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Arnold finalist for state teaching award

Veteran Marshall University journalism professor George T. Arnold is one of three educators selected as finalists in the prestigious "Professor of the Year" competition conducted by the Faculty Merit Foundation of West Virginia.

The winner will be presented a \$10,000 cash award at a dinner in Charleston Monday, Jan. 23. The other two finalists each will receive \$1,000.

The finalists, selected after the foundation's board screened more than 50 nominations from campuses across the state, include in addition to Dr. Arnold two West Virginia University professors: Dr. Robert DiClerico, professor of political science, and Dr.

Charles DiSalvo, professor of law.

Keynote speaker for the dinner, at which the identity of the "Professor of the Year" will be announced, will be Barbara Harmon-Schamberger, West Virginia secretary for education and the arts.

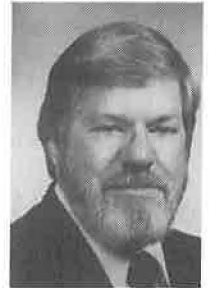
The dinner is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. in Riggelman Hall Rotunda at the University of Charleston.

The Faculty Merit Foundation, a private, non-profit organization, was created in 1984 to provide a means of recognizing and rewarding outstanding innovation and creativity among the faculties of the state's colleges and universities.

Arnold, who has taught at Marshall since 1968, was the first recipient of the university's Marshall and Shirley Reynolds Outstanding Teacher Award in 1987 and was selected as the Commencement speaker that year.

The Raleigh County native also has been inducted into Marshall's W. Page Pitt School of Journalism Hall of Fame as a distinguished alumnus.

Arnold and his colleague, Dr. Ralph Turner, were named the outstanding campus chapter advisers in the nation by the Society of Professional Journalists in 1990.



Arnold

MU Jazz Festival planned

The 26th annual Marshall University Jazz Festival, the oldest collegiate jazz festival in the country, will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Jan. 26, 27 and 28, according to Dr. Ed Bingham of Marshall's Department of Music.

The festival will feature high school and collegiate jazz ensembles and professional musicians from throughout the region.

Guest artists will include West Virginia jazz master Bob Thompson (piano); Vaughn Nark, former lead trumpet with the Air Force's "Airmen of Note," and percussionist Dom Famularo, a leading jazz educator from Long Island, N.Y.

The guest artists will conduct workshops and clinics throughout the three-day event and perform in concert with the Marshall University Jazz Ensemble on Saturday at 8:15 p.m. in Marshall's Smith Recital Hall.

Concerts on Thursday and Friday will begin at 7 p.m. in Smith Music Hall. Groups from Davis and Elkins College and Morehead State University will perform Thursday evening. An ensemble from West Virginia State College and the Festival Guest Artists Combo will perform Friday evening.

Twelve high school jazz ensembles from West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky will perform at various times Friday and Saturday.

Participating schools include Huntington East High School, Greenup County (Ky.) High School, St. Marys High School, Point Pleasant High School, Tyler Consolidated High School, Buffalo Wayne High School, Greenbrier East High School, Lincoln High School, Rock Hill (Ohio) High School, Fairmont Senior High School, Scott High School in Madison and Washington Irving High School in Clarksburg.

A special Marshall University Alumni Jazz Ensemble reuniting former students who have gone on to careers as professional

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Faculty Senate to meet

Marshall University's Faculty Senate will meet Thursday, Jan. 26, at 4 p.m. in the John Marshall Room on the second floor of Memorial Student Center.

The Library Committee will present a recommendation requesting that 1 percent of the total Marshall University budget be allocated to the library, in addition to the budgeted funding.

University United Way campaign goal exceeded

"We did it! Not only did Marshall meet its \$62,500 goal for the United Way campaign but we exceeded it," said Dr. Nell Bailey, chair of this year's United Way campaign at Marshall.

According to last week's unaudited report, MU employees pledged or donated a total of \$62,599.

Bailey said she would like to thank everyone who participated in the campaign. "Our share will certainly help the many worthwhile organizations in our community that provide valuable services to those less fortunate than most of us," she said.

More Marshall employees took an active role in the overall United Way campaign this year than in previous years, according to Bailey.

Ray Welty, director of auxiliary services, served as a loaned executive and is a new member of the United Way board of directors. Welty and Dr. Calvin Kent, dean of the College of Business and a campaign captain, were responsible for monitoring and working with several organizations during the campaign.

Dr. Betty Cleckley, vice president for multicultural and international programs; Dr. Ned Boehm, vice president for institutional advancement, and football coach Jim Donnan all currently serve on the United Way board of directors.

Thirty-eight university employees became United Way Pacesetters by making contributions of \$500 or more.

Marshall University President J. Wade Gilley praised the work

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'Jazz 101' will be held Saturday, Jan. 21

"Jazz 101," a concert featuring The Bob Thompson Trio and several other jazz artists, will be held at Marshall University Saturday, Jan. 21, at 2 p.m. in Smith Recital Hall.

Performers will include Stel Walton Whitehead (vocalist), Dr. W. Edwin Bingham (saxophone) and Helen Batie (vocalist) as well as the trio which includes Thompson (piano), Dwayne Dolphin (bass) and Guy Remonko (drums).

Thompson is regularly featured on American Public Radio's "Mountain Stage" program broadcast from the West Virginia Cultural Center in Charleston and has released several successful albums.

Whitehead, a talented artist whose voice has drawn attention

Jazz Festival planned

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musicians and educators will perform on Saturday at 7 p.m. in Smith Music Hall. The Alumni Jazz Ensemble will be conducted by J.D. Folsom, founder of the MU Jazz Festival.

Bingham said popular open jam sessions will be held Friday at 9:30 p.m. and Saturday at 10 p.m. at the Calamity Cafe located at the corner of Hal Greer Boulevard and Third Avenue across from Smith Music Hall.

"We are very fortunate to have an artist like Bob Thompson for our Jazz Festival," said Bingham. "We also are fortunate that we were able to attract very high caliber musicians to serve as clinicians."

Admission to festival events will be \$5. Marshall students with valid identification cards will be admitted free.

To obtain further details about the Jazz Festival contact the Marshall University Department of Music, 696-3117.

Campaign goal exceeded

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of the volunteers and contributors in this year's campaign.

"It is important for Marshall to be involved in the United Way," said Gilley. "We are leaders in the Tri-State area and it is incumbent upon us to demonstrate our leadership in a variety of ways. The United Way is a valuable organization to the people of our area. That Marshall University can lead the way in helping this important organization demonstrates our commitment to the people of the Tri-State."

Bailey said she is continuing to accept donations from people who would like to make contributions to the United Way through Jan. 31.

Parents sought for study

Students from Marshall University's School of Journalism and Mass Communications are seeking faculty and staff members who are parents of daughters 16 years old and younger to participate in a communications research project, according to Randy Bobbitt, assistant professor of journalism and mass communications.

Bobbitt said participants can be married or single parents.

The project will take place in late January and require approximately 90 minutes. No compensation will be provided. Participants will be served pizza and refreshments. Baby-sitting will be provided.

To obtain further details contact Bobbitt, 696-2728.

in the music industry in Nashville and New York, recently moved to Huntington from Gainesville, Fla., with her husband, Baruch, director of the Marshall University marching band. She serves as director of "Stel and Friends," a Florida-based arts organization named in her honor by community artists and musicians.

Batie of Gainesville is one of the artists actively involved in "Stel and Friends." Bingham is associate professor of music at Marshall.

Whitehead said the concert, which will be open to the public free of charge, will feature an enjoyable program that will include some audience participation and provide insight into the development of jazz.

To obtain further details about the concert contact the Marshall University Enrollment Management Office, 696-2206.

Advance EIC available

Advance payment of Earned Income Credit (EIC) is now available to eligible Marshall University employees, according to Sharon Rutherford, assistant controller.

Earned Income Credit is a federal tax credit that increases the take-home pay of eligible employees. It can be claimed on the 1040 tax return at the end of the year or as advance payments during the year through payroll.

To be eligible for advance payment of EIC on your paycheck, you must:

1. be between the ages of 25 and 65;
2. have a qualifying dependent child in your home for at least six months during the year;
3. have a combined household earned income of less than \$24,396 with one child or \$26,673 with more than one child;
4. complete form W-5 in the MU Payroll Office.

Eligible employees meeting the first three requirements may prefer to claim the credit on their tax return. Form W-5 is required only for advance payments.

Employees with no qualifying dependent children may claim EIC on their tax return if they have a combined household earned income of less than \$9,230. They are not eligible for advance payments.

To obtain further details contact the Marshall University Payroll Office, 696-2230. The W-5 forms are available in the Payroll Office, Old Main Room 205.

Grant applications due

The next deadline for Faculty Development INCO grants will be Jan. 30 for activities taking place between April 1 and Oct. 14, according to Margaret Gripshover, chair of the Faculty Development Committee.

Applications for funding are available at the Faculty Senate Office.

Applications may be submitted by individual faculty members, academic departments, colleges and administrators for projects such as seminars, conferences and on-campus workshops that encourage and/or enhance the qualifications, expertise and experience of faculty members.

The maximum award for individual projects or activities will be \$400. Larger grants will be available for on-campus seminars with group participation.

To obtain further details contact Gripshover, 696-2502.