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CITE Students Participate in Project for U.S. Navy



Marshall students Shawn Cotton, Brad Fitzwater and Camden Clutter, left to right, are working this summer on the Autonomous Maritime Navigation project.

Three Marshall University computer science students along with faculty from the Colleges of Science and Information Technology and Engineering, are participating in a multi-disciplinary project to build a sensor suite for the U.S. Navy to be used on autonomous marine vehicles.

The project, Autonomous Maritime Navigation (AMN) and

all of the software development will take place in West Virginia with Marshall University as one of the research partners. Marshall faculty involved in the project are Joe Fuller, associate professor of computer science, Dr. Venkat Gudivada, professor of computer science, and Dr. Peter Saveliev, associate professor of mathematics. Marshall computer science students working on the project are Camden Clutter of Clarksburg, Shawn Cotton of Huntington, and Brad Fitzwater of Eleanor.

According to Gudivada, the goal of the AMN project is to develop a set of integrated hardware and software that will enable boats and ships to autonomously navigate in waterways. This requires intelligent data fusion from an

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Cotroneo new president of Marshall Community and Technical College

Dr. Keith J. Cotroneo, Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs at Quincy College in Quincy, Mass., for the past two years, is the new president of the Marshall Community and Technical College (MCTC).

John Hess, chair of the Marshall University Board of Governors' Community and Technical College Committee, said Cotroneo was offered and accepted the job July 23. He starts at MCTC Sept. 1.

The Marshall University Board of Governors voted Friday, July 20 to approve the recommendation of the MCTC Board of Advisors that Cotroneo be offered the presidency. The following Monday, the West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education approved the recommendation.

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Board Members Reappointed

Gov. Joe Manchin III has reappointed three members of the Marshall University Board of Governors to four-year terms.

Gary Adkins of Huntington, Brent A. Marsteller of Huntington and Retired Brig. Gen. Harley F. Mooney Jr. of Charleston were reappointed to terms ending June 30, 2011.

Adkins is Superintendent of Schools in Wayne County, Marsteller is President and CEO of Cabell Huntington Hospital, and Mooney is retired from the U.S. Army where he was a highly decorated career officer.

Stacy Good Named Employee of the Month

Stacy Good, Administrative Secretary Senior in the Department of Mathematics, has been named the Marshall University Employee of the Month for June, according to Jim Stephens, chair of the Employee of the Month Committee.

She was nominated by Dr. Judith A. Silver, Professor of Mathematics and Dr. Ralph Oberste-Vorth, chair of the Department of Mathematics, with supporting comments from Mathematics faculty members Dr. Alfred Akinsete, Dr. David Cusick and Dr. Yulia Dementieva.

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Marshall University President Stephen Kopp, second from left presents the June 2007 Employee of the Month award to Stacy L. Good, second from right. Looking on at left is Andrew Rogerson, dean of the College of Science, and on the right, Ralph Oberste-Vorth, chair of the mathematics department.

Lockridge named Senior VP for Finance and Administration; Fox promoted to Senior VP for Information Technology



Anita Lockridge

Anita Lockridge, who has held numerous senior-level financial positions in the healthcare field over the past 16 years, has been named Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration at Marshall University, President Stephen J. Kopp announced.

Lockridge replaces Herb Karlet, who is now serving as Dean of Business Services with the Marshall Community and Technical College.

Kopp also announced that Dr. Jan Fox has been promoted from Vice President for Information Technology/Chief Information Officer to Senior Vice President for Information Technology/Chief Information Officer.

"Both of these individuals are highly accomplished and bring proven talent, experience and expertise in their respective fields to their new roles," Kopp said. "Beyond their considerable talents, they also bring an abiding dedication to the continued success of Marshall University. I look forward to the leadership and contributions both will make as members of the senior staff."

Lockridge, a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), began her career as an auditor for the McDonald's Corporation in 1980. She has more recently served in the healthcare field as the Chief Financial Officer of the largest public hospital in the state of Tennessee located in Memphis, as Vice President of Finance at a hospital in Fort Worth, Texas, and as Senior Vice President, CFO at a hospital in Greenwood, S.C.

"I am thrilled to be here and to have the opportunity to work in higher education, to carry out the mission of the university and to help students succeed," Lockridge said. "Both healthcare and higher education serve a specific group of people for the public good. I am confident that my skill set will transition into higher education, and that I will make a positive impact."

Lockridge, who was born and raised in Chicago, received a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from Chicago State University, and a Master of Science degree



Dr. Jan Fox

in accounting from the University of Memphis. Her husband, Dr. T. Maurice Lockridge, is an assistant professor in Marshall's Lewis College of Business.

Fox has been at Marshall since 1984 and CIO since 1996. She is a tenured faculty member in the School of Medicine. Fox received her Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Biology from Marshall and her Ed.D. in Higher Education Administration from West Virginia University.

Her administrative responsibilities include the integration of Information Technology into all aspects of education, administration and research throughout the Marshall community. Her principal management responsibilities include Computing Services, University Libraries and Distributed Education.

Fox serves as chair of several technology committees, is the previous chair of the statewide Information Technology Council of State CIOs and is the state representative to the Southern Growth Policy Technology Committee. In addition, she serves on the Governor's West Virginia Broadband Committee, is Secretary of the West Virginia TeleAlliance, and is a board member of the West Virginia Network for Telecomputing and MissionWV.

"We will continue to utilize the power of Information Technology to implement our bold strategies at Marshall," Fox said. "These strategies will continue to position Marshall University as a national leader in American higher education for the 21st Century. I, and all of my team, appreciate Dr. Kopp's support of our efforts."

Fox is married to William Cremeans, Jr., a biologist for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. They have two children.

E-Prescription Software Available through Center for Rural Health

Through a partnership in a national initiative known as National ePrescribing Patient Safety InitiativeSM, Marshall's Robert C. Byrd Center for Rural Health is offering West Virginia doctors free use of software that will let them write prescriptions electronically.

"Electronic prescribing is one of the best steps to improve patient safety, and now it will be one of the easiest as well," said Dr. Gretchen E. Oley, associate dean for clinical affairs for the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. "E-prescribing is an effective way to avoid the use of duplicate drugs or adverse drug interactions, and it provides physicians with instant access to warnings about allergies and drug contraindications. It's more efficient for patients as well, because the order goes directly to the pharmacy and the pharmacy can contact the doctor when refills are needed."

The program also can help curb the abuse of prescription medications, noted Jennifer T. Plymale, director of the Center for Rural Health.

Through the program, Marshall is providing West Virginia doctors free use of the eRX NOW software

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Profile: Joyce Maynard

A series on interesting Marshall University people.



Joyce Maynard

Right in the middle of a bustling urban subdivision is a leafy spot reminiscent of a lush English garden. It's filled with a fish pond, abundant flowers, shrubs and plants of all descriptions. In addition, there are two waterfalls, songbirds and all manner of small creepy and crawling critters.

It's a 10-year work in progress, says Joyce Maynard, who, along with her husband, Noah, built a miniature

wetland in their backyard. Through lots of hands-on hard work and some imaginative planning, they've turned an ordinary 53 X 130 foot lot into a showy oasis, which is their refuge from the world.

"We can hide back there," she says with her characteristic good humor. "It's so peaceful and serene; it's shut away from the world. There's just a pathway through the garden, so you have to walk on it and you can see all the flowers, the fish and the little wild frogs that hang around the pond. We love being outdoors, it keeps us busy and gets us out of the house. When I take vacation time we really don't have to leave home; we usually spend most of it in our backyard."

The love of all things country comes easily to this couple. Joyce, who is the administrative secretary senior in the chemistry department, grew up in a log cabin in Buffalo Creek, Ohio and Noah was reared in a small house in Logan County, W.Va.

"Growing up as we did, we remember things from our childhoods and we've incorporated many of them in our yard. We like to use things that were used in everyday life like dishpans and we've even found a place for his old drill press. We'd like to live in the country but since we live in the middle of suburbia, we're bringing the country to us!"

Maynard's been at Marshall for 14 years, coming to the university with a diverse background of experience in law offices, at Cabell Huntington Hospital, and as the administrative assistant for the district manager of Kinney Shoes. She was comfortable in her new work home right from the start.

"This work is different from the other places, I have worked and I like that," she observed. "The work is multifaceted so I don't find it boring. I like dealing with students, they're very interesting. We have international students and others who come from all over the U.S. so there's a lot of diversity. We have students for instance from China, India, Thailand, from Peru and other South American countries. It's fascinating to talk to them and learn about their heritage and culture. One thing I've found out is that people in general are the same all over the world. We all basically want the same things. We want to be able to work. We want to provide for our families. No matter where you're from, there's a sameness. A mother is a

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In his nomination Oberste-Vorth wrote, "Stacy is the ideal employee from the point of view of a boss: she is self-motivated and a quick study who needs very little supervision; she takes the initiative on unassigned tasks such as supervising and organizing the Math Lab and its tutors; she is effective and efficient, completing tasks early even if it means extended hours and weekend hours."

Silver noted, "Stacy Good has done exemplary work as the only secretary for a department containing 27 full-time faculty members in addition to part-time instructors and graduate students. I believe that the department she serves, Mathematics, is the largest department on campus which is served by a single secretary. Not only does she take care of us, but she also helps with the Math Tutoring Lab next door to her office."

And, she adds, "Stacy has some special abilities that make her indispensable: She is extremely efficient, she is organized and neat, and she has amazing computer skills. She even teaches a computer class at the Community & Technical College."

Akinsete says he has been impressed by Good's diligence and dedication to duty, which includes spending extra hours at her desk even on weekends. "Stacy's readiness and willingness to offer assistance rates her very highly amongst her peers that I have worked with over the years. She is firm, highly energetic, enthusiastic, and a great organizer."

Cusick commented, "Just watch her go the extra mile to help those who could use some."

Dementieva noted "Stacy is the best organized secretary that I have ever met. Although she works for the department of 27 full-time faculty with just one assistant, she does all her work on time. She is very helpful, responsible for her job, caring, and pleasant to work with."

She was presented with a plaque, balloon bouquet and a check for \$100 by President Stephen J. Kopp.

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"We're excited to have Dr. Cotroneo join us," Hess said. "He brings a lot of experience in education administration to our Community and Technical College, and will be a great asset as we move forward and grow this institution."



Dr. Keith Cotroneo

Cotroneo replaces Dr. Robert B. Hayes, who has served as the college's interim president since November 2006.

"I'm really excited," Cotroneo said of his new job. "It's an important time for the community college and the university. I'm looking forward to being at the community college and providing greater access to the citizens of West Virginia and to assisting the local community and the state in economic development."

Cotroneo was one of three finalists for the position. The other two were Dr. Kathy J. D'Antoni, Vice Chancellor for the West Virginia Community and Technical College System, and Dr. Susan D. Huard, Dean of

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Joyce Maynard

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mother all over the world no matter where you're from and I think that is a very good lesson to learn."

Still, some of the students have harrowing tales to tell about escapades in their homelands, causing sober reflections. "One student from India told me about running through the streets with his uncle dodging bullets. Hearing about an experience like that gives you a whole new perspective."

Her department is a busy one, she says, with the 14 full-time faculty members engaged in numerous professional projects and activities. She juggles her duties adroitly, everything from taking care of correspondence, putting the schedules on Banner, working with budgets, overseeing purchasing and taking care of the myriad of other chores as they arise.

She's been at Marshall long enough to remember when routine clerical chores were much more cumbersome. "When I first came here purchasing was done on forms with several carbons and PAR's were similar with copies to type. There seemed to be multiple copies of every form and we did a lot of typing...now virtually everything is done electronically with very little typing. I like it better this way."

A graduate of South Point (Ohio) High School, Maynard can now be called into the school's principal's office with no trepidation whatsoever. That's because her son, John, a Marshall graduate, has just been named the principal. Daughter Tara is a teacher in Cabell County and the Maynards are the proud grandparents of 4-year-old Bryce. Although husband Noah is disabled and his travel is limited, this close-knit family gets together frequently for Sunday dinners, holidays and other gatherings.

These days the Maynards are content to spend time on their work-in-progress piece of paradise. The landscaped lushness just sort of grew, according to Joyce. It all began with a small preformed fish pond Noah received as a Father's Day gift. Then Joyce wanted an herb garden and the fish pond began to look kind of puny, so they dug a bigger one, which obviously needed a waterfall, then another waterfall seemed like a good idea. Before they knew it, they had created an Eden-like refuge, their own scenic getaway just yards from their back door.

And then there are the peanut-butter-loving birds. Attracted initially by the smorgasbord of plants, they swoop into the yard, an array of Texas cardinals, Carolina wrens, warblers, brown thrashers, mocking birds, woodpeckers, sparrows, and of course the pesky starlings, most looking for the peanut butter treats the Maynards hand out. Some of the birds, particularly the mockingbirds and the thrashers, have become quite tame and will come sit on the railing singing for their supper. It had better be peanut butter, Maynard says.

Creating the placid space actually led to another hobby for Maynard. She created a whimsical sign for the garden and it came out so well she took up painting, mostly landscapes and garden scenes. But her creative bent isn't limited just to her brushes. She's a published poet who has had poems published in anthologies.

Right now life is good for the Maynards, she says, and she'll continue to garden, paint, write and, of course, spend time with her family. And if something new should appear on the horizon, she'll be ready to embrace it with zest. "I'm a lifelong learner. When you get to the point where you're no longer learning, you become bored and that's something I never intend to be!"

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array of sensors including sonar, radar, GPS and digital cameras (stereo vision), Gudivada said.

Through the efforts of U.S. Sen. Robert C. Byrd, Spatial Integrated Systems (SIS) of Rockville, Md., and its partners were awarded a four-year \$24.7 million contract to build a sensor suite for the U.S. Navy to be used on autonomous marine vehicles.

"I am delighted that Senator Byrd was able to secure funding for this project that will allow high tech to grow in West Virginia," Fuller said. "The work the computer science students do will be extremely valuable to the project and the experience they gain may lead to eventual employment in a rewarding job located in West Virginia."

Dr. Tony Szwilski, interim dean of CITE, said the project is "another indication of the quality of our students and academic programs in the College of Information Technology and Engineering."

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Learning and Student Development at Quinebaug Valley Community College in Danielson, Conn.

"I'm really impressed with the community," Cotroneo said of Huntington. "Things are headed in a positive direction."

Before going to Quincy in 2005, Cotroneo served as Vice President for Academic Affairs at Broome Community College in Binghamton, N.Y., from 1998 to 2005; Dean of Instruction and Chief Academic Officer at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Ore., from 1995 to 1998; Associate Dean and Assistant to the President at Hagerstown Community College in Hagerstown, M.D., from 1992 to 1995; and Associate Dean at Hagerstown Community College from 1988 to 1995.

Cotroneo received a Bachelor of Science degree from Auburn University in 1976, a Master of Education from the University of Georgia in 1979, a Specialist in Education from the University of Georgia in 1985, and a Doctor of Education from the University of Georgia in 1987.

The Marshall Community and Technical College offers 11 certificate and 23 associate degrees. Enrollment in fall 2006 was 2,580.

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developed by Allscripts, the leading provider of clinical software, information and connectivity solutions that physicians use to improve healthcare. This software is used by more than 30,000 physicians to write millions of electronic prescriptions each year.

Glen Tullman, Co-Chair of NEPSI and Chief Executive Officer of Allscripts, said "We welcome Marshall as our newest regional supporter and commend them for their strong commitment to this simple yet remarkable idea—that providing free electronic prescribing for every physician will ultimately reduce errors and improve care."

In addition to providing financial support for the program in West Virginia, Marshall and the Center for Rural Health will help the state's physicians get up and running with the necessary software as needed.