Basil Iwanyk currently is a film producer with Warner Brothers Studios who has worked on more than 30 movies, including "We are Marshall." A native of New Jersey, Iwanyk moved to Los Angeles after graduating from Villanova University. He got his start in the on-campus United Talent Agency and quickly moved to Warner Bros., where he became one of the youngest creative executives in studio history. During his tenure at Warner Bros., Iwanyk oversaw the development and production of such Warner films as "Ocean's Eleven," "U.S. Marshals," and "Douvour." He also ran development on the Academy Award winning picture "Training Day," which grossed over $100 million and garnered Denzel Washington his second Academy Award.

In 2000 Iwanyk left Warner Bros. to become president of Intermedia, which was the largest independent film company in the world. He provided financing for Fahrenheit 9/11 and Alexander as well as The Widowmaker and Adaptation. He returned to Warner Bros. in 2003 as a producer where he established his company, "Thunder Road Pictures." His first produced film under the new banner was the Harrison Ford action film, Firewall. Currently Thunder Road has 22 projects in various stages of development.

Joseph McGinty Nichol, or McG, as he is universally known, grew up in Newport Beach, Calif., and is the director of the soon-to-be-released film, "We Are Marshall," which chronicles the tragic 1970 plane crash that took the lives of 75 football players, coaches and supporters. His first feature film, "Charlie's Angels," debuted at number 1 in the U.S. and eventually grossed $250 million worldwide. He also directed the sequel, "Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle," which went on to gross an additional $255 million.

With two hit films and over $500 million at the box office McG formed the production company Wonderland Sound and Vision, which went on to produce successful feature films. Wonderland also produces the television hit show, "The O.C.", as well as "Supernatural," which is now in its second season.

McG has directed more than 50 music videos for diverse artists with sales of more than 100 million albums worldwide.

A Marshall graduate who was the captain of a football team. He attended Marshall from 1974 to 1978, where he was active in the Residence Hall Government Association and was a resident advisor.

Dr. Patrick Brown, who at that time was associate director of the biomedical sciences program. His adviser, Dr. Bryan Larsen, described him as "a very promising student who had just a real genuine intellect." He and his wife, Jennifer, reside in Carmel, Ind., with their four children, William, Ashley, Jonathan and Michael.

The criteria for receiving this award include an un tarnished reputation and professional standing evidenced by recognition on a state, regional or national basis.

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an older, more mature student who already had a family and yet spent long hours in the lab and was very productive.

"I think he'll be a good man for his country," said Sandy White of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, who worked with him on a daily basis. She said in addition to being very productive he was a dedicated student. "He did everything they asked for and more.

Dr. Patrick I. Brown, who at that time was associate dean at the medical school, said he was not surprised that Shabir had been tapped for the leadership post. "He was a sterling student who had just a real genuine intellect. He was kind, gentle, bright and goal-oriented. This guy was absolutely top-notch," he said.

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College of Education, a position he held until becoming president in 1974. After his tenure as president, Hayes was a professor in Educational Administration/Leadership until 1991.

Since 1992 he has filled several interim positions including: dean; College of Business; provost, Marshall Community and Technical College; director, North-Central Accreditation Study; and administrator, Robert C. Byrd Institute.

Math-Science Grant to Benefit Teachers in 5 Counties

Teachers in five West Virginia counties will receive training from Marshall University math and science faculty under a $2 million federal grant.

The grant from the National Science Foundation comes to Marshall through the Appalachian Math and Science Partnership (AMSP), a five-year, multi-state, $24.5 million program managed by the University of Kentucky. It is designed to help teachers in the Mountain State's PreK-12 schools improve the performance of their pupils in math and science and prepare them better for college-level courses for eventual careers in math, science and engineering fields.

"Marshall University is proud and eager to join with the members of the Appalachian Math and Science Partnership to advance the goals of this important program," said President Stephen J. Kopp. "The funding provided by the National Science Foundation is crucial to our collective success. The benefits to PreK-12 math and science education will translate to improved student learning and achievement over time. As a nation, if we are to continue as a leader in science and innovation, we simply must do a better job in preparing present and future students to take advantage of the expanding educational and career opportunities in fields that require highly developed scientific/mathematical thinking and application skills."

Marshall faculty will provide training to math and science teachers in Braxton, Cabell, Mason, Mingo and Wayne counties via various outreach and distance learning technology, an approach followed by other institutions that are participating in UK's AMSP.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for Marshall University to enhance our public school partnerships, especially in the areas of math and science education," Provost Sarah Denman said. "We are fortunate to working with the five partner counties and are excited to strengthen the outstanding teaching in those schools with stronger linkages with our College of Education and the College of Science."
Five individuals who had distinguished careers in their respective fields of business were honored by Marshall University with induction into the Lewis College of Business Hall of Fame.

The Hall of Fame honors those people in the business community who have an outstanding record of long-standing achievement in their career fields. It is the most distinguished honor granted by the Lewis College of Business (LCOB).

"This year's Hall of Fame ceremony recognizes the special contributions of two individuals who were instrumental in creating the film, 'We Are Marshall,' which is so aged and built a sales organization which grew from $350,000 to almost $2,000,000 of annual commission. David E. Haden has been a board member and past president of the MU Big Green Scholarship Foundation, currently is the president of the MU Graduate College Advisory Board, and is a member of the LCOB Strategic Management Task Force. In 1992 Haden received the MU Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award. He is also a member of the John Marshall Society and the President's Club. Haden and his wife Carolyn reside in Charleston, W.Va. He has two daughters, Sarah and Amy; a son, David; a step-daughter, Megan; a step-bro, Brad; and 11 grandchildren.

Faculty/Staff Achievements

Assistant Professor Mark Slankard's photographic artwork was first prize in the Southeastern College Art Conference (SACAC) Members' Red Exhibition. The conference was held by Valparaiso University in October in Nashville, Tenn. The exhibition was held at the Parthenon in Nashville's Centennial Park and was juried by Eleanor Heartrey, well-known author and art critic. The work will be on display until Jan. 20. Slankard's work will also be featured in a one-person exhibition at the University of Notre Dame, which ended Nov. 17.

Note of Thanks

To the Marshall Community:

Thank you so much for the kindness shown to me over the past few weeks due to the deaths of my mother and father. Every thought, word, prayer, and deed meant more than words can express. It is especially gratifying to my college and friends in the College of Education and Human Services. Their compassion helped smooth the way of one's parents is a life passage, but it is difficult and sad, and the thoughtfulness of others helps so much. It will always remain as a source of strength and comfort for my experience, according to their family ties by April 15th of each year.

Sincerely,

Jane McKee
Gina Kates and family

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