Catherine Donchatz  

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Foundation also provides support for the Maier Latin and Writing Awards, which Ed Maier presents annually at Marshall.

Actually, during her time at Marshall, she was gone from the Huntington area for a year when her husband accepted a temporary position in Chicago. While doing so, she was taking the kinds of urban ills and tribulations commonly associated with such a large city. But she was pleasedly surprised by their new home.

It was really impressive about going to such a large city, she admits. I thought it would be intimidating and dirty with a lot of crime. But when I got there, how pretty it was, and clean for the most part. We were impressed with the quality of life ... It turned out to be a really good experience.

She had left her job at Marshall but there was serendipity at work. Just when the family returned to Huntington there was a vacancy in Residence Services and she was able to make the transition back to her old department smoothly.

Computer technology had exploded during her 14-year absence from the workforce and she voluntarily took classes to catch up. Today she's still taking courses and working toward a master's degree in Adult and Technical Education.

"I'm very goal oriented. When I was in high school I wasn't really good in any subject. But I knew I had to do well to get scholarships, which I did," she says reflectively. "Neither of my parents completed high school but they valued hard work and education. There were five of us kids and they encouraged all of us to go to college and helped us give the opportunity to go."

Once back in the Huntington area, her husband purchased a Monty's Pizza restaurant and Heartland Biscuits, both in Chesapeake, Ohio. On weekends and as time permits, she lends a hand in the family business. "I like being busy and enjoy helping out as I can."

The youngest of the three Donchatz children, Rebekah, is active with the local 4-H Club. "I'm interested in art and music. She enjoys ballet and plays clarinet."

"As doors open for West Virginia's early childhood professionals to access new educational opportunities, the dual degree program is seen as a turning point," said Dr. Cathy J. Jones, Early Childhood Coordinator with the West Virginia Department of Education.

"It has been a good experience. We were able to work with children in ways that develop early habits of inquiry, focusing the foundation for critical thinking, which is germane to 21st Century learning."

Ferguson Scholarship  

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Huntington Hospital for over 23 years where he served as director of Human Resources for more than 19 years.

He was an avid cattlemans, farmer, and respected committee member. Clay Maddox, a 2005 graduate of Spring Valley High School, whose father Jeff was a close friend of Ferguson, was an honorary recipient of the award. The first recipient of the $500 scholarship is Earl S. Robinson III, a 2006 graduate of Spring Valley High School.

Every fall, the Ferguson family has the opportunity to recognize all those who helped make this scholarship possible.

For further information about the scholarship or how to make a donation, call the Development Office at Marshall University at (304) 696-2114.

Pullman Square Tickets for "We Are Marshall" Go On Sale Nov. 27

Tickets for the showings of "We Are Marshall" at the Marquee Cinemas at Pullman Square in Huntington are expected to be available online and in person on Nov. 27, according to Marquee Cinemas General Manager Charlotte Aalen.

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Maier Foundation Receives Pathway Recognition

The Maier Foundation, Inc., a major benefactor of Marshall University and higher education throughout West Virginia, has been honored as the newest member of Marshall's Pathway of Prominence.

A plaque honoring the Maier Foundation was unveiled during a Nov. 4 ceremony at the pathway, located at the center of the campus. The plaque is the 18th on the pathway, which is reserved for those who have given at least $1 million to Marshall.

"At the Maier Foundation, our principal mission is dedicated to higher education in West Virginia," said Edward H. Maier, president and chair of the Maier Foundation. "We continue to have an outstanding relationship with Marshall University in different areas of excellence. We're excited by the leadership of Marshall President Stephen Kopp and look forward to continuing to work with him on a number of different projects."

Kopp expressed his gratitude to Maier and his wife, Susan, for their generosity to Marshall. Both are MD graduates—Ed in 1969 with a degree in economics, and Susan in 1977 with a degree in elementary education. "Ed and Susan are great friends and supporters of Marshall University," Kopp said. "The Maier Foundation's remarkable generosity to this university, which dates back many decades, is well documented."

The Maier Foundation Inc. was established as a private foundation by William J. Maier, Jr., who lived a modest and unpretentious life, and quietly built a philanthropic legacy that has helped further the education of many people in Marshall County. In 1989-90, he created the Sarah and Pauline Maier Scholarship Foundation, named after his mother and his wife. In 2003, the Sarah and Pauline Maier Foundation was renamed the Maier Foundation, Inc.

Ed and Susan Maier are members of the John Marshall Society President's Circle and Thunder Club Ed's service to Marshall has included leadership positions on the Society of Yeager Scholars board of directors and the Marshall University Alumni Association board. He was honored as an inductee of the Marshall Business Hall of Fame, recipient of the MUAA Community Achievement Award, and by the creation of an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Marshall.

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Community and Technical College have signed 2+2 articulation agreements that further strengthen the relationship between the two schools and add options for students. The agreements offer 12 additional 2+2 degree options in the fields of journalism and chemistry. They allow students to complete an associate degree at ACTC, then transfer the courses smoothly into a complementary major at Marshall.

"It is important to create a seamless pathway for students so they will know what courses to take when they transfer to Marshall," J. Kopp said. "We want to do anything we can to demystify that process.

Kopp said Marshall expects to partner with ACTC on more agreements in the future.

"It is a guarantee that if you follow this path at ACTC, then transfer to Marshall and continue on the curriculum you follow this path at ACTC, you will get your four-year degree," Dr. Sarah Adkins said.

"It is a win-win for the Tri-State Area."