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Award winners, retirees recognized during general faculty meeting

April 29, 2015

Awards of distinction were presented and retiring faculty recognized during Marshall University's spring general faculty meeting held yesterday at the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center.

The meeting began with remarks from Interim President Gary White and Faculty Senate Chair Larry Stickler.

Three people received the Distinguished Artists and Scholars Award. To be eligible for the awards, faculty members must either be tenured or hold tenure-track appointments. The purpose of the award is to recognize distinction in the fields of artistic and scholarly activity on the part of the Marshall faculty. The senior recipients of the Distinguished Artists and Scholars Awards receive $2,000 apiece while the junior recipient receives $1,000. The Distinguished Artists and Scholars Award were given to:

- Dr. Andrew Nichols, associate professor, Weisberg Division of Engineering, College of Information Technology and Engineering, senior recipient for Sciences and Technology
- Dr. Christopher White, associate professor, History, College of Liberal Arts, senior recipient for Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities, Education and Business
- Dr. Carl Mummert, assistant professor, mathematics, College of Science, junior recipient in all fields

Dr. Andrew P. Nichols, associate professor of engineering in the College of Information Technology and Engineering, has been named the Charles E. Hedrick Outstanding Faculty Award winner for 2014-2015.

Nichols will receive $5,000 through a grant from Charles B. and Mary Jo Locke Hedrick. The award is named in honor of Charles Hedrick’s father, Charles E. Hedrick, a former history professor and later chairman of the Graduate Council, and one of the founders of Marshall's graduate program.

The Center for Teaching and Learning announced the Hedrick Award and two others honoring faculty members:

- Marshall & Shirley Reynolds Outstanding Teacher Award – Dr. Isaac W. Wait, associate professor of engineering in the College of Information Technology and Engineering
• **Pickens-Queen Teacher Award** – Dr. Lori Howard, assistant professor of special education in the College of Education and Professional Development; and Dr. Dawn M. Howerton, assistant professor of psychology, and Dr. Rachael Peckham, assistant professor of English, both in the College of Liberal Arts

Here is a brief look at the awards and the winners:

**Charles E. Hedrick Outstanding Faculty Award**

This award recognizes a full-time, tenured or tenure-track faculty member who has a minimum of seven years teaching experience at Marshall and a record of outstanding classroom teaching, scholarship, research and creative activities.

**Dr. Andrew P. Nichols** has been teaching engineering at Marshall since August 2007, when he was hired as an assistant professor. He currently is program director with the Nick J. Rahall II Appalachian Transportation Institute's Intelligent Transportation Systems, a position he has held since April 2011.

Nichols earned his bachelor of science degree in civil engineering in May 2000 from West Virginia University; his master of science degree in civil engineering in December 2001 from Purdue University; and his doctorate in civil engineering in May 2004, also from Purdue.

“He is an extremely valued member of our engineering faculty,” said Dr. Richard F. McCormick, a recently retired professor of engineering at Marshall. “He is the one faculty member who is held up to us all as being an example of an outstanding teacher as well as an outstanding researcher. Our dean, Dr. Wael Zatar, refers to the ‘Dr. Andrew Nichols model’ when discussing expectations with our younger faculty members.”

Nichols says his teaching philosophy is “to deliver course content and create assignments in a way that leads to student engagement and students learning. That environment tends to involve hands-on activities, real-world examples and classroom discussions to promote critical thought.”

He is both an applied researcher and a consultant in the area of transportation engineering.

“So, most of the work that I do is hands-on in the sense that it gets implemented on the roadway, affecting motorists every day,” he said. “I can’t design a solution to a traffic problem—for example, a congested intersection—without going to the field to see how drivers are performing and determining what is causing the congestion.

“Likewise, I don’t know if the solution implemented is working until I observe it in the field. Due to my background, it is quite easy for me to incorporate these experiences in the classroom so that the students get a feel for the real-world scenarios they might deal with. I also try to incorporate real-world problems in homework problems and class projects.”
Nichols grew up in Point Pleasant. After entering academia, he always wanted to return close to home to help educate students in the Appalachian region. He says he assumed that would be at Ohio University, West Virginia University Tech or West Virginia University, since there were not any other engineering programs closer.

“Fortunately, Marshall brought back engineering, which provided the ideal situation,” he said. “As a young faculty member, it is exciting to see new buildings being constructed and enrollments trending up. There aren’t many places where you can truly have an influence on a program because they are either established or have many faculty members. I look forward to spending the rest of my career at Marshall University to educate the students of West Virginia and the Tri-State area.”

Dr. Asad Salem, chair of the Weisberg Division of Engineering and Nichols’ supervisor, says the types of projects Nichols works on are application-oriented and typically deal with technologies and management strategies that affect motorists every day.

“The prime example is the management of the traffic signal system in Huntington, which is now performing at a much higher level since his research group has taken it over,” Salem said.

Marshall & Shirley Reynolds Outstanding Teacher Award

This award includes a $3,000 stipend. All tenured or tenure-track faculty members at or above the rank of assistant professor who have six or more years of teaching experience, at least three of which are at Marshall, are eligible.

Dr. Isaac W. Wait has been teaching at Marshall since 2009, when he was hired as an assistant professor. He was promoted to associate professor in 2011. Wait received his bachelor of science in civil engineering in 2000 and his master of science in civil engineering in 2001, both from Brigham Young University; and his doctorate in civil engineering in 2005 from Purdue University.

Wait says he has learned a lot about the need for a “personal touch” in teaching over the past few years.

“When I just finished my Ph.D. and entered the teaching profession for the first time, I would have told you that the most important thing engineering students need is well-organized content delivered in a clear and sequential manner,” Wait said. “After 10 years, however, I have come to realize the critical importance of personal connections in supporting the learning experience.

“Even analytical, logic-oriented engineers can benefit from the influential ‘soft’ factors such as an engineering discussion with an instructor after a difficult exam, an in-class learning activity where they partner with another student and make a new friend, or meeting the neighborhood residents who will be personally affected by the design project a student is working on. Engineering education benefits when there is a personal touch in the process.”
About Wait, Dr. William E. Pierson, professor and former chair of the Weisberg Division of Engineering, said, “From my personal observations as a colleague and during my time as division chair, I know that Dr. Wait has earned the respect and appreciation of other engineering faculty, engineering students and the administration of the college. Dr. Wait is not only energetic and enthusiastic, he is inventive and resourceful in his efforts to improve teaching and to provide an enriching learning environment for his students.”

Pierson also shared the following quotes from some of Dr. Wait’s students:

One student said, “Dr. Wait is an outstanding teacher. He wants his students to learn but he also wants to push them to work hard. He knows they are capable and seeks to show students just how capable they are. My favorite thing about Dr. Wait is how he gives more freedom to students in their work.”

Wait says he does his best to push students beyond their comfort zone, while creating a learning experience that is both rigorous and demanding.

“And yet, students don’t seem to resent being pushed, which makes me very happy,” he said.

Pickens-Queen Teacher Award

Each of these three award winners receives a $1,000 stipend. The award honors outstanding junior faculty. All faculty members teaching on a full-time, tenured or tenure-track appointment, who are at the instructor or assistant professor rank and who have completed one to five years of service at Marshall are eligible.

Dr. Lori Howard came to Marshall in August 2012, when she was hired as an assistant professor, a position she still holds today. Previously, Howard was an adjunct instructor/university supervisor at the University of Virginia’s Curry School of Education.

She earned her bachelor’s degree in communication disorders in 1982 from the University of the Pacific; her master’s degree in audiology in 1985 from Northern Colorado University; and her doctorate in educational psychology in 2001 from the University of Virginia.

“To the benefit of all of us, Dr. Howard’s expertise as a teacher extends beyond her classroom and students,” said Dr. Lisa Heaton, professor of elementary and secondary education.

One example of her excelling beyond the classroom, Heaton noted, is Howard’s depth of knowledge during grant-related collaborations.

When asked how has she learned from experience and evolved as a teacher, Howard said, “At the risk of sounding like a greeting card or a poorly written self-help book, what I have learned through self-reflection is how profound the simplest concepts can be when teaching. These include: knowing our
learners, seeking help from others, remembering I do not know everything, and setting high expectations for students. Most importantly, always be kind to yourself and others.”

**Dr. Dawn M. Howerton** has been at Marshall since 2012, when she was hired as an assistant professor, which is her current position.

Howerton earned both her bachelor’s (2004) and master’s (2007) degrees in psychology from California State University and her doctorate in experimental psychology in 2012 from the University of Tennessee.

Howerton said she strives to help her students master three major skills in her courses.

“One, development of active learning and critical thinking; two, development of an appreciation for diversity; and, three, application of psychology to social issues and real-world problems,” she said.

“My work is informed by the social psychology of attitudes and prejudice, the psychology of women and gender, and legal principles pertaining to these areas,” she added.

Howerton says she recently has become interested in the role that ambivalent sexism and aversive racism play in the allocation of health care to women and minorities.

Dr. Marianna Footo-Linz, chair of the Department of Psychology, describes Howerton as an “invested teacher who truly believes in her students.”

“Her eyes light up when she talks about those moments when things click,” Footo-Linz said, “when they [students] take the lesson beyond the classroom and apply it to their lives or become active in a cause.”

**Dr. Rachael Peckham** has been at Marshall since 2009. Previously, she was a graduate teaching assistant at Ohio University from 2004 to 2009.

She earned her bachelor’s degree in English literature and creative writing in 2002 from Hope College; her master’s in creative writing: creative nonfiction in 2004 from Georgia College & State University; and her doctorate, also in creative writing: creative nonfiction, in 2009 from Ohio University.

Dr. Kelli Prejean, an associate professor of English, observed Peckham’s English 652 Special Topics course, The Creative Writing Market: Studies and Contemporary Practice in Multiple Genres, in October 2012. She described Peckham’s class as “structured, yet student-centered,” with a nature that “reveals her efforts to provide courses that professionalize our students and help them publicize their creative works.”
“She has an excellent rapport with students, and students obviously respect the creative and professional activities in which they are engaged,” Prejean said. Peckham acknowledged that her writing classroom is structured “around collaboration.”

“As a creative writer, I can’t help but borrow from the best arts of the workshop model—namely, the diverse feedback and the access it grants the student to a broad readership,” Peckham said. “Given this close collaboration, it is crucial that my classroom be a ‘safe space’ in which sensitivity is exercised and expression protected. My creative writing students, in particular, are given carte blanche to write on any subject, as long as a burning curiosity or question propels them to the page.”

Two people received the John and Frances Rucker Graduate Adviser of the Year award, which acknowledges the contributions of Marshall’s outstanding graduate advisers. They are:

- Dr. Dennis Anderson, Distinguished Professor of Education, Leadership Studies, Graduate School of Education, South Charleston campus
- Dr. Linda Spatig, Professor, School of Education, Advanced Educational Studies, Leadership Studies, College of Education and Human Services, Huntington campus

Dr. Allison Carey, assistant professor, Department of English, received the Sarah Denman Faces of Appalachia Fellowship Award.

Two people were awarded the Distinguished Service Awards, announced at the faculty meeting. They are:

- Dr. Karen McComas, professor of communication disorders and interim executive director of the Center for Teaching and Learning
- Dr. Linda Spatig, Professor, School of Education, Advanced Educational Studies, Leadership Studies, College of Education and Human Services

In addition, 20 retiring faculty members, who have a combined 491 years of service, were recognized. They include:

- Steven Banks, Education, 31 years of service
- Michael Brookshire, Finance/Economics, 28 years of service
- Joy Cline, Nursing, 14 years of service
- Wayne Coombs, Counseling, 21 years of service
- Harold Wayne Elmore, Biology, 41 years of service
- Susan Frank, Communication Disorders, 12 years of service
- Kristine Greenwood, Communication Studies, 24 years of service
- Susan H. Jackman, Biochemistry & Microbiology, 24 years of service
- Calvin Kent, Management/Marketing/MIS, 21 years of service
- Susan Linnenkohl, Dietetics, 24 years of service
- Stan Maynard, Education, 35 years of service
- Richard McCormick, Engineering, 13 years of service
- Richard M. Niles, Biochemistry & Microbiology, 22 years of service
- Nicola Orsini, Physics, 35 years of service
- William Pierson, Engineering, 16 years of service
• Celene Seymour, Director of South Charleston Library, 20 years of service
• John Teel, English, 48 years of service
• Allen Wilkins, Finance/Economics, 30 years of service
• Everett B. Wray III, Cardiovascular Services, 5 years of service
• Laura Wyant, Leadership Studies, 26 years of service

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ChannelNet CEO & founder Paula George Tompkins to speak at commencement

Paula George Tompkins, a 1974 Marshall University alumna and CEO & founder of the digital marketing and sales firm ChannelNet, will deliver the commencement address to undergraduates Saturday, May 9, at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena in downtown Huntington.

The ceremony, the first of two on the day, begins at 9 a.m. A ceremony for those students receiving advanced degrees starts at 2 p.m. at the arena.

Tompkins, who earned a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree from Marshall, grew up in Huntington and graduated from Huntington High School in 1970. She has titled her speech, “Life is a Journey,” and plans to talk in part about how “a country girl” from Huntington was driven to start her own company.

“My goal is to tell them about my life’s journey, so when they walk through those doors to the world that awaits them, they will understand that their adult life is indeed a journey and one over which they need to assume control,” she said.

Interim President Gary G. White said he is thrilled that Tompkins has agreed to speak with the students and guests attending Marshall’s 178th commencement.

“Paula has a very special story to tell,” White said. “She is living proof that it doesn’t matter where you come from or what your background is, if you have a college degree and the desire to succeed in the world, you CAN do it. Paula certainly did it. I am looking forward to hearing her tell us how.”

After graduating from Marshall in 1974, Tompkins left Huntington and started her career as a commercial banker in 1974 with a stint on Wall Street at the Bank of New York. After leaving Wall Street
In 1975, she went on to break gender barriers at both 3M and General Electric industrial sales divisions as a sales engineer. At GE, she sold computer components to Silicon Valley companies.

In 1985, she founded The SoftAd Group, which was renamed ChannelNet in 2004. She is an acknowledged pioneer in using personal technology to facilitate multichannel digital marketing and sales. In the past 30 years, she has helped hundreds of the world’s leading companies use technology to sell their products and build customer relationships, with a client list that includes Toyota, Harley Davidson and Benjamin Moore Paints, as well as Hunter Douglas, BMW and Ally Bank.

Tomkins also is an inventor, holding two U.S. patents for ChannelNet’s SiteBuilder internet software platform.

Under her guidance, ChannelNet received the 2010 Outstanding Achievement in Internet Advertising Award in the category Best Home Building Website.

As an expert in using technology to improve marketing and sales processes, Tompkins is a much sought-after resource for journalists and authors, and as a conference panelist and keynote speaker.

In her “spare” time, she actively works to promote Marshall’s programs, having served on the university’s foundation board of directors for 12 years.

In 2014, Marshall University’s Yeager Leadership Institute presented Tompkins with the second annual William E. Willis Leadership Award for her exemplary leadership in three areas—learning, guidance and honor.

Next presidential open house is Wednesday, May 6

Interim President Gary White and members of the university’s senior management team will host the next in a series of informal monthly open houses for members of the Marshall University community next week. It will take place from 3 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 6, in the reception area of the Office of University Communications, 213 Old Main.

Large number of students expected to attend annual Donning of Kente

The annual Donning of Kente Celebration of Achievement, set for 5 p.m. Thursday, April 30, is expected to involve the largest number of African and African American spring degree candidates in the history of the celebration at MU.
“Approximately 70 African and African American students will attend, having pending degrees from all university colleges and the School of Medicine,” said Maurice Cooley, associate vice president of intercultural affairs.

Donning of Kente takes place this year in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center. Burnis Morris, the Carter G. Woodson Professor of Journalism and Mass Communications, will be the keynote speaker.

Morris said he accepted the offer to speak in order to promote Woodson’s work and prevent a few people from leaving Marshall without knowing him. Woodson is known as the “Father of Black History.”

“As a participant in this effort to remember Woodson, I accepted Mr. Cooley’s invitation to speak in order to spread the gospel, so to speak, and so that more people would learn about Woodson’s work and use him as inspiration,” Morris said. “Perhaps this discussion of Woodson will spark interest in several of (the graduates) who may be interested in helping us preserve his name at Marshall and in Huntington.”

Cooley said he hopes the large number of graduates will attract an equally large number of community members to the event.

“The degree of interest in participating in this rich tradition among our students and faculty appears to expand each academic year,” Cooley said. “It is open to all, and we sincerely hope that citizens of our local and campus community will attend this unique ceremony. Everyone is welcome, indeed.”

The Kente was developed in 17th century A.D. by the Ashanti people of Africa and, as a visual art form with great symbolism, is reserved for special occasions, Cooley said.

The traditional and historical event is presented by the Center for African American Students. The celebration and cap-and-gown ceremony will commence with a processional that will include graduating students, university deans and Interim President Gary White.

The ceremony takes place each spring for African and African American students who graduated from Marshall during the winter and those slated for graduation in May or during the coming summer school term.

The Kente cloth, which resembles a stole and is worn with the academic regalia, is a symbol of accomplishment that has its roots in a long tradition of weaving in West African countries. Marshall instituted the tradition of presenting Kente cloths to graduating African American students several years ago.

Cooley said the Donning of the Kente Celebration of Achievement is one of the most prestigious and culturally significant events in which Marshall’s African and African American students can participate.

The Marshall African Dance and Drum Ensemble, directed by Steve Hall, associate professor of music, will provide music for the event. A reception in the Memorial Student Center lobby will follow.
Photographer Rick Haye recognized as ‘Unsung Hero’

University Photographer Rick Haye, left, who is usually behind the lens, was surprised by Matt Hayes, executive director of the Marshall University Alumni Association, with the association’s unsung hero award at the association’s annual awards banquet during Alumni Weekend April 25. Haye’s wife, daughter, and son-in-law were in on the surprise and attended the banquet, along with colleagues from University Communications.

Marshall’s School of Physical Therapy invites community to White Coat Ceremony; first DPT class to graduate May 9

The School of Physical Therapy will hold its 3rd annual White Coat Ceremony and Presentation Day at the St. Mary’s Center for Education Friday, May 1. The White Coat Ceremony is a rite of passage that marks the students’ transition into a clinical environment, according to program director Dr. Penny Kroll.

“The White Coat Ceremony is a formal ‘cloaking’ of students with the white coat, a symbol of clinical care and service typically worn in the clinical setting,” Kroll said. “During the ceremony, students will recite the American Physical Therapy Oath for Physical Therapists, affirming their commitment to the profession and their future patients.

Joining the first-year students receiving their white coats will be members of the first class to graduate from Marshall’s Doctor of Physical Therapy, who began their studies three years ago and will graduate May 9. The graduating class will be reciting the oath along with the first-year students as a reaffirmation of the oath they took during the White Coat Ceremony two years ago, Kroll said.

Dr. Michael Prewitt, dean of the College of Health Professions, said he hopes members of the university community will attend this year’s White Coat Ceremony as it exemplifies the continued growth and development of Marshall University.

“Three years ago, we established a program that would serve the growing need for more physical therapists in our region. Today, with the help of amazing faculty and staff, we can successfully say we...”
have contributed to one of the fastest growing professions in the nation,” Prewitt said. “We feel very privileged to be a part of this growth and change at Marshall and believe me, it doesn’t stop here.”

The White Coat Ceremony and Presentation Day will begin 1 p.m. May 1 in the School of Physical Therapy at St. Mary's Community Conference Room, located at 2847 5th Ave. in Huntington.

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Five inducted into Marshall’s College of Business Hall of Fame

The induction ceremony for the 2015 Class of the College of Business Hall of Fame took place Monday, April 27, at the Foundation Hall, home of the Erickson Alumni Center.

The latest class of inductees includes:

- J. Richard Damron Jr., former president and CEO of Home Diagnostics, Inc.
- Calvin A. Kent, former vice president, Center for Business and Economic Research (CBER) at Marshall University and former dean of the College of Business, Marshall University.
- Paula George Tompkins, founder and CEO of ChannelNet
- Janet Smith Vineyard, president of the West Virginia Oil Marketers and Grocers Association (OMEGA)
- Dr. Stephen J. Kopp, former president of Marshall University (posthumously)

Here is a brief look at each inductee:

Richard Damron Jr. is a senior executive with over 30 years of global and domestic experience with companies and corporate divisions ranging in size from start-up to $200 million revenue in health care, life sciences and financial sectors. He has a successful track record in both the public and private sector.

Damron was the President, Chief Executive Officer, and a board member of Home Diagnostic Inc. (Nipro Diagnostic) from February 2001 to March 2009. He led the operational and financial reengineering of this manufacturer and marketer of diabetic testing systems, took the company through a successful IPO in 2006, and was named by Forbes magazine as one of the 200 Best Small Companies in 2008. He has been employed in the medical products industry since 1980, in both operational and financial roles.

Prior to joining Home Diagnostics, he was a consultant and provided business and strategic planning to a variety of business and not-for-profit organizations. In 1996, Damron became Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Apollo Eye Group Inc. He was
responsible for SEC reporting and compliance, strategic planning, budgeting and financial management for the retail optical and vision care company.

Other business affiliations include: Senior Vice President, Mergers and Acquisitions and Chief Financial Officer of Chiron Vision Corp, partner in the investment firm of Tullis Cook & Company, the Executive Vice President of Operations at Cooper Vision Cilco, Senior Manager at Hayflich & Steinberg, and Senior Accountant at Smart & McGinnis. In addition he has been active in numerous community activities.

He earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Accounting from Marshall and is a CPA. While at Marshall, he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity.

He resides in Boca Raton, Florida, with his wife, Pattie, who also earned her B.A. from Marshall in 1973.

Calvin A. Kent, Ph.D. AAS, retired in January from Marshall, where he had been a former dean of the College of Business, Vice President for Business and Economic Research and Director of the BB&T Center for American Capitalism.

Currently he is Distinguished Professor of Business Emeritus and Senior Economist at Marshall’s Center for Business and Economic Research.

He came to Marshall from Washington, D.C., where he was the administrator of the Energy Information Administration and Assistant Secretary for the Department of Energy during President George Herbert Walker Bush’s administration.

For 12 years he held the Herman W. Lay Chair in Private Enterprise at Baylor University in Waco, Texas. Before that he was professor of economics at the University of South Dakota and chief economist for the South Dakota Legislative Research Council.

He has been mayor or chair of the city council in three different cities, including Huntington. Kent is a former co-vice chair of Gov. Cecil Underwood’s Fair Tax Commission and served as committee chair on Gov. Joe Manchin’s Tax Modernization Committee.

Active in many civic and community activities Kent is also a lay minister, Sunday school teacher, elder and choir member at First Presbyterian Church in Huntington. He has been married for 52 years and has two daughters and six grandchildren.
Paula George Tompkins is a strategic visionary with a deep understanding of marketing and technology. Her 30-plus-year career encompasses the full spectrum of marketing, from direct mail and call centers to multi-channel and omnichannel experiences. She is an authority on leveraging digital touch points to drive store traffic. An inventor, Tompkins holds two U.S. patents for ChannelNet’s SiteBuilder™ software technology.

She started her career as a commercial banker in 1974 with a stint on Wall Street at the Bank of New York. Abandoning Wall Street in 1975, she went on to break gender barriers at both 3M and General Electric (GE) industrial sales divisions as a sales engineer. At GE, she sold computer components to Silicon Valley companies.

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She has appeared on numerous television programs and has been featured in many online and print publications. Also renowned in the international business arena, Tompkins has been the focus of articles in a number of periodicals around the world.

Tompkins has lectured at Columbia University’s School of Business, the University of California Berkeley’s Haas School of Business, Stanford University and Marshall University.

Born and raised in Huntington, Tompkins holds a bachelor’s in business administration from Marshall. Her main residence is in the Silicon Valley area of California.
Janet Smith Vineyard worked for Ashland Oil Inc. for 15 years after graduating from Marshall dealing with the supply, transportation and sale of gasoline, diesel fuel and other petroleum products.

In July of 1993, she became the executive director of the West Virginia Petroleum Marketers Association (WVPMA) and West Virginia Association of Convenience Stores (WVACS). Three years later, Vineyard led the merger of these two associations and the West Virginia Grocers Association to create the West Virginia Oil Marketers and Grocers Association Inc. (OMEGA) and was named president of the new organization.

In 2006, OMEGA entered into a joint venture with the West Virginia Trucking Association (WVTA). In January 2013, OMEGA began managing the West Virginia Wholesalers Association (WVWA) and on Jan. 1, 2014, she and her staff took over management of the Independent Insurance Agents of West Virginia, Inc. (IIAWV).

In addition to her role with OMEGA, Vineyard acts as president of WVTA and executive director of WVWA, and CEO of IIAWV. She promotes cooperation between the industries through the pursuit of their common interests and goals and by providing support and services to members.

Vineyard has been married for 31 years to Gary Vineyard, and together they have one son, Craig, who resides in Huntington.

Jan Vineyard holds an A.S. in Retailing, B.B.A. in Marketing and Transportation, and a M.B.A. from Marshall University. While at Marshall, she was a member of Alpha Xi Delta Sorority.


Under his leadership, Marshall experienced unprecedented growth and development. The strategic vision and priorities that guided Marshall under President Kopp’s leadership stressed the importance of student success and developing the tools and resources required to advance this success. The Marshall Commitment, an 11-element action plan for advancing academic quality at Marshall, expressed and embodied this action agenda.

During Kopp’s presidency, more than $300 million in new buildings and building renovations were completed or begun, remaining in progress today. These projects include the $56 million Arthur Weisberg Family Applied Engineering Complex, the downtown Visual Arts Center, the Veterans Memorial Soccer Complex, and a three-building indoor practice complex, which includes an indoor practice facility, student-athlete academic center and the Sports Medicine Translational Research Center.
Marshall’s academic profile grew dramatically with new high-demand majors and degree programs, including digital forensics and the new schools of pharmacy, physical therapy and public health. Under Kopp’s leadership, the four-year undergraduate engineering program was re-established and is now fully accredited.

External funding for research doubled and a $30 million research endowment was established at Marshall, following the successful mini-campaign to raise $15 million in private gifts. President Kopp was the architect for the West Virginia Research Trust Fund legislation, which matched dollar-for-dollar the private gifts to Marshall in support of research.

Additionally, during his tenure, Marshall became a leading university for advanced, high-performance computing and Internet-2 connectivity. The evolution of this platform has positioned Marshall University to partner and compete globally anytime, anywhere with anyone at any level.

Marshall University continues to excel as the nation’s leading, accredited graduate DNA forensics program and has added to it the only accredited digital forensics program in the world.

In response to the needs of local, state and federal intelligence and law-enforcement communities, the university launched an undergraduate major in digital forensics. In conjunction with these developments, the Rahall Transportation Institute at Marshall has advanced to become one of the top university transportation centers in the country.

Besides its continued progress in infrastructure development and academic innovation, Marshall has also grown in enrollment and in the geographic area it serves. Under Kopp’s guidance, Marshall welcomed the largest freshman classes in its 175-year history and undertook a groundbreaking initiative in international student recruitment.

Dr. and Mrs. (Jane) Kopp were always proud to call West Virginia home and quickly became endeared with the people and beauty of Huntington. Kopp was honored by Create Huntington for his efforts to help improve the livability of Huntington and his counsel was frequently sought for his candid and thoughtful approach to business and community matters.

He lent his expertise to a variety of area economic development organizations

Kopp had a true appreciation for the arts and recognized their importance in building a strong and vibrant community. His support helped make possible the Old Main Corridor and Fourth Avenue beautification projects. Kopp led Marshall through the purchase of the former Stone & Thomas building, which has become a downtown visual arts center and an anchor of the new city landscape, bringing Marshall and downtown Huntington closer together.

In addition, Kopp lined the president’s office suite with student artwork – hand-picked to highlight the immense visits artistic talent he saw in the Marshall community.

Kopp joined Marshall following leadership positions with Midwestern University, Central Michigan University and Ohio University. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from the University of Notre Dame, and his Ph.D. in Physiology and Biophysics from the University of Illinois at Chicago.
He served as a postdoctoral fellow at the St. Louis University Medical Center, and a research fellow and NIH Fellow in the department of biochemistry at the University of Illinois at Chicago prior to joining the faculty of Midwestern University.

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June Harless Center to offer summer camps

The June Harless Center for Rural Educational Research and Development, part of the College of Education, is offering summer camps on the Huntington campus for students entering 3rd through 8th grade.

The theme for the camps this year is *Exploring S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics)*. Links to register for either camp can be found on the June Harless Center Facebook page.

Two weeks of camps will be offered for children:

**ARTS AND BOTS: EXPLORING ROBOTICS AND THE ARTS!**

**WHO:** Children entering 6th grade through 8th grade

**WHEN:** Monday, June 8 – Thursday, June 11

**WHERE:** Huntington campus

**COST:** $175 per child

**ARTS AND BOTS: EXPLORING ROBOTICS AND THE ARTS!**

**WHO:** Children entering 3rd grade through 5th grade

**WHEN:** Monday, June 22 – Thursday, June 25

**WHERE:** Huntington campus

**COST:** $175 per child
All camps will run from 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Thursday, with a snack provided. For more information regarding summer camps, contact Barbara Maynard at bmayard@marshall.edu or ext.6-2945

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School of Medicine inducts new medical honor society members

The Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine inducted 10 students, three residents and two faculty members into the Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Honor Medical Society April 16 at the Touma Medical Museum.

New inductees for the Class of 2015 are Amanda Adkins, Shane Cook, Andrew Martin, Casey Patick and Meaghan Tranovich. For the Class of 2016, inductees are Matthew Abadir, Hagger Ali, Kyle Burner, Jordan Hilgefort and Paul Viscuse.

Resident inductees for 2015 are Jesse Cottrell, M.D.; Carolyn Curtis, M.D.; and Joshua Hess, M.D. Anthony Alberico, M.D., professor and chairman in the department of neuroscience, and Justin Nolte, M.D., assistant professor in the department of neuroscience, are the faculty inductees for 2015.

Alpha Omega Alpha is the national medical honor society. The Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine chapter of Alpha Omega Alpha is one of 123 chapters across the country. Since the organization’s founding in 1902, more than 150,000 members have been elected to the society nationwide.
Choral Union to offer stand-alone performance

Members of the Marshall Choral Union will be performing alone for one night only, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 2, in Smith Recital Hall.

Hillary Herold, a senior and choral scholar in the union, said this is the first time in her six years that the Choral Union will be performing solo.

“Throughout the year we do large works in combination with University Choir and Chamber Choir, and we’ve done a couple of things with the West Virginia Symphony Orchestra and Chorus, as well,” Herold said. “But this is really unique in that we’ll be performing by ourselves.”

More than 30 Marshall students and Tri-State community members have spent the past 12 weeks preparing the set of madrigals, Mozart’s Coronation Mass (K. 317), and selections from Copland’s Old American Songs for this performance.

Choral Union Director Dr. John W. Campbell was a director of college and university choirs for 25 years before joining Huntington’s Fifth Avenue Baptist Church as full-time minister of music in August 2013.

Annual psychology awards given in memory of Dr. Stuart Thomas

Each year the department of psychology awards the most outstanding empirical paper in psychology with the Thomas award, an award that was made possible from a donation to the department by Dr. Donna Spindel and family in honor of Dr. Stuart W. Thomas.

Thomas was a member of the department who was an outstanding statistician, mentor, and colleague and who is fondly remembered as a loved colleague and friend through his standards of excellence.

This year, for the first time, there is a three-way tie for the award. The authors and their winning papers are as follows:

- Dana Zeid’s research was on the similarities of drug versus alcohol abuse. She found that the two types of addiction are similar and might represent lines of a continuum of severity. She also proposed a path model of the development of substance abuse noting the multiple pathways through which these problems develop.

- Alexis Pandelios’ research was on the similarities and differences between eating disorders and obesity. She found that although the different eating disorders are similar in terms of presenting
attachments and clinical issues, they differ in important ways from problems associated with obesity.

- Angela Sigmon’s paper was on the development of anxiety. She showed that insecure attachments are mediators of attachment with certain types of attachment, and moderators of anxiety for other forms of attachment.

“The department is proud to award these individuals with our most prestigious award for research,” aid Dr. Marc Lindberg, professor of psychology. “It serves to provide a model of what we expect from our most outstanding students and serves to reinforce the emphasis we place on research and scholarship.”

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Jacob T. Kilgore, M.D., chosen as April Resident of the Month

Jacob T. Kilgore, M.D., a second-year internal medicine/pediatrics resident, has been selected as the April 2015 Resident of the Month.

“To watch Jacob mature from a student to an outstanding resident is one of the most rewarding things an academic clinician can experience,” said Paulette S. Wehner, M.D., vice dean, graduate medical education at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. “He is truly a remarkable and caring young physician and respected by all.”

Kilgore was nominated by Shelia McCallister, who works in the department of internal medicine.

“The many occasions I’ve had to interact with Dr. Kilgore have proven him to be most engaging at every level: medically, personally and compassionately,” McCallister said. “I, as well as immediate family members, have received care from Dr. Kilgore and have had the opportunity to personally assess his capabilities.”

A native of Wayne County, Kilgore is a 2013 graduate of the MU School of Medicine, where he was inducted into the Gold Humanism Honor Society and the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society, as well as being recognized for his academic achievement and community service.

He is an active participant in the MUSOM Global Medical Brigade, Christian Medical Association and the Marshall Medical Outreach Program. As an undergraduate student at Marshall University, Kilgore studied in Madrid, Spain, and in Oxford, England.
As part of his recognition of the April Resident of the Month, Kilgore will receive items including a Certificate of Recognition and a designated parking spot. Monthly winners will also be automatically entered into the Resident of the Year Award to be announced in May.

Photo: Jacob Kilgore, M.D., left, receives the April Resident of the Month award. He is pictured here with William Nitardy, M.D., program director for the med/peds residency program.

Outstanding Women of Marshall awards to be given Friday, May 1

Winners of Women’s Studies 2014 Outstanding Women of Marshall Awards, along with graduates of Women’s Studies, will be honored at a reception at 3 p.m., Friday, May 1 in the Drinko Library Atrium.

The honorees are:

- Susan Gilpin, administrator
- Jill Trefiz, faculty
- Amy Saunders, staff
- Briana McElfish, graduate student
- Jacqueline Wheeler, undergraduate student

The reception will also recognize students graduating with a minor in Women’s Studies or a Women’s Studies graduate certificate.

Everyone is welcome to attend. To RSVP, call ext. 6-3338 or email wcenter@marshall.edu.

Early-bird registration taking place for this summer’s Healthy Herd Youth Camps

The Recreation Center will host the 2015 Healthy Herd Youth Camps beginning May 26 and running through Aug. 7. Early-bird registration, which runs until May 1, allows parents to save 10 percent on the cost until that date. The camps will run weekly with two different age groups: ages 5-10 (Little Marcos) and ages 11-15 (Future Herd).
Each weekly camp will feature a different theme, with different activities tailored to the theme. Some of the themes include Aloha Summer, Imaginarium Outdoor, Operation Splash Down and MU Olympics. Early-bird weekly prices are $99 for members and $121.50 for non-members. Regular registration prices are $110 for members and $135 for non-members. Each day of camp runs from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Before- and after-care are available if needed. Care is free for members and $10 per day for non-members. Registration and health history forms can be found at the membership service desk in the Recreation Center or at www.marshallcampusrec.com. All forms must be completely filled out before campers may attend.

For camp descriptions and more information, visit www.marshallcampusrec.com or contact Alex Boyer at boyer3@marshall.edu.

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