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The Newsletter for Marshall University

May 17, 2017

## National accreditation group for School of Medicine continues accreditation with commendation

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The Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine's graduate medical education programs have ranked significantly above the national mean on the 2016-2017 Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) Resident and Faculty Survey, the school announced today.

The assessment, conducted annually by the ACGME, surveys medical residents for their feedback in six different areas of accreditation compliance, including duty hours, faculty, evaluation, educational content, resources and patient safety/teamwork. Those scores are then compared with other institutions around the country. In every category, Marshall's rank was above the national mean.

Paulette S. Wehner, M.D., vice dean for graduate medical education, says the positive feedback from Marshall residents ranked the school very highly in terms of program satisfaction.

"We are very pleased that Marshall has been recognized for its diligence in providing quality educational experiences," Wehner said. "The school has worked hard to ensure our residents receive superior clinical training and congratulations go out to the individual training programs that make these results possible."

The school also scored well in terms of faculty satisfaction with regard to the residency programs. Faculty were asked to respond to questions in the same categories as the residents, with the exception of duty hours. Again, the school ranked above the national mean in all areas.

In congratulating Wehner and others in graduate medical education, Dean Joseph I. Shapiro, M.D., also announced Marshall's training programs are in full compliance with national standards.

"In April, we received the ACGME accreditation letter informing us that all fifteen programs are in compliance," Shapiro said. "Moreover, they commended Dr. Wehner and her team for demonstrated substantial compliance with the institutional requirements. This glowing report is a testament to the outstanding work by our central GME office, the clinical departments and our hospital partners, all of whom are essential to the success of the graduate medical education teaching environment. "

The school of medicine's residency and fellowship programs include family and community health, sports medicine, internal medicine, cardiology, endocrinology, interventional cardiology, hematology-oncology, nephrology, pulmonary, medicine/pediatrics, obstetrics/gynecology, orthopaedic surgery, pediatrics, psychiatry and surgery.

Residents, or "house officers," are physicians who have graduated from medical school and are in specialty training, which lasts from a minimum of three to sometimes in excess of seven years.

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#### Softball team headed to NCAA Regionals Friday, May 19; tickets on sale



#### Sustainability Fair to take place Saturday



The Huntington Sustainability Fair is a cooperative effort by Marshall University Sustainability Department, Goodwill Industries of KYOWVA Area, the Wild Ramp, the City of Huntington, the Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition, the Old Central City Association, Tour DePATH and many more, according to Eve Marcum-Atkinson, interim director for the department.

"We encourage everyone

to come learn, listen to live local music and have fun. There will be a wide variety of participating organizations and groups offering workshops, hands-on demonstrations and exhibits on sustainable issues," Marcum-Atkinson said. "There will also be live music, artisans and family-friendly activities."

Area crafts persons, artisans, farmers/growers, organizations, businesses and more are invited to participate in our event," Marcum-Atkinson added. "We charge a very nominal fee of \$20 to set up a booth, to help us fund this and next year's event. To participate in our event, go to www.HuntingtonSustainabilityFair.com, click on the participant tab and register."

Volunteers are also needed, she said, leading up to and on the day of the fair. People interested in volunteering should go to www.HuntingtonSustainabilityFair.com, click on the volunteer tab and register.

Marshall's sustainability department is also issuing a Green Challenge in connection with the fair. "Take the Green Challenge and get some Green Swag!" Marcum-Atkinson said. "By downloading the Green Calendar from the Marshall University Sustainability Department website or Facebook page, performing each challenge and being among the first 10 to bring your checked sheet to our booth at the far, participants can win a cool bag of green and sustainable items."

For more information about the fair or sustainability in general, please contact Marcum-Atkinson at 304-696-2992 or e-mail at marcum13@marshall.edu. Follow the event on Facebook at www.facebook.com/HuntingtonSustainabilityFair and #bemarshallgreen on Twitter.



## Nationally-recognized concussion expert to headline June 9 event



The Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine will host concussion expert Julian E. Bailes, M.D., for a community event at 7 p.m. Friday, June 9, in the Don Morris Room in the Memorial Student Center on Marshall's Huntington campus.

"An Evening with Dr. Julian Bailes," presented by the Marshall Sports Medicine Institute, will feature a presentation on understanding and preventing brain injury in sports by Bailes, a nationally recognized neurosurgeon who was portrayed by actor Alec Baldwin in the 2015 movie "Concussion."

According to the Centers for Disease Control, about 1.6 to 3.8 million sports and recreationrelated concussions occur in the United States each year. Concussions occur more often in organized high school sports than in competitive sports, with football accounting for more than 60% of concussions. Bailes is an expert in neurovascular disease and a recognized leader in the field of neurosurgery and the impact of brain injury on brain function. He is a founding member of the Brain Injury Research Institute (BIRI), which focuses on the study of traumatic brain injuries and their prevention. A former chairman of the department of neurosurgery at the West Virginia University School of Medicine, he is currently co-director and chairman of the department of neurosurgery at NorthShore Neurological Institute in Chicago.

Attendees will also hear from local physician Andy Gilliland, M.D., an assistant professor of orthopaedic surgery at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, on how programs throughout the Tri-State region are implementing cultural changes to better prevent, identify and treat concussions. Gilliland practices primary care sports medicine at King's Daughters Medical Center and the Marshall Sports Medicine Institute.

Tickets are \$50 per person or \$400 for a reserved table of eight. Sponsorships are available. All proceeds go to support research scholarships for students at the School of Medicine. To make a reservation, contact Tami Fletcher by phone at 304-691-1701 or by e-mail at fletcher@marshall.edu.

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### Volunteers Needed for 2017 Lose the Training Wheels Camp



Volunteers are needed for Marshall University's Lose the Training Wheels bike camp, a program that teaches individuals with disabilities to independently ride a two-wheel bicycle. Offered through a partnership with the non-profit charity iCanShine, the camp uses adapted bicycles, a specialized instructional program and trained professionals to enable individuals with disabilities to learn to ride.

This year's summer program will take place Monday, June 5, through Friday, June 9, at the Phil Cline Family YMCA. With 75 minutes of daily instruction over five days, over 80% of the disabled campers learn to ride a conventional bicycle independently. Please consider volunteering 75 minutes a day to help a child who may never otherwise be able to learn to ride, gain self-confidence and be given the opportunity to participate in activities with family and friends.

The same two spotters work with the same child all week, so they truly share in the pride and joy of their success at the end of the week. This is a great opportunity to share your love of physical activity and help a child and their family achieve something they may not have thought possible.

To learn more about the 2017 Lose the Training Wheels camp, visit www.marshall.edu/lttw. To download the Volunteer Registration Form, visit http://www.marshall.edu/lttw/files/Volunteer-Registration-Form17-pdf-1.pdf.

For questions, contact the camp director, Dr. Liz Pacioles, by phone at 304-696-5831 or e-mail caseyel@marshall.edu.

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### School of Pharmacy names interim dean as search continues

Gilbert said Gallagher will lead the school forward as current dean Kevin W. Yingling, R.Ph., M.D., retires this summer.

"Brian is a member of the School of Pharmacy's executive team and his knowledge of the school's operation is extensive," Gilbert said. "His expertise will carry us through Dr. Yingling's retirement and into the fall semester. The search for a permanent dean continues, but we felt it was prudent to have someone in the leadership position now."

Gallagher, a West Virginia native, graduated from West Virginia University in 1981 with a B.S. in pharmacy and received his law degree from Wake Forest University in 1984.

In addition to serving as senior vice president of government affairs with the American Pharmacists Association, Gallagher has held a wide variety of posts: vice president for regulatory compliance for Rite Aid, vice president of risk management and governance for NDCHealth, general counsel for TechRx, director of pharmacy regulatory affairs for the National Association of Chain Drug Stores and general counsel for West Virginia University Hospitals. He served for eight years in the West Virginia House of Delegates, where he was chairman of both the Banking and Insurance and Legislative Rule Making Review Committees. He authored a wide variety of statutes, including the Pharmacy Practice Act. "I am indebted to Marshall University for allowing me the opportunity to return to West Virginia several years ago," Gallagher said. "When President Gilbert asked me to consider the interim post, I couldn't say no. I'm grateful for the privilege to serve in this capacity."

Gallagher said he will focus on continuing the school's upward trajectory with an emphasis on accreditation, the strategic plan and student performance.

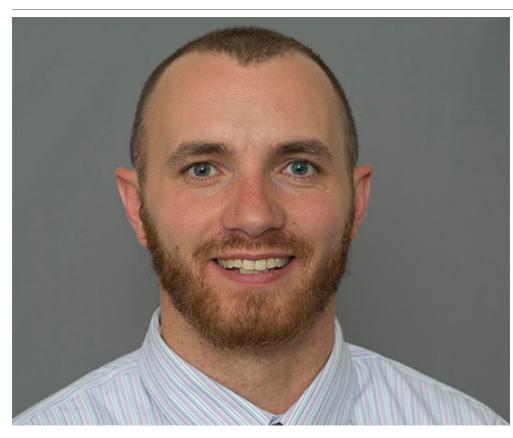
Marshall University School of Pharmacy opened its doors in 2012 and graduated its inaugural class in 2016.

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### Marine Corps veteran named director at Marshall



Marshall University's new director of military and veterans affairs may not have had a long career in the military, but he certainly knows the challenges military and veteran students and dependents face on campus.

Jonathan McCormick proved he had brains and brawn at Poca High School in Poca, West Virginia.

He earned a GPA worthy of honors, scored higher than average on the ACT, and, as an offensive lineman, he was part of three state championships and was named to the Class AA all-state team in 2004. Although he thought he was well prepared for the Marine Corps, McCormick said the boot camp experience was indescribable. "I even read up on wars and current military situations," McCormick began, "but until you have been there, you can't know what those 13 weeks are like."

Despite the rigidity, McCormick would be named squad leader within eight days of stepping off the bus and onto the yellow footprints at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot on Parris Island. The next day, he was platoon guide. He would finish boot camp as company honor graduate, number one of 455.

Following infantry school in Camp Geiger in North Carolina, McCormick awaited deployment in Twentynine Palms, California, where he was team leader.

#### Left Behind

McCormick's trajectory changed in the Mojave Desert. When his name wasn't drawn for deployment to Iraq, McCormick said he tried to take the place of a newlywed Marine. Ironically, he said it was after taking his friend to the airport that McCormick began unexplainable fainting spells. After nine months, he was finally diagnosed with neurocardiogenic syncope, a condition

that caused his heart rate and blood pressure to drop suddenly. His intense training under sweltering heat and with little hydration triggered the syndrome.

Lance Cpl. McCormick was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps in May 2007. As the nephew of two military men, and as a man who felt the Marine Corps calling after watching the Twin Towers fall in 2001, he found himself broken.

"After the dust had settled, I was depressed," McCormick said. "I remember thinking, 'Wow, that part of my life is gone. I can't get that back.""

#### Semper Fi

That August, McCormick adjusted his bootstraps and enrolled at Marshall University. If he had lineage in the military, he had a longer line of Marshall grads in the family. But the experience was different than that of his sisters or parents.

"I felt very isolated in the student population," McCormick confessed. "People might think veteran students are more mature, but the lack of provided structure leaves you in a tailspin."

Using the G.I. Bill, McCormick graduated with a Regents Bachelor of Arts degree in 2011. After the past six years in sales, he said he accepted the position as the director of military and veterans affairs to help students who, like him, found it challenging to reacclimate to civilian life and adjust to college life simultaneously.

"I know the things I struggled with, and I know how to connect with veterans," McCormick said.

Ultimately, McCormick said he wants to help make military, veteran and dependent students more visible on campus. Included in his plans, McCormick said, is a Meet the Veterans Symposium, an event at which he said he hopes the greater Marshall community will ask questions to understand the military population better and consequently walk away with a greater understanding of their position.

"I want students to see veterans, to see that veterans are students just like they are, and to see that veterans have struggles just like them," McCormick said.

McCormick lives in Scott Depot with his wife, Amber, and their two daughters, Cayleanna, 9, and Raelynn, 3.

For more information about Marshall's Military and Veterans Affairs, visit www.marshall.edu/military.

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### Forensic Science program celebrates 20 years of graduates



Marshall's forensic science program celebrated its 20th graduating class Saturday, May 6, when 17 students walked across the stage to receive their master's degrees in forensic science.

Under the direction of Dr. Terry Fenger, the program celebrated its first graduating class in 1997 with only eight graduates.

"We have had 325 students graduate from our program

since its beginning," Fenger said. "Alumni of our program are employed at the FBI, CIA and countless state agencies and laboratories across the world."

Fenger said in addition to the core curriculum, students in the program complete at least one area of emphasis including DNA analysis, digital forensics, crime scene investigation and forensic chemistry.

The Master of Science in Forensic Science graduate program has ranked No. 1 in the U.S. for national assessment test scores in 2007, 2009, 2012, 2014, 2015 and 2016.

To learn more about the forensic science graduate program, visit www.marshall.edu/forensics.



## Alumnus establishes diversity scholarship with Marshall School of Medicine



Amir Rashid Piracha, M.D., has established a new scholarship with the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine to assist minority students with financial need.

Piracha is a 1995 graduate of the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine and went on to become a fellowship-trained cardiologist in the greater Louisville, Kentcky, area.

"As a student, I remember Amir as a caring, outstanding citizen and an all-around great individual," said Cindy Warren, assistant dean for admissions and student affairs. "It is no surprise to me that he created an endowment to help other minorities succeed in medical school and beyond." The *Dr. Amir Rashid Piracha Scholarship* will be awarded to an entering first-year medical student who represents one of the "racial and ethnic populations that are underrepresented in the medical professions relative to their numbers in the general population," as defined by the Association of American Medical Colleges. It is designated for first-year medical students from West Virginia or Kentucky, with first preference given to students from Mercer County, West Virginia. The award is renewable for three additional years pending normal academic progress.

"My support to the School of Medicine is way overdue," Piracha said. "No other student could have received the love and attention that I did. I hope and pray the next generation is as lucky as we are."

For more information on the scholarships or to make a gift to the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, please contact Linda Holmes at 304-691-1711 or go to www.jcesom.marshall.edu/alumni.

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#### Faculty/Staff Achievements: Dr. Brian Kinghorn

Dr. Brian Kinghorn, assistant professor of curriculum, instruction, and foundations in the College of Education and Professional Development, served as a faculty advisor for one of the teams in the Intuit Innovation for Impact 2017 Design for Delight Challenge hosted at Marshall April 26. Specific information about this event can be found here: http://www.briankinghorn.com/e-y-e-presentation-innovating-impact-competition/.

Kinghorn also had his Psychology of Social Media Honors Seminar featured on the front page of the Herald Dispatch May 3. The article can be viewed here (a login may be required): http://www.herald-dispatch.com/news/marshall\_university/mu-class-explores-uses-and-cultural-role-of-social-media/article\_4e74a446-dfd0-5f0c-b01a-0cd188fac69d.html.

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### Eleven Marshall students receive SURE fellowships

Eleven undergraduate students majoring in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields have been selected by a research proposal evaluation committee to receive Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) fellowships for summer 2017.

SURE is aimed at undergraduates who are interested in performing research in their future careers, according to Dr. Michael Norton, professor of chemistry at Marshall. Norton noted the SURE program, which has supported student research at Marshall since 2005, is funded through the West Virginia Research Challenge Fund, administered by the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission, Division of Science and Research.

"We want students to know how strongly Marshall and the state of West Virginia support undergraduate research. This is the time when these young minds sharpen their research skills in preparation for graduate school," Norton said.

Students will receive stipends totaling \$4,000 each for their research for a period of ten weeks uninterrupted by classes during the summer. The SURE program, now in its thirteenth year, will begin Monday, May 15, and continue through July 28. The awardees, their projects, their research mentors and research areas are listed below:

- Dana Sharma, *Opioids and Neuron Development*, Dr. Richard D. Egleton, Biomedical Sciences
- **Deben Shoup**, *Modification of Zinc Oxide Nanoparticles with Fluorinated Phosphonic Acids*, Dr. Rosalynn Quinones, Chemistry
- Ian Waddell, Assembly of Carbon Nanotubes on Linear Origami Arrays, Dr. Michael Norton, Chemistry
- Jason Lykins, MonitOR Operating Site Infection Incidence Monitoring and Analysis, Dr. Paulus Wahjudi, Computer Scienc
- Thomas Whitlow, Development of a Novel Cellular and Molecular based Heavy Metal Toxicology Assay using Rtgill-W1 Cell Cultures Exposed to High Concentration of Manganese (II), Dr. Mindy Armstead, Natural Resources and the Environment
- **Kira Owsley**, *Even-Cycle Decompositions with no Subsystem*, Dr. Michael Schroeder, Mathematics
- Lauren Reasor, *Manganese Neurotoxicity in Crayfish*, Dr. Brian Antonsen, Biological Sciences
- Mary Bunten, Investigating the Amino Acid Sites in Cytochrome C Vulnerable to Malondialdehyde (MDA) Modification: A Kinetics Study Focusing on Mass Spectrometry, Dr. Menashi Cohenford, Forensic Sciences
- **Patrick Shinn**, *Test Intelligence: Speeding the Analysis of Load Testing for Ultra-Large-Scale-Software Systems*, Dr. Haroon Malik, Computer Science
- Nick Nolan, Natural Derivatives of Capsaicin Induce Apoptosis and Inhibit Invasion in LAC Cell Lines, Dr. Piyali Dasgupta, Biomedical Sciences
- Nicole Perry, *How increasing manganese concentrations affect the metabolic processes of Chlorella vulgaris*, Dr. Derrick Kolling, Chemistry

Learn more about last year's awardees and their projects by visiting www.marshall.edu/SURE. For more information about Marshall's SURE recipients, contact Norton by e-mail at norton@marshall.edu.

### Marshall Eye Surgeons to host event on facial aging



Rene S. Rodriguez-Sains, M.D., FACS, of Marshall Eye Surgeons will host an event on facial aging at 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 23, at its 331 Laidley Street, Suite 201, location in Charleston.

Rodriguez-Sains, an oculofacial plastic and reconstructive surgeon, will lead a question-andanswer session with participants and help individuals better understand and fight the signs of facial aging. Attendees will receive complimentary miniconsultations with Rodriguez-Sains and a 20 percent discount on non-surgical procedures.

Rodriguez-Sains has more than 33 years of experience in the diagnosis and treatment of eyelid and eye tumors, lid repair and reconstruction, ptosis and lacrimal problems, as well as eyelid cosmetic surgery and the use of Botox®, Juvederm® and other fillers.

The event is free and open to the public. Space is limited. To make a reservation or get more information, please call 304-746-8990.

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### Marshall offers 'DIY' upholstery class through July



Marshall is offering a "do-it-yourself" upholstery class beginning June 5 for those in the community who would like to learn how to reupholster and repair furniture.

John Richardson, an upholsterer for the university's residence halls, said the class is \$159 for eight sessions, with two-anda-half hours dedicated to each session.

"The class is much more than just the art of upholstery," Richardson said. "Each student has their own goals as well as their own chairs to recover. We learn safety in a work environment, how to handle tools and air equipment as well as upholstery and woodworking tools. We build self-esteem. We prove that no matter what strength you have, or skills you possess, you can achieve your goal and in this case, it's upholstering a chair."

Participants are encouraged to bring their chairs and fabric for the class, which is limited to six students and is open to ages 18 to adult. Sessions will take place June 5, 12, 19, 26 and continue July 3, 10, 17 and 24. Each session will take place from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on a Monday in the university's air-conditioned Dewco Building behind Huntington's 5th Avenue Sheetz.

Interested participants can register directly at http://epay.wvsto.com/MarshallContinuingEducation/2017-Courses-C13.aspx.

For more information about the DIY upholstery class, contact Marshall University's Center for Continuing Education at mccallist118@live.marshall.edu or call 304-696-6649.

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## Couple establishes endowment at Marshall University Foundation



professional future, but it is also where we met."

Jason and Kimberly McClure, a couple who are both Marshall University alumni, have recently established a scholarship endowment at the Marshall University Foundation Inc.

"My career has taken my wife and me away from West Virginia and Marshall," said Jason McClure, who is the general manager of Cedar Point Park in Sandusky, Ohio. "We have been thinking recently of how we could get involved with the state, albeit from a geographical distance. Marshall became the obvious avenue, as it not only played a key role in preparing us for our

The Jason R. and Kimberly L. McClure Scholarship will benefit both undergraduate and graduate Marshall students of any major, whether they are in- or out-of-state residents.

"My advice for today's student is not to limit yourself," Jason McClure said. "Achievement is always within you. Be bold. Be persistent in searching for that convergence of yourself and your purpose. Once you find it, grab a hold and commit fully; success and fulfillment will follow."

For questions about a student's eligibility for the Jason R. and Kimberly L. McClure Scholarship, please contact the Office of Financial Aid at Marshall University. For questions about starting a scholarship at Marshall, please contact Krystle Davis at the Marshall University Foundation by phone at 304-696-6781 or by e-mail at nichols50@marshall.edu.

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# Autism Training Center to hold conference on 'Autism Across the Lifespan' Sept. 7-8



C. Edwards Performing Arts Center on the Huntington campus.

Day 1 of the conference will focus on issues related to children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder, while Day 2 will be themed on supporting the needs of adults. Presentation topics include: addressing feeding challenges and sensory integration issues, planning educational transitions, teaching self-advocacy skills, developing social communication skills, and supporting employment.

The final presentation of Day 2 will feature a panel of Marshall University faculty members who have been successful in teaching college students with ASD, along with students who will discuss their experiences in the classroom. Continuing education credits are available for speech-language pathologists. Those interested may register at this link: https://www.marshall.edu/atc/2017-autism-across-lifespan/ For additional information, please contact Dr. Marc Ellison at ellison13@marshall.edu.

Click on graphic above to view flyer in larger size.

### Vaughan selected as April Resident of the Month



Freddie W. Vaughan II, M.D., has been selected as the April Resident of the Month. announced Paulette S. Wehner, M.D., vice dean for graduate medical education at the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.

Vaughn, who is completing his third and final year of the

family medicine residency, was selected for the compassion he displayed while taking care of an elderly patient and their caretaker.

"The caretaker acknowledged the difficulty in finding a doctor in today's society with such an amazing bedside manner and felt Dr. Vaughan should be recognized for his extraordinary care," Wehner said. "We are appreciative the caretaker took time to acknowledge Dr. Vaughan's efforts."

A Poca, West Virginia, native, he received his master's degree in clinical psychology from the Marshall University Graduate College and practiced clinical psychology for nearly five years before starting medical school at Marshall. He received an undergraduate degree in psychology from West Virginia University.

"Dr. Freddie Vaughan is an excellent physician, well-liked by all faculty and staff," said Tammy L. Bannister, M.D., family medicine residency program director. "So, I was not surprised when I received a call from a patient's caretaker. The caretaker was extremely impressed with how Dr. Vaughan went above and beyond for this elderly patient—so much so that she is now considering changing herself and her family to Dr. Vaughan for their primary care provider!"

Within the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, Vaughan is a member of the Resident Super User Committee; a participant on the CORE Program work group, a program for patient

rounding; and a member of the Family Medical Center and Primary Care Medical Home committees. He has also worked with Autism Services Center and Marshall Medical Outreach. Vaughan has previously received a third-year teaching award, and prior to residency, received the 2014 Heydinger Award for Commitment to Family Medicine, Academic Excellence and Leadership Potential as well as the 2014 Robert B. Walker Award for Outstanding Dedication to Rural Primary Care. After completing his family medicine residency in June, Vaughan will become a faculty member at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine and will practice in Kenova.

As part of his recognition as the April Resident of the Month, Vaughan received items including a plaque and a designated parking spot.

*Photo:* Freddie W. Vaughan II, M.D., (left) is named the April Resident of the Month at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. He is pictured with program director Tammy L. Bannister, M.D.

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