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We Are...Marshall!

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Annual MLK Symposium Begins this Weekend

A full slate of activities is on tap for the eighth annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Symposium which will run from Saturday, January 13 through Wednesday, January 17. The events will

MLK Day Service Projects Aided by Grant

Marshall University has received a grant from the Corporation for National Service to help organize service projects on the Martin Luther King Holiday, according to Dr. Betty Jane Cleckley, vice president for Multicultural Affairs and International Programs.

The university was one of 114 organizations and the only higher education institution in West Virginia selected in a national competition to receive a grant from CNS. Cleckley says the grants were awarded to groups for the purpose of organizing service projects that honor Dr. King's legacy and further his teachings and values by bringing people together to solve community problems.

"The King Holiday should be a day on, not a day off, a day of action, not apathy, a day of responding to community needs, not a day or rest and recreation," Harris Wofford, chief executive officer of CNS said.

As part of the Martin Luther King Holiday on January 15, MU is sponsoring a Youth Forum, led by Phillip Carter, professor of Social Work, a Mentor Literacy program conducted by Jacquelyn Hersman, director of the Upward Bound Program, and other activities which will continue to celebrate King's legacy throughout the year.

The Corporation for National Service has led efforts to fulfill the King Holiday and Service Act of 1994, which seeks to transform King's birthday into a day of service that reflects his life and teaching. Marshall was also the recipient of CNS grants in 1998 and 2000. The King Center for Nonviolent Social Change and Best Buy are sponsoring the day of service along with CNS.

Marshall's leadership role and activities provided through the university's annual Martin Luther King, Jr., Symposium, is enhanced by the Corporation for National Service grant, Cleckley says.

honor the slain civil rights leader who was born on January 15. This year's theme is "Replenishing the Dream: Continuing the Legacy in 2001 and Beyond."

The calendar of Huntington events includes: January 13, a roundtable table panel discussion, "Has the Dream Been Realized in Appalachia?" from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the First Baptist Church, 801 Sixth Avenue, Rev. Joseph Norman Evans, coordinator.

January 15 will include several events, beginning with an Investment in Youth Leadership

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Charlene Hawkins is Employee of the Month for November

Charlene Hawkins, records officer in the Office of the Graduate Dean, has been selected as Marshall University Employee of the Month for November, according to Jim Stephens, chairman of the Employee of the Month Selection Committee.



Charlene Hawkins

Hawkins, who lives in Barboursville, has been employed by the university for 27 years. She was nominated by Dr. Leonard J. Deutsch, dean of the Graduate College.

In his nomination, he wrote, "Mrs. Hawkins is a hard-working, dependable and thoroughly competent employee. She has superior written and oral communications skills which she uses on a daily basis to interact with faculty, students, staff and the larger community outside of Marshall University. Charlene's current position requires her to work one-on-one with students and she provides admirable effective advisement. In this capacity, she explains policies, clearly and thoroughly, and students often express their gratitude for her friendly, helpful assistance."

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Angels to Bring Magic to the Stage Jan. 19-20

With the wave of a wand, a spectacular live-action celebration of the ancient art of magic comes to the stage of the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center Jan. 19-20 for three performances, as part of the Marshall Artists Series..

The show, **Stars of Magic**, will feature a diverse group of master magicians gathered from all over the world, each demonstrating a different form of magic. There are, for example, Dale Salwak, known as "The Gentleman of Magic;" Rich Bloch, award-winning inventor and entertainer; Stuart and Lori who have built a reputation as premiere illusionists; and dove specialist, Amos Levkovitch.

And making special guest appearances at all three performances will be President Dan Angel and his wife, Pat, who together will present "The Mind Magic of the Angels."

Season subscribers can get a first look at the Friday evening show on January 19 beginning at 7:30 p.m. Two Saturday performances are scheduled, at 2 p.m. and again at 7 p.m.

Stars of Magic has enjoyed several years of critical success in the United States, Europe, Australia, Japan, China and Russia.

Tickets are currently on sale for \$20 and \$15, plus tax. Groups of 10 or more receive a 10% discount. Tickets may be obtained by calling ext. 6656 or visiting the ticket office in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center. They are also available at Ticketmaster in both Huntington and Charleston and may also be ordered online at www.ticketmaster.com. Tickets may be purchased as well at select Kroger, Waves Music, Budget Tapes

and Records, National Record Mart or Disk Jockey Records stores.

In addition, a limited number of VIP packages is available for both Saturday performances. They include a meet and greet reception which includes a photo opportunity with the magicians, special VIP parking and what is described as "a magical surprise to be distributed at the performance." The VIP packages are \$15 per order (not per person). They are currently on sale and available only through the Marshall Artists Series box office.

Stars of Magic is sponsored by the Marshall Artists Series, Ferris Baker Watts, WSAZ-TV, and Sunny 92.7.

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Forum with an open discussion between youth and community leaders, at Unlimited Future, Inc., 1650 Eighth Avenue, from 10 a.m. to noon. At 4:30 p.m. people will assemble for the traditional march which will begin at 5:00 p.m. from the Ebenezer Community Outreach Center at 1660 Eighth Avenue, and end at the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church at 1135 Fifth Avenue where the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Service will take place from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. The Rev. Dr. Allen Reasons will preside at the symposium. Dr. Joan Mead, dean of the College of Liberal Arts at Marshall, will make presentations to the winners of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholar Awards Essay Competition. The Rev. David Johnson, chaplain of Cabell Huntington Hospital will make the introductions and the speaker will be the Rev. Nathaniel Turner-Lacy, an ordained elder of the United Methodist Church and the chaplain resident of Cabell Huntington Hospital. A reception will follow in the church fellowship hall. Music will be by Marshall's Carter G. Woodson Mass Choir.

The events will conclude on January 17 with a theatrical production, "I Am the Brother of Dragons" presented by the Saltworks Theatre Company of Pittsburgh. The program will take place in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse from 10 a.m. to noon.

"I believe this symposium will be one of the best in terms of promoting Martin Luther King's ideals and principles," said Dr. Betty Jane Cleckley, Vice President for Multicultural Affairs and International Programs at Marshall.

For additional information about any of the symposium events, contact the Office of the Vice President for Multicultural Affairs and International Programs at ext.4677 or 4637.

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Profile: Pam Mulder

A series on interesting Marshall University people.



Pam Mulder

The idyllic portrait often painted of cheery rural women calmly enjoying busy but carefree days, insulated from urban tensions like traffic snarls and crimes, isn't usually accurate, a Marshall University psychology professor has found.

In fact, women who live in rural America suffer life stress and mental health problems just as much as their city counterparts, Dr. Pamela Mulder, associate professor of

Psychology, recently said in a report she helped present at a congressional briefing.

And rural women need help in building resources in their own communities because the rural economy tends to be unfavorable for women, with fewer opportunities or resources, such as child care or extended education opportunities, Mulder found.

Mulder was the lead author of a report, "The Behavioral Health Care needs of Rural Women," which was developed by the American Psychological Association's Rural Women's Working Group. Along with Katherine Nordal, chair of the APA Committee on Rural Health, she sought to bring attention to the plight of these women when she spoke to members of a congressional committee.

Mulder brings a wealth of personal experience in her quest to help women who live outside of urban areas. That's a big population, and they need help, she says.

One out of every three American women is a rural woman, she notes in the report. The report indicated that "two recent studies of rural primary-care settings found depressive symptoms in 40 to 41 percent of the women screened, as compared with 13-20 percent in urban women. Incidence of rape and spousal abuse in rural areas is equal to that in cities, but the isolation of the country may allow perpetrators to continue the abuse without interference from others, either by the lack of confidentiality or by the family of the victim's acquaintance with the perpetrators."

Mulder and Nordal said that limited research has been done in the area of rural health and much of it has been confined to specific geographic areas. They point out that rural women dwell in disparate settings, everything from Alaskan villages, Native American reservations, Appalachian hollows, Midwestern farms to the countryside and bayous of the deep South. But no matter what area they live in, they're still more likely than their urban counterparts to have a number of health problems, including diabetes, cancer, heart disease, stroke and lung disease. And they point out that fetal, infant and maternal mortality are also higher in rural areas.

Both of Mulder's parents were native West Virginians, but because her father was in the military, she spent most of her youth in Germany, Florida and California. When she was 13, her family returned to West Virginia for a two-year stay, arriving coincidentally the week of the Marshall plane crash.

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In addition, he writes, "As the division's Records officer she works with student records, updating them as needed, and certifying the completion of requirements so that students can be placed on the graduation list. This responsibility leaves no margin for error and over the years I have developed complete confidence in Ms. Hawkins' ability to perform this arduous task. She has a total grasp of program requirements and understands the importance of

maintaining correct records."

"Ms. Hawkins' work habits are exemplary. Because she is in tune with the needs of her job, she does not wait for assignments. Rather, she assesses the situation and works independently and efficiently to get the job done. In addition to being self-directed, Charlene is honest and discreet. She can be entrusted with confidential information because she respects the privacy of others."



Charlene Hawkins received the now-traditional oversized check from President Dan Angel.

The dean has high praise for her compassion for others and her helpful attitude. He cites the example of a student who had driven from Mingo County to take the comprehensive examination and, having misinterpreted the time, arrived after the test was over. The student was very distraught, but, he notes, Hawkins calmed the student down, volunteered to stay with her an extra five hours while she took the exam and then bought her dinner. "This woman will forever be grateful to Charlene," he notes.

Deutsch goes on to say, "Not only is she a decent and thoughtful individual, but Charlene has a fine sense of what is appropriate. This extends to what she says and how she behaves as well as how she dresses for the job. In short, Ms. Hawkins is a consummate professional who has made a significant contribution to the Graduate College and to Marshall University. She is exceptionally deserving of the Employee of the Month Award."

Hawkins received a plaque and \$100 for being named Employee of the Month and will be eligible for the Employee of the Year Award.

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"I never got the land out of my heart, the hills, the trees, the sane way of life," she remembers. And later when she had received a Ph.D. from the California School of Professional Psychology in Fresno, and her mother became ill and wanted to return to her native state, Mulder packed up and left California without too much regret.

"I've always known that California can be crazy and had 'way too many people," she says, so she was happy to be back in West Virginia when she joined the MU faculty in 1993.

Her undergraduate work was a patchwork of majors, everything from Eastern religions, anthropology and finally, psychology. But her shifting majors actually provided her with some of her more memorable experiences. Her interest in rural women's issues was heightened when she served an internship in some rural areas of California

And then there was, for example, her impromptu stint as a teacher at a Navaho reservation in Arizona.

"We were initially on an anthropology class dig in that area and it turned out that a severe strep throat epidemic had raced through a boarding school, striking most of the teachers and keeping them out of the classroom for several weeks," she recalls. "If the students could not go to class, the school would lose their funding. Our anthropology department suggested that we fill in temporarily. We thought that was a great idea. I taught English and ended up staying eight months."

Along the way she also found time to become an exchange student twice, living in Germany and then in Denmark.

One of her keen interests involves cross-cultural issues which her background has allowed her to mesh into not only her clinical work but also a class she teaches annually as well. In fact it was her cross cultural work that initially led to her involvement with the recent APA report.

"I received a call from Fresno and they were putting together a committee of women to look at rural women's issues. Because my interest there was cross-cultural, I was invited to be on this committee for the APA [American Psychological Association]. We were reporting to the rural task force and this was eventually modified into a slightly higher status, making it a committee on rural health for the APA.....and I was invited to become a committee member. And then we just continued the work we had begun."

She ultimately helped present the results of the report at a congressional briefing on Capitol Hill. Among the report's recommendations are that a rural focus should be part of every professional training program, with a specific emphasis on women's behavioral health-care needs.

"There are so many areas that are not served by a psychologist or even a social worker," says Mulder, who supervises trainees in rural areas. "If every training program had a rural component or track, maybe we could fill some of these needs in rural areas."

However there are some things rural women can be encouraged to do, Mulder believes.

"Many rural women don't see that they have power over their lives and the ability to change them. In these areas a lot is done through church groups. And women can organize themselves into groups, and many have, starting groups for pregnant women, and groups for younger girls. I'm always astounded at the ideas they come up with," she says admiringly.

The report also calls on educational institutions to use their unique abilities to gather and disseminate information, while

promoting awareness, providing continuing education opportunities for isolated areas and helping to develop distance-learning technologies which would serve residents of rural areas.

And when it comes to the subject of distance learning, Marshall has made a real convert.

"I really enjoy the WebCT technology available now. When I first came here I didn't know a computer from a hole in the ground but thanks to the technical staff I've really learned how to make use of the computer in the classroom and it is the most amazing teaching tool. I use it in all my classes. It's been a particular help in the cross-cultural psychology class," she says.

Right now, Mulder, who serves as the advisor to both Psy Chi, the Psychology honorary, and the Psychology Club, which is open to everyone, is helping students gear up for the annual Tri-State Psychology conference to be held in Huntington in mid-April.

She has high praise for the student-led conference, which in its nine years has grown from a small handful of participants with local speakers to a regional conference. There were participants last year from seven states representing 13 colleges and featuring nationally known keynote speakers.

"I'm so proud of this particular effort. Every year the students come through so beautifully on this conference. And we get great support from this department," she says.

Currently, any spare time she has is spent helping her husband, Paul, remodel an older house, where they live with their children, Kristyn, 15, and Paul, 10. But she takes that all in stride, and a sense of humor doesn't hurt either.

Because, she says, "Sometimes the water and electricity work, and sometimes they don't!"

Faculty/Staff Achievements

Dr. Diana Long, Associate Provost for Workforce Development with Marshall University Community and Technical College, has earned the designation of Certified Economic Developer (CED) through an examination held during the Southern Economic Development Conference last fall in Charleston. Long is the first community college professional from West Virginia to obtain the CED designation.

The CED designation recognizes the professional economic developer and sets the standard for excellence within the profession of economic development. Candidates must pass a rigorous three-part certification examination which tests knowledge, proficiency, and judgment in important areas of economic development. In addition, an individual must have at least five years of full-time professional employment in economic development, plus credits for professional activities, higher education, or accredited courses in economic development to qualify to sit for the examination. The American Economic Development Council is the largest and oldest international economic development society, serving more than 3,000 economic development professionals worldwide.

Dr. Leonard Deutsch, dean of the Graduate College, organized and presented at a session, "The Role of the Comprehensive University in Regional Development," at the annual meeting of the Council of Graduate Schools held in New Orleans, Dec.6-8.