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Appreciation Breakfast honors staff for extra efforts this winter



Marshall staff members who went “above and beyond” during the university’s closures during the inclement weather this past winter were treated to breakfast last Friday. President White and members of the senior staff served workers from Physical Plant, Housing and Residence Life, Student Center, University Communications and other departments who were called on even when the university was closed.

Photo: President White and other senior staff members serve breakfast to those who worked during the university’s closures due to weather.

Town Hall sessions to discuss budget model, tuition

The finance office will host a series of Town Hall Sessions this week , where the faculty, staff and students will have an opportunity to provide input into the university’s proposed new budget model and tuition and fee schedule.

They will be available to answer questions about what changes are proposed, the effects and what the benefits of the changes would be.

Remaining sessions are scheduled for:

Wednesday, April 22

2-3 p.m. South Charleston campus, GC 116

Thursday, April 23

10-11 a.m. Drinko Library Atrium

Friday, April 24

4-5 p.m. Drinko Library Atrium

White, Board of Governors host legislative, community leaders



Interim President Gary White and the Marshall Board of Governors hosted a dinner for members of the Cabell-Wayne Delegation and other legislative and community leaders Monday evening in the John Marshall Dining Room to say thanks and to show appreciation for the legislature’s continued support of higher education.

Sen. Mike Hall, R-Putnam and chair of the finance committee, said Marshall officials handed the legislature eight bills they wanted passed and lawmakers passed all of them, including a bill that gives the medical schools relief from potential liability, according to the Huntington Herald-Dispatch.

“Our budget is less this year, but we ended the session in a better financial position than when the session began,” White was quoted as saying. “In addition to that, we got legislation that gave us flexibility to manage the resources we have, and those are significant accomplishments. We are very grateful for that.”



Photos: (Left) President Gary White with Sen. Daniel Hall. (Center) Del. Jim Morgan, left, with BOG member Joseph McDonie. (Right) Senate Finance Chairman Mike Hall.

Alumni Association to host annual Alumni Weekend festivities April 24-25



Marshall University and the Marshall University Alumni Association will host its annual Alumni Weekend, April 24-25, with a variety of events held throughout the weekend, all leading up to the 78th annual Alumni Awards Banquet at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 25.

“Marshall University’s Alumni Weekend is a unique opportunity to bring alumni and friends of Marshall University together for a weekend of fellowship and celebration of the many memories made right here in Huntington,” said Matt Hayes, executive director of alumni relations. “This is our opportunity to recognize and honor the achievements of our notable alumni, while giving them an opportunity to reflect on their time here at Marshall and to see the great strides the university has made over the past few years. We look forward to welcoming alumni of all ages to Alumni Weekend 2015.”

The 2015 edition of Marshall University’s Alumni Weekend will include a number of events held on and around campus, including dinner theatre, a special breakfast honoring the Class of 1965, the Green and White spring football game and the Alumni Awards Banquet.

Among the many special honorees in attendance at this year’s event will be Gen. Anthony Crutchfield, deputy commander of the U.S. Pacific Command, who has been named recipient of the Marshall University Distinguished Alumnus Award, MUAA’s highest honor.

Other award recipients include Dr. Elizabeth Murray, recipient of the Distinguished Service to Marshall Award, Melissa Browning, recipient of the Community Service Award, and a number of additional honorees including MUAA Club of the Year, scholarship awards and awards from many of Marshall University’s colleges.

“My wife and I are very much looking forward to the entire Alumni Weekend experience,” Crutchfield said. “We are very honored by this award and we look forward to returning to campus and reuniting with our Marshall family.”

The Marshall University Alumni Weekend will kick off on Friday, April 24 with a dinner theatre in the Francis-Booth Experimental Theatre inside the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. followed by Marshall Theatre’s production of “Clybourne Park.”

Alumni Weekend will continue on Saturday, April 25, with a Class Breakfast honoring the 50-year reunion of the Class of 1965, plus those who graduated prior to 1965 as members of the Grand Class. Breakfast and a special presentation will begin at 9 a.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Marshall University Foundation Hall, home of the Erickson Alumni Center.

Also on Saturday, April 25, alums will have an opportunity to participate in the Fountain Ceremony on the Memorial Student Center Plaza at 11 a.m., followed by the Marshall Thundering Herd Green and White spring football game at 2 p.m.

The weekend will conclude with the banquet honoring distinguished alumni and friends on Saturday, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center.

Tickets to the annual Alumni Weekend are available online at www.HerdAlum.com or by calling ext.6-3134. For more information, visit the MUAA website at www.HerdAlum.com or e-mail alumni@marshall.edu.

Photo: Gen. Anthony Crutchfield will receive the Distinguished Alumnus Award at the banquet April 25.

Yeager program honors Gillette for his leadership



For Marshall alumnus and avid supporter Joe Gillette, success began in the form of a mop bucket and a recognized opportunity.

Speaking April 10, at the third annual Yeager Leadership Institute, Gillette told the crowd of Yeager Scholars, board members and guests about his rise from a dishwasher to an executive. As a Marshall student, Gillette got a job at a pizza restaurant on Fifth Avenue to work his way through college. His duties included washing dishes and mopping the floors at the end of the day, when he

noticed his supervisor sitting down to look over the finances with a cold beer.

“The guy who did the books drank the beer and the guy who didn’t do the books mopped the floor, and I hated mopping the floor,” Gillette said.

A coworker’s absence opened the door to learn the books, and Gillette seized it, beginning a fast-paced rise in business that saw him earn a vice-presidential position at age 30 with Pizza Hut, and become a division vice president for a Fortune 500 company (Wendy’s) by age 40.

Gillette founded his own Wendy’s franchise, Wen-Four Foods Inc., opening 16 restaurants over 15 years and remembering his alma mater along the way. He is a member of the Pathway of Prominence, having given more than \$1 million to Marshall University. His generous gifts to Marshall made it possible to open the Joseph M. Gillette Welcome Center, named for his father.

In addition to his financial gifts, Gillette has been active with the Society of Yeager Scholars, serving as board president; the Marshall University Foundation, serving as chair; and the Marshall University Alumni Association. He also is a member of the Marshall College of Business Hall of Fame.

In recognition of his leadership and excellence, Gillette was named the recipient of the 2015 William E. Willis Leadership Award, given annually at the Yeager Leadership Institute.

“As the third recipient of this award, Joe has exemplified leadership in business, community service and philanthropy,” said Rex Johnson, president of the Yeager Board of Directors. “Joe has demonstrated his dedication to Marshall University through his hard work and generosity, much to the benefit of Marshall Athletics, the Marshall Foundation and the Society of Yeager Scholars. Joe is a true Son of Marshall.”

Paula George Tompkins, Marshall alumna and founder & CEO of the digital marketing and sales firm ChannelNet, received the Willis award in 2014, and presented Gillette with this year’s award.

The Society of Yeager Scholars was the first group that received a significant donation from the Gillette family when they were able to give back to the university, Gillette said. The Yeager program, which provides a complete full-ride scholarship to several students a year, also has an endowment in the Gillette name.

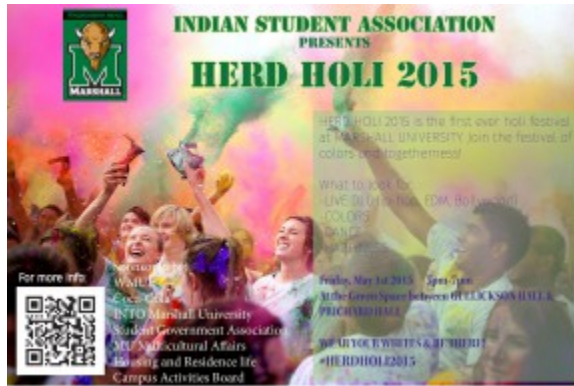
Photo: Paula George Tompkins (left) presents Joe Gillette with the 2015 William E. Willis Leadership Award during the third annual Yeager Leadership Institute banquet on Friday, April 10. Gillette received the award from the Society of Yeager Scholars for his leadership in business, community service and philanthropy. Tompkins received the award in 2014. *Photo courtesy of Bob Brammer.*

Doing something great? BeHerd!

President White and the Office of University Communications want to recognize and publicize your activities and accomplishments. To make it easier to let them know what’s happening, an online form has been added to the University Communications website.

To submit an idea, suggestion or accomplishment, visit www.marshall.edu/ucomm and click on the BeHerd link on the right-hand side of the page. Submitted forms will go directly to University Communications staff, who will share with the president as appropriate and respond promptly.

Indian Student Association to present first Holi festival at Marshall



The Indian Student Association will sponsor the first Holi celebration at Marshall University from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, May 1, at the green space between Gullickson and Prichard halls. Organizers say all students, faculty and staff are welcome to attend.

Holi is a traditional Hindu festival marked by color and signifying the victory of good over evil, the arrival of spring, the end of winter, and for many, a festive day to meet others, play and laugh, forget and forgive, and repair ruptured relationships. In

one of the observances, participants play, chase and color each other with dry powder. (Source: Wikipedia)

The Marshall event is cosponsored by WMUL-FM, Coca Cola, INTO Marshall University, the Student Government Association, MU Multicultural Affairs, Housing and Residence Life, and the Campus Activities Board.

Further information is available at <https://www.facebook.com/events/942603345772176/>

‘Walk a Mile in Her Shoes’ event takes place tomorrow

On Thursday, April 23, the Marshall University ROTC Thundering Herd Battalion will host “Walk a Mile in Her Shoes®: March to Stop Rape, Sexual Assault and Gender Violence” in conjunction with the MU Police Department, the MU Women’s Center and CONTACT Rape Crisis Center.

Inspired by the saying that you can’t understand someone else’s experience until you’ve walked a mile in their shoes, organizers of this event invite university and community members to raise their voices for active change on this front.

In the past, men and women of Huntington and Marshall of all ages and backgrounds have participated – including athletes, professors, policemen, administrators, those in business and students. This year’s walk will take place at noon, with registration opening at 11 a.m. by the Memorial Fountain. Heels will be provided at registration.

For more information about this year’s Walk a Mile in Her Shoes® event, contact the Women’s Center at mcelfish@marshall.edu, ext.6-3338, or visit the MU Women’s Center Facebook page.

Organizers of 'Lose the Training Wheels' seek support to continue program



For the fifth consecutive year, Marshall University will host the Lose the Training Wheels program, which teaches children and adults with special needs how to independently ride two-wheel bicycles.

The camp is offered through a partnership between the nonprofit charity iCanShine and Marshall.

However, without more help from the community, the program may cease to exist in the region, according to the program's director and associate professor of kinesiology, Dr. Gregg Twietmeyer.

"We have an opportunity here as members of the Huntington community to make a difference in the lives of our youth," Twietmeyer said. "This program has improved the health and well-being of the Tri-State special needs community for the past four years and we hope to continue the tradition of teaching these riders the joys of riding a bike for many years to come. But the truth is, we need more help."

Due primarily to state and university budget cuts, Twietmeyer said he has been tasked with making the camp completely self-supporting. As university subsidies to support the program's budget are no longer possible this means finding over \$10,000 each year to ensure the continued existence of the Lose the Training Wheels summer program.

"We are currently seeking sponsorships at all levels," Twietmeyer said. "We've always been primarily donor driven and the community support the last four years has been wonderful, but the truth is with the loss of a university financial support safety net, the camp's continued existence is threatened. We are reaching out to the community to hopefully build our donor base and secure the camp's future. Without a broader and deeper base of donors and sponsors, this will likely be the last year of the program."

Interested individuals or businesses can donate time as a camp volunteer, money, or other resources such as bottled water, ice, lunches for staff, etc. All forms of help are greatly appreciated. Businesses or individuals who donate \$500 or more will be included on the camp's T-shirt and camp website, according to Twietmeyer.

The 2015 Lose the Training Wheels camp will take place July 20-24 at Huntington High School. However, moving forward, the decision to host a camp in 2016 and beyond will depend upon how much money is raised to support the 2015 camp, and whether such fundraising indicates that the camp can continue long term without Marshall University's financial support.

Twietmeyer said those interested in contributing to the program can contact him via e-mail at twietmeyer@marshall.edu, by calling ext.6-2938 or visiting www.marshall.edu/lttw online. Details on

volunteering can be found at <http://www.marshall.edu/lttw/Volunteer-Registration-Form15.pdf>. Individual donations via credit card can be made at: <http://www.marshall.edu/lttw/donate.asp>.

The LTTW program participants are children ages 8 and up, as well as teens and adults. These campers have a diagnosed disability such as autism, Down syndrome or cerebral palsy but are able to walk without assistive devices.

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Smoking cessation class to be offered April 29

A smoking cessation session, sponsored by Student Health Education Programs, is being offered on Wednesday, April 29, from noon to 2 p.m. in the Wellness Suite at the Recreation Center.

For more information, call ext. 6-4103.

Marshall University and School of Medicine name inaugural class for accelerated B.S./M.D. program

The Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine has announced the selection of the inaugural class for the newly created accelerated B.S./M.D. program, which allows students to complete the requirements for both degrees in seven years.

The program is open to highly motivated West Virginia high school students who achieve a minimum ACT composite score of 30 (or equivalent SAT), an ACT math score of 27 (or equivalent SAT), as well as a cumulative GPA of 3.75 on a 4.0 scale. Other admission criteria include three letters of recommendation and an on-campus interview.

Students will begin in August 2015 as university freshmen and will be collaboratively guided throughout their undergraduate years by both an undergraduate adviser and a School of Medicine mentor to help ensure their success in the accelerated program.

Continuing requirements for the program include selecting biology as a major, maintaining a minimum overall GPA of 3.5, successfully completing at least 26 credit hours during each academic year, and participating in enrichment programs during the three years of the undergraduate portion of the program.

“I couldn’t be happier we have launched this program at Marshall,” said Dr. Joseph I. Shapiro, dean of the School of Medicine. “We all recognize that West Virginia needs more doctors. One of the ways we can make that happen is to develop programs that attract and retain our state’s best and brightest students.”

Students who successfully complete the program requirements will matriculate directly into medical school. They are not required to take the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT). Additionally, they will receive a tuition waiver for the medical school portion of the program.

Jennifer T. Plymale, associate dean for admissions at the School of Medicine, described the incoming students as exceptional.

“These students had a number of options to continue their education elsewhere, but chose Marshall,” Plymale said. “It is our goal that these outstanding students will remain in the state to care for West Virginia’s residents.”

Dr. Charles C. Somerville, dean of the [College of Science](#) at Marshall, was part of the development team for the novel program.

“Dean Shapiro and Associate Dean Plymale deserve the credit for creating a very attractive program,” Somerville said. “The B.S./M.D. program will bring highly talented students to Marshall University, shorten the time it takes for those students to begin practicing medicine in West Virginia, and allow them to complete their educations with limited debt. It’s a win for everyone involved, and we are very excited to be part of it.”

Faculty Achievement: Dr. C. Damien Arthur

Dr. C. Damien Arthur, assistant professor of public administration and policy in the department of Political Science, has been awarded a national grant by The Dirksen Congressional Research Center.

The grant enables Arthur to travel to the archives at the newly constructed Robert C. Byrd Center for Legislative Studies at Shepherd University. At the center, he will utilize the latent data in the congressional papers of Senator Byrd to construct an empirical assessment in the legislative sub-series on appropriations, his case-work correspondence, and his personal papers sub-series from 1989 to 2009.

Emphasizing his leadership and influence on the Senate Appropriations Committee (1989–2009), the project explores Robert C. Byrd’s entrepreneurial fight to eradicate the presidential line-item veto. He operated under the imperative that the Congress was responsible for spending and prioritizing the taxpayers’ money, not the president. The research will demonstrate Byrd’s leadership in limiting what he perceived as a constitutional dereliction and the expansion of presidential authority within budgetary power. This research offers insight into the study of the resources, techniques, and institutional conditions of senatorial entrepreneurship.

The Dirksen Congressional Research Center's mission is to "help people better understand the U.S. Congress, its people, its processes, and the public policies it produces. Since 1978, the Congressional Research Grants program has invested more than \$944,208 to support over 436 projects."

For more about the granting agency and the awards for the 2015 cycle, search here:

http://www.dirksencenter.org/print_grants_CRGs.htm#Grntrecipient00

Marshall joins WVU to host second annual Stuttering U. camp June 25-27



The second annual Stuttering U. camp will take place June 25-27 on the Huntington campus.

"Children can experience negative emotions or thoughts related to their stuttering. This can cause them to feel very different from their peers and lead to social avoidance," said Craig Coleman, department of communication disorders faculty member and stuttering specialist. "Last year, we held the first annual Stuttering U. program designed to educate speech-language pathologists about stuttering, and empower children and families to manage stuttering effectively. Watching the changes in the children and families over the three days was awe-inspiring."

"The program was a success for the children and their families as well as the speech-language pathologists and our students at Marshall. We are excited to continue partnering with West Virginia University to continue this important program." he said.

"We offer a unique experience for those affected by stuttering, in a fun, supportive environment," said Mary Weidner, a speech-language pathologist and a current doctoral student at WVU. "We are planning many fun activities which will challenge campers to take risks and make lasting memories. We will hold true to our motto: 'Be Brave. Be Amazing. Be U.'"

In addition to the camp, a two-day continuing education session will take place June 23-24 for speech-language pathologists and students. A second continuing education event will be held at West Virginia University on July 23-24.

For more information on the 2015 Stuttering U. summer camp and how to register, contact Coleman at craig.coleman@marshall.edu or visit www.stutteringu.com online.

Photo: Craig Coleman welcomes campers to Stuttering U. at last year's event.

School of Medicine to host 17th Annual Golf Classic

The 17th Annual Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine Golf Classic will tee off at noon, Tuesday, May 5, at Silo Golf Course in Lavalette.

All proceeds from the event benefit the Class of 2015's graduation fund, which includes investiture and graduation, senior awards and the Class of 2015 Scholarship.

A four-player scramble is the format for this year's event. Check-in is at 11 a.m. with lunch. Shotgun start will be at noon.

A putting contest will take place throughout the tournament at \$3 per ball. A cookout and awards will follow the tournament.

Event sponsors to-date include Retina Consultants PLLC (green sponsor) and River Park Hospital (putting sponsor). Additional sponsorships are available at \$250, \$500 and \$750.

Entry fee for School of Medicine alumni, faculty, staff and students is \$50. Cost for friends of the School of Medicine is \$75. Registration includes greens fee, cart, cookout and a chance to win prizes.

Registration and sponsorship deadline is Friday, May 1. To register, contact Linda Holmes at 304-691-1711 or holmes@marshall.edu, or Beth Hammers at 304-691-1712.

School of Medicine scholarships created to honor legacies

Two new scholarships recently established with the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine honor the legacies of two individuals who have affected School of Medicine faculty and students in unique ways.

"Named scholarships are a fantastic way to pay tribute to someone who has made a difference in one's life," said Linda S. Holmes, director of development and alumni affairs for the School of Medicine.

"These scholarships are doubly special because we have two individuals who have had such a profound influence on our school and medical community that others saw fit to honor their legacy in a meaningful and lasting way."

Iralane Lambros, M.D., FAAP, has established the *Faith Fry Memorial Scholarship*. Faith Marie Fry (Aug. 14, 2002 – April 10, 2014), a daughter of Dennis Kent Fry and Tina Marie Adkins Fry, was well known to the Marshall Pediatrics faculty, staff and medical students, along with the staff of Cabell Huntington Hospital's NICU, PICU and pediatric wards. Faith was born with a rare congenital anomaly known as Trisomy 18 or Edward's Syndrome. Children with this genetic condition usually don't survive infancy due to severe heart and lung conditions, but Faith and her family fought valiantly for 11 years.

"She and her family taught us personal and professional life lessons of perseverance, dedication and pure love," Lambros said.

This scholarship will be awarded to a rising fourth-year medical student interested in pediatrics and helping children with disabilities.

The *Richard M. Niles, Ph.D., Endowment* honors the contributions and service of Dr. Richard M. “Dick” Niles, a long-time member of the SOM family. Niles served the School of Medicine from July 1, 1992, through his retirement on August 31, 2014. He was a professor and chairman of biochemistry; the acting and senior associate dean of research and graduate education; and the vice dean for biomedical sciences education from Jan. 1, 2014, to Aug. 31, 2014.

The endowment, established by his colleagues and friends, will support research and training of graduate student(s) in the Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, including but not limited to scholarships, research supplies and attendance at national/international research conferences.

Staff Council election results announced

The winners of the of the Staff Council 2015 general election, who will serve from July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2017 are as follows:

Chair Nina Barrett – Accounting

Board of Governors Representative Miriah Young – Housing

Advisory Council of Classified Employees Carol Hurula – Academic Affairs

EEO 10 – Executive, Administrative and Managerial

William “Tootie” Carter – Student Center Operating

Lisa Williamson – Lewis College of Business

Miriah Young – Housing

Carol Hurula – Academic Affairs

Rachel Williamson – College of Fine Arts

EEO 30 – Other Professionals

Chris Atkins – University College

Amber Bentley – University College

Timothy Melvin – Academic Affairs

Jennifer Jimison – Financial Aid

Noah Lamb – University Budget Office

EEO 40 – Technical and Paraprofessional

Jason Baldwin – Accounting

Becky Lusher – Facilities Planning and Management

Lisa Maynard – SOM Finance and Administration

Toni Ferguson – School of Education

Missy Browning – SOM Psychiatry

EEO 50 – Clerical

Leonard Lovely – Mailroom

Shay McComas – Housing

Nancy Tresch-Reneau – Psy D Program

Stacy Good – Mathematics

Patricia Carman – Admissions Office

EEO 60/70 – Service & Maintenance

Marcos Serrat – Plant Operations

Larry Morris – Public Safety

Greg Pickens – Public Safety

Tony Waugh – Plant Operations

Donna Megquier – Plant Operations

The next issue of *We Are...Marshall* will be distributed April 29, 2015. Please send any materials for consideration to [Pat Dickson](#) by 5 p.m. Monday, April 27.