship with Djeror. He also was second in Poetry Interpretation and Dramatic Interpretation; placed third in Extemporaneous Speaking and Duo with Josh Steinle, and was a quarter-finalist in IPDA Debate.

Logan Spence, a sophomore Communication Studies major from Davie, Florida, who was the tournament champion in Rhetorical Criticism, placed fourth in Poetry Interpretation and Persuasive Speaking, was fifth in Broadcasting and seventh in Pentathlon.

Emily Caplinger, a freshman Honors Communication Studies major from Elkins, who was third with Sarah Hagan in Improvisational Duo and fourth in After-Dinner Speaking.

Hagan, a junior marketing major from Huntington, who was second in Impromptu Speaking and Broadcasting, and placed third with Caplinger in Improvisational Duo.

Steinle, a senior music major from Winfield, who was third in Duo with Sample; placed fourth in Dramatic Interpretation and fifth in Prose Interpretation.

Evan Robinson, a freshman Communication Studies major from Hurricane, who was fifth in After-Dinner Speaking.
Photo: Members of the Thundering Word show off their trophies after piling up 876 points in winning the state tournament for the fifth consecutive year. They are (front row, left to right) Jada Morton, Victoria Ledford, Alyssa Hager, Juliet Djietror and Taryss Mandt. (Back row, left to right) Matt Osteen, Garrett Walker, Emily Caplinger, DeVan Sample, Josh Steinle, Sarah Hagan, Logan Spence and Evan Robinson.

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