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# WE ARE... MARSHALL®

The Newsletter for Marshall University

July 30, 2014

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## Marshall staffers to assume new roles

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The president's office has announced several promotions and interim appointments.

Senior Vice President for Operations **Brandi Jacobs-Jones** will be promoted and assume additional responsibilities effective Aug. 1 as the chief of staff/liaison to the Marshall University Board of Governors, reporting directly to the president. In this new capacity, Jacobs-Jones will continue to serve as senior vice president of operations, while additionally providing executive-level support to the president and serving as liaison to the board.

**Ginny Painter**, communications director for the Marshall University Research Corporation since 2009, will be promoted and named interim senior vice president for communications and marketing, also effective Aug. 1. In her new position, Painter will have responsibility for overall communications, media and public relations, research-based messaging, marketing and branding activity for the university, while also providing support for key MURC communications initiatives.

**Dr. Sherri Smith**, executive director of the Center for Teaching and Learning, has accepted an interim appointment as associate vice president for academic affairs and dean of undergraduate studies, through June 30, 2015. She replaces Dr. Corley Dennison, who accepted the position of vice chancellor for academic affairs at the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission.

**Dr. Karen McComas**, assistant director of the Center for Teaching and Learning, will serve as interim executive director of the center, also through June 30, 2015.



*Brandi Jacobs-Jones*



*Ginny Painter*



*Dr. Sherri Smith*



*Dr. Karen McComas*

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## Tickets, sponsorships available for Paint the Capital City Green

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Individual tickets and corporate sponsorships are now available for the annual Paint the Capital City Green pep rally in Charleston Thursday, Aug. 21, at the Embassy Suites hotel.

To order tickets or become a sponsor, call ext.6-7138 or e-mail [paintthecapital@marshall.edu](mailto:paintthecapital@marshall.edu). Individual tickets are \$60 and will not be sold at the door. Ticket sales close Friday, Aug. 15.

Paint the Capital City Green is the nation's largest indoor pep rally for the Thundering Herd. Fans will enjoy a tailgate spread and entertainment by Marco, the cheerleading squad, dance team and members of the Marching Thunder. Special guests include Head Football Coach Doc Holliday and his senior players, who will speak about the future of Marshall University football.

Ticket holders will be entered into a drawing to win hotel accommodations and free admission to an away game.

The 17th annual event, presented by Friends of Coal and sponsored in part by Huntington Bank, is hosted by the Big Green Scholarship Foundation and the Marshall University Alumni Association.

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## Details on Personnel Action processing to be provided in sessions this week and next

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Check the blog at  
[www.marshall.edu/wvoasis](http://www.marshall.edu/wvoasis)  
for the latest information

Due to recent changes in processing personnel actions in Banner, departmental personnel coordinators are invited to register for one of the remaining training sessions on **The Processing of Personnel Actions**. Sessions began yesterday and will continue tomorrow. Tomorrow's session is full, but other sessions are available, which will take place Friday, Aug. 1, Monday, Aug. 4, and Tuesday, Aug. 5.

Recent changes, including the Affordable Care Act as well as the upcoming change in state payroll in January, have made it necessary for us to change some of our processes and forms, said Juanita Parsons, Director of Accounts Payable and Payroll.

“This training, which is a joint effort of employees from Payroll, Budget, and Human Resources, will explain these changes to you, as well as provide you with the information necessary for processing personnel actions in your area,” Parsons said. “There will be a brief presentation, followed by time for discussion. This training is being held in a computer lab setting so you can access the screens that are discussed, based on your funds and orgs. Please bring details of any particular situations that you would like to discuss.”

Parsons said that employees who work together in an area are encouraged to attend together. Registration may be accomplished online [www.marshall.edu/human-resources/training/training-schedule](http://www.marshall.edu/human-resources/training/training-schedule).

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## Tracey Eggleston named Employee of the Month



Tracey Eggleston, Assistant Director (Housing Operations Manager) in Housing and Residence Life, has been named the Marshall Employee of the Month for May, according to the Employee of the Month Committee.

Employed since 2009, she was nominated by Lakesha Glover and Jim Clagg.

As Eggleston’s supervisor, Glover says that her attention to detail and commitment to the HRL department is unmatched. “...When Tracey is in control of a project I do not have to worry about it being completed.....I have complete faith in the work that she will do from its purpose to its implementation.”

Glover commended her on her work ethic and adds that what she finds most admirable “...is her commitment to the betterment of the services we offer as a department to the students and professional staff we have in our halls. Our students have the best advocate in their corner when it comes to services we provide. Tracey goes above and beyond the call of duty when I comes to providing for her staff or residents. She can be seen more than once a week at the many programs our staff provide to not only show support but to really get to know the residents and their needs. Her office light is also the one most likely to be on after the 5 o’clock hour to ensure that she is prepared as can be to tackle the next day.” In addition, Glover said, Eggleston’s commitment to the students inspires her to give 110 percent effort and she always makes herself and her apartment on campus available to them.

Eggleston knows everyone in the department, from housekeeping to the director, Glover said, and makes it a priority to set an example for them to understand “...how great it is to work for the students in our halls. Whether she is baking cupcakes to celebrate someone’s birthday or just because she wants to do something nice, she is great at letting everyone in the department know

that they are appreciated. Tracey is as real as they come; she is an honest advocate, a dedicated employee and a committed friend.”

In his nomination Clagg said that while Eggleston has always had an outstanding work ethic, last summer she put in countless hours preparing the department for restructuring and introduction of professional staff as hall directors. “Our staff training began August 1, but even before that Tracey would be found in her office until the late hours of the night. During our training Tracey taught the staff the importance of good customer service and instilled in us our reason for being here—making a major difference in our students’ lives.” In addition to working tirelessly to train staff on policies and procedures, she also took time to facilitate bonds with the staff and helped “...develop us from a group of co-workers into a team of life-changing individuals,” he noted. “Employees like Tracey are what make Marshall University an amazing experience for our students and is the reason why we are able to recruit the amazing staff we have.”

Clagg related that “Tracey is an outstanding example of Marshall University’s power. She started her experience as a student and was dedicated to her educational goals and completed with much more than her diplomas. She had the opportunity to grow from being one single student to earning roles with increasing responsibility and impacting more and more lives through her progression. Her success was attained because of the ideas, skills and experiences that Marshall University has instilled in her.” Through her current position, Clagg said, “...she touches the experience of thousands of our students and staff members each day.”

Eggleston received a certificate and a check for \$100 presented by President Stephen J. Kopp.

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Photo: Tracey Eggleston (right) receives her Employee of the Month award from President Kopp.

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## Greenhouse nurtures student, staff green thumbs



What do a College of Science dean, housing personnel, sustainability employees and students have in common at Marshall University?

They are all getting their hands dirty in a greenhouse.

Attached to the back of the Science Building in the 1970s, Marshall’s greenhouse served as a research hub for students and faculty for many years. The structure is adjacent to labs and classrooms, but began to fall into disrepair in the late 1990s.

When he became dean of the College of Science about five years ago, Dr. Charles Somerville said, the greenhouse had definitely seen better days.

“Many glass panels were broken and the temperature control system was not working in every room. Not much had been growing in the greenhouse except for clutter that seems to multiply in a storage area,” Somerville said. “But there was always the potential to use the greenhouse for student learning experiences and to benefit the campus.”

The greenhouse came to life briefly in 2008 when it was used to grow plants for the Huntington



Community Gardens project and once again in the fall semester of 2012 when student workers in Residence Services used it to grow 8,000 plants for landscaping around residence and dining halls. The following spring, Pete Divers, assistant director of Residence Services, saw a way to have gorgeous, colorful and vibrant flowers and plants to enhance their housing facilities. He and his crew, along with the help of student workers, then grew 22,000 plants and used them to beautify Marshall’s Huntington campus.

“We saved tens of thousands of dollars last year utilizing the greenhouse to grow our own landscaping plants,” Divers said. “We hope to continue that work and see it expand.”

The Residence Services crew now plants tens of thousands of tender seedlings for the spring, summer and fall seasons with a savings for the university of \$40,000 a year, Divers said.

“The greenhouse helps us make campus beautiful for everyone to enjoy,” Divers said. “Because of the help of the Greening Marshall Committee, the Sustainability Department and Dr. Somerville, we have a great opportunity here.”

Margie Phillips, sustainability manager for Marshall, is thrilled the greenhouse is being used once again. Student workers and volunteers used it a few years ago when they wanted to grow a garden on campus to promote the local foods movement. They carved out an area in the greenhouse to get seedlings started to transplant into the raised beds located behind the Career Services Center.

“The greenhouse is a gem,” Phillips said. “There are so many sustainable uses for it.”



Somerville has secured private funding to revitalize the greenhouse through a generous contribution of a benefactor.

“Renovating the greenhouse is great for Marshall,” Somerville said. “We can beautify campus, we can educate students, all while we are renovating a nice piece of equipment on Marshall’s campus.”

The funds are being used to update the greenhouse and nurture its potential as a place where students, faculty and staff can practice sustainable gardening and landscaping and faculty and students can once again use the greenhouse for research.

“Everybody wins,” Somerville said.

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Photos: (Above) Marshall employees (from left) Danny Bowman, John Maxwell and Pete Divers inspect some of the plants being grown in the Marshall greenhouse on the Huntington campus. (Center) Dr. Charles Somerville, dean of the College of Science, takes a look at some of the plants as well. (Below) Plants started in the greenhouse are used around the Huntington campus, as in the planter between Old Main and the Memorial Student Center.

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## Dalton named Marshall University Director of Athletic Bands

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Beginning this fall, Adam Dalton will assume the lead role in the Marching Thunder.

Formerly a high school and elementary school band teacher in Atlanta, Georgia, the new Director of Athletic Bands said he is excited to be teaching at the university level.

“It kind of just hits me,” Dalton said. “I think, ‘You’re director of athletic bands at a university right now.’ That’s a big deal!”

School of Music and Theatre Director Dr. Richard Kravchak said Dalton’s wide range of experience, including working with the Million Dollar Band at the University of Alabama, to serving as one of the color guard captain heads with the renowned drum corps Madison Scouts, made him a great fit for the position.

“Professor Dalton will honor the beloved traditions of the Marching Thunder while bringing a contemporary excitement and energy to our performances,” Kravchak said. “We can’t wait for football season to start!”

A native of Virginia, Dalton earned a Bachelor of Music in Music Education at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia. He went on to receive a Master of Arts in Music Education from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and is expected to receive a Doctor of Musical Arts this summer in instrumental conducting, also from the University of Alabama.

Dalton performed in every ensemble he could during his undergraduate studies, including the Marching Royal Dukes and the Wind Ensemble. While at the University of Alabama, he performed with the Cavaliers Drum and Bugle Corps for three years, earning two world championships and a gold medal in individual and ensemble. He has also marched in various independent winter guards, consistently making the finals at Winter Guard International. His color guard teaching experience includes the world champion Phantom Regiment and the Carolina Crown Drum and Bugle Corps, as well as numerous winter guards around the southeast such as CrownGUARD and the University of Alabama Alta Marea.

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## University Communications, students honored by PRSA



The Office of University Communications recently was recognized with a Crystal Award from the West Virginia chapter of the Public Relations Society of America.

The award was for the university's Best. Decision. Ever. commercial, which aired locally and nationally on television and was shown during Marshall home football and basketball games. The spot was selected as the winner in the audiovisual presentation/non-profit category.

University Communications also received an honorable mention for its campaign last summer and fall to select and unveil a new look for university mascot Marco.

In the student category, Marshall's Public Relations Campaign Management class (JMC439/539) was recognized for campaigns it developed for River Valley Child Development Services and the university's Department of Housing and Residence Life.

The awards were presented at the chapter's annual Crystal Awards Gala held June 18 in Charleston. The event honored outstanding public relations campaigns and projects undertaken in 2013.

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*Photo:* University Communications staff members Tiffany Bajus, Rhonda Frye and Mallory Jarrell attended the Crystal Awards Gala of the Public Relations Society of America.

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## Brian Bracey named associate vice president for development at MU

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Brian Bracey, who enjoyed a successful career in pharmaceutical sales and marketing, has been named an associate vice president for development with the Marshall University Foundation, Inc., Dr. Ron Area, the foundation's CEO, announced last week.

“Brian brings a wealth of experiences in sales and marketing to the foundation,” Area said. “He is bright, smart and a relationship-builder. Brian will help the foundation and the university go to the next level of private support.”

The Foundation's newest major gift officer has lived in Huntington for just nine years, but it wasn't long after his arrival from the southern part of the country that he and his family developed a love for the community and Marshall University.

“I have a great pride for this community and Marshall is in the center of this community,” said Bracey, who assumed his duties July 1. “I see the balance between the operations of the city and the university. They co-exist together and are strengthened by one another. I do believe one wouldn't be here without the other.”

At Marshall, Bracey describes himself as “a broker between people's desires and affinity for this university and matching them with the needs and direction and the vision of this campus.”

His wife, Angie Bracey, works for the City of Huntington as an executive assistant to mayor Steve Williams. Brian Bracey said that because of his wife's persistence, he earned his master of business administration (MBA) from Marshall in December of 2009, which earned him the credentials needed for his current position at the foundation.

“It was a bucket list goal for me,” Bracey said. “I had come up with every excuse not to do it. Marshall had an open house, advertising their executive MBA program, and my wife saw it in the paper. She cut it out of the paper and said, ‘You need to go to this.’ I walked in to the open house and there was an old friend I hadn't seen in a long time. It was (Marshall professor) Uday Tate, who had taught where I went to undergraduate college at Nicholls State in Thibodaux, Louisiana. I thought, ‘what are the odds?’ Marshall University opened the door for me to do it. It was the right time. As my wife said, ‘It was meant to be.’ I had no more excuses.” So, Bracey pursued and received his MBA.

Bracey earned his bachelor of science in business management from Nicholls State in 1995. He has held multiple leadership positions throughout his career and has received numerous awards, recognitions and certifications.

## Marshall medical students provide treatment to more than a thousand Hondurans during international mission



A team of Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine students, faculty physicians, a medical resident and other health care workers from the tri-state community traveled to Honduras earlier this month for an international mission that

resulted in medical care for nearly 1,060 patients.

The Marshall team provided health care to men, women and children including general physicals, medication dispensing, Pap smears and dental care.

John M. Davitt, a fourth-year medical student and co-organizer of the trip said, “The level of compassion, teamwork, and enthusiasm that everyone displayed throughout the week was truly inspiring, and was responsible for making this such a successful brigade.”

Aaron M. Dom, a fourth-year student who also served as co-organizer, said the team traveled daily six hours round trip to a remote community, where they provided health care to hundreds every day.

The Honduras mission has become an annual event for Marshall medical students interested in global health care and is the outgrowth of an initiative to memorialize a Marshall School of Medicine graduate killed in the September 2001 terrorist attacks.

An endowed fund honoring Paul W. Ambrose, MUSOM Class of 1995, significantly underwrites the annual mission trip. Ambrose’s parents, Dr. Kenneth and Sharon Ambrose, also have

personally supported the international medical trips. Sharon Ambrose, a retired nurse, has traveled with the team on several occasions, including this year.

Donations of medical supplies and medications from [Marshall Health](#), the [Marshall University School of Pharmacy](#) and the school of medicine's annual Mission M-Possible 5K also helped support the trip.

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*Photo:* A team of Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine students, faculty physicians, a medical resident and other health care workers from the tri-state community are shown in Honduras where they provided health care to more than 1,000 men, women and children during an international mission earlier this month.

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## Marshall faculty member receives NASA research award for microgravity research in animals



Dr. Kumika Toma of the College of Health Professions has received a research award to study sex and age differences in skeletal muscle responses to weakness and recovery. As part of a NASA-funded project in space biology and medicine, Toma's study is aimed at better understanding how microgravity will impact crew members on extended missions.

Toma, program director for the undergraduate exercise science program in the School of Kinesiology, said the study will use rats to examine the long-term exposure to microgravity.

Toma said decreased skeletal muscle size, or what is known as atrophy, due to space flight is well known and research has been conducted to investigate the degrees of atrophy and recovery.

“The principle of skeletal muscle is ‘use it or lose it,’ ” Toma said. “In the environment of microgravity, muscle hardly works because there is no resistance. The skeletal muscle of astronauts is weak and since NASA estimates about nine months of space flight, significant muscle atrophy occurs among Type I muscle fiber and other adverse health effects are a major concern. Given the range of expertise required for a Mars mission, it is anticipated that crew members may be diverse in age and sex. However, there is no systematic study investigating the age and sex differences of skeletal muscle atrophy and recovery.”

Dr. William Pewen, associate dean of research for the college, noted, “Future extended missions will require crews with greater breadth and depth of expertise and experience, so we must ensure their ability to perform successfully. At the same time, Dr. Toma’s work will add to our knowledge on the loss of function which so many experience when illness or disability restricts activity – a critical problem right here on the ground.”

Toma said because microgravity is the example of extreme disuse, the results from this study will be applicable to anyone who is sedentary or bedridden. She will finish collecting data by March 2015 and after months of data analysis, she will have the initial research report completed by September 2015. Toma said she plans to apply for another grant to extend her research project into the following year.

For more information on Toma’s microgravity research, contact her at [tomak@marshall.edu](mailto:tomak@marshall.edu) or ext.6-2651. For more information on other research initiatives taking place in the College of Health Professions, visit [www.marshall.edu/cohp](http://www.marshall.edu/cohp) online or [www.marshall.edu/murc](http://www.marshall.edu/murc) online.

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*Photo:* Dr. Kumika Toma has conducted her microgravity research with the microscope featured in this photo. This microscope was used by the late Dr. Gary Dudley, who started a muscle study for NASA 20 years ago at Marshall in the basement of Gullickson Hall.

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## Faculty Achievement: Center for Community Growth and Development



College of Business faculty members Dr. Rishav Bista, Dr. Michael Newsome and Dr. Becky Tomasik recently completed two technical papers for the Cabell County Planning Commission (CCPC). The CCPC will use the information from the two reports to develop the Cabell County Comprehensive Plan, the primary public planning document required by the state government.

The first paper, “Characteristics, Preferences, and Opinions of Cabell County, WV Residents” analyzes the results of a survey of 478 Cabell County residents. The survey was conducted by students in the Spring 2014 economics capstone, now an official service learning course. The survey was a door-to-door, face-to-face, interview-style process. Questions elicited information concerning respondents’ socio-demographics and household characteristics; grocery, retail shopping and restaurant habits;

health care use and access; recreational and public event activities; public service use and satisfaction; respondent perceptions and attitudes; and future public budgeting preferences.

The faculty members are currently using the budget preference information to write an article for submission to an academic journal in the fall.

The second paper, “Economic and Socio-demographic Trends Affecting Cabell County and West Virginia,” reports county demographic, economic and industry trends and forecasts trends for select variables. Secondary data collection for the report was completed by the capstone students. Information collected from federal, state and local sources included the county’s population characteristics, health indicators, personal income, net earnings, gross domestic product, employment, unemployment, wages, building permits, housing units, business registrations and de-registrations, and largest employers.

The two reports are the products of the *Center for Community Growth and Development* (CCGD), started in the fall of 2013 by Bista, Newsome and Tomasik. The CCGD was created after the success of the summer 2013 technical paper, “Physical Activity, Eating Habits, and Health in Western West Virginia.” This paper used survey data collected by Newsome’s spring 2013 econometrics class. That report was used by Region II of the West Virginia Bureau of Public Health to aid in its strategic planning and has led to a peer-reviewed article soon to be published in the West Virginia Medical Journal.

In addition, in spring of 2013, the CCGD also completed a technical paper for the Office of the President at Marshall. This paper, “Determining the Effects of Changes in Tuition and Scholarship Levels on Enrollment at Marshall University,” uses Marshall enrollment data from 2007 to 2012 to analyze how changes in tuition and average scholarship offers affect the proportion of high school graduates who enroll at Marshall University.

Bista, Newsome and Tomasik continue to develop the CCGD. The objectives of the CCGD are to improve communities, increase research potential and enrich the student experience. Research areas include planning analysis, economic statistical analysis, financial analysis and community surveying and strategic planning.

Bista, an assistant professor of economics in his second year at Marshall, teaches undergraduate macroeconomics, econometrics and global macroeconomics issues. Newsome, a professor of economics in his 17th year at Marshall, teaches undergraduate econometrics and microeconomics and graduate managerial economics and health economics. Tomasik, an assistant professor of economics in her second year at Marshall, teaches undergraduate microeconomics and international trade.

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Photo: Drs. Becky Tomasik, Michael Newsome and Rishav Bista, who teach economics at Marshall, have formed the Center for Community Growth and Development, which conducts research on community issues and assists with strategic planning.

## Production begins on life-size fiberglass bison

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A six-foot-tall by eight-foot-long fiberglass bison has been delivered to the art warehouse, where it is going through a transformation by Brianna Jarvis, winner of a public art competition called New Connections. The final project will be unveiled at Pullman Square during the Visual Arts Center community open house Friday, Sept. 19.

Jarvis, a sophomore graphic design major, said she would use the \$2,500 prize money toward her room and board at Marshall.

“I’m a strong believer in education being the key to success, and paying for college can be quite the financial struggle sometimes,” Jarvis said. “I haven’t had to take out any loans so far, and I’d like to keep it that way.”

Huntington Mayor Steve Williams; Paul Davis, executive director of the Tri-State Transit Authority; and College of Arts and Media Dean Donald Van Horn judged the public art competition, which is funded by Pullman Square and represents the new connections that the Visual Arts Center will make to the future and community.

“This is a great opportunity to unite our students with our community and a downtown business partner to bring public art to Pullman Square,” Van Horn said.

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## Donna Underwood creates two scholarships to honor her late husband

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A pair of scholarships are being funded by Donna Underwood to honor her late husband, John, and to provide students with opportunities she didn’t have after graduating from high school.

The new scholarships, established by the Marshall University Foundation Inc., are an endowment called the John and Donna Underwood Endowment for the Yeager Scholars Program, and an expendable scholarship called the John and Donna Underwood Scholarship for the School of Pharmacy.

“I wasn’t privileged to be able to go to college after I graduated from high school,” said Underwood, who was raised on a working farm near Lafayette, Ind. Yet, she was able to work her way up in the business world with just a high school diploma.

She was co-owner of Dunhill of Huntington, a professional employment agency, and she is a retired Lexis-Nexis statistical process control production supervisor.

Realizing that many young people, most for financial reasons, are unable to attend college, she established the two scholarships not only to give students opportunities equal to what she had, but to exceed what she was able to do.

Underwood never went to college and, since their needs were pretty much met by the farm, college was never mentioned when she was living at home.

“Three kids later, working, struggling to make ends meet, there was never enough money, time or energy to think about college,” she said.

“My husband, John, had his master’s degree. His friends would ask me where I went to college. It was hurtful to say that I had never attended a university. That is what motivates me to fund these scholarships and also honor John in doing so.”

John Underwood graduated from Marshall in 1964 with a bachelor’s degree in business. He later obtained his master’s degrees in both business and sports administration from Ohio University. He served on many boards in support of Marshall University, including the Real Estate Foundation Board of the Marshall University Foundation, Inc. He was a native of Huntington.

“For a university to be progressive and entice students to want to attend, it has to be ‘State of the Art,’ ” Underwood said. “This is the reason that John and I had been so supportive of Marshall University and in supporting the growth of new buildings and future planning. Now that John is gone, I plan to keep his memory alive in keeping the support alive.”

Dr. Ron Area, CEO of the Marshall Foundation, described Donna Underwood as “one of the most caring and giving people I know. She has a passion for making other people’s lives better. Donna and John lived by the belief, ‘To whom much is given, much is expected.’ ”

Dr. Kevin Yingling, dean of the School of Pharmacy, said, “Through my interactions with Donna Underwood, in addition to her kind and gracious spirit, she demonstrates that she understands the value of each person and loves to encourage people to be their best. She knows the value of individual potential, the ‘make a difference’ character of a person. She exemplifies this in her occupational endeavors and in her charitable endeavors across our campus. Their scholarships (Donna’s and John’s) are yet one more example of her generous nature and eagerness to directly ‘make a difference’ for those who will do the same for others.”

Dr. Ronald Bieniek, dean of the Honors College, reiterated the impact of these gifts, saying, “Donna Underwood’s generosity increases Marshall’s ability to provide financial assistance and experiential opportunities to deserving students who can run full throttle with such scholarship support. I am grateful for her caring investment in our students and their potential.”

Donna and John Underwood have supported many other programs at Marshall, including:

- The Vision Campaign – the Underwood Sports Medicine Research Center Endowment

- The Robert C. Byrd Biotechnology Science Center
- The Marshall University Foundation Hall
- Athletics, including the Thunder Club

They also are members of the President's Circle, for which they qualified by giving at least \$100,000 to MU, and the Old Main Society, for those who have remembered Marshall University in their will, trust, or through other planned gifts.

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## Grant from Enterprise Holdings Foundation to MU Career Services to fund student internships



Marshall University Career Services recently received a \$2,000 grant from the Enterprise Holdings Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the company that operates the Enterprise Rent-A-Car, National Car Rental and Alamo Rent A Car brands. This grant will be used to fund four six-week student internships at local nonprofit agencies.

“Our nonprofit agencies in the Huntington area can provide valuable work experiences for our students who are interested in the nonprofit sector. Unfortunately, these agencies do not always have funding to provide a paid internship. This grant will allow four Marshall students to have a six-week paid internship in the nonprofit sector,” said Debby Stoler, assistant director for development and outreach in the Career Services Center.

According to Stoler, Enterprise Rent-A-Car has provided and continues to provide internship and entry level employment opportunities to Marshall students.

“Enterprise has a top-notch program. They offer an exciting and progressive career path for those students and graduates who are passionate about a career in sales and management,” Stoler said.

Career Services' goal is to have everything in place and be ready to offer these internships in the fall semester. The internships will be posted to Marshall JobTrax, and students will be able to apply through their JobTrax account.

For more information, contact Career Services at ext. 6-2370 or [career-services@marshall.edu](mailto:career-services@marshall.edu).

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*Photo:* Debby Stoler, second from right, assistant director for development and outreach in the Career Services Center, accepts a \$2,000 check from Raymond Washington with Enterprise Rent-A-Car. Looking on are, from left, Nikki Gray, also with Enterprise, and Denise Hogsett, director of the Career Services Center.

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## Marshall University Forensic Science Graduate Program again ranks number one in the nation on national assessment test scores

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The Marshall Forensic Science Graduate Program once again ranked number one in the country for its students receiving the highest overall test scores on the Forensic Science Assessment Test, a qualifying test offered each year by the American Board of Criminalistics. This is the fifth time the program achieved the number one ranking in eight years since its students began taking the test in 2007.

Of the top 26 highest test scores ranked, six were students from the Marshall Forensic Science Graduate Program. Marshall's students captured the number one and number two rankings for highest overall test results among 202 students from 16 other forensic science programs that participated in the test.

Of the 202 students who took the test, the individual rankings of Marshall's students were 1,2,4,7, 9 and 26.

Marshall's Forensic Science Graduate Program ranked number one for overall rankings in the disciplines of Controlled Substances, Trace Analysis, Toxicology, Latent Prints and Firearms. The program ranked number two in Forensic Biology and Fire Debris and number three in Questioned Documents.

Dr. Terry W. Fenger, director of the program, said the test is useful for assessing the program's strengths and demonstrating to prospective students and the general public its ability to meet national standards.

"The results demonstrate not only the quality of the program and its students, but the dedication of its full-time faculty and the many adjunct faculty members," he said. "The program greatly benefits from the input of law enforcement and criminal justice system professionals here locally and across the state."

Dr. Pamela Staton, program coordinator, said the test scores are evidence of the high quality education the program provides.

“The quality of an academic program can be measured by a program’s achievement of national accreditation as well as how well its students perform on national board examinations,” she said. “The Forensic Science Program at Marshall University has achieved both of these honorable distinctions. This translates to high quality forensic science services for law enforcement, the legal profession, and the public as graduates of this program become forensic scientists in the field.”

Marshall’s Forensic Science Graduate Program is FEPAC-accredited by the American Academy of Forensic Sciences.

The students who participated in the examination that was administered in spring 2014 are now graduates of the nationally recognized Forensic Science Program. The test is offered to students in their last semester of an academic forensic science program. While seeking their first job, recent college graduates may use their test results to demonstrate their knowledge across a broad range of forensic science disciplines.

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