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Academic reorganization to streamline Marshall’s administrative structure

Beginning this summer, Marshall University will streamline its academic college structure in a move expected to create additional opportunities for students while also reducing administrative personnel costs.

On July 1, the Graduate School of Education and Professional Development and existing College of Education units will combine programs to become a new comprehensive College of Education. Dr. Teresa Eagle, currently dean of GSEPD, will become dean of the new College of Education.

Eagle said, “Our new College of Education will continue to be centered on student success and providing the tools our students need to become highly sought-after professionals who make a positive difference in the lives of their students. Marshall University was founded 175 years ago as an academy to train West Virginia teachers. The roots of the GSEPD are rich in a philosophy and practice of outreach across the state and the region. We are bound by our mission and our history to build on those traditions through modern, effective instruction and administration. I’m confident we can take that to the next level through this new organizational structure.”

Dr. Robert Bookwalter, currently dean of the College of Education, will become interim dean of the College of Liberal Arts, effective June 1.

Dr. Gayle Ormiston, Marshall University provost, said the retirement of two longtime administrators is providing the opportunity to combine administrative roles and responsibilities across several programs. Dr. Rudy Pauley, associate vice president for Outreach and Continuing Studies, will retire June 1; and Dr. Donna Spindel, dean of the Graduate College, will retire Aug. 16.

Dr. David Pittenger, currently dean of the College of Liberal Arts, will assume Pauley’s and Spindel’s duties, which are being combined into the position of associate vice president and dean of graduate studies. Pittenger will serve in this role on an interim basis.

“These moves will eliminate two senior administrative positions without reducing student support services or affecting program curricula,” Ormiston said.
Staff members in the Graduate College and College of Education will continue in their current roles. Administration of the university’s physical facilities in South Charleston, Point Pleasant, Beckley and Teays Valley, for which Pauley was responsible, will be provided through existing staff at the South Charleston campus.

Beginning July 1, the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications will join with the School of Music and Theatre and the School of Art and Design, which are currently within the College of Fine Arts, to form a new college, the name of which has not been announced. The Marshall Artists Series also will reside in the new college.

Donald Van Horn, currently dean of the College of Fine Arts, will become dean of this new college. Janet Dooley, currently interim dean of the School of Journalism and Mass Communications, will become director of the school and will also serve as associate dean of the new college.

Dr. David Castleberry, currently interim director of the School of Music and Theatre, will return to his previous role as associate dean on July 1. Byron Clercx will continue as director of the School of Art and Design.

Van Horn said, “I see tremendous opportunities for our students in progressive new programs ranging from advanced web design, photography, social media, digital media, graphic design and advertising. We will continue our renowned tradition of training outstanding journalism and public relations professionals, visual and performing artists and arts scholars, while capitalizing on degree programs that respond to rapidly evolving fields in digital communications.

“We are in a constantly changing era of digital communications and Marshall University is creating an entirely new model that I strongly believe will make us one of the most outstanding programs in the nation. This is a very exciting time for Marshall University with the construction of our new downtown Visual Arts Center and the creation of this new college. Fine and performing arts and communications are truly on the move here in Huntington.”

Van Horn has formed a committee of journalism and arts faculty to develop policies and procedures, as well as to recommend a name for the new college.

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SUMMARY

**June 1** – Dr. Rudy Pauley retires. Dr. David Pittenger assumes duties of associate vice president for outreach and dean of graduate studies. Dr. Donna Spindel remains in her role as dean of the Graduate College until her retirement Aug. 16.

**June 1** – Graduate School of Education and Professional Development and the College of Education will be combined in a new College of Education. Dr. Teresa Eagle becomes dean.

**June 1** – Dr. Robert Bookwalter becomes interim dean of the College of Liberal Arts.
July 1 – School of Art and Design, School of Music and Theatre, and the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications join to form an entirely new college. Don Van Horn becomes dean. The name for this new college will be selected in the coming months by a committee and transition team appointed by Van Horn.

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Smokey Robinson to appear on Marshall Artists Series Feb. 16

Motown legend Smokey Robinson will perform live at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, at the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center.

Robinson founded Berry Gordy’s first vocal group, The Miracles, while still in high school and “Shop Around” became Motown’s first number one hit. Robinson wrote a number of hits for the Miracles, including “You’ve Really Got a Hold on Me,” “Ooo Baby Baby,” “The Tracks of My Tears,” “Going to a Go-Go,” “More Love” and a number of others.

Robinson eventually became vice president of Motown Records, serving as in-house producer, talent scout and songwriter. Robinson wrote and produced hits for other Motown greats including “The Way You Do the Things You Do,” “My Girl,” “Get Ready” and “My Guy.”

He has received the Grammy Legend Award, the Recording Academy’s Lifetime Achievement Award, an honorary doctorate from Howard University, the National Medal of Arts Award and the Kennedy Center Honors. He has also been inducted into the Rock ’n’ Roll Hall of Fame and the Songwriters Hall of Fame.

Tickets to see Smokey Robinson can be purchased at the Joan C. Edwards Box Office, or by phone at ext. 6-6656.


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Alumni Weekend award nominations due Feb. 28

Each year the Marshall University Alumni Association honors the outstanding accomplishments of its graduates through its Alumni Awards program. The awards committee of the Marshall University Alumni Association Board of Directors is actively seeking nominations for the 2013 awards in the following categories:

- Distinguished Alumni
- Community Achievement
- Distinguished Service to Marshall University
- Young Alumni

Criteria for the awards may be found on the nomination form at http://www.marshall.edu/wamnewsletter/files/2013/02/Alumni_Award_Nomination_2013.pdf.

All award nominations are submitted to the Alumni Relations Office and will be reviewed by the Alumni Weekend selection committee. The outstanding alumni awards will be presented during the Alumni Awards Banquet April 27.

Nominations should be sent to the alumni office by Feb. 28.

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Marshall University School of Medicine receives $500,000 from Huntington Foundation Inc.

The Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine has received $500,000 from the Huntington Foundation Inc. to create The Huntington Foundation Inc./Frank E. Hanshaw Sr. Endowed Chair of Geriatrics. The gift was announced last week by Dr. Joseph I. Shapiro, dean of the school.

The gift is expected to be matched by the West Virginia Research Trust Fund, also known as Bucks for Brains, which brings the total benefit to Marshall to $1 million.

“I am very pleased the Huntington Foundation, in its quest to support health care and medical education in our community, has made this wonderful gift to our school of medicine,” Shapiro said. “Research into areas like geriatrics and the aging process, which include such diseases as hypertension and diabetes, is pivotal to helping those in our state and Appalachia lead fuller and more productive lives. We are very grateful to the Huntington Foundation for its generosity and leadership in this area.”
The endowed chair is named for the foundation and in memory of Frank E. Hanshaw Sr., who for many years served Marshall and the Huntington community through service in many diverse areas. He was a founder and past president of the Marshall University Foundation Inc., and also was chairman of the board of Huntington Wholesale Furniture Co.

Hanshaw served as president of several other local and national organizations, including the Marshall University Alumni Association, the Huntington Chamber of Commerce, the Tri-State Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, the Huntington Rotary Club and the National Wholesale Furniture Association.

In addition, Hanshaw served as one of the original trustees of the Huntington Foundation, which was created in 1984 to return to the community money generated by the sale of Huntington Hospital to Hospital Corporation of America.

His son, Frank E. Hanshaw Jr., now serves as president of the foundation which makes grants for charitable, religious, education and scientific needs.

“My father was a great proponent of Marshall University and I know he would be thrilled with the decision to build a robust research program in an area that will benefit many, many people,” Hanshaw Jr. said. “Through dad’s work and through the work of many others, the foundation’s commitment to build a better community remains steadfast.”

Dr. Joseph B. Touma, Huntington Foundation board member and chair of the Marshall University Board of Governors, said the donation is the Huntington Foundation’s largest single gift since he’s been involved with the organization.

“The Huntington Foundation believes in supporting higher education, especially medical education,” he said. “We are dedicated to ensuring our contributions focus on areas that benefit the lives of many people, and I feel sure that the research that will occur as a result of this partnership will be paramount to future generations.”

Previous gifts from the Huntington Foundation include a $1 million contribution in 1988 that created the Frank E. Hanshaw Sr. Geriatric Center. Additional gifts include funding for Marshall University research and the endowed Edith M. Miller Memorial Nursing Scholarship.

Photo: The late Frank E. Hanshaw Sr. has been honored with the establishment of the Huntington Foundation Inc./Frank E. Hanshaw Sr. Endowed Chair of Geriatrics at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.

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Chamber music program to feature guitar, violin and flute Feb. 13

Guitarist Dr. Júlio Ribeiro Alves, a member of the music faculty, will be joined by his wife, violinist Kristen Alves, and fellow faculty member, flutist Dr. Wendell Dobbs, in a program of chamber music at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13 in Smith Recital Hall.

“It’s a joy to be part of a musical community where one can share great music with such wonderful fellow musicians and an appreciative audience,” Dobbs said.

Featured on the program will be works by J.S. Bach, Gaspard Kummer, Carl Blum, Ferdinando Carulli and Astor Piazzola.

Bach wrote nothing for the guitar, but this arrangement of the Sonata for Organ, BWV 525 demonstrates the versatility of the modern guitar and how well it blends with the flute and violin. Kummer was a talented town musician in Coburg, Germany. His divertimento features contrasting spritely and nostalgic melodies in an expressive contrapuntal style. Blum was an actor, singer and composer in early 19th century Berlin. His musical depiction of roses comes from a three-work set of nocturnes titled *Le Bouquet*. A native of Naples who resided in Paris most of his career, Carulli was very important to the 19th century development of the guitar and guitar technique. His e minor trio is full of romantic verve. Argentine composer Piazzola is best known for his tangos and coined the title *Libertango* from the Spanish words for liberty and the tango, thus intending this work to break from the classical tango form.

Kristen Alves holds music degrees from Rice University and the Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore.

The program is free and open to the public. Contact the School of Music and Theatre at ext.6-3117 for more information or visit online at [www.marshall.edu/cofa/music](http://www.marshall.edu/cofa/music).

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**Photo:** Guitarist Dr. Júlio Ribeiro Alves (left) will be joined by his wife, violinist Kristen Alves (center), and fellow faculty member, flutist Dr. Wendell Dobbs, in a program of chamber music at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13 in Smith Recital Hall.

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Guest recitals this week feature pianists Ertl, Samolesky

The School of Music and Theatre will present two guest artist piano solo recitals this week.

Dr. Jacob Ertl, assistant professor of piano at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, will perform at 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7, in Smith Recital Hall on Marshall’s Huntington campus. Dr. Jeremy Samolesky, associate professor of piano at Auburn University, will perform as part of Marshall’s Sonatina Festival at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, in room 107 in Smith Music Hall. His performance will immediately follow a pre-concert talk by Dr. Henning Vauth, assistant professor of piano at Marshall, titled “The Influence of Practice on the Development of Motor Skills.”

Ertl, a native of Appleton, Wis., has performed across the United States, and abroad in Europe, Israel, Canada and Mexico. A winner of numerous national and international competitions, he has debuted at Carnegie Hall’s Weill Recital Hall and Merkin Concert Hall in New York City, on Chicago Radio’s “Live from WFMT” series and Wisconsin Public Radio’s “Live from the Elvehjem” series. He has also performed with the Milwaukee Chamber Orchestra and the Fox Valley Symphony in Appleton. He holds degrees from Oberlin College and the Eastman School of Music.

Samolesky, a native of Manitoba, Canada, has appeared in concert as a soloist and chamber pianist throughout the U.S., Canada, Italy, Austria, Hong Kong, China, Malaysia and Singapore, including a full recital at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., which was broadcast nationally on National Public Radio’s “Performance Today.” He holds degrees from the University of Manitoba, the University of Washington and the Eastman School of Music.

“We are very excited to be able to present these two high-caliber guest artist recitals to the Marshall community,” Vauth said. “Both of them will be performed on our grand pianos in Smith Recital Hall on campus and are free and open to the public. I encourage all students, faculty and staff to take advantage of this opportunity to hear beautiful music performed by distinguished artists such as Dr. Ertl and Dr. Samolesky.”

Photos: Guest pianists Dr. Jacob Ertl (above) and Dr. Jeremy Samolesky will give recitals this week at Marshall University.
MU cheerleaders to conduct cheerleading clinic for 4-10 year-olds

The Marshall University cheerleaders will conduct a one-day cheerleading clinic for children ages 4-10 Saturday, Feb. 23, in the Gullickson Hall gym on MU’s Huntington campus.

Participants in the Junior Thundering Herd Cheerleading Clinic will learn cheerleading techniques from Marshall’s cheerleaders and will get to perform with the MU cheerleaders in the men’s basketball game with UAB that evening at Cam Henderson Center.

The camp will run from 9 a.m. to noon and the cost is $40. Participants also will receive a cheer t-shirt, a photo with Marco and admission (for the performer) to the 7 p.m. basketball game. The cutoff date for applications and payment is Monday, Feb. 11. Parents are invited to stay with their children during the clinic.

For more information, call Kelsey Waybright at 304-532-1729 or Natalie Zigmond at 304-633-3085.

Honors College dean candidate to make presentation tomorrow

The second candidate for the position of Dean of the Honors College, Dennis Hart, Director of the Visiting International Professional Program at Michigan State University, will make a presentation Thursday, Feb. 7, from 11 to 11:45 a.m. in the Student Resource Center of the Memorial Student Center.

Another candidate, K. L. Cook, Professor of Creative Writing and Literature, Prescott College, made a presentation Feb. 5

The candidates were asked to address the structure of the college and its programs, external funding issues and opportunities, engagement with other campus academic units and faculty, enhancing student enrichment and campus leadership opportunities, professional and community outreach and student recruitment, as well as other topics of their choosing.
Two visiting poets to read from their works Feb. 18

Two visiting poets, Ross Gay and Erika Meitner will be welcomed to the Huntington campus this month in conjunction with the A.E. Stringer Visiting Writers Series, a program that invites six to eight writers every year to read publicly from their bodies of work.

Poetry readings from Gay and Meitner are scheduled for 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 18, in Smith Hall 154. A book signing will immediately follow the readings.

Gay is an assistant professor of English at Indiana University and the author of two poetry collections: Against Which (CavanKerry Press, 2006) and Bringing the Shovel Down (University of Pittsburgh Press, 2011). His poems have appeared in American Poetry Review, Gulf Coast, Ploughshares, and Sou’wester, among many other places. Gay was born in Youngstown, Ohio, and grew up outside of Philadelphia. He also teaches at the low-residency MFA in poetry program at Drew University and is a Cave Canem fellow.

Meitner is a National Poetry Series winner and the author of Inventory at the All-Night Drugstore (Anhinga Press, 2003), Ideal Cities (HarperCollins, 2010), and Makeshift Instructions for Vigilant Girls (Anhinga Press, 2011). Meitner is a first-generation American whose maternal grandparents survived the Auschwitz, Ravensbruck and Mauthausen concentration camps. She is currently an assistant professor of English at Virginia Tech, as well as the Morgenstern Fellow in Jewish Studies at the University of Virginia.

The English Department, Center for African American Students and College of Liberal Arts, along with the Jewish Benevolent Association and B’Nai Sholom congregation in Huntington, are sponsoring the event.

“The Visiting Writers Series would like to thank the MU Center for African American Students, B’nai Sholom Congregation, and the Jewish Benevolent Association of Huntington,” said Dr. Rachael Peckham from the Department of English. “Their support has given this community access to two incredible poets and thinkers in Ross Gay and Erika Meitner.”

A small reception will take place before the readings from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the third-floor Drinko Library atrium. Both the reception and the readings are free and open to the public.

For more information, call Peckham at ext.6-3649.
College Goal Sunday to assist with FAFSA applications Feb. 10

For those planning to continue their education after high school or return to college, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, also known as the FAFSA, must be completed.

Free help in filling out and submitting the FAFSA is available during College Goal Sunday, a one-day event that will be held at 23 locations throughout the state.

College Goal Sunday workshops will take place Sunday, Feb. 10 in Corbly Hall on the Huntington campus, as well as at the Marshall University Mid-Ohio Valley Center in Point Pleasant. Experts will be available to assist students from 1 to 4 p.m. and students can stop by anytime during those hours. Registration is not required but recommended. Students who complete a FAFSA will be entered to win an iPad and other door prizes. Refreshments will be provided.

Local financial aid professionals will be on hand to offer free one-on-one, confidential support. For complete details, including directions and a list of what to bring, visit www.cfwv.com.

Scholarship named for William Denman

The West Virginia division of the American Civil Liberties Union has named a scholarship in honor of Dr. William Denman, emeritus professor of communication studies at Marshall and a longtime ACLU activist and fundraiser who helped organize the state’s first chapter and served as the organization’s president four times.

At its recent meeting in Charleston, the ACLU board created the scholarship, the ACLU of West Virginia Foundation’s William Denman Youth Activist Scholarship, and made a donation to the ACLU’s Fund for Justice, which supports legal and educational programs. The scholarship offers recipients $7,000 toward their first year of college.

David Bender, a Marshall freshman with a double major in English and journalism, was the first recipient. A graduate of Nitro High School, Bender was selected on the basis of “his dedication to promoting acceptance of people of all races, cultures and religions,” according to a release from the ACLU.

“It is an honor to receive this scholarship from the ACLU of West Virginia Foundation and I deeply appreciate it,” Bender said. “I strongly believe in protecting civil liberties and promoting the acceptance of all people and their cultures. I plan to devote my life to public service or investigative journalism.”
In his application essay, Bender said in order to protect civil liberties people must work together as a nation and pay attention to the “small things that we do every day…the things that are the most important.” He wrote that “Every day in American schools, students are abused verbally and even physically simply because of their religion, sexual orientation, their ethnicity, as well as many other reasons, this occurrence is unacceptable and must be changed.”

Denman’s career at Marshall began in 1965 when the accepted a position in the Department of Speech, where he remained until 1986, when he was named acting director of the Society of Yeager Scholars. In 1992 he returned to teaching full-time as a professor of communication studies, and became the department chair in 1993. He retired in December 2003.

Denman has been a longtime supporter and fundraiser for the ACLU and has educated others in the importance of civil liberties, said Naomi Cohen, vice president of development for the state ACLU, “It was Bill Denman, who as a young instructor at Marshall University in 1968 sought to bring West Virginia civil libertarians together to found chapters of the ACLU here in the state.” she said in a statement.

Dr. Marybeth Beller, associate professor and chair of the political science department, and a member of the ACLU Board, is chair of the Denman scholarship committee. Applicants for the scholarships must be high school seniors who have demonstrated a strong commitment to civil liberties and are planning to enter an accredited college or university as a full-time, degree-seeking student. Applicants must have attained a cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale at the time of graduation. Demonstrated financial need will increase a student’s chances of qualifying for the scholarship.

For information about the scholarship, contact Nancy Hill at (304) 345-9246 or by email at nhill@acluwv.org. Donations can be sent to ACLU of West Virginia Foundation, William Denman Youth Activist Scholarships, P.O. Box 3952, Charleston, WV 25339-3952.

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**JobTrax accounts available to faculty and staff**

The Office of Career Services has made accounts for JobTrax, the online local and national job database and career management system for the Marshall community, available to Marshall faculty and staff. These accounts will enable faculty and staff to assist students with job searches, research employers and serve as mentors to Marshall students.

Further information is available by viewing the program flyer.

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Drawing for quilt raffle to take place Feb. 13

A drawing to benefit the Golden Girl Group Home in Huntington will take place next Wednesday, Feb. 13. The prize is a quilt handmade by Sandra Clements.

For tickets, contact Dr. Laura Michele Diener by e-mail at diener@marshall.edu, or stop by her office in Harris Hall 115 Mondays and Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to noon. For further information, click to view the flyer.

The next issue of We Are…Marshall will be distributed Feb. 13, 2013. Please send any materials for consideration to Pat Dickson by noon, Feb. 11.