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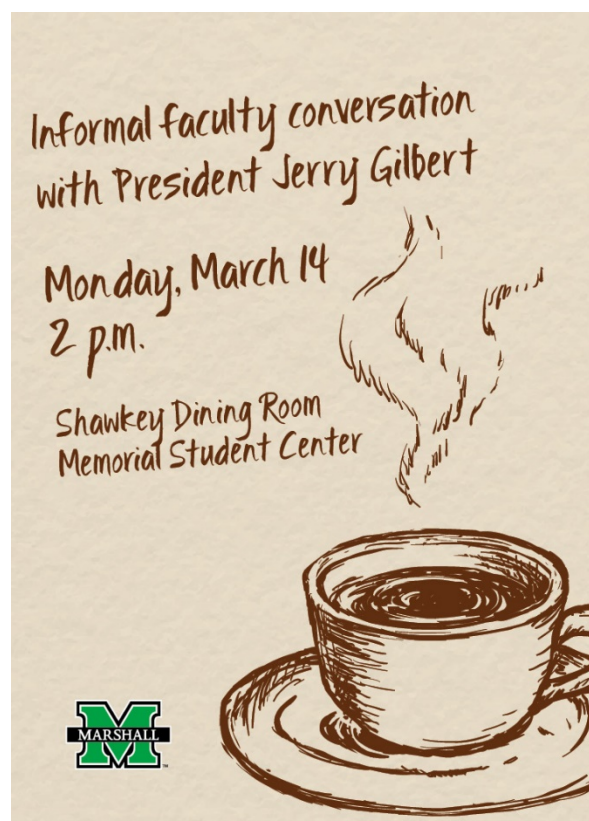
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The Newsletter for Marshall University

March 9, 2016

Faculty invited to conversation with President Gilbert



President Gilbert has invited faculty members to an informal conversation to take place Monday, March 14, in the Shawkey Dining Room in the Memorial Student Center.

Although this particular conversation is for faculty only, all members of the campus community are encouraged to mark their calendars for the president's next monthly open house on Wednesday, April 6, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Old Main 213.

Non-exempt classified staff to transition to semi-monthly, hourly pay April 15

Non-exempt classified staff employees will be transitioned to pay based on the number of hours in the pay period beginning April 15. The text of the message sent to the affected employees is as follows:

Currently, our full-time, non-exempt classified staff (those who complete purple time sheets) are paid on a “salaried” basis, which means that the regular gross wages for each pay check do not vary. The annual salary is divided by 24 to determine each pay period’s pay.

Effective March 17, 2016, all full-time, non-exempt staff will be paid on an hourly pay method, which means that the regular gross wages for each pay check will be dependent on the number of hours in the pay period. Those hours will include hours worked, paid leave taken, and holidays.

The last semi-monthly salary paycheck will be on March 31, 2016, for the pay period of March 1 – 16, 2016. The first semi-monthly, hourly paycheck will be on April 15, 2016, for the pay period of March 17 – 31, 2016.

Please continue to complete purple time sheets until your department is transitioned to Web Time Entry. Adjustments for overtime or leave overdrafts will be handled as usual until further notice.

We will present sessions regarding this change later this month. You may register for a session on HR’s website later this week. More information regarding the change will soon be available on our Pay Changes website www.marshall.edu/paychanges, including a PDF of the presentation. Also, please remember to review future editions of the *We Are...Marshall* online newsletter for more updates.

Thank you,
Marshall University Human Resources and Payroll Offices

The sessions mentioned in the above message are now available for registration on HR’s website at www.marshall.edu/human-resources/training/training-schedule/pay-changes-for-full-time-non-exempt-classified-staff/.

Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra to appear tonight in Huntington



The Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra will make a stop on their 80th anniversary tour at the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center tonight at 7:30 p.m.

The Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra has added rich cultural heritage of Israel and the region for over eight decades. For this 80th anniversary tour, Dimitry Yablonsky, principal guest conductor of the Moscow Philharmonic, and Conductor Laureate of the JSO, will present the program. Israeli teenage virtuoso Danielle Akta, a 13-year-old who first picked up the cello at the age of four, will be the guest soloist on cello.

The evening's program will feature Alexander Tchaikovsky's *The Khojaly Requiem*; Saint Saens' Cello Concerto No. 1, Op. 33 in A minor, featuring Akta; Rachmaninov's Symphony No. 2, Op. 27; and Glinka's *Ruslan and Ludmila* overture.

A special pre-show discussion, "Artistic Viewpoints," will be held prior to the show from 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Keith-Albee. The discussion is free with a show ticket. Marshall University Professor Dr. Larry Stickler will lead the discussion, which will feature Yablonsky.

Tickets are available at the Artists Series Box Office by calling ext. 6-6656 or by visiting the box office located in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse. Box office hours are Monday through Friday, noon to 5 p.m.

Photo: The Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra will appear at the Keith-Albee tonight at 7:30 p.m.

28th annual Health Science Research Day is Friday, March 11

Students, residents and faculty from health science programs at Marshall will unveil the findings of their research projects Friday, March 11, during the school's 28th Annual Research Day.

The program, which will be at the Marshall University Medical Center, will include a featured speaker as well as presentations on Marshall University research initiatives. Projects focusing on health care disparities pertinent to West Virginia which used multiple state-of-the-art techniques including clinical informatics, outcomes, basic, clinical and translation methodologies will be discussed. Hepatitis C, obesity, metabolic syndrome and dementia will be among the topics presented.

"This year's Research Day showcases Marshall's intentional move to a more collaborative, multidisciplinary approach to discovery and innovation," said Uma Sundaram, M.D., vice dean for research and graduate education at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. "We have worked diligently to be more inclusive as we strive to grow our research enterprise."

In addition to researchers from the School of Medicine, faculty and students from the Marshall University School of Pharmacy, Forensic Science Graduate Program, College of Health Professions and the Marshall Institute for Interdisciplinary Research are participating.

School of Medicine Dean Joseph I. Shapiro, M.D., will begin the day's activities by welcoming participants at 8:15 a.m. in the Harless Auditorium. The welcome will be followed by oral and poster presentations throughout the day.

The guest speaker for the day's event is Naji Abumrad, M.D., chairman emeritus and John L. Sawyers Professor of Surgery at the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. Abumrad will present his lecture, "The Life of an Academic Surgeon: Persevere, Don't Be Afraid, Explore" at 11:30 a.m. in the Harless Auditorium.

Continuing medical education credits are also available for physicians. Questions about credit should be directed to the Office of Continuing Medical Education at 304-691-1770.

For more information on the program visit <http://jcesom.marshall.edu/research/research-day/>.

Marshall's MUsic Mondays to return March 14

The School of Music and Theatre's MUsic Mondays will present the second lecture of the spring series at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 14, at the Cellar Door, 905 3rd Ave., Huntington.

The lecture, "Music for Good Friday: Johann Sebastian Bach's 'St. Matthew Passion,'" will explore Bach's ability to capture the Easter story by musical means. Lead presenter Dr. Vicki Stroehler, professor of music history at Marshall, said Bach is one of the most revered composers of all time, largely due to his ability to speak to people from both head and heart.

"This work had its first performance on Good Friday, the day on which both Catholic and Protestant faiths commemorate the crucifixion," Stroehler said. "In the 'St. Matthew Passion,' Bach takes us on Christ's journey through the crucifixion and asks us to be full participants in it. In a brilliant dramatic stroke, he uses a double chorus to convey the conflicting emotions and thoughts of the crowds at the trial and foot of the cross. Interspersed between meditative arias by Jesus, Pilate, Judas and others are chorales meant for the congregation to sing. These chorales offer a commentary on the events and speak to the people directly, asking questions about their relationship with the divine."

The spring series, titled "Music for the Season," is investigating music that reflects the season for which it was written. On April 11, the series will explore Beethoven's "Pastoral" Symphony, and on May 9, the series will present Benjamin Britten's Spring Symphony, which concludes aptly with the medieval English round, "Sumer is icumen in" ("Summer is Coming In").

Each lecture costs \$10, payable at the door. Checks should be made payable to Marshall University. All proceeds will go to support the music program. Seating is limited. Participants are invited to arrive early to enjoy conversation and refreshments.

Following the lecture, participants are invited to Smith Recital Hall on Marshall's Huntington campus for a faculty trio recital on historical instruments from the time of Bach. This event, featuring Dr. Richard Kravchak, oboe; Dr. Kay Lawson, bassoon; and Dr. Henning Vauth, keyboard, will begin at 8 p.m.

For more information about MUsic Mondays, call the School of Music and Theatre at 304-696-3117.

Blue Man Group visits College of Arts and Media students for workshop



Marshall University Assistant Professor and former Blue Man Group (BMG) Resident Music Director Jesse Nolan and members of the BMG North American Tour Cast (Dan Carter, Anthony Riscica and Terry Tungjunyatham) presented “Painting With Sound” to students in the College of Arts and Media students Tuesday, March 8.

The unique workshop, created by Nolan during his time with BMG, gives attendees a glimpse into the multi-dimensional world of Blue Man Group and has been performed 150 times across the country.

“This is a rare opportunity for College of Arts and Media students to see behind the scenes of Blue Man Group,” Nolan said before the session. “Dan (Carter) will be in the flesh, which is actually pretty cool. When he transforms from himself to one of the Blue Man Group without paint, he shows students that acting essentially comes from

within, no matter what the wardrobe.”

Photo: Dan Carter of the Blue Man Group participated in a session with students in the College of Arts and Media yesterday.

Countdown to Commencement is March 15-16



Marshall University will conduct its semiannual Countdown to Commencement Tuesday and Wednesday, March 15 and 16, in the Memorial Student Center's Don Morris Room on the Huntington campus.

The purpose of Countdown to Commencement is to assist those participating in this year's spring commencements, set for 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, May 7. The early ceremony will be to honor associate and bachelor's degree candidates. Master's and doctoral degree candidates will be honored in the second ceremony. Marshall will

be celebrating its 179th commencement.

Countdown to Commencement is designed to assist graduates in communicating with campus administrative offices in one central location.

"Countdown to Commencement is just what the name implies – the beginning of the countdown to that very special day in the lives of our seniors who will be graduating," said Registrar Roberta Ferguson. "We have found in recent years that many of the graduates have come to depend on Countdown to Commencement as they prepare for graduation day."

Ferguson said the candidates find the convenience of visiting a central location to take care of pre-commencement details "time saving and enjoyable."

Parents and family members are welcome to accompany the graduates, and refreshments will be available.

Countdown to Commencement is from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days.

The following services will be available at Countdown to Commencement:

Registrar's Office – Students can verify graduation status, name format, and address for mailing diploma; confirm commencement participation; obtain commencement instructions; receive recognition cords for military service or ROTC; pick up honor cords and tassels (if graduating with academic honors); and have an opportunity to ask any questions related to commencement.

Marshall University Bookstore – Students can be measured for and purchase their caps and gowns, as well as purchase tassels, diploma frames, class rings and much more.

Jostens – Students can purchase their Marshall University Class of 2016 rings. Ring packages include a custom ring, wooden display box and a 10-year extended warranty. Also, students can order graduation announcements.

GradImages – Cap and Gown portraits will be taken. There is no sitting fee, no obligation to purchase and free proofs will be available within 24 hours of the sitting.

Framing Success – Diploma frames will be available for purchase.

Graduate College – A graduate admission counselor will be available to discuss graduate programs and assist with the admission process.

Career Services – Students are encouraged to let the Career Center know their post-graduation plans so it can help them along their career paths. Students may stop by the Career Services table to check out JOBTRAX (online job search assistance). Information and support will be available on job-related questions, resume assistance, interview skills and much more.

Office of the Bursar – Students may talk with staff about anything concerning their student accounts, holds, account balances and loan exit counseling materials.

Financial Aid – Students may pick up information about upcoming financial aid workshops in which they may learn about student loan debt management, loan repayment, loan consolidation and loan forgiveness/cancellation programs. They also will have the opportunity to complete their loan exit counseling.

Alumni Relations – Students can learn about the benefits of a Marshall University Alumni Association membership.

Center for African American Students – All African and African American graduates are encouraged to stop by for information and to enroll for purposes of participating in the historical Donning of Kente celebration.

For more information, contact the Office of the Registrar at 304-696-6410.

Dr. Peggy Proudfoot Harman named director of Marshall's Master of Social Work program



Dr. Peggy Proudfoot Harman of the College of Health Professions has been named director of the college's Master of Social Work degree program.

Harman has over 20 years of clinical social work experience and over 17 years of teaching experience, which makes her the ideal fit for this new position, according to Dr. Michael Prewitt, dean of the college.

"Dr. Harman brings a unique set of skills and insights to our college's Master of Social Work program," Prewitt said. "She was the Title IV-E

Child Welfare Training Program Coordinator for several years at Ohio University and has been a trainer on fetal alcohol spectrum disorders and child welfare topics for the Institute for Human Services in Columbus, Ohio. She continues to collaborate on a variety of funded social work research activities while at Marshall and we are very excited to have her here."

Harman, a former investigator and mitigation specialist for death-row inmates for the Federal Public Defender in Pennsylvania, said her unique work experience has led her to this stage in her career.

"As I've said before, the purpose of social work is to assist in the well-being of society and students within the M.S.W. program will be able to do just that," Harman said. "Our graduates will be at the forefront of change as West Virginia faces many critical rural health and economic issues. We will need trained professionals who can offer practical solutions and make a positive change within our communities."

Harman said Marshall's M.S.W. program offers a specialization in integrated behavioral health with opportunities to focus on veteran affairs and a variety of rural and underserved populations, which is especially significant given the large numbers of veterans who have returned from active duty, many from combat situations.

Marshall to host first Appalachian Conference on Social Enterprise March 17-18

APPALACHIAN
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The Marshall University Entrepreneurship program and the Lewis College of Business are hosting the first Appalachian Conference on Social Enterprise (ACOSE) Thursday, March 17, and Friday, March 18.

Community leaders will come together at Marshall to explore the power of social enterprise, according to Dr. Jonathan Butler, assistant professor of entrepreneurship for the college.

“Marshall’s new entrepreneurship area is delighted to partner with ARC, One Foundation, Rural Action, and others who are interested in social entrepreneurship and working to create innovative opportunities to help people both here in Appalachia and around the world,” Butler said. “The new major in entrepreneurship emphasizes social entrepreneurship as one way to revitalize West Virginia and the surrounding region. Hopefully, this conference will spark student innovation and provide an impetus for a new cohort of social entrepreneurs from Marshall.”

Dr. Shane Tomblin, interim chair of the management, marketing and management information systems department, of which entrepreneurship is a part, said the ACOSE represents increasing efforts to better engage the surrounding community.

“The entrepreneurship major and the support of social entrepreneurship demonstrate the spirit of growth, collaboration and service that the Lewis College of Business should embody,” Tomblin said.

Butler said they anticipate over 100 attendees at the conference with more than 30 presenters from the community. In addition to the conference, there will be a pre-conference kick-start tour led by Generation West Virginia from 2 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 16. The tour, which is limited to 25 people, will take place in Huntington and visit three local social enterprises including West Edge Factory, Wild Ramp and Huntington’s Kitchen. The cost for the tour is \$25.

The fee for the Appalachian Conference on Social Enterprise March 17-18 is \$80 for general admission and \$40 for students, national and military service members or those who may have a need. Learn more and register at acose.org.

In addition to the Lewis College of Business, the ACOSE is sponsored by One Foundation, Rural Action, Generation West Virginia, the West Virginia University Department of Geology and Geography, Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), the West Virginia Food and Farm Coalition and the Mountain Association for Community Economic Development.

Jesse N. Cottrell, M.D., recognized as March Resident of the Month



Jesse N. Cottrell, M.D., a resident in the department of obstetrics and gynecology, has been selected as the March 2016 Resident of the Month, Paulette S. Wehner, M.D., vice dean for graduate medical education at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, has announced.

Wehner said the southern California native was nominated for the award, in part, for his outstanding demeanor. “Dr. Cottrell’s nomination reflects a truly remarkable individual,” Wehner said. “His integrity as well as his studious, dependable and mature nature along with his team mentality were characteristics highlighted by those nominating him. Everyone commented that he will be a wonderful credit and valuable resource to his chosen field of obstetrics and gynecology.”

Cottrell received his medical degree from the American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine. He received a master’s degree in theology from the Talbot School of Theology in La Mirada, California and earned a bachelor’s in biological sciences from the Master’s College in Santa Clarita, California.

After completing his residency in June this year, Cottrell will enter into a maternal-fetal medicine fellowship at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. Maternal-fetal medicine is a three-year fellowship in the diagnosis and management of special and complicated pregnancies caused by high blood pressure, diabetes and other maternal disorders or diseases.

As part of his recognition as the March Resident of the Month, Cottrell will receive items including a certificate of recognition and a designated parking spot.

Photo: Jesse N. Cottrell, M.D., left, receives the March Resident of the Month award. He is pictured here with David G. Chaffin, M.D., professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.

Marshall University School of Pharmacy receives gift for special projects



The School of Pharmacy has received a nearly \$14,000 gift that will be used to fund special projects.

The charitable contribution of stock was given anonymously in honor of the school's inaugural dean, Kevin W. Yingling, M.D., R.Ph.

"The donors are a very generous and supportive couple and I'm very grateful they decided to help our school of pharmacy," Yingling said.

"Their commitment helps ensure that a new generation of pharmacists will be trained to deliver high quality, compassionate care in the Tri-State and beyond."

Dr. Ron Area, chief executive officer for the Marshall University Foundation, says support for the new program continues to grow.

"Since its inception, donors have given the school of pharmacy more than \$240,000 in philanthropic support for scholarships and program development," Area said. "More than \$100,000 of this support has been given during the current academic year."

The School of Pharmacy will graduate its first class in May.

Photo: Dr. Kevin Yingling has been honored by a \$14,000 gift from an anonymous donor.

Applications due March 18 for Presidential Ambassadors



The President's Office is taking applications for 2016-17 presidential ambassadors. These outstanding representatives of the student body assist the Office of the President at special events and meetings throughout the year and they also represent Marshall and its president in the community.

If you know of any students who would make good ambassadors, encourage them to apply by March 18. Application are available at www.marshall.edu/ucomm/presidentialambassadors

Faculty Achievement: Dr. Victor Fet and Dr. Slav Gratchev

An article by Dr. Victor Fet (Biology) and Dr. Slav Gratchev (Modern Languages), titled “Another Adelaida: Dostoevsky’s The Idiot in Nabokov’s Ada.” has been published in the journal, The Navokovian, number 74, Spring/Fall, 2015.

The next regular issue of We Are...Marshall will be distributed March 16, 2016. Please send items for consideration to **Pat Dickson** by 5 p.m. Monday, March 14.

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