Career Services, College of Business sponsor student trip to Total Quality Logistics

Career Services partnered with the College of Business and Total Quality Logistics (TQL) to host a bus trip for more than 20 students to visit TQL’s headquarters in Cincinnati earlier this month. TQL is one of the largest freight brokerage firms in the nation.

Upon arrival at the headquarters, John Chafin, a Marshall alumnus who was a baseball student-athlete and who now works at TQL, took the students on a tour of the facility and the training room. Then they met with TQL Vice President Ken Oaks to learn the history and receive an overview of the company. The students were introduced to the company’s sales training logistics training models. Each student also was able to “job shadow” a member of the TQL team individually. Two other Marshall alumni, Brian Sharp and Emily Glassmeyer, were available for a question-and-answer session with the students. Both Sharp and Glassmeyer have 7 to 10 years of experience with the company.

The company’s college recruitment team gave resume and interview tips to the students. TQL has hired two interns from Marshall, and is looking for two additional interns to add to the team.

Smoking cessation classes to be offered next Wednesday on the Huntington campus

The Cabell Huntington Health Department will offer two free smoking cessation classes on the Huntington campus Wednesday, April 30. Students, staff and faculty may attend.

Classes will be held in the Wellness Suite of the Rec Center from noon to 2 p.m. or from 4 to 6 p.m. To register for one of the classes, or for more information, contact the Student Health Education Program at ext. 6-4103.
Burris, Hale, Marsteller and Smith to join College of Business Hall of Fame

The College of Business Advisory Board has voted four highly successful business leaders into the COB’s Hall of Fame.

The 2014 Hall of Fame inductees are John C. Burris, Ben W. Hale Jr., Brent Marsteller and James C. Smith.

The College of Business 2014 induction ceremony will take place Monday, May 5, beginning with a VIP reception at 5:30 p.m. at the MU Foundation Hall, home of the Erickson Alumni Center. The induction ceremony begins at 6:30 p.m.

This ceremony is an acknowledgement of success in their professional careers for at least 25 years, contributions to the college and university, and a display of the highest moral character and reputation, according to Dr. Haiyang Chen, dean of the College of Business.

“We are extremely pleased to recognize the achievements of these inductees,” Chen said. “Each and every one of them has risen to the top of his profession and sets a great example for our students.”

The latest inductees bring the total to 94, dating back to the first inductees 20 years ago.

**John C. Burris**

After graduating as salutatorian of Wahama High School in 1973, Burris’ musical ability earned him a full scholarship to Duke University in its music program. Instead, he chose Marshall University’s academic scholarship to study business administration, graduating summa cum laude in 1977.

After graduation, AT&T and Lucent Technologies offered Burris a position in its management trainee program. His tenure with the phone company took him all over the world. He began with assignments in the Mid-Atlantic region living in West Virginia, Virginia, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

In 1991, Burris became the Managing Director/Vice President-Europe for the AT&T Business Products joint venture in London. His success in this part of the world led to him being sent to Sydney, Australia, and then Hong Kong as the Managing Director/VP for Asia Pacific. He engineered the entire infrastructure of the organization. In 1994, Burris returned to the United States as the VP and General Manager of the Gulf States Area and settled in Fort Lauderdale. In 1998, he was chosen for Leaders Council, the highest honor in Lucent Technologies.
In 1999, Burris joined Citrix Systems for a 10-year run. He was a key contributor to the company’s growth with revenues increasing from $400 million to $1.4 billion. Under his direction, Citrix was recognized by Forbes as one of the 25 fastest-growing technology companies in the United States, rising to number 11 and the top security company on the 2012 list. In 2008, Burris joined Sourcefire Inc., as its CEO.

Burris passed away on Friday, October 19, 2012, at his Annapolis, Md., home. He is survived by his wife, Ann M. Burris. He had a combined gift of wisdom, fairness and compassion that he so effortlessly coupled with humor and a leadership style that inspired all around to perform at their highest levels.

Ben W. Hale Jr.

Hale attended Marshall University, earning a B.B.A. in 1967. He graduated at the top of his class at Marshall. He also ran track, played football and was an active participant in the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity. He also was a member of Omicron Delta Kappa. He then attended law school at The Ohio State University. After graduating cum laude from Ohio State in 1970, he immediately went to work for the law firm of Smith and Tobin (now Smith & Hale LLC), where his law practice has specialized in the area of real estate development. Hale has played a significant role in most of the major real estate development in Central Ohio during this time.

Ben also has been active over the years outside of his law practice. He has served on the Franklin County Board of Mental Retardation and Development Disabilities Board off and on for nearly 30 years and has twice been the board’s chairman. He received the 2004 Ray Ferguson Award from the Ohio Association of County Boards as the outstanding advocate for those with mental disabilities in the State of Ohio. He also was a founding member and first chairman of Creative Housing Inc., a nonprofit corporation established to provide community housing alternatives for individuals who have mental and developmental disabilities. The Creative Housing model that Hale helped create is now being used around Ohio and other states.

Hale is most proud of his involvement with the Pullman Square development in his hometown of Huntington. The construction of Pullman Square has revitalized downtown Huntington. The Herald-Dispatch newspaper named Hale as one of the outstanding citizens of Huntington for his efforts to help bring Pullman Square to the city.

Hale is a member of the Yeager Board of Directors, a Thunder Club Prospect, and attends the Thunder in The Shoe Tailgate in Ohio. He and his wife of 40 years, Jan, served as Grand Marshals at the 2013 Homecoming Parade. The couple lives in New Albany. They have two daughters and three grandsons.

Brent Marsteller

Marsteller is the president and chief executive officer of Cabell Huntington Hospital Inc. He graduated from Marshall University, where he was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, with a B.B.A. in 1970. After earning his master’s degree in hospital administration in 1974, he
took a job as assistant administrator at Camden Clark Memorial Hospital in Parkersburg, the first of several West Virginia hospital jobs he would eventually hold.

Over his career, Marsteller has held other leadership positions at Ohio Valley Medical Center in Wheeling; Martin’s Ferry Hospital; East Ohio Regional Hospital; Sun Coast Hospital in Largo, Fla.; Good Samaritan Health Systems in West Palm Beach, Fla., Raleigh General Hospital in Beckley; and Gulf Coast Medical Center in Panama City, Fla. But in 2000, he got the job of his dreams when he came back home to Huntington.

During his tenure, Marsteller has overseen construction of the $30 million Edwards Comprehensive Cancer Center and the $85 million North Patient Tower and has led the hospital in achieving state and national quality awards for excellence in programs such as orthopedics, joint replacement and cancer care.

He is member of American College of Healthcare Executives, where he has achieved the level of FACHE (Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives). He served on the MU Board of Governors, was past chairman of the West Virginia Hospital Association, immediate past chairman of the Huntington Area Development Council, and serves on boards of several other organizations.

Marsteller is a member of the Green Board, West Virginia Round Table, Cabell Huntington Hospital Foundation Board, Huntington Regional Chamber of Commerce Board, and Advantage Valley Board.

Over the past two years, Brent Marsteller has been highlighted nationally and internationally for his efforts to improve health and nutrition in the Huntington/Ashland/Ironton Tri-State region. Long before Chef Jamie Oliver came to town to shoot “Jamie Oliver’s Food Revolution,” Marsteller was working hard behind the scenes to address the issue of obesity and obesity-related disease in our communities. He committed $100,000 to extend Oliver’s school lunch makeover program to all 26 Cabell County schools and $50,000 to enable the continued operations of “Huntington’s Kitchen” on Third Avenue. He resides in Huntington with his wife, Sharon.

James C. Smith

Smith, president and chief executive officer of Thomson Reuters, is a 1981 graduate of Marshall, which he attended on a football scholarship. He leads a company of 60,000 people in 140 countries who provide critical news, information and technology to leading decision makers around the world. The company’s products primarily serve professionals in the legal, regulatory and financial markets and reported revenues of $12.8 billion in 2012.

Smith is a member of the International Business Council of the World Economic Forum and the board of directors of the Brazil-U.S. Business Council. He also serves on the international advisory boards of British American Business and the Atlantic Council.

Smith’s football career at Marshall was cut short by knee injuries in each of his first two years, but he still enjoyed a full, engaging college experience. He stayed involved with the football
program, serving as a student assistant on Coach Sonny Randle’s staff. He also was active in student affairs and participated in the university’s honors program before graduating magna cum laude.

Except for the 1970 plane crash, Smith said he knew nothing about Marshall before being recruited to play football. But he accepted the scholarship – which he continued to receive until graduating, despite not playing – and never regretted choosing Marshall. Smith began his career as a journalist and was managing editor of the Charleston Daily Mail when it was acquired by Thomson Newspapers in 1987. He rose through the ranks at Thomson Newspapers to become responsible for operations in North America.

Following the divestiture of Thomson’s newspaper business in 2000, Smith moved to the professional publishing side of the company, where he was responsible for a number of businesses serving the legal, regulatory and academic markets. He also served as global head of human resources before becoming chief operating officer of The Thomson Corporation. Following the acquisition of Reuters in 2008, Smith ran the professional division of the combined company. He was named chief executive in January 2012.

In his current position, Smith spends much of his time traveling, often to other countries. He splits time among offices in New York, London and Stamford, Conn., where he and his wife, Pam Kushmerick, maintain their home. He has four sons.

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Marshall Board approves budget for 2015; University’s faculty member, debate team recognized for excellence in their fields

Marshall’s Board of Governors today approved the institution’s budget for fiscal year 2015.

“We’ve achieved a balanced budget without furloughs or layoffs due to the hard work of our Budget Work Group,” said President Stephen J. Kopp. “These group members include faculty, staff, students and administrators who have worked tirelessly in addition to their regular duties, alongside the finance and budget offices, to prepare the budget. All of us at Marshall owe them our thanks.”

“It was truly a collaborative effort,” said Mary Ellen Heuton, Marshall’s chief financial officer. “We needed to overcome a reduction of nearly $900 per West Virginia student in state appropriations in just the last two years.”
The budget includes a tuition increase of about 4 to 6 percent for undergraduate students, which is $155 per semester for full-time, in-state students, $290 per semester for out-of-state students and $325 per semester for students in the “metro” areas in Kentucky and Ohio. Tuition for graduate students will increase similarly, from 4 to 6 percent, with a few exceptions in the professional schools.

“Marshall University continues to be an outstanding value for students in this region,” Kopp said. “Although we never like to take the action of raising tuition, the university is faced with cuts in state appropriations for the second year in a row. This budget will allow us to continue to provide outstanding education and student support services while keeping Marshall on sound financial footing.”

The board also approved new policies for promotion, tenure and salaries for faculty members, which had been passed previously by the university’s Faculty Senate. Board members elected Mike Sellards as the next chairman of the board, which will become effective at the June meeting. He succeeds Dr. Joe Touma, whose term as chairman is expiring, although he remains a member of the board.

Also at the meeting, the board approved proposals to plan three new degree programs: a Bachelor of Arts in the Arts; a Bachelor of Arts in Sport Management; and a Master of Science in Computer Science.

Dr. Andrew Nichols, a Marshall College of Information Technology and Engineering associate professor and a traffic engineer, was recognized by Dr. Paul Hill, chancellor of the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission, for his research to make roadways safer and more efficient. Nichols was featured on the cover of the most recent issue of Neuron, the West Virginia journal of science and research.

Accomplished classics CEO to return to Huntington for lecture

Dr. Darius Arya, archaeologist, professor, documentary host and co-founder and CEO of the American Institute for Roman Culture, will present “How can we tell stories successfully about history through social and digital media?” at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 29, in the Shawkey Dining Room in the Memorial Student Center.

A Huntington native, Arya said he developed a passion for history, Latin and the Romans in none other than our city’s schools. That passion would take him on a journey from Huntington, across the United States, to Rome and back a couple of times, and
finally back to Rome where he works with AIRC to tell Rome’s story, in part through social and
digital media.

Having been overseas for the majority of this century, Arya said he is happy to be coming back
to his hometown to speak about his work in Rome. He said he is looking forward to exploring
ways to engage the Huntington community, as well as students from many disciplines, including
history, the classics, mass communications, journalism, and art and design.

“It’s all in order to talk about how we can preserve our common
history and heritage through new media outlets,” Arya said.

Arya has appeared as a guest lecturer, expert and host for
numerous documentaries, including ones for the Discovery
Channel, the History Channel and the National Geographic
Channel, while AIRC’s social media sites have more than 50,000
followers, likes and pins.

Arya received his bachelor’s degree from the University of
Pennsylvania and his master’s and doctoral degrees from the
University of Texas at Austin. He first studied in Rome in 1992, and returned to the city in 1998
on a Fulbright Fellowship. He is a Rome Prize recipient from the American Academy in Rome in
2000 and received a fellowship from the university.
For more information about AIRC, visit www.romanculture.org.

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Photos: (Above) Dr. Darius Arya, who is originally from Huntington, will speak at Marshall
University April 29. (Below) The American Institute for Roman Culture celebrated Rome’s
2,766th birthday April 21 with this picture on its Twitter account, @saverome.

April 24

The groundbreaking Broadway musical, “American Idiot,”
inspired by Green Day’s Grammy-award winning album of the
same name, closes the 2013-14 Marshall Artists Series when it
comes to the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center on Thursday,
April 24, at 8 p.m.
The winner of two Tony Awards, “American Idiot” has been playing before audiences all across the country since its Broadway debut in March 2010.

Many of the big hits from Green Day’s groundbreaking album are featured in the musical. These include “Boulevard of Broken Dreams,” “21 Guns,” “Wake me up when September Ends,” “Holiday,” and ”American Idiot” from the group’s 2004 GRAMMY Award-winning album.

Set in the mid 2000’s, this musical focuses on three friends – Johnny, Will and Tunny, who are desperate to leave their California suburb shortly after 9/11. Although they decide to move to the city, things don’t always go as planned, leaving them to reassess their choices.

Tickets can be obtained by contacting the Marshall Artists Series Box Office at ext. 6-6656 or by visiting the box office located in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse, Monday through Friday from noon to 5 p.m.

Author Barbara Brickman to visit Huntington campus April 24

Author Dr. Barbara Jane Brickman, an assistant professor of media and gender studies at the University of Alabama, will be on the Huntington campus Thursday, April 24, to teach a master class and give a scholarly presentation.

Brickman, author of *New American Teenagers: The Lost Generation of Youth in 1970s Film*, will teach “Gendering the Grotesque” from 2:00-3:30 p.m. in Corbly Hall 167. Students, faculty and those who are interested in film studies, women’s studies, and/or sexuality studies are welcome to attend.

A presentation, “New American Teenagers: Adolescence, Representation and Revision,” will take place from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the John Spotts Room of the Memorial Student Center. Refreshments will be served.

Brickman has published work on the pathologization of female adolescence, female fandom and spectatorship, and horror film. Currently she is working on a project on lesbian camp in 1950s popular culture.

The events are sponsored by the Department of English and the Sexuality Studies and Women’s Studies programs. For additional information, contact Dr. Walter Squire, assistant professor of English, at ext. 6-2860 or squire@marshall.edu.
‘Storm Spotter’ course to take place Wednesday, April 30

Marshall’s Department of Geography will conduct a Skywarn storm spotter course next Wednesday, April 30, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 202 Harris Hall. It will be instructed by the Warning Coordination Meteorologist at the National Weather Service in Charleston. More information can be found at http://www.weather.gov/rlx/skywarn. For those that are interested, please respond to Dr. Kevin Law by e-mail at law14@marshall.edu or by phone at 304-696-2503.

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General Faculty Meeting to take place April 29; Dr. William Palmer selected as Hedrick Outstanding Faculty Award winner

Marshall’s annual spring General Faculty Meeting will take place at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 29, in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse on the Huntington campus. As is traditional, retiring faculty and faculty award winners will be honored at the event.

Dr. William Palmer, a professor of history at Marshall University, has been selected as MU’s Charles E. Hedrick Outstanding Faculty Award winner for 2013-2014.

Palmer 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.

Marshall’s Center for Teaching and Learning announced the Hedrick Award and two others honoring four faculty members. They are:

**Marshall & Shirley Reynolds Outstanding Teacher Award**: Dr. Judith Silver, professor, department of mathematics.

**Pickens-Queen Excellence in Teaching Award**: Dr. Anne Axel, assistant professor, department of biological sciences; Dr. Kristen Lillvis, assistant professor, department of English; Dr. Zelideth Maria Rivas, assistant professor, department of modern languages.

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 has a record of outstanding classroom teaching, scholarship, research and creative activities.

Dr. William Palmer has been teaching history at Marshall University since 1984, when he was hired as an assistant professor. He became a full professor at MU in 1992.

“He is and for years has been an outstanding faculty member who excels in all areas of faculty responsibility,” said Dr. Robert Sawrey, a recently retired history professor at Marshall. “It is difficult to imagine any other MU faculty member more qualified to receive this prestigious award.”

“He is a stunningly brilliant example of the quality of instruction we desire to have across the entire campus.”

Palmer said he teaches “on the assumption that history is a way of learning about how human beings operate just as much as psychology, anthropology, political science and sociology are.”

He says his fundamental goal in the courses he teaches is to help students learn the methodologies of history and to think historically. “Thinking historically means that students should be able to utilize the basic tools of historical analysis such as objectivity in studying the past, how to read and analyze primary source documents, and the importance of placing events in context. From a historian’s point of view, these tools are the essence of critical thinking.”

Because of his experience in Yeager Scholars 272: Seminar in the Arts and History, Palmer said he also utilizes a great deal of material from music and visual arts in his teaching, and uses PowerPoint to present it.

Dr. Kateryna Schray, a professor in the department of English, has long been a strong supporter of Palmer.

“Dr. Bill Palmer is truly an outstanding teacher, scholar, and campus citizen, earning the respect and admiration of students and colleagues alike,” Schray said. “His many contributions to Marshall are invaluable, his energy is impressive, and his commitment to teaching is inspiring. I am proud to be part of a university that can boast of such faculty.”

Dr. Kevin Barksdale, an associate professor of history, also praised Palmer.

“I believe Bill Palmer is as committed and gifted a teacher as anyone I have ever worked with,” Barksdale said. “His classrooms are lively and his courses are challenging (just ask his students). He teaches a wide range of innovative history courses that always find a welcoming student body. Out of the classroom, Bill devotes huge blocks of time to his students. The hallway outside of our offices is always filled with students waiting to meet with Bill. I often overhear his
conversations with students and am impressed with the rapport he has developed with many of them.”

Palmer earned his Ph.D. from the University of Maine in Orono, Maine, in 1981.

**Marshall & Shirley Reynolds Outstanding Teacher Award**

This award includes a $3,000 stipend, and all tenured or tenure-track faculty members at or above the rank of assistant professor who have completed six or more years of service at Marshall are eligible.

**Dr. Judith Silver** has been teaching at Marshall since 1989, when she was hired as an assistant professor. She likes to compare math to creating art.

“Once you have learned the basics, it is like mastering scales on a piano,” Silver said. “Then, you are free to put feeling in the song, or to create your own beautiful proof of a mathematical idea.”

Silver said she tries to create a relaxed classroom for her students.

“I believe that a relaxed classroom atmosphere is essential to achieving maximal student learning,” Silver said. “I do everything I can to reduce student stress and make my classes enjoyable and memorable. In each class, I feature a “student star of the day” by showing successful homework or quizzes via the overhead projector. Most of all, I believe that learning is greatly enhanced by encouraging questions.”

Dr. Alfred Akinsete, chair of the math department, describes Silver as “a teacher of teachers.”

“She has mentored, and continues to mentor, a large number of faculty and graduate students and teaching assistants,” he said.

Professor Evelyn Pupplo-Cody said of Silver, “In the 30 years that I have known Judy, I have never heard anyone say a negative thing about her. Her colleagues appreciate all of her hard work and dedication to her job and to Marshall University. Her students appreciate her focus, clarity and fairness. I have a great admiration for Judy and what she has accomplished here at Marshall.”

Silver earned her Ph.D. in mathematics from the University of Kentucky in August 1988.

**Pickens-Queen Excellence in Teaching 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. Anne Axel** came to Marshall in August 2012 from the University of Michigan, where she had been since September 2009. She is an assistant professor of biology and remote sensing in MU’s department of biological sciences.

Axel takes a simple approach to teaching.

“My first rule of thumb is that learning should be taken seriously, but it should also be enjoyable,” she said. “I show my students that it’s OK to laugh in class. Each day, I start with an amazing photo, a screenshot of a relevant news item, or something silly.

“I ask students to tell me what they know about the image. I share my excitement with them, and we chat about how it’s related to something we have seen in class. Sometimes, they ask great questions that just can’t be ignored, so I allow the short detour. This is important because, here, at this moment you can see students beginning to take responsibility for their own learning!”

Dr. David Mallory, chair of the department of biological sciences, said that Axel’s nomination for this award was very much a “no-brainer.”

“She is the ideal instructor,” Mallory said. “Students are at ease and eager to interact with her. She integrates her research/field experience and creates an excitement that is contagious!”

Axel earned her Ph.D. from Michigan State University in 2011.

**Dr. Kristen Lillvis** came to Marshall in 2012 from the University of Kansas. She is an assistant professor in Marshall’s English department.

Lillvis says she is drawn to the idea of multiplicity: the multiplicity of perspectives she believes students must engage with in order to understand course texts and their contexts, the multiplicity of options students have to choose from when deciding how to communicate their ideas, and the multiplicity of ways in which English courses shape students’ lives in and outside of academia.

“The most important skills I want to help students master through and within these multiplicities are critical thinking, reading and writing,” Lillvis said.

Dr. Jane Hill, chair of the English department, described Lillvis as “a walking advertisement for collegiality and student-centered teaching.”

“Kristen Lillvis is universally respected, consummately professional, productive in her scholarship (she published two articles in refereed outlets in her first year), and an unimaginably fortunate addition to the MU faculty.”

Lillvis earned her Ph.D. in 2011 from the University of Kansas.

**Dr. Zelideth Maria Rivas** came to Marshall from Grinnell College in 2012. At Marshall, she is an assistant professor in Japanese.
Dr. Caroline Perkins, chair of the department of modern languages, said Rivas “is a rigorous teacher, yet her classroom is warm, open and relaxed. Her classes are highly structured, yet she flows seamlessly from topic to activity and back to topic. She uses technology extremely effectively and maintains an environment of active learning. Her students in the classroom are engaged and involved and she gets good results from majors and non-majors alike.”

Perkins said Rivas maintains her involvement with students outside of the classroom. She has organized a Japanese Tea Club and oversees the bake sales that support the club.

“Generally, when I see her on the floor she is with one or more students,” Perkins said. “Generally, when I pass the open door of her office she has a student with her. She works very long hours but I never see her without a smile.”

Rivas said mentorship is one of the key components of her teaching philosophy.

“Experiencing the intellectual and individual growth of my students is one of the highlights of this process,” she said. “Working at a campus with a high rate of first-generation students, I strive to encourage student retainment through active involvement and mentorship.”

Rivas earned her Ph.D. from the University of California (Berkeley) in 2009.

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**AIDE Conference at Marshall attracts national speakers**

Marshall University is serving as host of the 2014 Appalachian Institute of Digital Evidence (AIDE) Conference, this week, a four-day event focusing on investigations with digital evidence, information security, open source intelligence, cell phone seizure certification and electronic discovery.

The fifth annual conference began April 21 with two separate two-day sessions and will run through Friday, April 25 at the Forensic Science Center and at the Capital Conference Center in Charleston.

The Appalachian Institute of Digital Evidence is a regional not-for-profit organization dedicated to serving the legal, technical and public sectors, as well as business professionals for whom digital evidence is part and parcel of their work. AIDE exists to help network administrators, digital forensics practitioners, law enforcement, and legal professionals survive – and even thrive – in the ever-changing landscape where technology and the law meet. Fostering collaboration among practitioners, students, and academics, AIDE aims to improve access to information, develop solutions to practical problems, and narrow the gap between the accessing and use of digital evidence and traditional physical evidence in the law.
Speakers in the Huntington session were from Purdue University, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Nuix, Lockheed Martin, Marshall University, Fairmont State University, the West Virginia State Police, and more.

On Friday, April 25, in Charleston, nationally recognized Craig Ball, a trial lawyer, certified computer forensic examiner, law professor and electronic evidence expert, will be the keynote speaker for the e-discovery portion of the conference at the Capital Conference Center. Ball has dedicated his career to teaching the bench and bar about forensic technology and trial tactics.

Other speakers include Dr. Marcus Rogers of Purdue University, Dr. Gary Kessler, of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, and Dave Kennedy, the founder and principal security consultant for TrustedSec. Kennedy testified before Congress regarding the security of healthcare.gov. He has also made appearances on Fox News, BBC and other media outlets.

A full list of speakers and the schedule can be found here: http://www.appyide.org/aide-2014-conference-schedule/.

Sponsors for this year’s conference are: Jackson Kelly PLLC; Marshall University Department of Integrated Science & Technology; Marshall University Forensic Science Center; Marshall University Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology; Syngress Publishing; McGraw Hill Education; Make It Urz.

Retirement receptions to honor senior vice president of administration, College of Education and Professional Development faculty

A retirement reception for Dr. Karen Kirtley, senior vice president for administration will take place Monday, April 28, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the John Marshall Room at the Memorial Student Center.

Three faculty members from the College of Education and Professional Development will be honored that day as well. A retirement reception for Drs. Laura Boswell, Mary Jo Graham and Glenda Lowry will take place Monday, April 28, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Shawkey Dining Room, also in the Memorial Student Center.
Donning of Kente to take place May 1

The 2014 Donning of Kente Celebration will take place Thursday, May 1, at the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center.

The event is sponsored by the Office of Intercultural Affairs and the Center for African American Students. The ceremony, chiefly and traditionally presented for students of African/African-American ancestry, is an inclusive ceremony open to all students graduating in the spring or summer of 2014.

The Donning of Kente embraces the experience and symbolism associated with the Kente cloth, adopted by the Ashanti Nation of Ghana. The tradition dates to the 16th century West African practice of recognizing an individual’s extraordinary achievements.

“The Donning of Kente ceremony is by far the most awesome and the most prestigious ceremony that our university students of African and African American ancestry and others choose to participate in,” said Maurice Cooley, associate vice president for intercultural affairs. “It is the greatest one that we have throughout the year because it recognizes the great accomplishments of all the years of hard work through this pre-16th century West African tradition around the kente. We celebrate this day with the deans of all of our colleges, the president and provost.”

The ceremony will begin with a processional and musical performance by the MU African Dance and Drum Ensemble. Michelle Douglas, director of the Office of Human Resources at Marshall, will deliver the Kente speech.

The students will line up in the student center lobby beginning at 4:15 p.m., with participating deans and faculty lining up on the second floor of the Performing arts center at 4:30 p.m. The ceremony is set to begin at 5 p.m.

The next issue of We Are...Marshall will be distributed April 30, 2014. Please send any materials for consideration to Pat Dickson by 5 p.m. Monday, April 28.