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The Newsletter for Marshall University

May 14, 2014

Marshall 20/20 Updates: Services Portfolio group names Rapid Response Teams, Academic Portfolio group collects niche statements



Services Portfolio Work Group: Seven Rapid Response Teams have been activated in connection with the Services Portfolio Review, part of the Marshall 20/20 strategic planning process.

The Services Portfolio Review is an evaluation of all non-instructional services being provided to Marshall students, faculty and staff—including human resources, instructional technology, auxiliaries, purchasing, communications and marketing, printing, etc. The review is looking at how these services align with the university's mission, how much they cost to deliver and how they could be provided more efficiently.

The Rapid Response Teams will be working over the next couple of months to identify and analyze opportunities to improve service, reduce costs and increase revenue.

The charters for each team and lists of team members are posted on the [Marshall 20/20](#) website. A list of FAQs about the Rapid Response Teams and the overall Services Portfolio Review process is available [here](#).

Academic Portfolio Work Group: Deans of the colleges turned in niche statements for each program in their respective units May 5, along with transmittal statements that responded to overall comments about trends in their disciplines and how those might be used to develop innovative academic programming and additional revenue generation. These materials will be reviewed over the summer in order to develop a set of goals and priorities for the 2016 budget year.

She did it! Yeager Scholar Katie Kramer swims the Strait of Gibraltar



A rising senior on Marshall's swim team, Katie Kramer, is believed to be the youngest American female to complete the swim across the Strait of Gibraltar, from Spain to Morocco on Sunday.

"I ended up swimming with another guy from Moldova," Kramer said. "He had been waiting since April 28, but today [Sunday] was the first day that the weather conditions were OK. I only had to wait one day."

The swim began May 11 at 8:30 a.m., and is 8.9 miles long. It took place in one of the busiest shipping lanes in the world. The Naples, Fla. native finished the trek in exactly four hours and 28 minutes.

"I had to change course a couple of times because of the cargo ships," Kramer said. "They're so monstrous."

Throughout the swim, Kramer was supported and escorted by a boat from the Gibraltar Strait Swimming Association. The soon-to-be veteran of the Marshall swimming and diving program proudly wore her Marshall swim cap for the quest.

"The water was beautiful," Kramer said. "It's about 1 kilometer deep in the middle and visible pretty far down. I saw lots of fish, crabs. Then on the African side, some jellyfish, but didn't get stung."

Kramer became the 426th person to successfully complete the crossing since Mercedes Gleitze of the United Kingdom became the first ever in 1928.

She swam to help raise money for the Greater Naples YMCA. According to a Daily News report, she had raised about \$4,000 for the swim.

"The whole experience was pretty dang cool," Kramer concluded.

Story originally appeared on www.herdzone.com.

Three to be inducted into Harless Hall of Fame

The College of Education and Professional Development's June Harless Center for Rural Educational Research and Development will conduct its 12th annual Harless Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on Thursday, May 15.

The ceremony will be held in the Marshall University Foundation Hall, home of the Erickson Alumni Center. A showcase of the center's work begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner following at 6:30 p.m.

Dr. Stan Maynard, executive director of the center, said the ceremony provides an opportunity to show appreciation and give recognition to those people who have been identified as outstanding contributors to West Virginia's educational system with special focus on the rural areas of the state.

Inductees into the Hall of Fame typically include one teacher, one administrator, and one business/educational partner or organization that has provided exemplary leadership to ensure the success of the education of all students in West Virginia.

This year's inductees are: Dr. Kathy D'Antoni, Assistant State Superintendent of Schools with the West Virginia Department of Education, Division of Technical and Adult Education Services; Michael J. Farrell, Esq., founding member of Farrell, White & Legg, PLLC, a Huntington law firm, past interim president of Marshall University and current Commissioner of the Higher Education Policy Commission; and the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB), which assists 16 member states including West Virginia to improve public education from pre-K through Ph.D.

A showcase of the Harless Center's work and the presentation of the Hallie Harless Distinguished Teacher Award will also be part of the evening's activities. This year's awardee is Amanda Sowards, a second-grade teacher from Midway Elementary School in Lincoln County. In addition, Cathy Walker, retiring Math Specialist with the June Harless Center and Dr. James Phares, West Virginia Superintendent of Schools, will be recognized for their strong support of West Virginia educational initiatives.

The mission of the June Harless Center is to provide leadership in educational initiatives for West Virginia educators and students, and provide educators and families of rural West Virginia with a support system that addresses educational issues, sustains school improvement and provides positive growth in all educational factors. The June Harless Center currently has ongoing projects with several counties in the state focused on providing support and professional development.

Eleventh annual Empty Bowls raises \$13,355 for Facing Hunger Foodbank



A check for \$13,355 from Huntington's 2014 Empty Bowls event was presented to Facing Hunger Foodbank Executive Director Tiffany Tatum last week at the Ceramics Building at 201 21st St.

Marshall ceramics students and representatives from B'nai Sholom Congregation and Christian Associates presented the check, which represented the proceeds from the 11th annual event April 11.

The funds raised will allow the food bank to put nearly 100,000 meals on Tri-State tables, according to Tatum.

Ceramics students created about 1,300 bowls for the day, while local area potters, University of Rio Grande faculty members, the Pottery Place and the Huntington Museum of Art donated an additional 300, according to Frederick Bartolovic, ceramics faculty member, Bartolovic said the Huntington event has become so popular since its inception in 2003 that he created a service learning class so his students could create a more formal relationship with the food bank while creating more bowls for the benefit.

In addition to walking away from the four-hour event with a handcrafted, ceramic bowl, for their \$15 donation patrons were also offered a modest soup lunch. The serving portion and style is meant to emulate a soup kitchen and really brings home the purpose of the event, which is to help feed the hungry.

All supplies and food for the lunch, as well as goods and services that were sold as part of a silent auction, were donated by area businesses. More than 100 Marshall University students and other community members volunteered to run this year's event.

Facing Hunger Foodbank serves more than 113,000 food-insecure individuals in 17 counties across West Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio.

Photo: Tiffany Tatum, Facing Hunger Foodbank executive director, far left, is shown accepting the \$13,355 check from (left to right) B'nai Sholom Congregation representative Sam Kincaid, ceramics students Amanda West and Alyssa Vickers, Christian Associates representative Diana Van Horn, ceramics student Grace Skiles and ceramics faculty member Frederick Bartolovic.

Lose the Training Wheels Camp at Huntington High teaches individuals with disabilities to ride two-wheel bicycles independently



For the fourth consecutive year, the School of Kinesiology is hosting the Lose the Training Wheels Camp July 14-18 at Huntington High School. The program, offered in concert with the nonprofit charity iCanShine, teaches participants with disabilities how to independently ride a two-wheel bicycle.

iCanShine is a national organization that works with local organizations to host camps in individual communities. Staff members travel the country conducting the camps, and have an average success rate of more than eighty percent. Participants attend one 75-minute session each day for five consecutive days.

Dr. Gregg Twietmeyer, associate professor of kinesiology, said the benefits are two-fold: one, participants can learn the joys of riding a bike, which can lead to increased self-esteem and confidence; and two, Marshall students who volunteer as spotters for the riders get to see firsthand the important role of physical activity in human well-being and culture.

“The School of Kinesiology is honored to again host the Lose the Training Wheels Camp. We’re hoping to have the maximum 35 riders this year. The more riders enrolled, the more people we can help discover the joys of riding a bike,” Twietmeyer said.

To be eligible to register for the camp, participants must be at least 8 years old and have a diagnosed disability. They must have a minimum inseam of 20 inches, weigh less than 220 pounds and be able to walk without assistive devices. Teens and adults may participate as well.

The registration fee is \$100 and some scholarships are available. For more information on registration or volunteering, visit www.marshall.edu/lttwe. For more information on the camp or to inquire about scholarships, call Twietmeyer at ext.6-2938 or Dr. Jarrod Schenewark, associate professor of Kinesiology, at ext.6-2937.

Individuals interested in helping to defray the costs of the camp through financial donations may contact Rick Robinson, Director of Development with the Marshall University College of Health Professions, at ext.6-7081.

Photo: Staff member Megan Archer (left), stands with COHP student Amy Bowen (center), and camp volunteer Brianna (right) as they help 10-year old Sarah Brown learn to ride a bike during the 2013 Lose the Training Wheels Camp.

High school students can receive scholarships for Marshall online summer courses

Up to 30 eligible high school students participating in Marshall's Online College Courses in the High Schools (OCCHS) program will receive a reduced rate for online courses offered during the 2014 summer school terms.

"The OCCHS program is an integral part of Marshall University's ongoing K-12 outreach efforts," said Kelli R. Mayes, director of the Technology Outreach Center. "It allows students to get an early start on their college careers."

For each of the four summer sessions offered this year, eligible students will pay \$25.00 per credit hour instead of the regular online course fee. "This is a significant discount for parents who are trying to save for college," said Mayes. "The rate will be \$134.00 per credit hour this fall, so our hope is to provide some financial support when kids are out of school and more available to take online courses this summer."

During summer 2014, nearly 50 courses are being offered in the high school program from an array of academic disciplines such as anthropology, chemistry, economics, geography, history, integrated science, journalism, mathematics, music, public health, psychology, sociology and more.

Marshall's OCCHS program offers qualified, highly motivated and self-disciplined high school students the opportunity to take Marshall University courses online—100% via the Internet. "Some students can get up to their first year completed while they're still in high school," said Tyler Sharp, the outreach assistant for the Technology Outreach Center.

Online courses at Marshall are developed by faculty members reflect the same scope and depth of material offered in the traditional college classroom. Students earn the same college credit as they would earn in on-campus classes. All of the learning tools students need – syllabi, course materials, e-mail, assignments, tests, and communications – are included in each course.

To qualify for the OCCHS program, students must meet the following conditions:

- Be currently enrolled in high school and possess a minimum GPA of 3.0;
- Submit a transcript and letter(s) of recommendation from a school counselor or principal;
- Have the following minimum scores to take math and English classes:
 - Math ACT 19/SAT 460 & above, depending on course;
 - English ACT 18/SAT 450;
- Complete an admissions application; submit application and materials to the Marshall Technology Outreach Center (a member of the staff will assist prospective students with the admission process).

Details regarding admission to Marshall and registration for summer courses offered during 2014 can be found at www.marshall.edu/occhs.

Mayes said questions may be directed to the Technology Outreach Center by e-mail at occhs@marshall.edu or by phone at ext.6-7084.

Summer school dates are as follows: Intersession, May 12 to June 5; Session 1, May 19 to Aug. 8; Session 2, June 9 to July 11; Session 3, July 15 to Aug. 15.

Visiting Writers program receives grant to host events this fall

The College of Liberal Arts has announced that the A. E. Stringer Visiting Writers Series program has been awarded a grant from the West Virginia Humanities Council to host two accomplished authors in the fall.

Authors Glenn Shaheen and Eric Lemay will be visiting classes Oct. 6 and 7 for craft talks and workshops. On the evening of Oct. 6, they will present their work at an event open to the public. Shaheen is a poet and author of “Predatory,” which won the Agnes Lynch Starrett Prize from the University of Pittsburgh Press. Lemay is an essayist and poet whose most recent works are “In Praise of Nothing” and “Immortal Milk: Adventures in Cheese.”

“This grant from the West Virginia Humanities Council makes it possible for us to bring award-winning writers to our campus and community,” said Dr. Robert Bookwalter, interim dean of the College of Liberal Arts. “We are grateful to the council for their support of the Visiting Writers Series program.”

Art Stringer, now retired from the Department of English, founded the Visiting Writers Series in 1989. Since then, the program has brought over a hundred talented writers of all genres to the Huntington campus. The visiting authors give free public readings while contributing to class discussions, signing copies of their publications, and conducting creative workshops for students.

Bookwalter said, “This is a great opportunity for students to learn about careers as working authors and for the public to meet and enjoy the work of creative young artists from all over the country.”

Birke Art Gallery named one of the state's top ten galleries to visit

The Birke Art Gallery has been named one of “West Virginia’s 10 Contemporary Art Galleries You Should Visit,” by global art, food, culture and travel website The Culture Trip.

London-based author Vincent Wood said it was the gallery’s public display of student art that piqued his interest and solidified the Birke’s spot on the list he compiled.

“It was this combination of promoting the arts and education and helping unestablished artists in their initial steps into the art world whilst still being an open forum that caught my attention,” Wood said.

Jessica Long, director of the Birke Art Gallery, said the Birke promotes students’ work and professional development.

“The Birke Art Gallery is a great place for other students and members of the community to gather and see what we as a department are capable of doing,” Long said. “At the same time, we also like to have at least one exhibit per year showing the work of bigger-name artists, so that the students can immerse themselves in how working artists operate and present their art.”

Long said the extra space provided by the Visual Arts Center (opening this summer) will give the School of Art and Design a more visible presence in the community while allowing a greater variety of work from artists of all disciplines to be shown at the Gallery.

“With the opening of the new Visual Arts Center, it’s my hope to curate a number of shows at the Birke Art Gallery that feature everything from drawing to sculpture, as well as work directly from area secondary schools and The Huntington Museum of Art,” Long said.

She said visiting Marshall University’s galleries stands to create a tighter relationship among area artists while also promoting a more closely knit community.

“It’s important to me that the people of Huntington are able to see what’s new with our program, and that students and faculty are available on-site to answer questions and discuss their work with anyone who is curious,” she said. “A greater interest in the arts is fostered when both the art and artist are in the center of everything.”

See the full list by The Culture Trip at www.theculturetrip.com.

Staff Council elections start Friday, May 16

The Classified Staff Council will hold an election May 16-19 to fill current vacancies. The staff members elected to these positions will finish the remainder of the current term, which will end June 30, 2015. Vacancies to be filled include the following:

- Two vacancies in EEO 40 – Technical and Paraprofessional
 - Nominees are: Gail Rice, School of Pharmacy, and Elizabeth Coffey, Autism Training Center
- One vacancy in EEO 50 – Clerical
 - Nominee is: Lisa Poteete, Autism Training Center
- Two vacancies in EEO 60/70 – Service and Maintenance
 - Nominees are: Tony Waugh, Plant Operations, and Dwayne McCallister, Housing

Electronic voting will be available from Friday, May 16, at 6 a.m. through Monday, May 19, at midnight. **All voting will be electronic.** There will be no paper ballot voting.

Voting Instructions

1. Go to www.marshall.edu/mymu.
 - Select “Continue to the new myMU Portal” to log in with the username and password you usually use for logging on to the Marshall computers;
OR
 - Select “to login to the old myMU portal click here” to use your MUID (901#) and PIN
2. Click “Login.”
3. Once logged in, select the Employee tab near the top of the myMU home page.
4. There will be a block titled “E-voter”. Select “click” within that box to access the Evoter website.
5. Follow the E-Vote instructions on the screen.
- 6.

If you should have any questions regarding the election, please contact Joe Wortham, Election Committee Chair at wortham@marshall.edu or ext. 6-5402; or Katie Counts in the Staff Council Office at easter@marshall.edu or ext. 6-2222.

Reminder: Farewell reception for Michelle Douglas is tomorrow, May 15



A farewell reception for Michelle Douglas, director of human resource services, will take place Thursday, May 15 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Drinko Library Atrium. Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

School of Medicine invites Marshall community to scholarship fundraiser



The Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine and two Marshall "first ladies," Jane Kopp and Mary Shapiro, are issuing an invitation to attend "Outstanding in Our Field," a medical school scholarship fundraiser scheduled for Saturday, June 7, at 1511 County Road 65 in Proctorville, Ohio.

Co-sponsored by Cabell Huntington Hospital and St. Mary's Medical Center, the event is being hosted by Dr. Bobby and Eric Hardin-Miller.

The festivities begin with a 6:30 p.m. reception, followed by a food and wine pairing at 7 p.m. featuring Chef Steven Nakano, JCESOM Class of 2015; Sous Chef Dr. Joseph Shapiro, dean of the School of Medicine, and Judge Dan O'Hanlon, sommelier. Dancing to the Jillettes from northeast Ohio takes place from 9 to 11 p.m., with Donnah Wolodkin Whitaker, class of 1984. Attire will be what is termed "country casual."

Tickets are \$125 a person and may be ordered by contacting Tami Fletcher at (304) 691-1701 or by e-mail at fletcher@marshall.edu. Checks should be made payable to the Marshall University Foundation and sent to her at 1600 Medical Center Drive, Huntington, WV 25701. The deadline for reservations is Monday, June 2.

[Click to view invitation with reservation form.](#)

Correction: Marshall Recreation Center ‘shutdown week’ in effect through May 18

Monday, May 12, marked the beginning of the sixth annual “shutdown week” for the Marshall Recreation Center. The facility will re-open Monday, May 19.

“Shutdown week” means the entire Recreation Center staff is cleaning and renovating the facility. Staff members will be working as a team to complete the duties assigned to them by the assistant director of facilities and operations, Keith Hernstrom. Some duties include deep cleaning of equipment and the climbing wall, pool maintenance and repair, locker room cleaning and maintenance, and gym floor recoating.

Each year specific areas get special attention, but no part of the facility goes untouched. This year the focus will be on pool- and gym-floor maintenance.

The Rec would like to thank all members and guests for their patience and understanding during this short time. They look forward to opening their doors May 19.

The next issue of *We Are...Marshall* will be distributed May 21, 2014. Please send any materials for consideration to [Pat Dickson](#) by 5 p.m. Monday, May 19.