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Adkins selected MU Employee of the Month

Michael R. Adkins of Crown City, Ohio, telecommunications analyst II in the Computer Center, has been selected as the Marshall University Employee of the Month for August, according to Bill Burdette, chairman of the selection committee.

Adkins has worked for the university for eight years.

He was nominated for the award by Dr. Sarah Denman, associate vice president for academic affairs, and Stephanie A. Neal, executive secretary in the Drinko Academy.

In making the nomination, Denman said, "Michael Adkins is

New program to provide doctors for communities

A new scholarship program designed to provide a shot in the arm to rural health care has been created at Marshall University by the A.T. Massey Coal Company, the Massey Foundation and the Fluor Foundation.

Called Doctors for Our Communities ("DOC"), the program will give medical students up to \$60,000 in loans they have the option of repaying by practicing primary care in a coal field community in which Massey Coal has an operation.

"This program goes right to the heart of improving health care in underserved areas," said Dr. Patrick I. Brown, the MU medical school's associate dean for academic and student affairs. "It focuses precisely on the people most likely to become doctors in rural areas: the people who already live there. The DOC Program relieves the financial burden of medical education that presently discourages so many young people who would make excellent physicians."

Massey Coal officials said they were pleased to join forces with Marshall for the project.

"We recognize that the lack of access to quality health care has long been a problem in the coal fields of central Appalachia," said Jerry Eyster, vice president for corporate development at Massey. "The DOC program gives Massey Coal, the Massey Foundation and the Fluor Foundation an opportunity to address this problem in a practical, meaningful way."

"By helping students selected for the DOC program, Massey Coal is working to improve the availability and quality of health care in communities where our employees live and work," he added. The company has operations in Boone, Logan, McDowell, Mingo, Nicholas, Raleigh and Wyoming counties in West Virginia and in Martin and Pike counties in Kentucky.

The DOC program will provide loans to one entering medical student each year. Preference will be given to students who graduated from high school in a county in which Massey Coal operates. Madeleine Curle of Massey Coal will help select DOC program recipients.

"I look forward to working with Dr. Pat Brown and others on the selection committee to find the best-qualified candidates for the DOC Program," said Curle, assistant vice president for benefits planning and administration.

"I'm most eager for the day when the first DOC participant

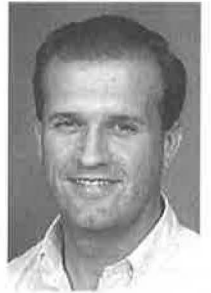
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the 'technology wizard' of the Computer Center. It is hard to believe there is only one of him since you see him all over campus yet he still returns your calls. He is so helpful to every office and never loses his patience. Mike makes moving on the information highway much easier for all of us."

Neal said, "I have always found Mike Adkins to be a very dedicated and loyal employee at Marshall University. Although it seems impossible to me, Mike always seems to keep all of our network connections up and running. Anytime I have a problem he quickly responds.

"Recently the Drinko Academy held a weeklong seminar on campus and at the last minute learned that a special network connection and equipment would be needed for a presentation the next day. Mike quickly came to our rescue by taking the time out of his very busy schedule to talk with the technicians to assure all of the necessary connections and equipment was available. In the years that I have known Mike, he has always shown this type of enthusiasm for his work. In my opinion, Mike is most worthy of being selected as Employee of the Month."

Adkins will receive a plaque and \$100 for being named Employee of the Month and will be eligible for the Employee of the Year Award.



Adkins

Former student to speak

Author and literary agent Robert Drake, who attended Marshall University in the early 1980s, will make two presentations at the university on Tuesday, Sept. 12.

He will make a presentation on writing fiction for alternative markets at 10 a.m. in Memorial Student Center Room 2W37 and discuss writing and publishing at 3:30 p.m. in Corbly Hall Room 351.

Drake has been a literary agent for eight years and recently established his own agency in Philadelphia, Pa. He has taught writing at The American University in Washington, D.C., and St. John's College, Annapolis, Md., and has made presentations at the University of California at Los Angeles and the Maryland State Writers Association Conference.

His novel, "The Man: A Hero for Our Time," recently was published by Penguin/Plume Books. He also edited two anthologies, "His" and "Hers," published by Faber and Faber. Copies of his publications are available at the Marshall University Bookstore.

Drake's presentations will be open to the public free of charge. His visit to campus is being sponsored in part by the MU English Department's Visiting Writers Series.

To obtain further details contact Art Stringer in the Marshall University English Department, 304-696-2403.

Teacher nominations due

Nominations for Marshall University's Marshall and Shirley Reynolds Outstanding Teacher Award are due Friday, Sept. 22, according to Dr. Sarah Denman, associate vice president for academic affairs.

Marshall faculty, students and alumni can make nominations for the award. Eligible faculty members must be engaged in teaching and be on a full-time appointment at or above the rank of assistant professor, with at least three years of service at Marshall.

Nominations for the award, which includes a \$3,000 cash prize, can be made in a short, dated letter stating the nominee's name and department, along with reasons for making the nomination.

Legible signatures should be included on nomination letters. The selection committee cannot accept anonymous nominations.

Nominations should be sent by the Sept. 22 deadline to: The Reynolds Committee, c/o Sarah Denman, Academic Affairs Office, Old Main Room 110.

Reassigned time available

Applications for Graduate Faculty Reassigned Time for spring 1996 are due in the Graduate School Office by Oct. 9, according to Dr. Lee Erickson, chair of the Marshall University Research Committee.

First-year faculty members who have applied to join or are on the graduate faculty are especially encouraged to apply and will be given special consideration.

Successful applicants will receive a reduction of one class in their teaching load.

Application forms are available in the Faculty Senate Office and the Graduate School Office.

Vickers will be honored

The College of Education will host a reception in honor of Dr. Carole A. Vickers Tuesday, Sept. 12, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center Alumni Lounge.

Vickers, who previously announced her resignation as dean of the College of Education, is returning to the faculty effective Sept. 1 as a distinguished professor of home economics.

Everyone is invited to attend the reception.

Reception set for Boehm

The Division of Institutional Advancement is hosting a farewell reception for its senior vice president, Dr. Edward G. "Ned" Boehm Jr., who will become president of Keystone College in La Plume, Pa., effective Oct. 1.

The reception will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, in the Erickson Alumni Center. Everyone on campus is invited.

Doctors for communities

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begins medical practice in one of our communities," she added. "That's when we'll really see the value of the program."

Dr. Charles H. McKown Jr., dean of Marshall's medical school, praised Massey Coal for its community-mindedness in funding the program.

"Doctors for Our Communities represents a strong partnership, linking Massey Coal and its long-standing support of medical care with Marshall and its successful focus on primary care medicine," he said. "We see this program as an ideal way to help rural communities develop and nurture the medical resources they need."



Marshall Bookstore Change Yields Big Dividend

Follett College Stores Regional Manager John Feuerborn, second from left, presents a \$725,604.97 check to Marshall University President J. Wade Gilley in exchange for the inventory the company acquired when it took over operation of the Marshall Bookstore July 1. Gilley said the money will be used to physically expand the bookstore and that Follett will contribute \$100,000 toward the expansion. Follett, largest manager of campus bookstores in the nation, has guaranteed Marshall a minimum of \$3,575,000 over a 10-year period. Gilley said the annual proceeds will be used to fund academic scholarships. At left is Mike Campbell, assigned by Follett as manager of the Marshall store. MU Director of Auxiliary Services Ray Welty is at right.

Political leaders will discuss new initiatives

"The Speakers," a program featuring Chuck Chambers, speaker of the West Virginia House of Delegates, and Vern Riffe, former speaker of the Ohio General Assembly, will be presented at Marshall University Thursday, Sept. 7, at 6:30 p.m. in the Francis-Booth Experimental Theatre in the Fine and Performing Arts Center.

Dr. Alan B. Gould, executive director of Marshall's John Deaver Drinko Academy for American Political Institutions and Civic Culture, said the program will focus on the impact of new congressional initiatives and the states' legislative responses.

"Both of our guest speakers are highly regarded state legislators," said Gould, who will serve as moderator for the event. "They will present their views, observations and opinions of their state's reactions to the new national initiatives."

The program, which will be followed by a reception, will be open to the public free of charge.

To obtain further details contact Marshall University's John Deaver Drinko Academy for American Political Institutions and Civic Culture, 304-696-3183.

Grant deadline September 15

Marshall University's Faculty Development Committee currently is accepting applications for INCO faculty development grants to fund projects that have the primary aim of exposing faculty to skills, insights and experiences that have clear faculty development purposes.

The application deadline for projects that take place between Oct. 15, 1995, and March 31, 1996, is Sept. 15. Applications are available from committee members and Peggy Gripshover in the Department of Geography, 210 Harris Hall, 696-2502.