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Faculty/Staff Achievements

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Thursday, Aug. 18, features the President's Freshman Convocation at 9:30 a.m. in the Henderson Center. President Stephen J. Kopp and other university officials will speak to students.

"We know from studies concerned with student success that when new students commit themselves to becoming actively involved in the life of the university community, the people and place connections that develop greatly enhance the prospects for a successful transition to college life both socially and academically," Kopp said. "The various university activities during the Week of Welcome are designed to encourage our students to begin making these connections and take the first steps on their path to personal success."

UNI 100 also kicks off for the Class of 2015 Thursday morning immediately following Convocation. The assembly will most likely be one of the largest class gatherings ever at Marshall with an estimated 1800 students expected to attend.

Following completion of the morning activities, students will break for lunch and then attend individual college sessions in the afternoon. An 8 p.m. performance by comedian Rip Michaels finishes out Thursday's planned activities.

Friday, Aug. 19, begins with a class picture scheduled for 8:30 a.m. around the Memorial Fountain. Plenary sessions are scheduled for the remainder of the day, followed by a dance-a-thon Friday evening beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Memorial Student Center Plaza.

Additional activities scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 20, include shuttle service to Target for students. The shuttle will leave from the Memorial Student Center Circle on 5th Avenue between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Students can also participate in Rec Fest at the Marshall Recreation Center. The event showcases vendors and groups from around the Tri-State.

"We view WOW as an opportunity to kick-start the freshman year," said Sherri Stepp, Director of University College and WOW organizer. "We want students to understand that the road ahead might be long, but the trip is worth it. There are caring people all over campus, from academic units to the Student Resource Center, who are willing to help them along the way."
Organizers say all freshman students, including commuters, are encouraged to attend all activities. Commuter students may check in on Wednesday in the Rec Center lobby or on Thursday beginning at 7:30 a.m. at the Henderson Center.

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Although live birth (or viviparity) has been documented in several other groups of Mesozoic aquatic reptiles, no previous evidence of it has been found in the important order of plesiosaurs. O'Keefe and Chiappe have also determined that plesiosaurs were unique among aquatic reptiles in giving birth to a single, large offspring, and that they may have lived in social groups and engaged in parental care.

"Scientists have long known that the bodies of plesiosaurs were not well suited to climbing onto land and laying eggs in a nest," said O'Keefe. "So the lack of evidence of live birth in plesiosaurs has been puzzling. This fossil documents live birth in plesiosaurs for the first time, and so finally resolves this mystery. Also, the embryo is very large in comparison to the mother, much larger than one would expect in comparison with other reptiles. Many of the animals alive today that give birth to large, single young are social and have maternal care. We speculate that plesiosaurs may have exhibited similar behaviors, making their social lives more similar to those of modern dolphins than other reptiles."

Plesiosaurs have no known living relatives, but were common in the world’s oceans during the Age of Dinosaurs. They were among the top predators in the Western Interior Seaway, the vast, tropical body of water that split North America during the Cretaceous when waters from the Arctic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico flooded onto the continent and met.

The remarkable NHM specimen was discovered in 1987 by Charles Bonner on the Bonner Ranch in Logan County, Kan. Virtually complete except for parts of the adult’s neck and skull, the “mother” specimen and her baby were given extensive conservation by NHM and then mounted for display by Phil Fraley Productions (Patterson, N.J.) with the
supervision of O'Keefe and Chlappe. The specimen is currently on display in the Dinosaur Hall, the new 14,000-square-foot exhibition at NHM featuring more than 300 fossils and 20 complete mounts of dinosaurs and sea creatures.

O'Keefe's research on plesiosaurs has taken him around the globe in search of these prehistoric creatures. He is credited with the discovery of a new plesosaur, *Tatenectes larsoniensis*, a type of marine animal that lived during the late Jurassic age when large dinosaurs, including apatosaurus, stegosaurus and allosaurus, roamed the Earth. O'Keefe made the discovery in what is now the Devils Tower National Monument in Wyoming.

O'Keefe has taught biology and paleontology at Marshall since 2006. He received his bachelor's degree in biology from Stanford University and his doctorate in evolutionary biology from the University of Chicago. He has published numerous scientific publications, and has served as a scientific adviser for National Geographic, IMAX and the Discovery Channel.

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Robinson notes that she brings outstanding work and commitment to Marshall. He wrote, "Sarah is one of the best employees who has worked as a Service Desk technician. She always performs above and beyond what is asked of her. Her work ethic is above reproach and her technical skills are only outdone by her skills as a customer service representative. I hear nothing but good things from staff and faculty about her. He peels always speak highly of her and she has great working relationships with others within the department. She is a great asset to the institution..."

Quarles was presented with a plaque and a check for $100 by Matt Turner, Chief of Staff.

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"She has a deep knowledge of the law, the Constitution, American history and the American political process," Pittenger said.

Pittenger said Proctor, a member of the law firm of Steptoe & Johnson since 2004, will be teaching courses, directing the university’s pre-law program, assisting with various campus and community programs and helping bring grants and private contributions to the center.

"I am honored to be associated with the center, which is a dynamic and meaningful way of paying homage to Dr. Perry’s tremendous contributions to the university, and excited about the opportunity to help the center move forward," Proctor said.

Proctor earned her law degree in 1991 from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, where she was a senior editor of the Journal of International Business Law. In 1984, she graduated magna cum laude from Marshall, where she was editor-in-chief of The Parthenon, and was elected to Omicron Delta Kappa, the national leadership honor society.

After graduating from law school, she spent one year as a law clerk to the Honorable Stewart Dalzell of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, assisting the Judge in both civil and criminal matters.

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Proctor sits on the boards of directors of the Society of Yeager Scholars, the Huntington Museum of Art, the West Virginia Public Broadcasting Foundation and the TEAM for West Virginia Children.

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Perry, a native of Gilbert, W.Va., taught at Marshall for 48 years (1962 to 2010) and developed many of the new program’s signature courses. He said Constitutional Democracy is a perspective that studies how people as well as social and political forces shape the Constitution and its interpretation, and how the Constitution defines us as a nation.
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Broedel-Zaugg graduated from Ohio Northern University in 1981 with a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy. Completing her Master of Business Administration in 1989 at Ashland University, she went on to fulfill the requirements for a doctorate in pharmaceutical administration from Ohio State University in 1993.

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He said, “We can now test and select the most effective chemotherapy options available to eradicate not only the traditional target of tumor bulk but also the highly resistant cancer stem cells we now know to be the major source of recurrence and treatment failure due to their ability to regrow the tumor population. Our research offers the promise of personalized cancer treatment options for the individual cancer patient’s needs.”

Claudio added that attending the conference and giving the seminars in Italy also gave him the opportunity to highlight the research being done at Marshall.

“This is just one example of the strides we hope to gain through the Translational Genomic Research Institute – translating what we learn in the lab directly to improving bedside care,” he said. “We also have recently entered into a Phase I clinical trial for the customized treatment of small cell lung cancer, so that is very exciting as well.”

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O’Neill will deliver the second lecture, titled “Originalism and the Rule of Law Ideal,” at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11.

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Medical student Lauren Bevins said Davis both challenged and encouraged her during her rotation with him in his practice at Valley Health-Wayne.

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“This exhibition is organized in collaboration with the Cabell Huntington Coalition for the Homeless, whose mission and vital civic services improve the welfare - the human condition - of so many in our community,” Farley said. “A percentage of any money generated from the sale of artwork will be donated directly to the CHCH.”

The collaboration with the CHCH is rooted in real-world experiences. Michkl lost his home and nearly all his possessions in a fire last summer and was faced with the prospect of rebuilding. Farley took him in. At about the same time, Farley was working at Gallery 842 and developed a personal relationship with “Steve,” a homeless man who searched trashcans on 4th Avenue for food. Farley frequently buys him a meal.

“Through this exhibition, we seek to promote and foster a spirit of personal and civic engagement, further elevate the arts within our community, and demonstrate the kind of collaborative spirit that will lead to increased awareness and change,” Farley said.

For Michkl, being asked to exhibit work in a two-man show was flattering.

“When John asked me about doing this show, I felt honored that he would want me to exhibit work with him and knew that this was too great an opportunity to pass down,” Michkl said.

“My work deals with various issues that relate to the question of ‘reality’ as being truly real or as something that we make real for ourselves, and how devastating a false reality can be to us in certain instances.”

“The process and product of art-making is a universal thing, to be made relevant, enjoyable and accessible to all,” Farley said. “We want the community to be able to come in, and buy some art - for it not to be solely a luxury item.”

The artists were awarded a grant from Café Huntington and a matching grant from Create Huntington to subsidize the cost of the exhibition, allowing them to make high-quality prints in an effort to make some of the artwork more affordable.

According to its website, Café Huntington provides “micro grants” to artists and activists in the Huntington area. Each month, a guest chef prepares a meal for which tickets are available for $10 per person. All of the income from that meal is given as a grant to support a local project, which is selected by vote of the meal attendees.
Create Huntington is a local organization whose focus is on improving community livability and whose projects include matching grants such as the one received by Farley and Michiel.

Farley noted that being awarded the matching grant from Create Huntington was an added bonus.

"Being awarded a Create Huntington matching grant allows us to do even more than we initially envisioned," Farley said. "In a sense, it is also a positive affirmation of the things we have chosen to pursue, and it feels great to have already received so much community buy-in."

The exhibition will continue through Friday, Sept. 23. Gallery 842 is located at 842 Fourth Avenue in downtown Huntington. Admission is free and open to the public, Tuesdays through Saturdays, from noon to 7 p.m.

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Since Castleberry serves as director of both the MU Choral Union and the West Virginia Symphony Chorus, combining forces for this concert is a natural collaboration, he said. Last spring, the Choral Union joined with the Huntington Symphony in a presentation of Carl Orff's Carmina Burana. "Any time we undertake a large production of this kind," Castleberry said, "we depend upon the cooperation of a lot of people. Working with Dr. Reed Smith and the Marshall University Orchestra is something we always enjoy. Combining choral forces will make this an even more lavish production."

Smith agrees. "The Marshall University Orchestra will benefit greatly from collaborating with the Choral Union and the West Virginia Symphony Chorus on two important works of the Classical Period," she said. "I am especially pleased that we will be featuring our outstanding new piano faculty member, Dr. Henning Vauth, on Beethoven's rarely performed Choral Fantasy. This performance will be a treat for our local audience."

Under Castleberry's leadership, the Choral Union has performed works ranging from Handel's Messiah and Verdi's Requiem to Stravinsky's Symphony of Psalms and Walton's Belshazzar's Feast. Rehearsals are held each Tuesday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. in Smith Music Hall, Room 150. Music is available for purchase at rehearsal.

The Choral Union welcomes adult singers from throughout the Tri-state. No audition is required, but previous musical experience is helpful. For further information, call ext. 6-2963.