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Marshall, Southern Sign B.A. Agreement

Marshall University and Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College have signed a memorandum of Understanding for an Elementary Education K-6 Comprehensive Collaborative Program that will begin this fall.

Students from Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College who have completed the associate degree may enter the collaborative program. Faculty from Marshall’s College of Education and Human Services (COEHS) will deliver the remaining two years of courses to students in the program at Southern’s Williamson campus.

“This agreement renews and affirms the strong cooperative relationship that has existed between Marshall University and Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College,” President Stephen J. Kopp said. “For residents of southern West Virginia it increases the access and opportunity to complete bachelor and professional degrees locally.”

Marshall COEHS dean Dr. Rosalyn Templeton said courses will be offered this fall for five hours on Friday and six hours on Saturday, and tentatively will run four

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Wanda Wells Named Employee of the Month

Wanda Wells, Administrative Associate in the Autism Training Center, has been named the Marshall University Employee of the Month for June, according to Jim Stephens, chair of the Employee of the Month Committee.

Wells, who has been employed at Marshall since 1988, was nominated by Bonnie Kay Scott and the entire staff of the Autism Training Center.

In the nomination, Scott wrote, “Wanda is the Administrative Associate in our department. She knows fundamental concepts, practices and procedures in providing administrative support, including all clerical duties. She uses established procedures to make sure all work assignments are completed on time. She has the knowledge, skills, abilities and experience to handle a large office. She is also

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Thirteen graduate students have been awarded summer 2006 thesis/dissertation research awards, according to Dr. Leonard J. Deutsch, Dean of the Graduate College. These $500 scholarships are designed to provide financial support to help students complete their theses, Deutsch said.

The recipients and their advisors are:

- John and Janett Casto Award: Timothy E. Baldwin for "Habitat for Selection between Rough Greensnakes (Opheodrys aestivus) and Eastern Smooth Greensnakes (Opheodrys vernalis)." Advisor: Dr. Tom Pauley, Biological Sciences.
- Charles Crow Family Award: Sushma Shrestha for "Ethnobotany of Ceremonial Plants: A Survey of Marketplaces of Ecuador." Advisor: Dr. Dan K. Evans, Biological Sciences.

The remaining students received Graduate College Advisory Board Awards:

- Matthew R. Graham for "Distribution and gene flow of the Cow Knob Salamander, Plethodon punctatus Highton, in West Virginia." Advisor: Dr. Tom Pauley, Biological Sciences.
- Steven Keitzer for "Status of the Hellbender, Cryptobranchus a. alleganiensis, in Southern West Virginia." Advisor: Dr. Tom Pauley, Biological Sciences.
- Takuma Kudo for "How Young Journalists Consider the Importance of Journalism Education at Universities: A Comparison between the United States and Japan." Advisor: Janet Dooley, Journalism.

- Daniel F. Ware for "The Natural History and Distribution of the Mountain Earthsnake, Virginia v. pulchra in West Virginia." Advisor: Dr. Tom Pauley, Biological Sciences.
- Cassie Waters for "Distribution and Life History of Midland Mud Salamanders (Pseudotriton montanus diasticus) in West Virginia." Advisor: Dr. Tom Pauley, Biological Sciences.

Eye Surgeon Joins School of Medicine Faculty

Charles D. Francis, M.D., has joined the faculty of the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine and will provide services through University Eye Surgeons, focusing primarily on refractive surgery and refractive cataract surgery.

Francis previously practiced in Charleston with Minardi Eye Center and Charleston Eye Care Associates. A native of Fairmont, he received his medical degree from West Virginia University, where he also completed his residency. Francis served as chief resident in ophthalmology and his medical school honors included the Merck Glaucoma Book Award and the Internal Medicine Morbidity and Mortality Award.

University Eye Surgeons specializes in diagnostic services, cataract and glaucoma surgery, as well as some forms of ophthalmic plastic surgery. Its physician staff also includes Dr. Michael Krasnow, the only fellowship-trained glaucoma specialist in southern West Virginia.

Faculty/Staff Achievements

Dr. Suzanne Strait, professor of Biological Sciences, has received a three-year grant for $532,000 from the National Science Foundation Biological Databases and Informatics Program to develop an online interactive museum of images of fossil mammals. She and graduate student Nick Smith also have just returned from presenting their research in Bilbao, Spain at the International Meeting of Climate and Biota of the Early Paleogene.

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Note of Thanks

I want to thank all of you who sent cards, flowers, and kind words to me when my Mother passed away. I found much comfort in your acts of friendship and caring. I consider myself fortunate to be a part of such a supportive community.

Sincerely,
Frances Hensley
Academic Affairs
Profile: Sharlee Henry
A series on interesting Marshall University people.

Sharlee Henry

She's an exuberant extrovert with a ready laugh and enough interests and energy to wear out a hummingbird. She has a love of animals and such a soft heart that she takes in foster dogs and has curtailed her visits to the animal shelter because she wants to bring all the residents home.

Sharlee Henry, program assistant I for the Society of Yeager Scholars program, is passionate about that program and the high achieving students who flow through it. And they’re not just names on a list to her but individuals with their own special personalities and attributes. “The Yeager program is a special program and the students who make it through a rigorous screening process to become Yeager Scholars are indeed a special lot,” she firmly believes.

The prestigious program is admitting its 21st class this fall but extensive planning for its beginning was well underway in 1986, the year Henry signed on. From the start she was impressed with the bright and accomplished students who made it into the program, which now boasts more than 200 alumni. “They are all high achievers, they have to be to become Yeager Scholars,” she says admiringly. “But they’re different, because a lot of over achievers are demanding but these ‘kids’ that I’ve seen and gotten to know well not only have high academic achievements but they do a lot of volunteering, they are self-sacrificing, they do work to help others. They go into all kinds of fields—for example 47 of our alumni are in the medical field and many have successfully gone into law and other professions.”

She’s seen 17 classes graduate so far. “It’s hectic and a little crazy at times but I’ve loved every minute of it. We have a lot of major functions going on. It’s very challenging but students help me a lot, we learn from each other.”

Henry explains that while students are recruited mainly from 11 eastern states, applications come in from all over the country, thanks now to the Internet and publications that mention the program. The original goal of the program, she says, was to keep people working in this region and indeed approximately 46 percent of those admitted are working in the Appalachian area.

The admission process is rigorous and selective. Of the 150-200 applicants each year, only 32 finalists are brought to the Huntington campus to be interviewed. From that elite group, just 11 are accepted as Yeager Scholars. And it’s not just high grades or test scores that gain them admittance. The committee particularly looks for those with leadership qualities, she notes.

It’s easy to for the Yeager staff members to form a bond with these bright young students Henry explains. “I’ve gotten close to several of them ... Several come to the Yeager Symposium in the fall during which the new class is inducted, so I get a chance to see them ... I’ve told students that when I retire I’m going to travel and look them up and I will, too!”

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Vandalia Research to Produce, Market New Liver-Related Test

Marshall researchers, in conjunction with Vandalia Research Corp., will work on establishing and mass producing a new test for patients who suffer from galactosemia. The condition is caused by the lack of a liver enzyme required to digest galactose, according to Dr. Menashi Cohenford, professor of Integrated Science and Technology and an associate/adjunct professor to the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.

Researchers have received $153,311 from the National Institute for Health for the project. It’s a Phase I Small Business Technology Transfer grant from the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases. The grant will go to a team led by Cohenford.

Cohenford said one in every 40,000 babies is born with galactosemia which can cause death. For those who survive, it is a debilitating disease.

Marshall’s Human Research Program Receives National Accreditation

Marshall University’s human research program has received national accreditation, a first for any university in West Virginia, according to the Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs, Inc.

Only 32 organizations in the country have full accreditation through the association, a nonprofit that evaluates organizations that conduct human research. Accredited entities must be able to demonstrate that extensive safeguards are built into every level of their research operation.

“Marshall University is committed to the most comprehensive protections for research participants as well as the highest quality research,” Marshall President Stephen J. Kopp said. “We sought accreditation, because our (continued on page 4)

H.E.L.P. Recognized by U.S. News and World Report

Marshall University’s Higher Education for Learning Problems (H.E.L.P.) has been included in the Aug. 27 issue of U.S. News and World Report in a story about schools with programs for students with learning disabilities.

“This is a great honor,” said Dr. Barbara Guyer, founder and director emeritus of the H.E.L.P. program, who is quoted in the article. “The story does a good job of describing our program in a nutshell.”

Lynne Weston, current director of the program, agreed. “We work hard to help students with learning problems, and to be recognized in this way, with just a few other schools, is very exciting,” she said.

According to the article, Marshall’s H.E.L.P. program addresses skills students need as undergraduates, such as reading speed and comprehension, test-taking strategies and time management, among others.

The Aug. 27 edition was U.S. News and World Report’s yearly issue on “America’s Best Colleges.” Marshall was ranked among the Top 50 Southern master’s universities.
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As a child growing up in Huntington, Henry had connections to two of Marshall’s most legendary figures. “My grandfather lived next door to Cam Henderson and as a small child I remember sitting in the backyard listening to their tales about their hunting and fishing trips. I also used to play with Colton and Jenny Pitt, who were related to W. Page Pitt.”

In fact, her affection for Marshall is so great she (and her daughter) named her son after the university. “Marshall came here on a partial baseball scholarship and although he didn’t finish, he very well may in the future.” Daughter Nikki Louden is a Marshall graduate. Luckily both children live in Huntington, which gives the Henrys the opportunity to spend plenty of time with their four granddaughters: Ashleigh, 11; Baileigh, 9; Lauren, 3; and Ryan, 2.

Henry’s been a singer from the time she was a small child and she so impressed the pastor of her church that he dubbed her the “little songbird.” “I was never afraid to get up and sing before a group,” she remembers. “I just loved to sing and to harmonize. I sing with my sisters as the Templeton Trio. I feel I can share my message about God to other people through song.”

She and granddaughters Baileigh, Ashleigh and Lauren share a passion for horses. Henry began riding as a youngster and today she loves watching Baileigh participate in horse shows. “My son’s father-in-law has horses and boards them so I can ride them any time I want. I’m not an advanced rider, I just enjoy being in the outdoors. I also like walking and bicycling. I enjoy all of nature; I feel you’re in tune with God when you’re outside.”

And for more than 20 years she was an avid softball player, playing not only for exercise and fun but, she says honestly, for the thrill of winning. Her love of sports came through watching her father, who coached Little League baseball for years. “I used to tag along to all of his games but during that era, ‘little girls’ had to stay outside the dugout,” she says a bit regretfully.

Her enthusiasm for life in general, coupled with her boundless energy and her faith, stood her in good stead during a dark period of her life just a few years ago, when she was diagnosed with a thyroid condition, Graves Disease. It sapped her strength and brought fatigue and listlessness to a her father, who coached Little League baseball for years.

“Being sick gives you compassion for others,” she says thoughtfully. “I’m grateful it wasn’t worse.” She’s in remission now and for the most part her old spark has come back, she’s proud to say.

Animals are a big part of the Henry family’s life. She’s a soft touch for any stray animal or one in distress. In fact her husband, “Skeeter,” asked her not to go the animal shelter anymore. She can’t resist all those soulful eyes pleading for homes. She’s been known to bring dogs home for “foster” care until she can find a suitable owner. Right now the family dogs number three.

The Henry and Templeton clans are close and they like to get together for big family affairs. It’s not unusual for her, along with her mother and sister, to host 25 family members for festive gatherings. “We like large crowds; we like these having lots of people visit us; that’s what families are all about.”

And she has fond words for her work family as well. “You spend as much time with the people you work with as your actual family. I’ve loved every minute of my time here at Marshall ... We all have our moments, of course, our ups and downs, but I can truthfully say I have wonderful memories of Marshall to carry throughout my lifetime.”

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and wit about a Japanese father’s journey to a remote region of China seeking reconciliation with his estranged son.

The schedule of showings is as follows:

- Friday, Sept. 28, 5:30 p.m., Family Law; 7:30, Lives of Others; 9:45, Maxed Out.
- Saturday, Sept. 29, 2:30 p.m., Days of Glory; 5:30, Riding Alone for Thousands of Miles; 7:30, After the Wedding; 9:45, Family Law
- Sunday, Sept. 30, 2:30 p.m., Maxed Out; 5:30, Days of Glory; 7:30, Riding Alone for Thousands of Miles; 9:45, Lives of Others
- Monday, Oct. 1, 5:30 p.m., After the Wedding; 7:30, Family Law
- Tuesday, Oct. 2, 5:30 p.m., Riding Alone for Thousands of Miles; 7:30 p.m., Maxed Out
- Wednesday, Oct. 3, 5:30 p.m., Lives of Others; 7:30, Days of Glory
- Thursday, Oct. 4, 5:30 p.m., Maxed Out; 7:30, After the Wedding

Season ticket holders will be admitted 30 minutes prior to each film. Individual tickets are available at the door 15 minutes prior to each film. The admission is $5.50 for Marshall faculty and staff and $7.00 for the general public. For additional information, contact www.marshallartsseries.org.

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program is committed to continuous improvement. We strive to go beyond what is required by law to protect human participants and ensure integrity in research. It is an honor to have our program recognized in this manner.”

Marshall’s Office of Research Integrity serves as the institutional review board for the Huntington VA Medical Center, St. Mary’s Medical Center, Cabell Huntington Hospital and the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. The types of research conducted include medical studies, cancer studies, new medical devices, investigational drugs and social and behavioral studies like the ones conducted through the Marshall University main campus and the Graduate College in South Charleston. Through affiliation with Marshall, all of these programs share in the accreditation, which is valid for three years.

Dr. Cynthia Winger, director of the office, said that the tough process meant every aspect of the entire program was examined. She said the university puts the well-being of all research participants first giving the program a strong foundation before the accreditation review process began.

“After going through a very stringent process we know without doubt that everything about our human research program meets or exceeds federal regulations,” Winger said. “Through accreditation, we demonstrated our high ethical standards in protecting research participants, which should be a signal to the public that they can trust our process.”