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more with children and their needs. That interest once more propelled her back to school where she earned a school counseling certification (K-12) at Marshall University.

"I really felt I needed to learn more about children. I work now with the West Virginia Advocate Program which deals with foster care."

She has been a full-time faculty member at the Graduate College since 1989, where she teaches a course in the profession of counseling. Her empathy for her students and her availability have been key ingredients in her success with students. She was named the 2004 Outstanding Academic Adviser of the Year for the South Charleston campus.

Suspa currently juggles her time between her faculty duties and her family, which includes her husband Mike and two teenage daughters, Laura, who has studied psychology at WVU and planning to become an osteopath, and Cara, who frequently wants to attend Marshall. Suppa is proud of her parents and sister and their accomplishments as well.

In fact, her father, Harold Hayslett, is a renowned cellist and musicologist who was the subject of a 1996 documentary, "Build- ing a Cello with Harold." The film was given a special screening last week at the South Charleston Museum, which proclaimed a "Herald Day." Harold Hayslett Day was held to honor the man who produced cellos, violins and other stringed instruments that are played in orchestras all over this country. One of his cellos is in an Israeli symphony. His exquisite instruments earned him a gold medal for cellos in an international competition by the Violin Society of America.

Although Suppa and her daughters are talented musicians, they've had only passing flings with stringed instruments. Her father always encouraged her to play and she did take violin lessons. "I did my time, but I really wanted to be in the marching band and you can't do that if you're playing a violin," she says, laughing. "There were no high school orchestras then and the only way to learn cello lessons but she also wanted to be in the band, so now she's a drummer. Cara wants to take guitar lessons. Although we all like music, we just didn't have an obsession about playing the violin or cello. These are my father's passion and I'm so proud of his accomplishments."

The cellist's accomplishments from her mother, Louise Hayslett, who was the executive director of South Charleston's Public Library and was largely responsible for getting them the new buildings they need, as well as her sister, Deborah Hayslett, who has taught English at George Washington High School in Washington D.C. for 29 years.

Actually Suppa has continued to enjoy music as a singer. A talented vocalist, she was often sought after to sing at weddings—she even sang at her own—but that overlooks her obligations and professional duties have left her little time to perform in recent years.

Although the merger of the Graduate College with Marshall University brought about changes for both institutions, Suppa already had a connection with the Huntington campus. She's related to Charles Hedrick, a former Marshall University faculty member who is credited with founding the graduate school at Marshall, and whose family established the prestigious Charles Hedrick Teaching Award which is awarded annually to an outstanding faculty member. "We're cousins on my mother's side," she says, "because he died before I was born. I never knew him but I've certainly heard about him through my family."

Suppa is grateful that she has had the flexibility, as she says, "to have time for my family, to have time in counseling and to hone my craft." One recent accomplishment she's particularly proud of is her work with fellow faculty member Dr. Joyce Meikamp in reviewing two tests which were published in the Mental Measurements Yearbook. The two tests have benefited from being around an academic atmosphere, she believes.

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Following the awards ceremony, music will be provided by the Marshall University Musical Lecture Ensemble under the direction of Dr. Eugene T.W. Sanders.

Sanders is beginning his sixth year as Toledo Public Schools superintendent and CEO. He's a nationally known educational innovator and administrator who has worked to move the Toledo public school forward.

An advocate for access to education, as well as for changes in the educational system, Sanders is a member who is credited with founding the graduate school at Marshall. He's the recipient of the 1990 Hedrick Teaching Award which is awarded annually to an outstanding faculty member. "We're cousins on my mother's side," she says, "because he died before I was born. I never knew him but I've certainly heard about him through my family."

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Marshall to Celebrate Life of Martin Luther King Jr. Jan. 16

Dr. Eugene T.W. Sanders, superintendent and CEO of Toledo, Ohio public schools, will be the keynote speaker following the presentation of winners of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Awards Competition.

This year we celebrate our 13th Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Annual Symposium and I can think of no better way to advocate and renew our commitment to non-violence, peace, social justice and equality for all people," Dr. Betty Jane Cleeckley, vice president for Multicultural Affairs at Marshall, said. "Increasingly this dynamic symposium serves as a catalyst for change, inspiring students to engage in social action in order to make their communities better."

The symposium opens with a Focus on You program from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., conducted by Moore at the Marie Redd Senior Life Enrichment Center at 1705 9th Ave. A roundtable discussion on "Stairs to Success in Education" follows there from 2 to 4 p.m. with a panel made up of parents and students.

A highlight of each year's symposium is the traditional march which begins this year at the First Baptist Church at 801 9th Ave. and ends at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church at 1647 9th Ave. The lineup begins at 4:30 p.m. and will be led by Grand Marshal Ken Hechler, former U.S. congressman and West Virginia Secretary of State. The march gets underway at 4:45 p.m.

The memorial service begins at 6 p.m. in the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church and will feature remarks from David Felinton, mayor of Huntington; Dr. Stephen Kopp, president of Marshall University; and Moore, who will pay tribute to Parks.

Presentation of winners of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Awards competition will be made by Dr. Christina Murphy, chair of Marshall's College of Liberal Arts and chair of the awards competition.

Jan Parker Named Employee of the Month

Jan Parker, Records Officer in the Dean of the Graduate College's Office, has been named the Marshall University Employee of the Month for December, according to Jim Stephens, chair of the Employee of the Month Committee.

A Marshall employee for over 10 years, Parker was nominated by Leonard J. Deutsch, Betty Cook, Carol Hurds, Sherrie Knapp, Denise Lawhorn, Sherri Nobles, and Susan Talley.

In a letter of nomination Deutsch said, "She has become an invaluable asset to the Graduate College Office on the Huntington campus. Ms. Parker ... is responsible for evaluating the several hundred files of students who apply for graduation every year; she processes the hundreds of Graduate Assistantships that go through our

Rain Pryor

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Lifelines to provide awareness, education and hope to people and their families with MS. Her late father lived with MS. Her father's mobility was severely affected that impacted her father's mobility and speech.

"When he got sick with multiple sclerosis, I think it put everything into perspective for me," she told CBS News. Pryor took it upon herself to educate and raise money for the disease that impacted her father's mobility and speech.

"Fried Chicken and Latkes" is sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs, Adelphi Media Services, Clear Channel Communications and the Huntington Herald-Dispatch.

For ticket information, call the Artist Series box office at ext. 66656.

Marshall Plans "Herd HOOP-iah" at Toyota Capital Classic Jan. 25

The Marshall University Alumni Association will host a reception before the Toyota Capital Classic from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25 in the South Hall of the Charleston Civic Center. This free event is open to the public. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will be available.

Marshall president Stephen J. Kopp, along with university staff and representatives, will greet visitors during the reception and booth displays from university academic and service units will provide information. A live band will entertain the crowd, and Marco and the Marshall University Marching Thunderbirds will break away from the women's game for a brief appearance.

Marshall and WVU meet in a women's game at 5:30 p.m. and the Thunderbirds will break away from the women's game for a brief appearance.

Remaining tickets for the doubleheader may be purchased by calling the Marshall ticket office at 1-800-THE HERD or the Charleston Civic Center box office at 345-7469.
Strategic Vision Process Enters Next Phase

Marshall University's process for creating a Strategic Vision, which will guide future development and priority setting, has begun its next phase, using ideas from Marshall's global constituency. The project is the result of a visioning process that has engaged the campus in discussions about the challenges of our daily work and life and what they mean for us.

Faculty, staff, students, alumni, friends and interested parties external to the campus of the university were asked to send in their ideas on a unique method involving online communication via an Internet web portal.

The response rate greatly exceeded expectations, according to Dr. Jan Hill, Vice President for Information Technology. Through this inclusive approach, Marshall University received more than 800 submissions from internal and external members of the Marshall University community. Following a review of the input received, seven distinct strategic themes emerged and the ideas provided have been consolidated under the following themes:

- **Improvement**: A commitment to becoming better and better, in all areas of the University, in the challenges of our daily work and life and acting on them. It is about valuing the potential that each person possesses to make a difference to the work that lies ahead as we endeavor to fulfill the promise of a better future.

- **Investment**: Strategic investments in what will matter most in terms of creating future opportunities, greater public value and success.

- **Innovation/Inquiry**: A multi-faceted, resourceful process predicated on an inquiring mindset. It takes two basic forms: 1) discovering novel ways to improve existing processes and 2) pioneering inventiveness that creates greater value and supersedes existing endeavors.

- **Integration**: An approach to systems thinking and practices that use multiple tools and strategies to discover new opportunities embedded within complex issues with the goal of advancing performance, productivity and new discoveries.

- **Initiative**: A concept empowering and mobilizing the audience to achieve specific and compelling priority strategic goals. It values the power of ideas and ideals, which are embedded collectively, while inspiring a shared dedication to achieving the vision of the future.

- **Involvement**: A self-initiated and self-directed engagement leading to advances and developments in personal, community and social growth. It implies an understanding and commitment to relationship

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Rain Pryor to Appear Jan. 31

Rain Pryor, daughter of the late comedian Richard Pryor, will bring her funny and observant one-woman show, Fried Chicken & Latkes, to the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse on Thursday, Jan. 31 at 8 p.m. as part of the Marshall Artists Series.

The show is a one-woman experience based on Rain Pryor’s life as told through song and characters. The story takes the audience on a journey of racial identity, family, career, spiritual growth and love giving a glimpse into the universe of Rain’s childhood and morphing into the people around her.

Born to a white go-go dancer and her famed comedian father, Rain Pryor grew up as a Black and Jewish girl in Beverly Hills. Rain calls on her versatile skills as a story teller, singer, mime, comicedian and dancer to relate her journey through hate, racism, fear, loss and love, with poignant twists and turns.

Fried Chicken & Latkes was a Los Angeles Times “Critics Choice” and earned Rain a nomination for a Best Solo Performance Ovation Award. In February 2005, Rain’s work earned her the NAACP Theater Award for Best Lead Actress Equity. Rain Pryor recently became an ambassador for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. In 2005 she joined MS Association Seeks Photos of Marshall Fans in Worldwide Locations

If you’re planning a visit to Disney World to meet Mickey and Minnie Mouse, how about taking the ice at Rockefeller Center or you’re planning a drop in on your favorite performer in Branson, be sure to take along your Marshall gear—and snap those photos. The Marshall Alumni Association is collecting photos of alumni, faculty, staff and friends wearing Marshall apparel at recognizable spots throughout the world, and they welcome your submissions.

So far, Marshall green has shown up in snapshots from all over the world, from former Marshall hockey legend Wayne Gietzky and "Deprate Housewives" actor Mark Moses in San Diego, Calif. Photos can be submitted to dramurt@marshall.edu or pelphrey@marshall.edu.

Jan Parker

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office annually, and she handles all of our budgets. Jan is unfailingly courteous and helpful to students alike. She never gets rattled when she is interrupted and she always manages to smile even when she is working exceptionally well.

The nominators characterized Parker as a dedicated employee who is a competent professional who always uses good judgment.

Co-worker Denise Lawson said "Jan has always been prompt to assist faculty, staff and students and treats them with kindness and respect. She has been wonderful and easy to work with. Her office is a much better place because of her presence."

Another co-worker, Sherri Noble, said, "Jan is always pleasant and patient, no matter how many demands our office may place on her. She is always willing to help us with questions we might have. I really enjoy working with her."

According to Carol Hurula, "Jan has a ready smile and a willing attitude no matter what is asked of her. She's not one to send a student to another area for an answer. Everyone wants to work with her. Being on the Graduate College, she willingly assists the student in seeing that his or her questions or concerns are taken care of. Sherrie Knopp added, "Jan is always helpful and friendly. She works very hard to keep up with the large amount of graduate waivers."

The nomination form is presented with a plaque, a balcony bouquet and a check for $100 by President Stephen J. Kopp.

Photo Reminder

If you or a member of your family had a photo taken with Santa at the holiday party on Nov. 29, please pick up the picture from the Student Center if you have not already done so. Photos will be available until Jan. 31.

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...and community building and an ability to work effectively with diverse individuals and groups.

- **Inclusiveness...** The provision of equal opportunity to achieve and succeed, fostering social and professional networks and shared success, while building a greater sense of community and citizenship.

Examples of ideas categorized under each strategic theme and information on the public comment phase of this process, which ends Jan. 20, may be found on the strategic plan site at: www.marshall.edu/strategic

Nominations Sought for Alumni Association Board

The Marshall University Alumni Association is seeking nominations for 10 three-year board positions, due Jan. 15.

Nominations should be willing to come to three meetings a year and have time to serve on committees, which commonly meet by conference call.

Potential nominees must be active members of the alumni association. The association is seeking five local people and five from around the country. Nomination forms are available at the Alumni Association’s Web site at www.marshall.edu/alumni.