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SharePoint site to provide information on university budget, other issues

As announced at last week’s Faculty Senate meeting, the President’s Office has set up a SharePoint site to keep students, faculty and staff up to date with information related to the budget process for 2013-2014. The site also will be active as the new university-wide committee is established following the conclusion the initial working group’s meetings.

This site provides the opportunity to ask questions, and to share input and documents. The goal is to establish a forum for generating ideas, identifying issues and bringing forth concerns about the budget process and other related matters.

The site is open to students, faculty and staff and currently includes a variety of information requested at the April 19 general faculty meeting.

The site is located at http://webcontent.marshall.edu/sites/president

Awards of distinction presented during spring general faculty meeting

Awards of distinction were presented and retiring faculty were recognized during Marshall University’s spring general faculty meeting Tuesday, April 30, at the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center on the Huntington campus.

The meeting included remarks from Marshall President Stephen J. Kopp and Faculty Senate Chair Eldon Larsen.

Six people received the Distinguished Service Award and five received the Distinguished Artists and Scholars Award.
To qualify for Distinguished Service Awards, persons must have at least 20 years of service at Marshall University, a record of distinguished service to the university and/or college, and a record of distinguished teaching as evidenced by peer, administrative and/or student evaluations. The Distinguished Service Award winners, each of whom will receive $1,000, are:

- Dr. Robert Sawrey, professor, history, College of Liberal Arts
- Professor A.E. “Art” Stringer, English, College of Liberal Arts
- Dr. Lawrence Schmitz, professor, Chemistry, College of Science
- Dr. Donna Spindel, dean, Graduate College
- Dr. Joyce Meikamp, professor, special education, Graduate School of Education and Professional Development
- Dr. Bob Rubenstein, professor, counseling, Graduate School of Education and Professional Development

Three individuals and one team of two people received the Distinguished Artists and Scholars Award. To be eligible for the Distinguished Artists and Scholars Awards, faculty members must either be tenured or hold tenure-track appointments. The purpose of the award is to recognize distinction in the fields of artistic and scholarly activity on the part of the Marshall faculty. The senior recipients of the Distinguished Artists and Scholars Awards receive $2,000 apiece while the junior recipient receives $1,000. Team recipients receive $2,000 to be divided among team members. The Distinguished Artists and Scholars Award will be given to:

- Dr. Monica Valentovic, Pharmacology, senior recipient for Sciences & Technology
- Dr. Gwenth Hood, English, senior recipient for Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities, Education & Business
- Dr. Paul Constantino, Biological Sciences, junior recipient in all fields.
- Dr. Venkat Gudivada, Computer Science, and Dr. Anthony Szwilski, Applied Science & Technology, team award recipient in all fields

Two people received the John and Frances Rucker Graduate Adviser of the Year award, which acknowledges the contributions of Marshall’s outstanding graduate advisers. They are:

- Dr. Stephen Cooper, professor, Communication Studies
- Dr. Lisa Heaton, professor, Graduate School of Education & Professional Development

Marshall also recognized 19 retiring faculty who have a combined years of service. They are:

- Dr. Mitchell L. Berk, professor, Anatomy & Pathology, School of Medicine, 31 years of service
- Dr. Woodrow Berry, associate professor, Business Law, College of Business, 26 years of service
- Dr. Michael Burton, professor, Counseling, Graduate School of Education & Professional Development, 38 years of service
- Dr. Richard A. Coulon Jr., professor, Neuroscience, School of Medicine, 4 years of service
- Dr. Kenneth E. Guyer, associate professor, Biochemistry & Microbiology, School of Medicine, 37 years of service
- Dr. Heather Hagerman, professor, Counseling, Graduate School of Education & Professional Development, 28 years of service
- Dr. Mary Harris-John, professor, Leadership Studies, Graduate School of Education & Professional Development, 9 years of service
- Dr. Mahmood Heydarian, Pediatrics, professor, School of Medicine, 30 years of service
Dr. Shirley Lumpkin, professor, English, College of Liberal Arts, 30 years of service
Dr. Rudy Pauley, professor, Associate Vice President, Outreach & Continuing Studies, 15 years of service
Dr. Thomas K. Pauley, professor, Biological Sciences, College of Science, 47 years of service
Dr. J. Graham Rankin, professor, Forensic Science, School of Medicine, 19 years of service
Dr. Thomas K. Savory, assistant professor, Internal Medicine, School of Medicine, 31 years of service
Dr. Robert Sawrey, professor, History, College of Liberal Arts, 33 years of service
Dr. Waseem Shora, professor, Internal Medicine, School of Medicine, 17 years of service
Dr. Donna Spindel, professor and dean, History, College of Liberal Arts and Dean, Graduate College, 37 years of service
Professor Arthur E. Stringer, English, College of Liberal Arts, 25 years of service
Dr. Ruu-Tong Wang, assistant professor, Anatomy & Pathology, School of Medicine, 31 years of service
Dr. Ronald Wolf, professor, Special Education, Graduate School of Education & Professional Development, 24 years of service

Other faculty awards included the following:

- **Charles E. Hedrick Outstanding Faculty Award**: Dr. Kateryna Schray, professor, English
- **Marshall & Shirley Reynolds Outstanding Teacher Award**: Dr. David Hatfield, associate professor, English
- **Pickens-Queen Excellence in Teaching Award**: Dr. Allison E. Carey, assistant professor, English; Dr. Laura Michele Diener, assistant professor, history; and Daniel Kaufmann, assistant professor, photography

A reception to honor the retiring and award-winning faculty took place in the lobby of the Performing Arts Center after the meeting.

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**Annual service awards celebration is brunch this year**

Marshall University’s 29th annual Service Awards observance will take place at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 15, for brunch in the Don Morris Room in the Memorial Student Center on the Huntington campus. In addition to the service awards, the Employee of the Year will be named at this time.

The following is the list of university staff members who will receive awards:


For 25 Years of Service: Jeanne Adkins, Michael Adkins, Doris Atkinson, Janice Colegrove, Joyce Harrah, Virginia Holderby, Damon Holley, Edwin Holley, Verlin Hughes, Yetta Meadows, Sherry Osburn, Nancy Pelphrey, Tara Runyon, Carol Stinson, James Terry, Nina Thompson, Cora Westmoreland, and Cathy Zhea.

For 30 Years of Service: David Bailey, Cassandra Chappelle, Roberta Ferguson, Frances Mooney, Trula Stanley, Patsy Stephenson, Mark Ward, and Connie Zirkle.

For 35 Years of Service: Vickie Crager, Tony Crislip, Arlene Ferguson, Lester Meryl Fleming**, Karen Greybill, Kent Hayes, Estil Hurn, Jeffrey Long, Lynne Mayer, Arnold Miller, Deborah Watson, and Charles Young.

For 40 Years of Service: Sue Bell, Stephen Hensley, Frederick Price, Joseph Vance, and Joe Wortham.

For 45 years of Service: Deborah Hicks.


** Awarded posthumously.

Menu: The Thundering Herd Breakfast

Fluffy Scrambled Eggs, Biscuits and Gravy, Pancakes with Syrup, Crispy Bacon and Sausage, Home Fried Potatoes, Mini Muffins, and Fresh Fruit Compote. Orange Juice, Coffee/Decaf, Hot Tea, and Ice Water.

In addition to fresh fruit, diabetics will be able to choose sugar-free syrup and jelly.

To be eligible for awards employees must have completed 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 and 45 years of service to Marshall University by May 1st, 2013.

Those who believe they have been left off this list, or who have a preference on how their name should be listed in the program, should contact Joe Wortham at extension 6-5402.

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School of Medicine increases space for research and economic development

The Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine is expanding its research and development operations by acquiring laboratory and office space in the university’s Forensic Science Center Annex from the Huntington Area Development Council.

Monday’s announcement by Dr. Joseph I. Shapiro, dean of the School of Medicine, reflects an agreement among the Huntington Area Development Council, the Marshall University Research Corporation and the medical school that will give the school the space it needs to grow its biomedical research program.

“I am thrilled we will soon expand our biomedical research operations into space at the Forensic Science Center Annex,” Shapiro said. “Through our partnership with HADCO and the Marshall University Research Corporation, the School of Medicine will now be able to move forward with research projects guided by our new vice dean for research, Dr. Nader Abraham. Moreover, I’m certain expansion of our research capabilities will eventually lead to additional opportunities and ultimately to better health care for our patients.”

The School of Medicine’s new space is in an area of the annex designated for research and biotechnology startup companies when the facility was built. HADCO, using $1 million in federal funding, partnered with Marshall to build the annex with a goal of creating an environment for “new economy” jobs. Through the agreement, the School of Medicine will sublease from HADCO 2,100 square feet for its new laboratories and offices.

Researchers in the new labs will be investigating the causes of kidney disease and hypertension as well as conducting clinical trials on medications to improve heart function and decrease body weight.

Stephen J. Golder, chairman of HADCO’s executive committee said the partnership is a great example of how public and private entities can work to foster economic development in the region.

Dr. John M. Maher, vice president for research, added, “We are excited by this rapid response to demand for new research space at the School of Medicine to accommodate new grant-funded researchers. With our partner HADCO, we look forward to the innovation and technology-based economic development that will follow this new research activity. This is another significant step in making Huntington a leading regional center for translational research.”

The research space is expected to be ready for occupancy this fall. It is located at the corner of 14th Street and Charleston Avenue in Huntington.
Math faculty member contributes to new study on pandemic flu

A Marshall mathematics faculty member, Dr. Anna Mummert, participated in a recent study published in the peer-reviewed scientific journal PLoS ONE which provides new information for public health officials about mitigating the spread of infection from emerging flu viruses. The report brings new insight into the H1N1 pandemic of 2009 and may help officials prepare for future pandemics.

The study was led by researchers at Mississippi State University. Researchers at the Georgia Institute of Technology and Universidad Miguel Hernández in Spain also collaborated on the study.

During the 2009 H1N1 pandemic, along with the last three flu pandemics of 1918, 1957 and 1968, the United States experienced multiple peaks, or waves, of infection. In this study, the team developed models to explain possible causes of the multiple peaks in pandemic flu, which are largely unknown.

“With the H1N1 pandemic in 2009, we experienced multiple waves of infection,” said Dr. Henry Wan, associate professor at Mississippi State. “The first wave began in March 2009 and peaked in late June and early July…. But China only experienced a single wave of infection. So we created infection models and analyzed the outcomes.”

The models showed that border control had some small effects on outbreaks.

Mummert said, “In 2009, China instituted strict border controls at the onset of the outbreak. We developed models explaining the occurrence of the multiple peaks and tested border control strategies to determine if a strict border control in the United States could reduce the total number of infections.”

Four of the models indicated that stricter border control is related to fewer waves of infection.

The effects of vaccinations were studied in the models, and the authors concluded that the actual H1N1 vaccination distribution schedule played only a small role in curtailling the outbreak. While it has been thought that the timing of school vaccinations played a large role in producing the second wave of infections, the models did not show a strong link, but indicated that an earlier vaccination schedule could have helped.

The research team plans further collaboration in understanding influenza viruses and their spread.

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Marshall faculty member will travel to Spain to present her research on sport horses

Dr. Abbey Dondanville of the College of Health Professions (COHP) will travel to Barcelona, Spain this summer to present her research on the jumping biomechanics of sport horses. For the past 30 years, Dondanville has been an avid horse rider who experienced firsthand the power behind a horse’s jump.

“In 2008, we started seeing a huge spike in rider and horse deaths from what is called a rotational fall,” Dondanville said. “The horses were hitting the obstacles with their legs, which caused them to pivot, fall and ultimately crush the rider. I, too, have had a rotational fall but luckily, only suffered a mild concussion.”

Dondanville decided to begin her research immediately by studying the angles of flight within a horse’s jump path. She hoped to find the cause behind the rotational falls and determine a course of action to lessen the growing occurrence of rider deaths. What Dondanville found out changed the way she will ride a horse forever.

“We are always taught for safety to have our horse jump close to the fence,” Dondanville said. “Unfortunately this is instilled too much and we aren’t taught to consider speed as this is happening. By training riders to maintain the right speed and the trajectory of a horse’s jump point, we can save many lives.”

Dondanville, an associate professor of athletic training through the COHP’s School of Kinesiology, said her research on the biomechanics of a horse’s jump was more than an area of interest. It was a labor of love.

“My desire when doing any kind of research is making it applicable,” Dondanville said. “I have such a passion for this sport, which makes it all the more meaningful that my research may provide a quick solution for a common problem.”

Dr. Gary McIlvain, chair of the School of Kinesiology and associate dean for the COHP, said this will be Dondanville’s third international conference, but her second oral presentation on this topic.

“Dr. Dondanville’s interests in equestrian injury prevention complement what other faculty are doing in injury prevention in other sporting venues,” McIlvain said. “We are excited for her to present at an international sport science conference as it is an opportunity to showcase the breadth of faculty research and interest at Marshall. We congratulate her on her accomplishments thus far and look forward to many more.”

In addition to her extensive research initiatives, Dondanville volunteers with the Ohio University Southern (OUS) Equestrian and Therapeutic Riding program as a clinician and member of its advisory board. With help from the VA Department of Rehabilitation, she hopes to begin a line
of research exploring postural control improvements following therapeutic riding sessions at OUS.

Dondanville will present her research in Barcelona at the European College of Sport Sciences conference June 25-29. More than 5,000 researchers will attend with more than 2,900 abstracts and 88 concurrent sessions.

Photo: Dr. Abbey Dondanville has been riding horses for more than 30 years. Based on the data collected from her recent research, she hopes to prevent many amateur riders from experiencing a fatal fall in the future.

Local elementary children to benefit from J.T. Rembert Memorial Run/Walk

The J.T. Rembert Memorial Run/Walk will take place at 5:30 p.m. Friday, May 10, at Ritter Park. Rembert, a linebacker for Marshall from 2001 to 2004, passed away July 9, 2012, from a pulmonary embolism.

Proceeds from the run/walk will go to the J.T. Rembert Memorial Enrichment Program and be used to assist local elementary school children in attending local camps and extracurricular activities.

The 3.2-mile event starts and ends at the Ritter Park Pavilion.

Cost to participate is $25 in advance and $32 on race day for adults, and $11 in advance and $15 on race day for children. Participants can sign up and donations can be made at www.tristateracer.com in advance. Registration by May 3 guarantees participants a t-shirt. Shirt availability will be limited on race day.

Also, registrations or donations can be mailed to: J.T. Rembert Memorial Fund, 617 10th Ave., West Huntington, W.Va. 25701. More information is available by e-mailing 3.2for32@gmail.com.

Rembert started the Johnathan Goddard Endowment Scholarship for his former Marshall teammate who passed away in a motorcycle accident a few years ago.
Early Education STEM Center to host open house Monday

The Early Education STEM Center will host an open house art show in the lobby of Corbly Hall, Monday, May 6, from noon to 4:00 pm. The Marshall community is invited to tour the displays, which will include clay sculptures, canvas paintings, quilt work, and creative pieces from reusable materials of three-, four- and five-year-olds.

The Early Education STEM Center is a collaborative effort of MU’s June Harless Center for Rural Educational Research and Development, the College of Education and Cabell County Schools. It is designed to be a model program of STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) preschool education while focusing on arts integration.

Influenced by the Reggio Emilia approach to early childhood education, the center promotes an exchange between teacher and child in which both explore, experiment, and solve problems and questions relevant to daily life. The center also serves Marshall’s education pre-service students with opportunities for practicum hours.

For additional information, contact Tarabeth Brumfield at brumfield11@marshall.edu.

Inaugural 5K Race ‘FoRUNsics’ to benefit Marshall University Forensic Science Honor Society graduate students

The inaugural running of the 5K race “FoRUNsics” is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. Saturday, May 4, at Pullman Square with proceeds supporting a scholarship for Marshall University forensic science graduate students.

Students in the Forensic Science Graduate Program recently established the university’s chapter of Delta Delta Epsilon, a forensic science honor society. Proceeds from the event will help establish a scholarship fund to benefit forensic science graduate students in the honor society. Membership includes forensic science graduate students and professionals.

The race will begin at Pullman Square, continue down 3rd Avenue, turn left at 7th Street, turn left at 5th Avenue, up 5th Avenue, turn left at 20th Street (between the Marshall Recreation Center and Joan C. Edwards Stadium), turn left at 3rd Avenue and finish at Pullman Square.

Participants may register for the event at Tristateracer.com for $20, or register on the day of the event for the same rate. Participants who register by April 29 are guaranteed a t-shirt. Race day registration and check-in begin at 7 a.m. at the Pullman Square stage.
A moment of silence will be observed just prior to the race in memory of those directly affected by the Boston Marathon bombings. Commemorative ribbons will be distributed to race participants, volunteers and spectators.

Winners will be crowned in the following age group categories: 12 and under, 13-17, 18-24, 25-39, 40-54, 55-69, and 70 and over. The overall top three male and top three female runners will receive medals. Additionally, the top male and top female from each age group will receive medals.

Katie Jacque, a collegiate member of Delta Delta Epsilon, said the chapter is conducting the event to promote forensic science in the community as well as to raise funds for the scholarship. At Pullman Square, booths will be set up to take “mug shot” photographs and to complete child identification kits. A kit will include a 10-print card, an area for physical description of the child, a bag for a DNA sample and safety tips. There will also be crime-scene-themed decorations and t-shirts, police-badge-style awards and a dollar raffle.

Forensic science graduate students in the Delta Delta Epsilon honor society are coordinating the event with the assistance of Forensic Science Graduate Program faculty and Forensic Science Center staff. The MU Police Department, Huntington Police Department and Cabell County Emergency Medical Services will provide assistance.

Donations for the scholarship fund may be sent to the Marshall University Forensic Science Center, Attention: Delta Delta Epsilon, 1401 Forensic Science Dr., Huntington, WV 25701. More information about the race and the forensic science honor society also may be found at www.marshall.edu/dde.

Lose the Training Wheels Camp at Huntington High teaches individuals with disabilities to ride two-wheel bicycles

The School of Kinesiology is hosting its third annual Lose the Training Wheels Camp July 15-19 at Huntington High School. The program is offered in concert with the non-profit charity iCan Shine. The camp teaches participants with disabilities how to independently ride a two-wheel bicycle.

iCan Shine is a national organization that works with local organizations to host camps in individual communities. Staff members travel the country conducting the camps, and have an average success rate of approximately 80 per cent. Participants attend one 75-minute session each day for five consecutive days.

Dr. Gregg Twietmeyer, assistant professor of kinesiology, said the benefit is two-fold: one, participants can learn the joys of riding a bike, which can lead to increased self-esteem and
confidence; and two, Marshall students, who volunteer as spotters for the riders, get to see firsthand the important role of physical activity and play in human well-being and culture.

“Our enrollment more than doubled from 2011 to 2012, and we’re hoping for further growth in 2013. The more kids enrolled, the more kids we can help discover the joys of riding a bike,” Twietmeyer said.

To be eligible to register for the camp, participants must be at least 8 years old and have a diagnosed disability. They must have a minimum inseam of 20 inches, weigh less than 220 pounds and be able to walk without assistive devices. Teens and adults may participate as well.

The registration fee is $100 and some scholarships are available. For more information on registration or volunteering, visit www.marshall.edu/lttw.

For more information on the camp, call Twietmeyer at ext. 6-2938 or Dr. Jarrod Schenewark, assistant professor of kinesiology, at 6-2937.

Individuals interested in helping to defray the costs of the camp through financial donations may contact Rick Robinson, director of development with the College of Health Professions, at ext.6-7081.

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**Marshall’s School of Physical Therapy to hold first White Coat Ceremony**

The School of Physical Therapy will conduct its first White Coat Ceremony and Presentation Day beginning at 1 p.m. Friday, May 3, at their location in the St. Mary’s Center for Education at 2847 5th Ave.

“Our students have just completed their first year in the program, and will be completing their first clinical internships this summer and early fall,” said Dr. Penny Kroll, professor of physical therapy and chair of the school. “This is the perfect time to give them their white coats as they move from work done primarily in the classroom to clinical rotations.”

The keynote address will be given by Dr. Tamara Gravano, director of clinical education for the school.

In addition to the brief ceremony, the students will be presenting information about patient cases on which they have worked during the past academic year. Cases to be covered include ankle fractures and sprains, hip arthroplasty, rotator cuff repair and connective tissue dysfunction, among others.

The school’s facility also will be open for tours after the presentations, Kroll said.

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Nursing graduate, undergraduate students to participate in conference Friday

Several Marshall graduate and undergraduate students will be giving podium and poster presentations during the upcoming Evidence-based Nursing Conference, which will take place Friday, May 3, in the Harless Auditorium at Cabell Huntington Hospital. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m, with a welcome address scheduled for 8:15.

The conference is sponsored by the Marshall School of Nursing, College of Health Professions, Nu Alpha Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International and Cabell Huntington Hospital.

Dr. Bernadette Melnyk, an authority on evidence-based practice, will be the keynote speaker. Melnyk, who graduated cum laude from West Virginia University, is Associate Vice President for Health Promotion, University Chief Wellness Officer, Dean and Professor in the College of Nursing and Professor of Pediatrics and Psychiatry in the College of Medicine at The Ohio State University.

A pediatric and psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner, Melnyk is an internationally recognized expert in evidence-based practice, intervention research and child and adolescent mental health. She is a frequent keynote speaker at national and international conferences and has consulted with hundreds of healthcare systems and colleges throughout the world on implementing and sustaining evidence-based practice.

A total of 6.0 CEUs can be earned for the completion of this conference.

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Summer camps for kids to emphasize science and the arts

The June Harless Center for Rural Educational Research and Development, part of the College of Education, will be offering summer camps on the Huntington campus for students entering pre-K through 8th grade. The theme for the camps this year is Exploring S.T.E.A.M (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics).

There will be four weeks of camps, running Monday – Thursday, from 9 a.m. – 12 noon with a snack provided. They include:

Pre-Botting: Pre-K Readiness Camp, children entering Pre-K and K, (Child must be 4 by Jan. 1, 2013) June 3-6; MUEE STEM Center, Corbly Hall 118; $80 per child

Arts and Bots: Exploring Robotics and the Arts!, children entering grades 3-8, June 17-20; Jenkins Hall B7; $150 per child
Experimenting With Science, children entering 3rd, 4th and 5th grades, July 8-11; Jenkins Hall B7; $100 per child

Bee-Bot Into Beginning Robotics!, children entering 1st and 2nd grades; July 22-25, MUEE STEM Center, Corbly Hall 118; $80 per child

For more information regarding these camps, contact Holly Moore at miles10@marshall.edu or 6.2945.

John Marshall Room to offer BBQ May 8

The John Marshall Room is offering a BBQ lunch special Wednesday, May 8, beginning at 11:30 a.m. Reservations are required and may be made by e-mailing sodexocatering@marshall.edu.

Stage managers implement digital technology at Marshall

This semester the Theatre program in Marshall University’s School of Music and Theatre has begun implementing a different way for stage managers to take notes using iPad technology.

Nicole Perrone, assistant professor of theatre, said the digital prompt book enables the stage managers to do everything that is needed in an electronic format, as opposed to paper.

“In this way, they can amend the files more quickly and share the files more easily,” Perrone said. “Also, the iPad has several unique features that would not be available in a paper prompt book. For example, instead of attempting to notate all the movement in a dance, the stage manager can make a video of the dance and embed that video right into the script. It’s really amazing.”

The new technology was used for the recent production of “A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum”.
Perrone said she first became aware of the digital prompt book when she met several transfer students from Florida School of the Arts, who have been using the digital prompt book for years.

“Florida School of the Arts is a two-year program and we’re fortunate to have many of those students transfer into our theatre program at Marshall to complete their B.F.A. degrees,” Perrone said. “The interest in digital prompt book technology transferred here with them.”

Not only as the director of “A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum,” but also as a faculty member,

Perrone said she’s happy to be using the digital prompt book for this show as well as in upcoming productions.

“I’m very excited to support these students in developing this unique skill,” Perrone said. “It’s really bringing our program into the 21st century, while providing our students with a marketable skill that will put them ahead of the pack when seeking jobs after graduation.”

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Photo: Theatre students (from left) Dakota Croy, Chelsey Moore and Monet Saffore are using digital technology, including an iPad, to perform stage management tasks.

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