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Annual Winter Jazz Festival begins Thursday

Marshall’s School of Music and Theatre will present its 45th Annual Winter Jazz Festival, beginning Thursday, Jan. 30 and continuing through Saturday, Feb. 1.

Twelve regional middle school and high school bands will be present for adjudication on Friday and Saturday, said Dr. Martin Saunders, professor of music and director of jazz studies.

Special guest artists include Butch Miles, world-renowned percussionist and former drummer with the Count Basie Band, who was inducted into the West Virginia Musicians Hall of Fame in 2013. Miles will be performing with the Marshall University Jazz Ensemble I on Friday night, along with several other guest performers.

In addition, the iconic Blue Wisp Big Band will be performing for the Saturday evening concert.

All events will take place in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse on the Huntington campus. Concerts will take place on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights beginning at 7 p.m. Admission to all concerts is free and open to the public; however, tickets must be picked up at the playhouse ticket office prior to each evening concert. The box office will open at 5:30 p.m. before each concert.

A complete schedule of events may be viewed online at www.marshall.edu/ucomm/files/web/WinterJazzFestival_ending02-01-14.pdf.
Scott Miller joins Marshall development office as vice president

Scott Miller, most recently a United Bank executive, has joined the Office of Development where he is serving as vice president.

“Scott brings with him a wealth of sales experience and a myriad of career accomplishments,” said Dr. Ron Area, CEO of the Marshall University Foundation Inc. “He has served in many capacities as a banking executive and received many wonderful accolades. He is a welcomed addition to our team.”

Miller has served the past five years at United Bank, where he was market president for Cabell County. Prior to that, Miller was responsible for founding and managing Citizens First Bank in Ravenswood, which achieved increased earnings for seven consecutive years.

He is a graduate of Marshall University with a B.A. in Business Administration, the West Virginia School of Banking and the American Bankers Association. He will graduate from Marshall again this May with a Master of Arts (M.A.) in Leadership Studies.

“As a Marshall alum I am excited to take on the challenge of working for the Marshall Foundation team,” Miller said. “I’m really eager and ready to work for my alma mater in this fundraising capacity. It is really exciting to be going to work for the school I love.”

During his career, Miller also:
- Had 17 years of increased profits for three different banking companies;
- Served on the advisory board of Marshall University College of Business;
- Served on the Huntington Area Development Corp.;
- Has been an adjunct professor at WVU-Parkersburg;
- Received the 2012 Marshall University Alumni Community Achievement Award.

2014 Birke Fine Arts Festival to open Thursday with exhibition, artist talk

The College of Arts and Media will kick off its Birke Fine Arts Festival this Thursday, Jan. 30, with the opening of an exhibition of collaborative student art projects created with the guidance of guest artist Harrell Fletcher and Marshall faculty members Natalie Larsen and Daniel Kaufmann.
For more than 15 years, Fletcher has been at the forefront of an art field called social practice, a medium engaging audiences directly through the creation of intangible, collaborative experiences.

The exhibition, titled “27 Marshall University Students Research and Represent Aspects of the City of Huntington, West Virginia,” will open at 6 p.m. in the Birke Art Gallery, which is located in Smith Hall on Marshall’s Huntington campus. Harrell will give an artist talk at 7 p.m. in the gallery, which will be followed by an opening reception for the entire festival in the Birke Atrium. The evening’s events are free and open to the public.

The collaborative projects explored downtown Huntington, Kaufmann said. Students from his photography class and Larsen’s drawing class were grouped and assigned a particular perspective aesthetic, historic, scientific or social to study on the block on which Marshall’s new Visual Arts Center will be located. Each group then made a collaborative piece for display.

“Among the many interesting works that resulted from this project are 12 wall-mounted aquariums referencing the 1937 flood; a magazine highlighting five key, historic buildings; and etchings, photographs and drawings based on the Keith-Albee Theatre and vaudeville films,” Kaufmann said.

Fletcher, who teaches art at Portland State University in Oregon, received his Bachelor of Fine Arts from the San Francisco Art Institute and his master’s degree from California College of the Arts. He studied organic farming at UCSC and went on to work on a variety of small Community Supported Agriculture farms, which affected his work as an artist. Fletcher has produced a variety of socially engaged collaborative and interdisciplinary projects since the early 1990s. His work has been shown at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art; the de Young Museum; the Berkeley Art Museum, the Wattis Institute; The Seattle Art Museum in Seattle; Signal in Malmo, Sweden; Domain de Kerguehennec in France; The Tate Modern in London and the National Gallery of Victoria in Melbourne, Australia.

This year’s Birke Fine Arts Festival is based on the theme, “Trending Now: Artists and Audiences in the Information Age.” Nicole Perrone, assistant professor of theatre at Marshall and chair of the festival committee, said the theme is designed to consider “how the arts are responding to an audience that has grown accustomed to constant pop-ups, tweets and status updates.”

The Birke Fine Arts Festival was endowed by Helen Birke and her daughter, Julie, in 1979, reflecting their personal interests in cultural and educational activities in the Tri-State area and recognizing the leadership role of Marshall University.

Following is a list of remaining festival events. All are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted.

Glynn Washington // Public Radio Storytelling with a Beat
7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4
Memorial Student Center, Lower Level BE5
Troika Ranch // SWARM: Immersive Multimedia Performance
Friday Feb. 7 and Saturday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. each evening
Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center, Edwards Playhouse

Eula Biss // Literary Reading
8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12
Memorial Student Center, Upper Level Shawkey Room

John Bresland // Literary Reading
8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13 @ 8pm
Memorial Student Center, Lower Level BE5

Dead Man’s Cell Phone // a play by Sarah Ruhl
Wednesday, Feb. 19 – Saturday, March 1 at 7:30 p.m. each evening
Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center, Francis-Booth Experimental Theatre
Note: there is a charge for this event. Call 696-ARTS for tickets.

Dan Senn // Sound Installation Exhibit
8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25
Gallery 842

Marshall University Festival of New Music Concert 1
Music of Dan Senn
8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26
Smith Music Recital Hall

Marshall University Festival of New Music Concert 2
Music of Dan Senn
8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27
Jomie Jazz Center Forum

Marshall University Festival of New Music Concert 3
Lindsey Goodman, flute // Guest Artist Recital
Noon, Friday, Feb. 28
First Presbyterian Church, 1015 Fifth Ave., Huntington

Marshall University Festival of New Music // Soundwalk
2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28
Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center Atrium and Jomie Jazz Center Forum

Marshall University Festival of New Music Concert 4
Music of Dan Senn
8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28
Smith Music Recital Hall
Vanessa German // Artist Talk
7 p.m. Thursday, March 6
Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center, Francis-Booth Experimental Theatre
Birke Festival Closing Reception immediately to follow in the Playhouse Lobby

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Click on graphic above to view festival brochure online.

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Marshall Day at the Capitol set for Feb. 12

Marshall University Day at the Capitol will take place from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, in the upper rotunda of the State Capitol in Charleston. More than 30 colleges, schools and departments of the university will take part in the event, which will include tables set up for distributing information, food and giveaways.

“Our theme this year is ‘I Love Marshall,’ due to the close proximity to Valentine’s Day” said Nancy Pelphrey, assistant director of alumni affairs. “And, as always, we will emphasize that every Marshall degree earned is an investment in the future of West Virginia.”

Pelphrey said a passenger bus is available for Marshall faculty and staff who will be participating. The bus will leave the West Lot at Joan C. Edwards Stadium at 7 a.m. and will return immediately following the event. Reservations for the bus are on a first-come, first-served basis and can be made by contacting Pelphrey by phone at ext. 6-3134 or by e-mail at pelphrey@marshall.edu.

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Pauley’s interview in the Charleston Gazette highlights Marshall reptile and amphibian collection

Marshall University’s extensive reptile and amphibian collection is fast becoming a “go-to” resource for graduate students and researchers not only at Marshall, but from other institutions as well.
Located in the Science Building, the collection has hundreds of containers that house the preserved remains of salamanders, lizards, turtles and snakes that have been collected throughout West Virginia.

Overseeing the collection as curator is Dr. Tom Pauley, a renowned herpetologist and retired Marshall professor of biological sciences. Since his retirement last May, Pauley has continued his work to turn the 107-year-old collection into a noted research center.

“Having a collection allows researchers to dissect the animals and study what they eat and what their reproductive potential might be,” Pauley told the Charleston Gazette in a recent interview. “We promote the use of the collection to our students, and so far we’ve had four or five masters’ theses be generated from research done from our specimens.”

Currently there are nearly 15,000 specimens, the actual preserved remains of the animals that make up the collection. Today’s technology has nearly ended the practice of collecting physical specimens, according to Pauley. With the array of technical devices available, creatures can be caught, measured, photographed and then released, he said.

Marshall received the collection from West Virginia University in 1939 and has maintained it and added to it since then. Pauley took it over in the 1970s and although he has put decades of work into it, there’s still much more to be done, he says, including identifying specimens, cataloging them and getting the specimens’ collection sites computerized.

Read profile on Pauley in a past issue of “We Are…Marshall.”

Vienna Concert-Verein Orchestra to appear in Huntington Jan. 30

The Vienna Concert-Verein Orchestra will perform at the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30. Featuring conductor Philippe Entremont and guest pianist and Grammy nominee Sebastian Knauer, the evening’s program will include works by Mozart, Beethoven, Lehar and Strauss, among others.

The Vienna Concert-Verein Orchestra has gained international fame in part thanks to its conductor, Philippe Entremont. This renowned orchestral conductor has a dedication to developing an orchestra’s artistic potential and has helped ensembles achieve international tours throughout Europe and Asia. In 1997, he created the biennial Santo Domingo Music Festival in the Dominican Republic.
Awards and accolades are no stranger to Entremont, who has accumulated a vast amount of recognition over the length of his career. For example, he was among the 10 most accomplished pianists selected to perform in the “Piano Extravaganza of the Century” at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games. One of the most recorded artists in history, Entremont has appeared on many recording labels including CBS Sony, Teldec, and Harmonia Mundi.

Accompanying Entremont for this concert as guest pianist is Sebastian Knauer. Born in Hamburg in 1971, Knauer has an intense style that has led to much success across the span of his career. He has become a household name internationally and has given performances in more than 50 countries and on four continents. Knauer is also known for his unique program planning, where he exhibits solo recitals and reveals connections between different compositions. Performing on many pieces with his duo-partner, violinist Daniel Hope, Knauer was nominated for Grammy Awards and awards from ECHO Klassic.

The Vienna Concert-Verein’s repertoire ranges from Viennese orchestral pieces to contemporary Austrian music. The orchestra has debuted more than 65 contemporary Austrian pieces. They have gained global stature through their performances at Musikverein in Vienna and tours through Europe and Asia. The ensemble has been welcomed by many prestigious music festivals and concert halls including the Wiener Festwochen, the Bregenz Festival, the Menuhin Festival and many more. This particular tour is special for the ensemble as this is their first time performing in the U.S. Patrons can look forward to selections that include Mozart’s Symphony No. 35 in D major, K. 385; Beethoven’s Piano Concerto No. 3 in C minor, op. 37 (performed by Sebastian Knauer); Lehár’s Piave Marsch; and Strauss Jr’s. Voices of Spring Waltz, op. 410, among others.


For ticket information, contact the Marshall Artists Series box office at ext. 6-6656, by e-mail at www.marshall.edu/muartser, or visit the Artists Series box office located in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center, with hours from noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.
Marshall facilities staff battles weather, water conditions

When numerous almanacs and other folk weather prognosticators—even the wooly worms—predicted a wicked winter for our region, it turns out they weren’t just fooling around. And no one knows that better than the maintenance crews at Marshall’s campuses and centers. Winters, even relatively mild ones, are always a challenging time for the crews that are responsible for maintaining the facilities, according to Mark Cutlip, director of physical plant on the Huntington campus. This year, however, with the year barely under way, there were problems not seen in decades—and a water problem never seen before—as crews scrambled to keep the university up and running.

They did and they went way above and beyond the call of duty, he wants everyone to know.

The first problem was too much water where it shouldn’t have been and no usable water where it should have been. And then with snow, wind, near-blizzard conditions and plunging temperatures that only penguins would enjoy, problems mounted.

Preparations for the predicted subzero weather began on Monday, Jan. 6, when maintenance crews made the rounds of all the buildings on the Huntington campus, according to Cutlip. “We worked around the clock; there was 24-hour coverage,” he said. “Many members of the crews stayed here all night and worked—they never went home.”

Because of the extreme cold, crews were split up into two-person teams who worked outside on the campus in freezing temperatures in four-hour shifts. “They inspected all the machine rooms and walked to every building to make sure the heat was on and the buildings were warm,” Cutlip said. With so many academic and administrative buildings, that was no easy task, he added.

Problems began when it became so cold the sprinkler systems in four buildings—Jenkins and Guiickson halls, the Science Building and Drinko Library—froze. “In my 35 years at Marshall, I’ve never seen anything like this before,” said Dale Osburn, associate director of physical plant in Huntington. “This was unique for us.”

“Initially when a sprinkler system freezes, if you’re lucky, the ice block that forms will drip rather than flow water but unfortunately it doesn’t take long for that ice to melt and let the water out,” Cutlip said. Fortunately the ice block held in Drinko Library, preventing damage, but Jenkins Hall and the Science building weren’t so lucky, thereby sustaining damage to both floors and ceilings. “We had to make repairs on broken sprinkler lines and we made emergency repairs on ten of our heating coils that froze in several of our buildings,” Cutlip said. Repairs were being made in the Science Building annex on first and second floors as late as last week before another round of frigid weather was predicted to move in.

The race to get everything back up and running was imperative with classes beginning Jan. 13. And their efforts paid off. Offices were open, buildings were heated, the campus was fully operational, and classes began as scheduled.
When students returned, everything was in good working order and, except for a few labs in the Science building, it was business as usual, Cutlip said. Winter, even without near-record frigid temperatures or frozen systems, is always an expensive and challenging time, he explained. “We have nine miles of sidewalks to clean and maintain. If it snows half an inch or half a foot, we treat it just the same. We clear the walks and put down about $3000 worth of salt every time it snows. Winter at Marshall is extremely costly for us. It takes a lot of effort and money to keep things going.”

Both he and Osburn have the highest praise for the Physical Plant personnel, many of whom worked around the clock, to keep the campus fully operational. “In all my years at Marshall, I’ve never seen anything like this, never. I saw how hard the staff worked and what they accomplished; they were out there every day,” Osburn said. And, added Cutlip, “Our staff went way beyond the call of duty. The crews were there, they stepped up; it was the staff that did the work. We’re very proud of them.”

Dr. John Yaun, director of Housing and Residence Life, says they were relatively unaffected by the weather crisis. They did, however, open the residence halls a day early for the convenience of those students who lived in areas affected by a water supply contamination. They took some precautionary measures as well. “We provided bottled water at all front desks for the convenience of students and just in case the contamination reached the Huntington area, which it didn’t.”

On Jan. 21, when worsening weather and road conditions made traveling treacherous and cancelled evening classes, an offer of what is loosely termed “bad weather rooms” was made to all staff and students. “These are rooms set aside for those people who can’t get to their homes or who can’t drive safely on the roads,” Yaun said. “We provide them linens and bottled water. We try to do whatever we can when the roads are icy.”

Overall, Yaun said, everything in the residence halls went well during the January freeze. “We have a good infrastructure in place; we have a system set up to help in case of inclement weather. The buildings are in good shape, we keep them updated and replace equipment as needed. They held up very well.”

And Yaun also credits his staff with keeping things running smoothly.

“The work of the Housing and Residence Life staff – HRL and First Year Residence Halls – is never ending. Their efforts include the maintenance of the grounds, residence halls and dining services; efforts that ensure students are safe, comfortable and have a living learning environment conducive to their academic success and development as students. This committed group of people -- from maintenance and custodial staff to residence life and administrative staff -- cares deeply about our students and Marshall, and tirelessly works to make sure our residence halls look great, feel like home, and are centers for living and learning,” he said.

Meanwhile, the maintenance crew on the South Charleston campus was dealing with a water contamination problem that shut down that campus for the better part of three days after a chemical leak spilled into the area’s water supply. When the all-clear signal from the water company finally came, days later, the crew began extensive flushing of all outlets in both
buildings. “We went well beyond the recommended flush times, we flushed the system really well, we wanted to be sure the water was safe,” said Don Hill, director of physical plant I on the South Charleston campus. In addition, humidifiers had to be flushed and filters had to be changed as well.

“We try to maintain all of our equipment and keep it in good running order, but when there is extreme weather, things can happen. You learn from the past,” Hill said.

And at the Mid-Ohio Valley Center in Point Pleasant, which Hill and his crew oversee, there was damage to a room housing computers that occurred after a sprinkler system froze and sprayed water. “Fortunately Homer Preece (director of the center) was there when it happened and immediately got the water and electricity turned off, or it would have been a lot worse than it was,” Hill said. Ceiling tiles were replaced and walls had to be repaired. Hill said it’s been recommended that the 25 or so computers be replaced along with the carpet.

January has so far been a brutal month for cold temperatures, with wave after wave of frigid weather and snow coming in a seemingly endless loop.

“We can’t wait until spring gets here,” Cutlip said fervently.

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MU Women Connect sponsoring blanket drive

MU Women Connect is collecting blankets of all sizes for the Huntington City Mission through Friday, Feb. 14. Contributions may be dropped of in the Women’s Center, located in room 143 in Prichard Hall on the Huntington campus.

Fleece tie blankets and t-shirt quilts are welcome, according to Dr. Laura Michele Diener, assistant professor of history. Participants are asked to either make a blanket or quilt or donate a new item to the drive. A prize of $100, in the form of cash or donation to a local charity of the winner’s choice, will be awarded for the most creative entry.
The blanket drive is sponsored by Student Health Education Programs, the Women’s Center, and the Women’s Studies program. For further information, call extension 6-4103.

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Click to view Blanket Drive flyer.
Marshall Internal Medicine opens specialized hypertension clinic

Marshall Internal Medicine has opened a new clinic aimed at treating patients with resistant and difficult-to-treat hypertension, commonly referred to as high blood pressure.

The clinic is located at the Marshall Kidney Care and Hypertension Center at the J. Robert Pritchard Dialysis Center on 1690 Medical Center Dr. in Huntington. The physicians also provide inpatient and consultative services at Cabell Huntington Hospital and, beginning next month, at St. Mary’s Medical Center.

Dr. Joseph I. Shapiro, dean of the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine and a nephrologist (kidney specialist), has teamed up with division of nephrology colleagues Drs. Hala M. Alshayeb, Wafa Badwan, Neha Garg and Zeid J. Khitan to provide the dedicated hypertension clinic.

Additionally, Dr. Mark Studeny, chair of the department of cardiology, and Dr. Charles Meadows, department of internal medicine, are providing specialized care at the clinic.

Appointments may be made by calling 304-526-2532.

Marshall Choral Union rehearsals under way

Marshall’s Choral Union began rehearsals this week in Smith Hall for its spring performance.

Robert Wray, associate professor of music and director of the group, said this concert will highlight 20th-century American composers including Randall Thompson, Norman Dello Joio and Leonard Bernstein. Choral Union is open to all interested residents of the Tri-state area. Rehearsals are Monday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m.

Music will be available for purchase at rehearsal. Music reading skills are a plus, but not necessary, and any singing level is accepted, Wray said.

For further information, contact Wray by phone at ext.6-2399 or by e-mail at wrayr@marshall.edu.
Students to showcase their work Thursday at Undergraduate Research Day at the Capitol

Fifteen Marshall students will be among approximately 80 student researchers from across West Virginia who will present their discoveries at the 11th Undergraduate Research Day at the Capitol in Charleston Thursday, Jan. 30.

The event, which will take place from 9 a.m. to noon in the rotunda of the State Capitol, is intended to showcase the importance of student research by giving policymakers and capitol visitors the opportunity to talk directly with the students who conducted the research projects, which range from modeling influenza pandemics to developing a weather reporting app to predicting population growth. The students’ projects are original research and they will be sharing posters they have prepared to help illustrate their work.

“This is a fun event for our students and for the members of the state legislature,” said Dr. Charles Somerville, dean of the College of Science and a member of the event’s organizing committee. “Students work on these original research projects for as long as four years and this event provides them an opportunity to share their work with the senators and delegates.”

The research projects Marshall students will be highlighting are in the disciplines of biology, anatomy/pathology, engineering, chemistry, computer science/information technology and psychology.

Dr. John Maher, vice president for research, said, “The work these students are doing is on par with that done at the best universities in the country. This event provides a unique opportunity for members of the legislature to see an aspect of higher education normally hidden from public view, but that is one of the most important tools for developing students for entry into the workplace or postgraduate education.”

The following is a list of Marshall participants, along with their hometowns, disciplines, project titles and advisors:

**Laura Arnold**, Charleston, biology, “Using Acanthamoeba to determine the effect of environmental stressors on growing and dividing cells” (Dr. Wendy Trzyna, advisor)

**Matthew Baird**, Gallipollis, Ohio, computer science/information technology, “Cancer Research Performance Analysis” (Dr. Hyoil Han, adviser).

**Shawn Cheeks**, War, computer science/information technology, “Storm Information Reporter Emergency Network (SIREN)” (Dr. Paulus Wahjudi, adviser).

**Robert Denzie**, St. Albans, engineering, “Geo-Spatial Analysis of Police Reported Collision Location Information Accuracy to Facilitate Identification of Hot Spots” (Dr. Andrew Nichols, adviser).
Roger Estep, Huntington, mathematical biology, “Agent-Based Modeling of Pandemic Influenza” (Dr. Anna Mummert, adviser).

Miles Gray, Bloomfield, N.J., chemistry, “Surface Modifications of Silicon Dioxide Nanoparticles Under Ambient Conditions” (Dr. Rosalynn Quinones-Fernandez, adviser).

Jonathan McQuerrey, South Charleston, computer science/information technology, “Application to Evaluate the Performance of Vehicle Detection Systems at Signalized Intersections” (Dr. Paulus Wahjudi, adviser).

Matt Nelson, Cross Lanes, computer science/information technology, “U.S. Population Shifting and Growth Over Time” (Dr. Hyoil Han, adviser).

Derrick Paris, Scott Depot, computer science/information technology, “Recommendation Software via Data Mining” (Dr. Hyoil Han, adviser).

Keyur Patel, Catlettsburg, Ky., computer science/information technology, “PinPoint: Indoor Positioning System” (Dr. Paulus Wahjudi, adviser).

Jessica Smith, Point Pleasant, psychology, “Borderline Personality Disorder and Attachment” (Dr. Marc Lindberg, adviser).

Jenna Vance, Chapmanville, anatomy/pathology, “Validation of a Unilateral Heating Model to Increase Extremity Length in Mice” (Dr. Maria Serrat, adviser).

Claire Virgin, Kitts Hill, Ohio, psychology, “An Analysis of Criminal Behavior in College Students” (Dr. Marc Lindberg, adviser).

Dylan Watson, East Lynn, computer science/information technology, “WIT: A Wearable Integrated Translator to Break Down Communication Barriers” (Dr. Paulus Wahjudi, adviser).

Andrey Yanev, Cross Lanes, computer science/information technology, “Hot Spots for Deer Vehicle Collisions in West Virginia” (Dr. Paulus Wahjudi, adviser).

In addition to Marshall, 12 other universities and colleges will be represented at the event, including Alderson Broaddus College, Bluefield State College, Concord University, Davis and Elkins College, Fairmont State University, Glenville State College, Shepherd University, West Liberty University, West Virginia State University, West Virginia University, Wheeling Jesuit University and WVU Institute of Technology.
Four receive “Living the Legacy” awards

Four individuals were honored for their contributions at the “Living the Legacy” awards luncheon Jan. 23. The event, which was in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, took place in the Memorial Student Center.

Phillip Carter, professor of social work, and Dr. Kat Williams, associate professor of history, received Living the Legacy Awards for Outstanding Faculty Services. Margaret Mary Layne was honored for Outstanding Community Services and Alicia Torres was named Outstanding Student.

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Human Resources office announces professional development opportunities

Educational opportunities are being offered by Human Resource Services and other MU departments. The current schedule includes WordPress Essential Training, Microsoft Office 2013 – New Features via Lynda.com and Word Basic Training.

In addition to new courses, regular and recurring programming includes MU Supervisor Training, beginning April 16, a three-part series designed to provide basic supervisory tools for both new supervisors and seasoned veterans. Emphasis is placed on performing the supervisory role successfully in the context of policies and statutes that impact the employment process at Marshall University.

Personal and Professional Development courses include Introduction to Classification and Compensation, Purchase Card Processes, Travel Policy Training, Vendor Registration Workshops, and Healthy Living topics such as Desk Yoga and Relaxation.

Banner Administrative Information System instruction consists of Basic Navigation, Basic Purchasing, Budget, Online Inquiry and Data Extract, General Person Entry, HR Introduction, and incorporates an Introduction to Finance seminar and Web Time Entry.

Complete course information and registration are available at www.marshall.edu/human-resources/training/training-schedule

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