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# WE ARE... MARSHALL®

The Newsletter for Marshall University

October 29, 2014

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## University community marks first year of Marshall 20/20



Members of the Marshall University community gathered to celebrate the first year of progress and decide on next steps at a retreat at St. Mary's conference center in Huntington Oct. 17.

“We are taking on one of the most significant and complex challenges in the history of Marshall University,” said President Kopp in a message to those who attended. “In doing so, we have mobilized one of the strongest and most

collaborative team efforts I have ever witnessed.”

At the retreat, participants began to assemble and connect the separate products resulting from all the hard work that has taken place since the initial meeting in October 2013—from the Shared Vision Statement to the new Budget Model to the Tools (pro formas, key performance indicators) to the Academic and Services Portfolio Reviews to the Roles and Responsibilities.

Eight implementation teams will be formed to pursue the opportunities identified in the Services Portfolio Review:

### 1. **Printing, Faxing and IT-Related Services**

- Consolidating IT staff within IT division
- Eliminating desktop printers; move to network printers
- Eliminating shadow systems/licenses
- Coordinating IT support positions across campus
- Upgrading video multiplexing controller
- Videoconference – Lync

### 2. **Facilities and Leases**

- Selling University Heights property
- Combining summer/evening classroom buildings
- Upgrading lighting fixtures
- Hiring mechanical engineer
- Hiring digital control specialist
- Establishing energy policy

- Improving space utilization
- Closing underutilized buildings/areas
- Staggering maintenance shifts

### 3. **P-Card, Procurement and Travel**

- Consolidating printer and copiers under managed contract
- Expanding use of My Buy
- Implementing new P-Card reconciliation process
- Terminating expiring leases
- Contracting with external travel agency/related policies and procedures
- Rebidding suppliers of cable services
- Reducing memberships

### 4. **Marketing, Public Relations and Websites**

- Outsourcing selected Printing Services
- Consolidating marketing and public relations functions
- Coordinating university website – in house and hosted by university
- Increasing revenues from trademarks/licensing – licensing affiliate

### 5. **Libraries**

- Consolidating library services (HSL/MUGC)

### 6. **Academic (includes continuing education, distance learning courses)**

- Implementing new E-course funding and development model
- Centralizing testing function

### 7. **Administrative and Finance (includes business center, expense reductions, temporary services/pool, student insurance)**

- Instituting training requirements/efficiency
- Implementing a business center model for administrative services
- Reducing the MURC payroll surcharge
- Eliminating student insurance
- Enhancing grant administration processes

### 8. **Auxiliaries**

- Evaluating outsourcing of housekeeping/grounds
- Reviewing auxiliary positions

The formation of the implementation teams is underway and participants will be notified of their team assignments as soon possible after Nov 5.

In addition, the [Marshall 20/20 website](#) has been updated to include the documents from the October 17 retreat.

## Assistant professor of science and religion at Harvard Divinity School to speak at Visual Arts Center Friday, Nov. 7

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Dr. Ahmed Ragab, the Richard T. Watson assistant professor of science and religion at Harvard Divinity School, will speak at the Visual Arts Center in downtown Huntington at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7.

Ragab will be the guest speaker at the 5<sup>th</sup> annual da Vinci Lecture, sponsored by the Honors College and the Office of the Provost. Ragab's talk, "From Plague to Ebola: The Social Life of Epidemics and the Making of Global Health," is free to the public.

"This talk will address the 'social making of epidemics;' how societies were and are affected by academics, what makes a particular infectious disease an epidemic, how governments, authorities and different societies responded to epidemics throughout history," Ragab said.

Throughout history, Ragab said, epidemics struck society's high rates of mortality, debilitating morbidity and the ability to spread rapidly across borders and boundaries. Epidemics interrupted social lives, imposed significant pressures on populations, economies and governments, and put pressure on global cooperation and international organizations, he said.

"Epidemics also tested the limits of medical innovation, the ability to provide and distribute treatments and the effectiveness of public health measures and institutions," Ragab said.

"The talk will investigate the development of quarantines, their meaning in medical and public health literature, and their cost and importance at social and political levels," Ragab said. "In exploring the history of epidemics and quarantines, the talk explores the making of global health policies, priorities and institutions and how they developed through debates, negotiations and conflicts surrounding such events."

Ragab joined Harvard Divinity School in July 2011 as the Richard T. Watson assistant professor of science and religion. He is a physician, historian and scholar of the medieval and modern Middle East, with a medical degree from Cairo University and a doctorate in the history and philosophy of science from the Ecole Pratiques des Hautes Etudes in Paris.

"I find this topic to be very timely," said Dr. Nicki LoCascio, interim dean of the Honors College. "Putting the current Ebola concerns into context with how other disease outbreaks were addressed by political and cultural settings is important. Dr. Ragab will show us what we know and can learn from prior epidemics. Given his numerous accolades and accomplishments it is an honor to have Dr. Ragab speak at Marshall University."

Ragab's work includes the history and development of medieval Islamic sciences, the relationship between science and religion in the medieval and modern Middle East, the history of medieval Islamic hospitals, and the intellectual and cultural history of women in the region.

He has completed monographic studies of institutionalization and modernization in medieval and early modern science and medicine within Islamic cultures, and he writes on contemporary questions at the foundations of science, religion and culture. Ragab is also the author of numerous articles and book sections and papers. His book, *Al-Qawl al-Sarih fi ilm al-Tashrih: Anatomy, medicine and religion in the Ottoman Middle East*, is an edition of a rare manuscript on anatomy from eighteenth-century Ottoman Egypt.


He is currently completing two book projects: *A Biography of a Hospital: Medicine, Religion and Charity in the Medieval Middle East*, which is a study of the medieval Islamic hospital; and, *In the Name of God the Healer: Prophetic Medicine in the Medieval and Modern Middle East*, a study of the development of prophetic medicine from the medieval to the contemporary period. Ragab is also working on a research project on perceptions of bodies, genders, and sexualities in medical, religious, and cultural views in the Islamic world.

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## University to host series of forums focused on higher education funding

**IT'S YOUR TURN**  
to ask some questions!

Ask your state leaders about the future of higher education in West Virginia.

  
**Marshall 20/20**

**Thursday, Nov. 13**  
Drinko Library  
Huntington Campus

**Tuesday, Nov. 18**  
South Charleston Campus

**Thursday, Nov. 20**  
Mid-Ohio Valley Center

RSVP to 304-696-3977

For the second consecutive year, Marshall University will host a series of forums designed for faculty, students and members of the community to discuss the future of

higher education funding in West Virginia.

Forums will take place over a one-week span in mid-November at three of the university's locations. The forums, which are sponsored by the office of President Stephen J. Kopp and the Marshall University Faculty Senate, will again be moderated by Beth Vorhees, news director for West Virginia Public Broadcasting. Each forum begins at 6 p.m. and will run as follows:

- Thursday, Nov. 13, in the Drinko Library on the Huntington campus
- Tuesday, Nov. 18, on the South Charleston campus
- Thursday, Nov. 20, at the Mid-Ohio Valley Center in Point Pleasant

Legislators and representatives from the governor's office as well as members of the Higher Education Policy Commission are invited to attend. Each of the forums, which are designed to give the public an opportunity to learn about budget cuts and their impact as well as to ask questions, is open to the public.

Higher education institutions have weathered more than 11 percent in cuts to their state budget appropriations since Fiscal Year 2013, and are anticipating further cuts for Fiscal Year 2016 and beyond.

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## New associate dean for medical education named at med school

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Dr. Charles A. Gullo has been named associate dean for medical education at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, according to Dr. Joseph I. Shapiro, dean of the school.

Gullo, who most recently was in Singapore with the Duke/NUS Medical School and the Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine, will be responsible for oversight of the medical education program including curriculum improvement, development and implementation, as well as assessment and improvement of medical education evaluation methods. Additionally, he will assist in faculty development and student assessment.

“I am very happy to be here at Marshall after eleven years in Singapore,” Gullo said. “It is very apparent how strong the ties are between the medical school and the community and I’m very happy with the close-knit, family friendly atmosphere that exists here.”

Gullo was deputy director for curriculum development at the Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine and also served as an assistant professor in immunology at the Duke/NUS Graduate Medical School. Prior to his affiliation with the schools in Singapore, Gullo was a scientist/investigator with the Cancer Immunology Laboratory and the Multiple Myeloma Research Laboratory at Singapore General Hospital.

He holds a doctorate in microbiology/immunology from the University of Virginia and completed a postdoctoral research fellowship at Beth Israel Deaconess/Harvard Medical Center in 2003.

Gullo officially joined the School of Medicine Oct. 14.

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## Marshall Artists Series to present Phillip Phillips, Dancing Pros and international film festival starting next week

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There's another great week of entertainment on tap as early November sees American Idol winner Phillip Phillips, the Dancing Pros Live and the Fall International Film Festival all come to the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center.

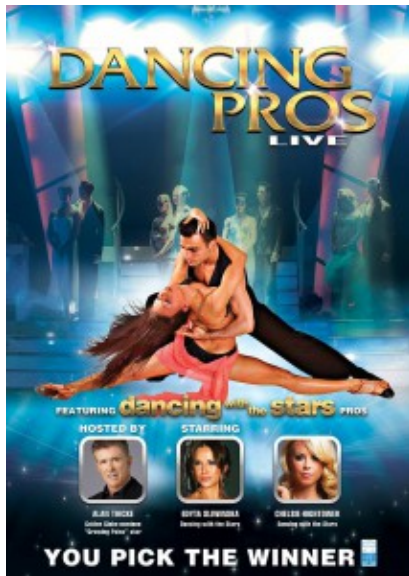
Phillips, the 2011 winner of the popular television competition, performs Monday, Nov. 3, followed by the Dancing Pros on Thursday, Nov. 6 and the film festival, which runs Nov. 7-13.

Phillips first began creating music when he was 14 years old in his native town of Leesburg, Georgia. Teaching himself to play the guitar, Phillips soon formed an acoustic band with his sister and brother-in-law and started to develop his vocals, going on to win first place in the local singing competition, Albany Star, in 2010.

Encouragement from family and friends soon helped Phillips break out of his shell and he took a break from working in his family's pawn shop to audition for "American Idol" in the summer of 2011. His time on the show didn't come without its challenges, however. Suffering from a congenital kidney condition, Phillips underwent eight surgeries during his time on the show.

After winning “American Idol,” Phillips released “Home,” a 5x platinum hit which featured his guitar skills and raspy vocals. More hit albums and singles followed. Recently, Phillips has toured the country with the American Idol Live tour and has been on tours with O.A.R., Matchbox Twenty and John Mayer. Now fresh off his headlining tour, Phillips is bringing his soulful brand of rock and roll to arenas and venues around the country.

Taking this journey with Phillips will be Saints of Valory, a diverse group represented by three different continents – South America, Asia, and North America.



For the first time together on stage, audiences can see professional dancers from “Dancing with the Stars,” “So You Think You Can Dance” and dance champions from around the world compete with one another for the top prize when Dancing Pros Live comes to the Keith Albee Performing Arts Center, Thursday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

This dazzling dance competition will be hosted by Alan Thicke, Golden Globe nominee and star of the TV show “Growing Pains.” Guest stars including Edyta Sliwinka and Chelsie Hightower from “Dancing with the Stars,” Ryan Di Lello, from “So You Think You Can Dance,” and some of the best dancers from around the world, who will battle it out on stage with the audience as their judge.

Sliwinka, who has appeared on every season of “Dancing with the Stars,” and actor and dancer Oscar Orosco will judge the star competitors. Hightower and Di Lello, as well as vocalists Joanna Pacitti, from “American Idol” season 8, and Angel Taylor, from “The Voice” season 2 will accompany the dancers on stage.

Dance styles will include Cha-Cha, Waltz, Tango, Swing, Freestyle Samba and the Jitterbug. Audiences will become part of the show as they use electronic voting remotes to pick their favorite couples as champions.

“Top-notch dancing from the best in the world and a live fan vote for the winner. If you like *Dancing with the Stars* you’ll love the drama, excitement and unpredictability of *Dancing Pros*,” said People Magazine.





The fall International Film Festival runs from Friday, Nov. 7 through Thursday, Nov. 13. Six films will be featured with individual admission set at \$7:50 per film. Titles to be shown include:

The Lunch Box – India

Wadjda – Saudi Arabia

Instructions Not Included – Mexico

The Great Beauty – Italy

Like Father, Like Son – Japan

Twenty Feet From Stardom – USA

For ticket information, contact the Marshall Artists Series box office at ext. 6-6656 or visit it in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse. Box office hours are Monday through Friday from noon to 5 p.m.

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## Barbie Norvell named Employee of the Month



Barbie Norvell, Administrative Secretary Sr., College of Education and Professional Development, Literacy Education, has been named the Marshall University Employee of the Month for August, according to the Employee of the Month Committee.

She was nominated by Gabriella Dahalia, Becky Sloan and Dr. Terrence Stange.

In their nomination, Dahalia and Sloan wrote: “Barbie Norvell’s willingness to go above and beyond the responsibilities of her own job duties, her performance, professionalism and demeanor is such a wonderful asset to Marshall University. Barbie has undertaken the additional duties of other program areas that are currently

without staff support. She works a great deal on her own time to make sure that faculty, students and staff are receiving the best service possible. She is always one to lend a hand or offer to make sure that work gets done in a timely and succinct manner. In addition to her own job duties in Literacy Education and ATE, she has been providing secretarial support to the doctoral program, the special education program and the certification office. Any time faculty need assistance with a project, they always seem to turn to Barbie. She is always willing to help and never complains about the extra work. She is always smiling and her patience is unparalleled, considering the extra amount of work she has undertaken. Barbie is a very dedicated, efficient, hardworking and loyal member of our team and we are very fortunate and grateful for her skills with MURC, Marshall and all of the various programs she works with.”

Stange wrote: “Barbie is an outstanding employee serving faculty members in reading education as well as serving faculty members in writing and elementary education. She is a quick study, and accomplishes tasks both efficiently and professionally. The candidates in the college often comment about her immediate response to inquiries. She assists in training new graduate assistants regarding Blackboard. She volunteers her time and talent when other departments need help with minor and major tasks. She is responsive to email requests when faculty are away from campus and need information. She easily establishes rapport with everyone on both campuses.”

Norvell was presented with a certificate and a check for \$100 by Ginny Painter, Senior Vice President for Communications and Marketing.

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Photo: Barbie Norvell (second from right), poses with her Employee of the Month Award. With her are, from left, Ginny Painter, Senior Vice President for Communications and Marketing, who made the presentation, and Becky Sloan and Gabi Dahalia, who were among the nominators.

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## Reminder: weekend event to support domestic violence shelter, Women's Studies



The Women's Studies Masquerade Ball and Silent Auction will take place from 6:30 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center.

Proceeds from the event will go towards supporting the Women's Studies program and SAFE, Inc., a domestic violence shelter serving McDowell, Mercer and Wyoming counties in West Virginia.

"We encourage our guests to come in costume or to come in formal wear and a mask," said Dr. Jill M. Treftz, assistant professor of English. "We will also have some masks available at the party. We welcome community involvement and hope that members of the entire Huntington community will help us to make this event a success."

Tickets cost \$15 for students and \$25 for non-students, and must be purchased in advance. Included in the ticket price is access to an open wine bar for those over 21, a variety of non-alcoholic beverages, assorted snacks and desserts and a chance to win door prizes.

Donors for the silent auction include Blenko Glass, Le Bistro, Bottle & Wedge, Glenn's Sporting Goods, Paula Vega Cupcakes, Pottery Place and the Pullman Square Starbucks, along with a number of other local businesses and individuals.

Tickets can be purchased from Treftz ([treftz@marshall.edu](mailto:treftz@marshall.edu)) in Corbly Hall 312; Dr. Robin Conley ([conleyr@marshall.edu](mailto:conleyr@marshall.edu)) in Smith Hall 740B; Dr. Dawn Howerton ([howertond@marshall.edu](mailto:howertond@marshall.edu)) in Harris Hall 305; Dr. Laura Michele Diener ([diener@marshall.edu](mailto:diener@marshall.edu)) in Harris Hall 107; Dr. Zelideth Rivas ([rivasz@marshall.edu](mailto:rivasz@marshall.edu)) in Smith Hall 743 or Leslee Browning ([browning108@marshall.edu](mailto:browning108@marshall.edu)) in Old Main 357.

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## Retirement reception for Doug Hennig set for Friday, Oct. 31

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A farewell reception for Doug Hennig, Financial Aid Counselor, Sr. will take place Friday, Oct. 31, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Financial Aid Office, Old Main 119. Everyone is invited to stop by and wish him well as he heads to the farm to enjoy his retirement.

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## Dr. Richard F. McCormick honored with Koch Award by the West Virginia Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers

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Dr. Richard F. McCormick, professor of engineering, was given the Roy D. Koch Award for his lifetime of service to the West Virginia Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) at the section's annual meeting last month at Oglebay Park in Wheeling.

The award is the highest honor given by the West Virginia Section of ASCE, and it was established in 1974 “to recognize those

individuals who have provided meritorious service to the West Virginia Section for an extended period of time.”

McCormick served as treasurer, vice president and president of the section in the late 1980s, wrote the first section handbook in 1996 and has remained active in the section since that time. However, he was recognized with the Koch Award mainly because of his many years of work with ASCE student chapters at WVU Tech and Marshall. He served as the Tech ASCE faculty adviser for more than 20 years, and is the founding adviser of Marshall's new ASCE student chapter.

McCormick was nominated for the award by Dean Wael Zatar, with the final decision being made by the section's board of directors.

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## Kathy Eddy New Horizons Fund established for accounting students

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The Kathy Eddy New Horizons Fund has been established by the Marshall University Foundation Inc. The purpose of the new fund is to enable motivated students to expand their horizons by visiting with established professionals in the field of accounting in order to introduce them to varied career options.

The fund, which will provide financial assistance to pay for expenses incurred to make these visits, was announced last week during a meeting of Beta Alpha Psi, the university's

accounting honorary and service group.

“We are grateful for the support and interest by Kathy Eddy to endow the Kathy Eddy New Horizons Fund,” said Dr. Ron Area, CEO of the Marshall Foundation. “This unique endowment fund will be utilized to help accounting students in our College of Business attend accounting-related conferences. The income from this fund will help students cover some of the expenses associated with the conferences. We are proud of Kathy’s accounting career and the national recognition she has earned. We appreciate her willingness to invest in the lives of our accounting students.”

From humble beginnings, through a combination of dedication to her profession and contributions to her community, Eddy’s horizons were continually expanded through interaction with peers and fellow volunteers and ultimately led to her selection as chairman of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (the world’s largest association of accounting professionals) from 2000 to 2001.

Eddy is the daughter of the late Glen E. and Mildred Eddy from Harrisville, West Virginia, and the first in her family to receive a college degree. She graduated from Marshall in 1972 and began her professional career as a CPA.

“I am both excited and pleased to have this unique opportunity to provide the base funding that will, hopefully, open new horizons not previously imagined by our accounting students,” Eddy said. “These unique opportunities are designed to expose students to what is possible for their careers and to help them make more informed decisions about their future direction.”

She was the second woman and only the second person from West Virginia to serve as chairman of the AICPA in the organization’s 125-year history, and she received the AICPA’s Gold Medal for Distinguished Service (the AICPA’s highest award). Eddy is a life member of the West Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants, which is the society’s highest award.

“Eddy recalled a story told by Robert Fox, a distinguished Marshall alumnus, about his professional career being shaped by being able to obtain a very small loan that allowed him to have an experience as a young graduate which he credits with shaping his entire career. “Without that experience, he feels certain his professional life would have been much different,” she said. “That story struck home with me.”

When her good friend Bob Simpson, who has been teaching accounting at Marshall since 2011, approached her about the need to find a way to help Marshall’s accounting students expand their vision of what their future could be, she was immediately reminded of Fox’s story.

“But many times students don’t view national programs as being meant for them. The question Bob posed to me was, ‘where is the hands-on help for Marshall students?’ ” Eddy said.

“I have concluded that good students with Marshall accounting degrees are well equipped to work in a wide variety of accounting jobs, but they are sometimes not aware of the vastness of the accounting profession and the many career opportunities that exist within it,” Simpson said.

“I wanted to see a fund established that would enable Marshall accounting majors to travel to see and experience more of the profession. Kathy Eddy, one of our most prominent graduates, shared this vision. She and her husband, Ed, agreed to establish and endow the ‘Kathy Eddy New Horizons Fund.’ This fund will provide the financial resources to enable some of our deserving students with these opportunities.

“Future students will not only be well prepared with a solid foundation in the fundamentals of accounting, but with a broadened perspective on the professional possibilities awaiting them. We hope that this combination will lead to careers of accomplishment and fulfillment.”

MU College of Business Dean Dr. Haiyang Chen said the college appreciates Eddy’s generosity.

“The Kathy Eddy New Horizons Fund will make it possible for our accounting students to go out and see the professional world,” Chen said. “These trips to professional conferences, job shadowing of business leaders, etc., will open their eyes to many opportunities. These professional enrichment programs fit very well with our mission of focusing on student services and experiences. We would like to thank Kathy for her continued support of the accounting programs in the college.”

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*Photo:* Kathy Eddy discusses the Kathy Eddy New Horizons Fund at a meeting of Beta Alpha Psi. last week.

## Marshall School of Pharmacy sponsors first Research Days event

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Posters and presentations are on display at the School of Pharmacy through today, Oct. 29, as faculty and students showcase their research projects during the school's first Research Days event.

Dr. Chris Gillette, event organizer and assistant professor of pharmacy practice, administration and research, said the three-day event is meant to encourage pharmacy students to explore areas of research, as well as serve as a catalyst for interdisciplinary engagement.

“We hope this event will become an annual platform that allows students to see the wide spectrum of research opportunities available to them not only through the School of Pharmacy, but also through interdisciplinary projects with the College of Health Professions, School of Medicine and other sciences across Marshall's campus,” Gillette said. “We will feature research in areas like pharmacy/medical education, pharmaceuticals, immunology and neuroscience.”

The posters are on display in the lobby of the School of Pharmacy, located on the campus of the Huntington Veterans Affairs Medical Center at 1542 Spring Valley Dr.

The researchers will be available starting at noon today in the lobby at the School of Pharmacy. The session is open to all faculty, staff and students, and lunch will be served.

For more information, contact Gillette at ext.6-7395.

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## Countdown to Commencement is Nov. 4-5; graduates can take care of pre-commencement responsibilities in central location

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Marshall will conduct its semi-annual Countdown to Commencement Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 4 and 5, in the Memorial Student Center's Don Morris Room.

The purpose of Countdown to Commencement is to assist those participating in this year's winter commencement, which is set for 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena in downtown Huntington. It is for July, August and tentative December 2014 graduates.

Previous winter commencement ceremonies took place in the Henderson Center but the continued growth in the number of graduates forced the university to switch to the Big Sandy.

Countdown to Commencement is designed to assist graduates in communicating with campus administrative offices in a central location. It, too, has grown in recent years.

“This event continues to grow in popularity,” Registrar Roberta Ferguson said of Countdown to Commencement. “We encourage everyone who plans to attend winter commencement to stop by the Don Morris Room November 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup>. We guarantee that, because everything is in a central location, ‘Countdown’ will save them a lot of running as they take care of pre-commencement responsibilities.”

Countdown to Commencement is from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days.

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## COEPD undergoes numerous major transitions; clinical experiences office and student services office merge

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The College of Education and Professional Development (COEPD) has undergone major transitions since last semester. From a total basement renovation in Jenkins Hall, to office and classroom relocations across campus, there have been many changes within the college.

The clinical experiences office and student services office have been transformed into S.C.o.P.E.S – Student Center of Professional Education Services. S.C.o.P.E.S has merged two offices into one in hopes of better serving the students. The office provides a one-stop shop for all questions and concerns relating to COEPD advising, certification, clinical experiences and graduation.

“We want to provide consistency to both our students and faculty. Our goal is to become more efficient. The merging of these two offices just made sense. Everyone in the office is excited for this new adventure,” said S.C.o.P.E.S. Director Kandice Napier.

Personnel, their new roles, and contact information include:

Napier, who joined COEPD 2011, has worked in a staff role at MU for 15 years. She served as the director of the college’s student services department before becoming the director for S.C.o.P.E.S. ([Kandice.napier@marshall.edu](mailto:Kandice.napier@marshall.edu), ext. 6.-6842, Jenkins Hall 226)

Amanda Preece has transitioned from serving as a public educator for 12 years in Wayne County and now joins the S.C.o.P.E.S. team as assistant director. ([Amanda.preece@marshall.edu](mailto:Amanda.preece@marshall.edu), ext.6-3100, Jenkins Hall 204)



Betty Lewis continues in her role as the program's academic adviser. Lewis has been with the College of Education for more than 29 years and is a vital contact for both students and faculty. ([lewis@marshall.edu](mailto:lewis@marshall.edu), ext.6-2865, Jenkins Hall 231)

Tammy Aliff is the program's education credential specialist as a liaison to the West Virginia Department of Education with regard to certification and to the university regarding graduation. Aliff has more than 31 years of service at MU. ([aliff@marshall.edu](mailto:aliff@marshall.edu), ext.6-2857, Jenkins Hall 230)

Toni Ferguson, who has been at MU for eight years, worked with the clinical office and student teaching department prior to the S.C.O.P.E.S. merger. Ferguson now serves as support to the S.C.O.P.E.S. office as program associate. ([fergusont@marshall.edu](mailto:fergusont@marshall.edu), ext.6-3239, Jenkins Hall 200)

Susan Midkiff is the program's administrative secretary, senior. Midkiff has been with the COEPD for one year, and is currently an MU student majoring in elementary education, thereby providing an understanding of the perspectives of both the staff and students. ([Midkiff53@marshall.edu](mailto:Midkiff53@marshall.edu), ext.6-2861, Jenkins Hall 225)

For more information, stop by the office in Jenkins Hall 225 or visit <http://www.marshall.edu/coepd/>.

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## Reminder: Deadline is Nov. 7 for hosting INTO students for Thanksgiving

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INTO Marshall is offering an opportunity for faculty and staff to welcome an INTO student into their home for Thanksgiving dinner.

“Over the holiday, many of our students will stay in Huntington for the short break period. As such, we are looking for faculty and staff who would be interested in hosting one of our students in their home for Thanksgiving dinner,” said Kelli Kerbawy, INTO Student Services Coordinator. “If you are staying in town over break, please consider hosting a student for dinner. It’s a wonderful opportunity to learn about a new culture and share a traditional American meal. Dinner in an American home provides students a chance to become more familiar with the Huntington community.”

In addition, Kerbawy said, “This is an opportunity to foster new friendships that promote cultural learning and appreciation for both hosts and students. As a host, you will be provided a student’s email and phone number to arrange the date, time and transportation (if necessary) on the day of

your dinner. Please include how many students you would be willing to accommodate. Please be aware, some cultures may have strict dietary restrictions, but we will do our best to communicate those ahead of time. We will do our best to accommodate all requests.”

Anyone interested may contact Kerbawy by e-mail at [kerbawy1@marshall.edu](mailto:kerbawy1@marshall.edu). The deadline for sign-ups is Friday, Nov. 7.

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## Chamber choir to give free concert Nov. 9

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Fresh off opening for Jay Leno Oct. 16, the Marshall University Chamber Choir will be offering a free concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9, in Smith Recital Hall.

Directed by College of Arts and Media Associate Dean Dr. David Castleberry, the performance will include music by Brahms, Vaughan Williams and Victoria, as well as a variety of folk and contemporary selections.

Castleberry said the members of this year’s Chamber Choir were chosen by audition.

“I’m excited about the number and quality of the new singers in this year’s choir,” Castleberry said. “I’m looking forward to many upcoming projects.”

Castleberry said the group has been recognized through recordings and performance tours, including a 2012 tour to France. He said plans are in the works for another international tour, this time a trip to Spain slated for spring 2016.

For more information about the Chamber Choir, visit [www.marshall.edu/music](http://www.marshall.edu/music). For more information about this performance, contact Castleberry at [castlebe@marshall.edu](mailto:castlebe@marshall.edu) or ext.6-2963.

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