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Marshall and INTO University Partnerships agreement will bring students from across the world to Huntington

Marshall University and INTO University Partnerships have finalized a long-term agreement that is expected to build the institution’s global profile and increase international student enrollment at the university.

Marshall and INTO have been developing the partnership for the past two years to build on Marshall’s growing international reputation and to bring greater awareness of global cultures to West Virginia’s college students and communities.

INTO is a private company that forms innovative joint venture partnerships with leading universities to expand opportunities for higher education, ensuring student success and transforming lives. Students benefit from university-designed programs, university-led teaching, and supportive university environments while enjoying full access to university campus facilities, resources and services. Since 2006, the company has successfully launched partnerships with 17 universities in the United Kingdom, United States and Asia.

At the signing, which took place Nov. 15, President Kopp said, “… we celebrate the start of an innovative program that truly will internationalize Marshall University and our greater Huntington community. Our plan is very progressive and, in many ways, pioneering, because of its potential global influence on our students, our university and our state.

“We are very excited about the outstanding learning and growth experiences we can offer the many international students who will choose to come to West Virginia each year and enroll at Marshall. Perhaps as significant are the diverse learning and cultural enrichment opportunities their involvement at Marshall will create for the thousands of Marshall University students from across our state and nation. This initiative literally will create a multicultural, global village on our Huntington campus.”
Marshall becomes the fourth U.S. university to sign on with INTO, following Oregon State University, the University of South Florida and Colorado State University.

Marshall currently has an international population of about 400 students from 60 countries. The Center for International Programs was established in 1993 and provides a variety of international programs and support services, including study abroad, cooperative international research, community outreach, the English as a Second Language Institute and immigration assistance for students and employees. The university’s annual International Festival is one of the most popular university-sponsored events, drawing thousands of students and members of the community.

INTO will use its extensive global recruitment network across 75 countries to help enroll 200+ additional students in the INTO Marshall program from key international markets. The first intake of INTO Marshall students will be August 2013. This added international student enrollment will diversify the student body at Marshall while helping to sustain the university’s growth and advance the institution’s ambitious goals for comprehensive internationalization. INTO University Partnerships is a member of the American International Recruitment Council, which requires its members to adhere to stringent quality assurance practices for recruitment.

“We are delighted to welcome Marshall to our growing network of leading universities. Marshall offers a small-town, family-like experience that has proven very welcoming to international students. We will build on the strengths of Marshall’s existing programs and increase access for international students who want to pursue their higher education goals at Marshall,” said Andrew Colin, chairman of INTO University Partnerships. “We have experienced exceptional student performance at our three existing U.S. partner universities, and we look forward to INTO Marshall enjoying similar successes in the coming years.”

INTO Marshall will ensure the success of international students by delivering innovative academic preparation programs and personalized support services in a completely renovated, on-campus international study center. Pathway programs combine academic coursework and English language training to help international students adapt to an American university environment and prepare for future success as a degree-seeking student at the university. Marshall University instructors will teach all Pathway programs.

Provost Dr. Gayle Ormiston said the portfolio of academic Pathway programs has been designed to help accelerate student success as INTO Marshall students adjust to the rigors of the U.S. university environment.

“Our faculty have worked with INTO to design a specific curriculum that will help international students fit well into the culture of Marshall University,” Ormiston said. “Our partnership with INTO will enhance Marshall’s established international student programs and provide a richer international experience for all of our students, faculty, and staff and indeed the entire community and state.”

Photos: (Above) Andrew Colin, left, chairman of INTO University Partnerships, and President Dr. Stephen J. Kopp sign an agreement that is expected to build the institution’s global profile
and increase international student enrollment at the university. The signing took place at the Marshall University Foundation Hall, home of the Erickson Alumni Center. (Below) Andrew Colin, left, chairman of INTO University Partnerships, and President Kopp shake hands after signing an agreement that is expected to build the institution’s global profile and increase international student enrollment at the university. *Photos by Rick Haye.*

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**Hollis named Carnegie Foundation Professor of the Year in West Virginia**

Dan Hollis, an associate professor of journalism and mass communications at Marshall, has been selected as the 2012 Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching West Virginia Professor of the Year. Hollis was selected from nearly 300 top professors in the United States.

The selection was announced Nov. 15 during an awards luncheon at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. Hollis, who in addition to teaching is serving as interim assistant dean of the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications, was on hand to receive his award.

“Obviously, it’s a great honor,” Hollis said. “I love teaching, being in the classroom and interacting with students. It’s my life. Anytime you get recognized for doing something you love, it’s a bonus.”

The recipient of the Marshall & Shirley Reynolds Outstanding Teacher Award at Marshall University is annually nominated for the Carnegie award. Hollis received the 2011 Reynolds award.

Three other Marshall professors have won the Carnegie award: Dr. Karen Mitchell, a mathematics professor, in 1995; Dr. John McKernan, an English professor, in 2000; and Dr. Steven Mewaldt, a psychology professor, in 2003.

Dr. Gayle Ormiston, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs, said Hollis winning the award was no surprise to him.

“Dan is very popular in the classroom, and it’s obvious he connects well with his students,” Ormiston said. “He is enthusiastic, fun and engaging. Dan once said the first day of school each
semester is like Christmas morning to him. Most of all, he is an outstanding professor. We congratulate Dan on winning this very prestigious award.”

Paul Gessler is a reporter at WBFF-TV in Baltimore, Md., and a former student of Hollis. He wrote a letter of support for Hollis during the selection process.

“His energy and sense of humor can hold a lecture hall clamoring for more,” Gessler said in the letter. “Often times during class, passing students would peer into Hollis’ class, inevitably to answer their internal dialogue, ‘Who is that guy, and why is he walking on chairs?’ His name is Dan Hollis. And, no one’s quite sure why he does that.”

Gessler said that while Hollis’ classes are enjoyable, he is “no easy out.”

“You have to work hard for your grade,” Gessler said. “If a student doesn’t meet expectations on an assignment, I’ve seen him assign a new, tougher project for the student as a chance to climb out of a hole. Second chances need to be earned from him.”

Gessler said that regardless of whether a student is celebrating or heartbroken, Hollis is there for them.

“We have fun, but the students know I care and care a lot,” Hollis said. “There are many great teachers at Marshall, many in the School of Journalism and Mass Communications alone. For whatever reason, someone singled me out, but the honor is in representing all my colleagues.”

In addition to the Reynolds award, Hollis received the Pickens-Queen Excellence in Teaching Award in 2001. He also has taken first place in six consecutive years, and seven of the past eight, in the News/Sports/Public Affairs category of the National Broadcasting Society and Alpha Rho Epsilon Professional Electronic Media Awards for his creative work which can also be seen on HerdVideo, Marshall’s YouTube channel.

Hollis joined Marshall in the fall of 1999. He was born in southwestern Indiana and received his undergraduate degree from the University of Southern Indiana in 1983. During college and after graduation, he worked at WFIE-TV in Evansville, Ind., as an award-winning photographer, producer and reporter. In 1989, he became a freelance videographer, often shooting recruiting videos for major colleges and universities.

In 1996, Hollis decided to return to school to pursue his true love: teaching. He received his master’s degree in communications from the University of Kentucky in 1997 and taught there two years before joining Marshall.

This year, a state Professor of the Year was recognized in 30 states and the District of Columbia. CASE assembled two preliminary panels of judges to select finalists. The Carnegie Foundation then convened the third and final panel, which selected four national winners. CASE and Carnegie select state winners from top entries resulting from the judging process. Hollis was selected from faculty members nominated by colleges and universities throughout the country.
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Video of Dan Hollis teaching may be viewed at http://youtu.be/7KnFSHa0lpA.

Marshall recognized for efforts in promoting diversity, inclusion

Marshall University has been selected as a winner of the first 2012 INSIGHT Into Diversity Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award, according to the December 2012 issue of the magazine. Marshall is one of 48 recipients featured in the issue.

HEED is a national award honoring U.S. colleges and universities that demonstrate an outstanding commitment to diversity and inclusion.

Lenore Pearlstein, publisher of INSIGHT Into Diversity, said Marshall met or exceeded the parameters and guidelines set by a panel of judges in earning “the first ever national award for colleges, universities and school systems that exhibit outstanding efforts and success in the area of diversity and inclusion among the entire community of students, faculty, staff and vendors.”

“We hope the HEED award serves as a reminder that diversity and inclusion must remain priorities in the 21st century higher education landscape,” Pearlstein said. “Every college and university should recognize the importance of diversity and inclusion as being part of their everyday life on campus. Our students of today are the employees of tomorrow and the future of our country. As students begin to enter the workforce and a global society, they must first be surrounded by and supported by faculty and staff that understand the differences among cultures and their needs.”

Potomac Publishing, Inc., publisher of INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine, evaluated applications from colleges and universities throughout the United States in order to measure their level of success in regard to diversity and inclusion. The winners, including Marshall but listed in no particular order, are published in the December issue.

“There is no ranking,” said Holly Mendelson, also an INSIGHT publisher. “The needs of each school are so different. What’s right for one campus may be completely different than what’s right for somebody else.”

Mendelson said the judges were very impressed with Marshall’s efforts to encourage diversity and inclusion and the success it has had in doing so. The vision of Marshall’s Division of Multicultural Affairs is, in part, “to provide leadership, support and advocacy for diverse populations, historically underrepresented individuals and groups.”
“Marshall has really done an outstanding job,” Mendelson said. “We had all kinds of schools apply and we really asked for a lot of information, which Shari (Clarke) provided to us. Marshall should feel good about what they are doing.”

Dr. Shari Clarke is the vice president for multicultural affairs.

“This award is recognition and affirmation of a broad range of accomplishments,” Clarke said. “It’s nice to be recognized for what we do. We really focus on creating a climate of inclusion and diversity. We are very proud and honored to receive this award.”

President Stephen J. Kopp praised Clarke and her staff for their “expert contributions to our advancement of diversity not only at Marshall, but across the Higher Education landscape.”

“She is supported by passionate students, faculty and staff who share our vision for a diverse, inclusive and multicultural Marshall University community that fosters, encourages and enriches opportunities for personal and intellectual growth for all,” Kopp said.

Marshall excels in many areas regarding diversity and inclusiveness, Mendelson said. She cited some examples:

“Marshall has a lot of veterans in the student population,” she said. “They’re doing a good job of providing students with a world of opportunity with their study abroad programs. They take care of people with disabilities and they have top-notch facilities. Marshall strives to insure that its school represents growing diversity reflective of the state.”

Mendelson said Marshall also excels in the way it reaches out to the community with events such as Outstanding Black High School Students Weekend. “There’s a tremendous effort there,” she said. “And their Multicultural Leadership Ambassador Program is definitely something unique.”

Clarke has instituted many new programs since coming to Marshall four years ago. She said she is most proud of the Multicultural Faculty in Residence Program, the faculty exchange program between Marshall and Alcorn State University, the Ivy Academy (leadership conference for 8th-12th-grade girls) and the Multicultural Leadership Ambassador Program.

“They’ve educated over 5,000 individuals since 2009,” she said of the ambassadors.

Kopp said he appreciates and admires the efforts of Marshall University’s Multicultural Ambassadors.

“They are a group of diverse young men and women who strive, on their own time, to break down stereotypes and confront bias and prejudices of all kinds,” Kopp said. “They perform this calling through thoughtful communication and one-on-one interactions. They are brave. They are impressive. They are inspiring. Quite simply, they enrich our entire community.”
Ground broken for new soccer complex

Construction of a state-of-the-art soccer complex for Marshall University’s men’s and women’s soccer teams is set to begin soon, with work to be completed by Aug. 1, 2013, in time for the start of the fall season.

To celebrate the start of construction, Marshall officials conducted a ceremonial groundbreaking on the West Lot of Joan C. Edwards Stadium Nov. 16. The soccer complex will be built at 2590 5th Ave. in Huntington, the former site of the historic Veterans Memorial Field House.

The Veterans Memorial Soccer Complex is expected to pay almost instant dividends in areas such as recruiting and training, even before the first match is played.

“This is an exciting and historic day for Marshall University athletics,” said Mike Hamrick, MU’s director of athletics. “Our soccer teams will now have one of the top, if not the top, facilities in the country. It’s also historic because this is the first step toward continuing our facilities enhancement.”

The soccer complex is part of a $30 million project that includes a state of the art indoor practice facility, which will have an indoor track, an athletics hall of fame, an academic support center and a sports medicine translational research center.

“The soccer complex is the first one,” Hamrick said, “and then the domino effect really starts with the other projects.”

Marshall President Stephen J. Kopp said MU’s facilities will rank among the best in Conference USA once construction is completed on the soccer complex and the indoor practice facility. The soccer complex, in particular, will benefit more than just Marshall, he said.

“The new soccer complex will serve not only Marshall’s men’s and women’s soccer programs but our community as well,” Kopp said. “The rising competitiveness of both our men’s and women’s soccer teams will benefit greatly from this state-of-the-art facility. It’s easy to foresee the benefit of this facility with respect to future student-athlete recruitment as well as greater competitive successes on the playing surface.”

Longtime men’s Coach Bob Gray recalled when his teams played their home matches at Joan C. Edwards Stadium.

“Then we developed Sam Hood Field from scratch (on campus) and it served its purpose for many years,” said Gray, who is in his 18th year at Marshall. “Now, to have a state-of-the-art facility like we’re going to have will be a tremendous boost to our program. It will help in every facet of recruiting and training that you need to have to be a top notch program.”
Marshall’s men’s teams posted a record of 80-41-9 in 14 seasons at Sam Hood Field. The women’s program began in 1998 and their overall home record during those 14 years was 47-56-12.

The new complex will be about 12,000 square feet in size, with a 500 square-foot press box, about 1,000 seats and a 47-space parking lot. Hamrick said the facility will include coaches’ offices for both programs, locker rooms, a concession area and ticket offices.

MU women’s Coach Kevin Long said the new facility will put Marshall on a level playing field with some of the country’s top programs.

“It will be much more effective training on a field that matches the fields we will be playing on,” Long said. “We could never do that before. Also, this is a very loud statement by the administration that soccer is a strong program and it is here to stay. The fact that we will have a state-of-the-art stadium that surpasses all the teams in our conference should translate to recruits that the administration believes in the program. This type of belief not only speaks volumes to the recruits, but also helps parents to know what a program’s level of support is.”

Marshall’s teams played their home matches on the road this fall, mostly on local high school fields. Gray is looking forward to the convenience and familiarity that comes with having a home stadium.

“Just the fact that our offices and locker rooms and conference room will all be housed in the same building is exciting,” Gray said. “It will give us a more professional approach about training and preparing for our matches. And the state-of-the-art field turf helps us in that, when we have inclement weather, we won’t have to worry about tearing the field up.”

Hamrick and both coaches are excited about what the stadium will mean to the community. It will be used to help develop youth programs, high school matches will be played there, local club teams will play there, and tournaments such as the U.S. Youth Soccer Region I Championships, which return to the Tri-State in 2015, will play many of their matches there. That tournament was played locally in 2009 and 2010, and had an economic impact of around $12 million each year.

Gray acknowledged that he already is seeing the benefits of having a new facility in the near future.

“We had a very good recruiting class this year and it’s helped us schedule wise,” Gray said. “We’re going to have a great number of home games next year. There’s been a snowball effect with all of our programs and it started with the Rec Center. Marshall is on the rise and a lot of good things are happening with the athletic department.”

The total cost of the new soccer complex will be about $8 million, according to Hamrick. That includes $673,409 for demolition of the field house.
The design firm for the project is AECOM Technical Services of Kansas City, Mo., and the construction firm is MIRC Construction Services of Hurricane, W.Va.


**Photo:** Marshall President Dr. Stephen J. Kopp, center, leads a large group in a ceremonial groundbreaking for the university’s new soccer complex this afternoon outside Joan C. Edwards Stadium. To Kopp’s right is Mike Hamrick, Marshall’s Director of Athletics, and to Kopp’s left is Chad Pennington, co-chair of Marshall’s Vision Campaign. *Photo by Rick Haye/Marshall University.*


There’s still time to make a United Way pledge

There’s still time to make pledges to United Way, according to Jaye Ike, coordinator of this year’s campaign.

Marshall University and United Way River Cities have worked together as a team for years to help provide the basic health and human services to friends and neighbors in need, Ike said. And Marshall offers employees the convenience of giving through payroll deduction as a way of making contributions easier and more convenient.

Staff have received the 2012 United Way pledge forms via campus mail. There is a PDF copy online as well. They can be returned to Ike at the College of Fine Arts or Smith 160 on the Huntington campus.

“Our committee’s mission is to raise $35,000 and increase participation,” Ike said. “Will you help? Just $1 per paycheck can change someone’s life. Our neighbors need our help. Let’s show them we care.”

For more information, visit [www.marshall.edu/unitedway](http://www.marshall.edu/unitedway).
Günter Blobel, M.D., Ph.D., who received the 1999 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for his discovery that proteins have built-in signals that direct their movement in cells, visited the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine Nov. 14 and met with faculty, staff and students.

President Stephen J. Kopp presented Blobel with an honorary doctoral degree in science from the school.

For decades, Blobel, a cellular and molecular biologist, has studied the protein distribution system within cells. His work has shed light on diseases such as cystic fibrosis and kidney stones, which have been linked to errors in the signal and transport systems.

In awarding Blobel with an honorary degree, President Kopp praised the researcher for his lifelong curiosity and commitment to the life sciences.

“Dr. Blobel is the epitome of a great research scientist and humanitarian, one who has dedicated his entire career to unlocking the mysteries of human disease and benefiting humankind,” Kopp said. “He is among the most respected researchers in the world and it is with pleasure and great pride that we bestow upon him our highest honor, this honorary doctoral degree.”

Dr. Joseph I. Shapiro, dean of the School of Medicine, said Blobel’s visit served to both ignite passion and encourage young researchers to pursue their scientific goals.

“It is inspiring for us to meet with a scientist like Dr. Blobel, someone who has truly reached a scientific pinnacle,” he said. “I am absolutely delighted that he has found the time in his busy schedule to visit us at Marshall, and I am grateful to Dr. Nader Abraham, our new vice-dean for research, for arranging this incredible visit.”

Blobel, who has received many distinguished awards during his career, said he is pleased to receive the honorary degree from Marshall.

“I am humbled and totally surprised to receive this honorary degree from Marshall University,” he said. “Marshall is a distinguished university and I am so pleased receive this honor.”

Blobel received his M.D. from the University of Tübingen and his Ph.D. in 1967 from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. He did postdoctoral work at The Rockefeller University and has been at the university since. Blobel was named the John D. Rockefeller Jr. Professor in 1992 and also serves as an investigator at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.

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Marshall geography professor invited by Oxford University to share thoughts with Atlas of the World publication

Dr. Joshua Hagen, professor of geography, has been invited by Oxford University’s Atlas of the World to share his thoughts on the relationship between geography and current events for their publication, Place of the Year 2012. Atlas is the only world atlas which is updated annually, guaranteeing that users will find the most current geographic information.

Hagen, who is co-author of Borders: A Very Short Introduction, commented for the publication on the geography of Europe and Syria as well as the concept of “Homeland.”

Hagen noted that Europe’s ongoing fiscal crisis has served to aggravate pre-existing regional and national divisions and in the process has added an array of political, cultural and linguistic challenges to the dire economic situation which is ravaging most of Europe. He explained that Spain, for example, has fallen on grim economic times as unemployment has climbed to 25 percent and the Spanish government has had to bail out banks and several regional governments, including Catalonia, Spain’s largest regional economy.

“Catalans have maintained a strong regional identity, including their own language, despite recurring efforts by Spanish governments to centralize authority and suppress regionalism,” Hagen wrote. He added that although recent decades have seen improved relations between Catalonia and the Spanish government, including recognition of the Catalan language and a significant degree of autonomy, anger, and resentment from the recent economic depression have still spilled over into culture and politics causing long-standing antagonisms to flare up again.

The continuing economic crisis has also worsened similar cultural-linguistic disputes in Belgium, Italy and the United Kingdom, according to Hagen, and on a broader scale the fiscal crisis has revived long-standing stereotypes of Germans versus Greeks and Europe’s Nordic countries versus the Mediterranean.

“Depending on one’s perspective, Germany and Europe’s North are portrayed as responsible, hard-working and frugal or stingy, bossy and arrogant. Conversely, Mediterranean Europe is viewed as lazy, corrupt and hapless or victimized, swindled and resilient,” he wrote.

In discussing Syria, Hagen noted that Syria’s current government is dominated by Alawites, a religious minority that comprises only about 12 percent of the total population but is a majority in the country’s Mediterranean coast region.

“The forces rebelling against the Syrian government are mainly drawn from the country’s dominant Sunni Arab populations,” he explained. “It is impossible to predict the exact course of future events, but Syria’s demographic and physical geography make it very unlikely that the government will succeed in re-establishing undisputed control over the country.”
Hagen pointed out that the geography of Syria will likely be changed irreversibly, as ethnic-linguistic-religious groups sort themselves out into relatively similar enclaves and significant numbers of minority groups leave the country altogether.

He stressed that, although there have been predictions of a borderless world and an end of geography, mounting calls for economic protectionism and rising anti-immigrant sentiment would signal a rising tide of nationalism and national territoriality. In closing, Hagen noted that “Growing fears of insecurity, scarcity, and powerlessness are likely to fuel increased pressures to define and defend national homelands.”

In addition, some main points of Borders: A Very Short Introduction, were discussed in a recent online article of The New Yorker. The author of the New Yorker article, Adam Gopnik, summarized some of the points Hagen made on page 3 of a 5-page online article titled “Faces, Places, Spaces. The Renaissance of Geographic History” in the section, “A Critic At Large.” Gopnik wrote, in part:

“Another version of space history is available these days, though. This might be called the cartographic turn, and is characterized by the argument that, while geography matters, it is visible only through the maps that we make of it. Where borders fall is as much a matter of how things are seen as how they really are. We can know the shape of the planet only through maps—maps in the ordinary glove-compartment sense, maps in a broader metaphoric one—and those maps are made by minds attuned to the relations of power. All nations are shaped by belligerence and slaughter. Their borders are a fretwork of scars; they are the history of violence made legible on earth. A new field of “border studies” has grown up around this insight, with its own journals and its own institutions: there’s a much respected Journal of Borderlands Studies, and there are institutes of border studies at several European universities. The newly published “Borders: A Very Short Introduction” (Oxford), by Alexander C. Diener and Joshua Hagen, makes an excellent and, well, very short introduction to the subject.”

Rec Center, First Year Residence Halls partner to grant holiday wishes

The Marshall Recreation Center and the First Year Residence halls are partnering this holiday season to help local agencies and children in the Huntington Community with a program called “Rec the Halls with Holiday Hopes.”

Wish lists are being collected from local agencies such as Golden Girls, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Ronald McDonald House, A.D. Lewis Community Center and NECCO. The wishes will be hung on a tree in the lobby of the Marshall Recreation Center and in the First Year Residence Hall.
South dorm. People may stop by the Recreation Center or Residence Hall starting Wednesday, Nov. 14, to collect a wish to fulfill.

A wrapping party will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, to wrap the gifts for the agencies. Volunteers will be rewarded with snacks and drinks, while enjoying each other’s company in a festive atmosphere.

The person collecting the wish is asked to purchase the item listed and either drop it off at the Rec Center before Dec. 13 or bring it to the wrapping party.

For more information call Recreation Center Assistant Director Michele Muth at ext.6-2943 or e-mail her at pallante1@marshall.edu.

Marshall students, local players to participate in TUBACHRISTMAS Dec. 1

Marshall University tuba and euphonium players are inviting players of those instruments in the Huntington area to join them in the local celebration of “TUBACHRISTMAS.” It’s an annual event that is being celebrated for the 39th time in more than 250 cities throughout the U.S. and in several foreign countries, according to Dr. George Palton, who teaches tuba and euphonium and is coordinating the event.

TUBACHRISTMAS will take place Saturday, Dec. 1. Registration for participants will start at 10 a.m. and rehearsal will begin at 11 a.m. at the Marshall University-Henderson Center Marching Band Complex. The performance will begin at 2 p.m. at the Huntington Mall.

The ensemble will be conducted by Steve Barnett, MU’s Director of Bands.

TUBACHRISTMAS was created by Harvey Phillips as an annual event honoring his teacher, the late tubist William J. Bell, who was born Christmas Day, 1902. Every Christmas season, tuba and euphonium players of all ages gather to pay respect to all the great artists/teachers who represent their heritage. Every TUBACHRISTMAS performance features traditional Christmas carols specially arranged for the first TUBACHRISTMAS in 1974 by American composer Alec Wilder, who died on Christmas Eve in 1980.

For further information about this event, call ext. 6-3117 or e-mail Palton at palton@marshall.edu.
Brunty presents social media, forensics ties at conference

A Marshall University faculty member and former digital forensics examiner and laboratory manager was invited to make a presentation at an Evidence Conference held last month in Washington, D.C.

Josh Brunty, an assistant professor of digital forensics in Marshall’s department of Integrated Science and Technology, spoke about “Social Media for Forensics” at the comprehensive two-day event.

The Evidence Conference covered evidence collection, handling, analysis, chain of custody, while focusing on crime scene and mobile device forensics. Participants were offered the opportunity to share information about technologies as well as to address questions about accreditation and standards for forensic science laboratories.

In addition, Brunty and MU graduate student Katherine Helenek are co-authors of a book, *Social Media Investigation for Law Enforcement*, published by Anderson Publishing, which is due out Dec. 15. The book looks at social media, which are becoming increasingly important— and controversial— investigative sources, the authors say, and gives an overview of the current state of digital forensic investigations of Facebook and other social media networks. Brunty and Helenek look at the state of the law and discuss the implications for privacy and other controversial areas and point to future trends.

Faculty Achievement: Dr. Joseph Shapiro

Dr. Joseph Shapiro, dean of the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine and professor of medicine, has been named the editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Hypertension: Open Access*.

The publication is a board-based journal that was founded on two key tenets: to publish the most exciting researches regarding hypertension and to provide a rapid turn-around time for reviewing, publishing and disseminating the articles freely for research, teaching and reference purposes.
The Marshall University Choral Union and the West Virginia Symphony Chorus will give two performances of Marc-Antoine Charpentier’s “Midnight Mass for Christmas” Thursday, Nov. 29, in Huntington and Friday, Nov. 30, in Charleston, with Dr. David Castleberry conducting.

“The Midnight Mass is a charming work, based on French Noels that are woven into the choral textures of this marvelous liturgical work,” Castleberry said. “It is a delightful, evocative piece that will appeal to audiences.”

In addition, the choruses will perform Charles Theodore Pachelbel’s “Magnificat” and organist William Murphy will play selections from Claude Balbastre’s “Premier Suite de Noels.”

The Huntington performance will take place at 8 p.m. at Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church, 413 10th St., while the Charleston performance is at 8 p.m. at Christ Church United Methodist, located at Quarrier and Morris Streets.

Admission is free and open to the public. Donations will be gratefully accepted.

The next issue of We Are…Marshall will be distributed Dec. 5, 2012. Please send any materials for consideration to Pat Dickson by noon, Dec. 3.