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The Newsletter for Marshall University

December 2, 2015

Reminder: Family Holiday Party is Dec. 10

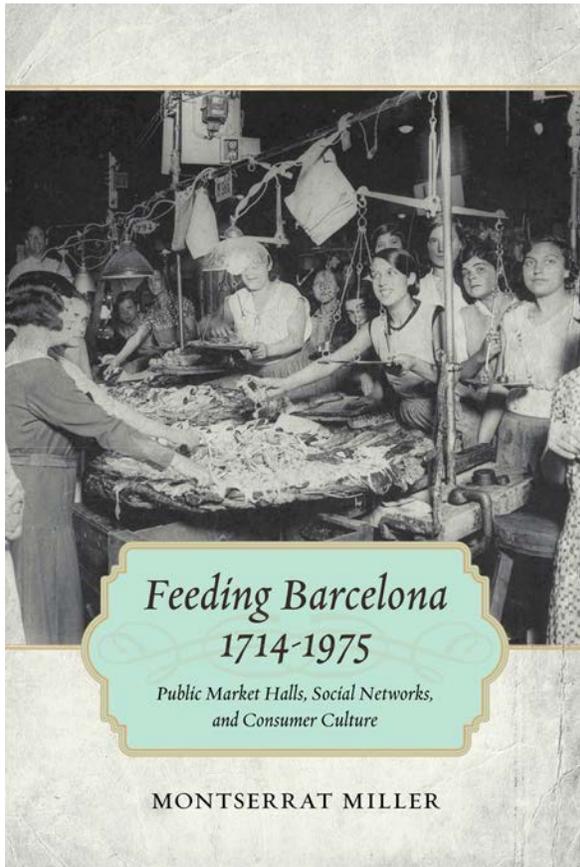


President and Mrs. Gary White invite Marshall faculty and staff and their families to attend the annual Family Holiday Party from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center.

Santa is expected to make an appearance at 5:45 p.m., giving children an opportunity to have their photos taken with him. In addition, there will be crafts, cookie decorating, a Lego presentation and lots of good food.

The cost of the event is underwritten by Sodexo. State funds will not be used.

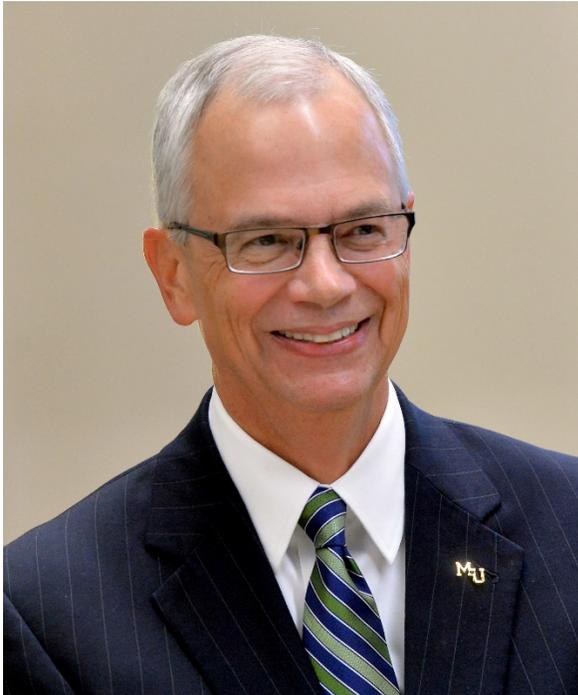
Dr. Montserrat Miller to conduct book signings in Huntington, Charleston



Dr. Montserrat Miller, professor of history and author of *Feeding Barcelona*, will be signing copies of the book at the Memorial Student Center bookstore from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5. She also will be signing copies at Taylor Books in Charleston Thursday, Dec. 10 (corrected date from original announcement), from 6 to 8 p.m.

For further information, contact Libby Rayment in the College of Liberal Arts at 304-696-2350.

Reminder: Welcome event for Gilberts is today, Dec. 2



The Board of Governors invites all members of the Marshall community to an event to welcome Dr. Jerome A. "Jerry" Gilbert as the university's 37th president.

The program will begin at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2, in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center.

A reception will follow in the lobby. Please join your colleagues and the entire community to welcome Dr. and Mrs. Gilbert!

MUReads to focus on stress reduction today at 11 a.m.

RELAX! With MUReads

December 2nd, 11am-1pm

Drinko 301 and 349

**Cookies, Cocoa, Meditation, Holiday
Books, Movies and More!**



Marshall Library's MUReads will be holding an event today focused on student, faculty, and staff relaxation, in preparation for finals.

"Relax! With MUReads," which will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2, aims to help students reduce stress before diving into finals week. It will take place in the 3rd floor atrium of the Drinko Library.

The event will feature cookies, cocoa, a coloring corner, relaxing music, and more. Katie Rose, local yoga teacher, will be holding sessions on mindful breathing and the use of essential oils. There will also be a holiday movie to watch, holiday books and music to check out, and articles on stress reduction. There will be a prize drawing for attendees.

MUReads is a year-long reading initiative that encourages West Virginians to read books individually or as part of a team. Anyone can participate, and there are prizes at various times in the year. Interested participants can sign up at any time during the year, and only have to read one book to be eligible for prizes.

Annual Human Resources open house for faculty and staff to take place Dec. 9

Human Resource Services and Equity Programs invites faculty and staff to their annual holiday open house, which will take place Wednesday, Dec. 9, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in Old Main 323.

Rec the Halls aims to spread the holiday spirit this month



Center and NECCO.

The Recreation Center and the First-Year Residence Halls are helping several local agencies and children in the Tri-State community through Rec the Halls with Holiday Hopes.

Rec the Halls with Holiday Hopes can be compared to an “Angel Tree.” The Rec and First-Year Residence Halls will have holiday trees full of wishes made by children from local agencies, such as Golden Girls, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Ronald McDonald House, A.D. Lewis Community

“Everyone gets excited for the holidays and the holidays are all about giving and spreading joy,” said Michele Muth, assistant director of marketing at the Rec Center. “Rec the Halls is a great way to give back and spread the holiday spirit.”

Wishes are hung on a tree in the lobby of the Marshall Recreation Center, as well as in the First-Year Residence Halls. Students and members of the community alike are encouraged to take a

tag from the tree, purchase the gift listed on the wish and bring the gift back with the tag that was attached to the tree.

“Stop by the Rec or one of the First-Year Residence Halls and you can help make a child’s wish come true,” said Muth. “Every year my kids get excited to pick out a tag and choose a gift for a child in need.”

A wrapping party will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, to wrap the gifts for the agencies. Students and community members are encouraged to help.

Volunteers will be rewarded with snacks and drinks while enjoying each other’s company in a festive atmosphere.

Donations of wrapping paper and other supplies are needed and greatly appreciated.

For more information contact Dan Belcher at belcherd@marshall.edu or at ext.6-4651.

Engineering faculty member to speak at winter commencement



Dr. Andrew P. Nichols, who last spring received the Dr. Charles E. Hedrick Outstanding Faculty Award for the 2014-2015 academic year, will be the keynote speaker at winter commencement Saturday, Dec. 12.

Commencement gets underway at 11 a.m. at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena in downtown Huntington.

The Hedrick award recognizes a full-time, tenured faculty member who has a minimum of seven years teaching experience at Marshall and a record of outstanding classroom teaching, scholarship, research and creative activities.

“What an honor to have the opportunity to speak to this class of Marshall graduates,” Nichols said. “I hope my message will provide encouragement and inspiration as they start the next chapter of

their lives.”

Nichols, a native of Point Pleasant, also received the Distinguished Artists and Scholars Award for the 2014-2015 academic year. He was the senior recipient for Sciences and Technology.

He has been teaching engineering at Marshall since August 2007. He also is program director with the Nick J. Rahall II Appalachian Transportation Institute's Intelligent Transportation Systems Program Area, a position he has held since arriving at Marshall.

Nichols earned his bachelor of science in civil engineering degree in May 2000 from West Virginia University; his master of science in civil engineering degree in December 2001 from Purdue University; and his doctorate in civil engineering in May 2004, also from Purdue.

He is both an applied researcher and a consultant in the area of transportation engineering. He has conducted traffic signal design, traffic data collection, traffic safety studies, and traffic-related research for various projects in South Carolina, West Virginia and Maryland.

Nichols says his teaching philosophy is "to deliver course content and create assignments in a way that leads to student engagement and students learning. That environment tends to involve hands-on activities, real-world examples and classroom discussions to promote critical thought," he said.

Photo: Dr. Andrew P. Nichols, right, poses with Interim President Gary White as Nichols receives the Distinguished Artists and Scholars Award last spring. He also was given the Dr. Charles E. Hedrick Outstanding Faculty Award.

Marshall Artists Series to present 'Nightmare Before Christmas' Dec. 12



Just in time for the holidays, Disney in Concert Presents Tim Burton's *The Nightmare Before Christmas*., a special collaboration featuring a full length feature film with a score performed live by the Huntington Symphony Orchestra and special guests, Performances are scheduled for Saturday, December 12. at 2 p. m. with an evening performance at 7:30. at the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center.

The Nightmare Before Christmas follows Halloween Town's Pumpkin King on his adventure to Christmas Town as residents are preparing for Christmas. Bored with his role as Pumpkin King, Jack Skellington is determined to

shake things up and enlists the help of some mischievous trick-or-treaters to kidnap Santa Claus and take over the job of delivering gifts to the children of the world.

Tim Burton, widely regarded as one of the cinema's most imaginative filmmakers has enjoyed great success in both the live-action and animation arenas. Known for his dark, gothic, and quirky horror and fantasy films, some of Burton's other hit films include *Edward Scissorhands*, *Beetlejuice*, and *Charlie & the Chocolate Factory*.

The Huntington Symphony Orchestra will be performing Danny Elfman's score featured in this classic tale. Over the last 30 years, four-time Oscar nominee Elfman has established himself as one of the most versatile and accomplished film composers in the industry. having composed the score for various movies and shows such as *The Simpsons*, *Batman*, and *Good Will Hunting*, among others.

For tickets, contact the Marshall Artists Series Box Office at ext. 6-6656 or visit the box office located in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse, Monday through Friday noon to 5 p.m.

The Nightmare Before Christmas is sponsored by ZMM Architects & Engineers; The Earleen Heiner Agee & Robert W. Agee Fund of The Foundation For The Tri-State Community Inc.; Special Metals; Dr. Christopher & Mrs. Tammy Hugh; the West Virginia Department of Education and the Arts – Kay Goodwin, Cabinet Secretary; KEE 100; WTCR; B97; The Herald Dispatch; WSAZ; Marshall University and the Marshall Artists Series.

Marshall and Mountwest announce two new articulation agreements

Marshall University and Mountwest Community & Technical College recently completed two new articulation agreements in the spirit of cooperation and to facilitate the efficient transfer of students between the two quality institutions of higher learning.

The agreements, which go into effect immediately, enable Mountwest students who graduate with associate degrees in graphic design and in animation and game development a seamless pathway to transfer to bachelor's degree programs at Marshall, receiving credit for all of their completed courses.

“As our region undergoes transformation from an industry-based and fossil-fuel-based economy to a technical, entrepreneurial and service-based economy, it's more important than ever that institutions of higher learning provide training and education for 21st century jobs,” Dr. Harry Faulk, executive vice president and chief academic officer at Mountwest, said. “We are pleased that two of our highly technological and yet creative programs of study now have solid pathways with Marshall University for students to expand the breadth of their knowledge and to complete baccalaureate degrees.”

“Marshall University enjoys a close and productive relationship with Mountwest, as we have a shared conviction that the region's economy and growth is dependent upon a well-educated workforce,” said Dr. David J. Pittenger, interim associate vice president for outreach and continuing studies and interim dean of the Graduate College at Marshall. “These innovative agreements provide students in the region more opportunities to pursue contemporary college degrees that prepare them for meaningful and interesting careers.”

With the agreement, Mountwest students who earn an Associate of Applied Science degree with a concentration in graphic design can transfer into the Marshall University College of Arts and Media and obtain a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in visual art with an emphasis in graphic design. This agreement was developed as a 2 + 2 program, where students can finish in two years at Mountwest (62 credit hours), and then, if they follow the recommended course schedule, they can earn a bachelor's degree from Marshall within another two years (64 credit hours).

Students who earn an associate degree from Mountwest in animation and game development can transfer into the Marshall University College of Science and obtain a Bachelor of Science degree in computer and information technology. Students who follow this path can complete their associate degrees at Mountwest in two years (60 credit hours), and then earn their bachelor's degrees from Marshall over two-and-a-half years (79 credit hours).

Students pursuing baccalaureate degrees through these articulation agreements will be bound by the curriculum requirements in effect at the time they are officially accepted into the articulated programs.

Mountwest Community & Technical College is a public institution with approximately 2,500 students, offering more than 60 associate degree options and 15 one-year certificates. Mountwest is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

Marshall graduate program in nursing administration among most affordable

Marshall University has been ranked among the 30 most affordable nursing administration degree programs in the country by Best Master of Science in Nursing Degrees. The ranking was published on the organization's website in September. Marshall was ranked 27th.

This ranking was created using the National Center for Education Statistics' College Navigator Database. From among more than 180 qualifying schools, the 30 most affordable accredited nursing administration degree programs were selected and ranked based on average annual cost.

"It is exciting to be ranked among the most affordable nursing administration degree programs," says Interim President Gary White. "I want to thank everyone across Marshall University who has helped to make this excellent program one of the most affordable in the country. I appreciate their dedication and commitment to this program and our school."

All coursework for the M.S.N. degree program offered by Marshall can be completed online, making it one of the most convenient choices for those already employed in the medical field.

Because students in the online program have no campus or physical classroom presence and do not participate in campus activities and events, they are offered a special distance tuition rate in lieu of regular tuition and fees. The curriculum comprises 36 credit hours, 18 of which deal directly with nursing management, financial administration, and organizational dynamics in the healthcare environment.

Best Master of Science in Nursing Degrees provides high-quality information to help students make the best decisions about their nursing education. The site addresses information about specific master's in nursing degrees, master's in nursing specialized degrees, top schools offering these degree programs, and popular career paths to embark upon after graduation. Read the full article at the following link: www.bestmasterofscienceinnursing.com/best/affordable-nursing-administration-degree-programs.

The next regular issue of *We Are...Marshall* will be distributed Dec. 9, 2015. Please send any materials for consideration to [Pat Dickson](#) by 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7.