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The Newsletter for Marshall University

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Profile: James Baldwin



The cans can add up and so can the ubiquitous plastic water bottles, never mind the stacks of newspapers or just plain paper that seems to proliferate. It doesn't take much to turn a campus into a trash-strewn mess.

That's where James Baldwin and the Sustainability Department he works for come in. As Recycling Coordinator he heads up efforts to keep the campus not only clear of wasteful clutter but to turn the mountains of discards that accumulate each year into reusable resources, all while helping the grounds crews to keep the Huntington campus green and glistening.

The variety of containers that dot the campus and can be found in multiple locations in most buildings are a testament to the ongoing efforts.

"I'm responsible for the collection of recycled materials, as well as doing educational outreach for recycling on this campus. I speak to classes and go to dorms, for example, to talk with people about the importance of recycling," Baldwin says. "We're hoping we can start meeting with departmental staff and faculty during staff meetings to let them know what can and can't be recycled for instance."

And not everything can be recycled. "We can't do styrofoam and some kinds of plastic such as yogurt containers. Right now we're not taking glass because we don't sort and the company we send our materials to doesn't take glass," he says. "Things that can be recycled include aluminum and steel cans, plastic bottles and any paper or cardboard that hasn't been contaminated with food. We can't take pizza or take-out boxes, for example."

All in all efforts are going very well, Baldwin says. "We've consistently had a good amount; people really are recycling whether in dorms or in staff and faculty areas, but there are always opportunities to improve. We've kept statistics over the last three years to compare how much we collect. We have a contract with Republic Services and they give us the amount of trash we give them that goes to the landfill and the amount that is recycled. Currently about 20 percent of our waste is recycled. That's a decent amount but there are a lot of universities that are aiming

for zero waste. There is room for improvement; we have a long way to go but we have a good foundation and people are making an effort.”

While most of the efforts are focused on the Huntington campus, some other locations do occasional projects as well. Last year employees on the South Charleston campus were asked by an adjunct instructor to save coffee grounds for several months. The grounds were used in an effort to cultivate an oyster mushrooms crop in Putnam County. According to the instructor, coffee grounds are a valuable nutrient in growing the mushrooms which were then sold at local farmers’ markets.

Baldwin, a native of Indiana, has a B.A. in Geography from Indiana State University and a Master of Urban and Regional Planning from Ball State University. Before coming to Marshall in 2012 he was a city planner for Roswell Georgia, a suburb of Atlanta, and then worked as a city planner for Huntington for two years. After working with Margie Phillips, director of Marshall’s Sustainability Department, in planning meetings, Baldwin says he was drawn to the academic setting and when his current job opened he applied and was hired.

“Urban and regional planning really has a focus of sustainability but on a bigger scale than building,” he says. “It’s about creating a built environment that encourages people to be more sustainable. My background has definitely been in understanding sustainable issues, so this is just another application of that. “

He and his wife, Rebecca, are enjoying the outdoor opportunities, including hiking, that abound in this area. The couple likes to travel and they’ve set a goal of visiting all 50 U.S. capital cities. So far they’ve made it to 23 with more on the horizon. “We enjoy seeing new places, visiting the capitals gives us a good understanding of a state, rather than just crossing the border.”

Silicon Valley CEO, Kenova native Brad Smith to deliver speech at Marshall's spring commencement



Brad Smith, a Kenova, W.Va., native who says he owes his incredible success in Silicon Valley to Marshall University, will be the guest speaker at MU's 177th commencement Saturday, May 10, at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena in downtown Huntington.

Smith, a 1986 Marshall graduate, will speak at the 9 a.m. Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony. Commencement for graduate students begins at 2 p.m. that same day at the arena.

Smith is President and Chief Executive Officer of Intuit, the accounting software giant that makes Quicken, QuickBooks and TurboTax. He was just 43 years old when he was named the CEO of Intuit, which employs more than 8,000 people worldwide. Under Smith's leadership, Intuit has cultivated an agile, experimentation culture, despite being a 30-year-old Silicon Valley company. This start-up mindset, combined with the ability to reinvent and transform itself along the way, has established Intuit as an innovative company that is consistently ranked as one of the top 100 best places to work, placing at number eight this year, and is among the most-admired software companies in the world.

Smith is recognized worldwide as a motivational and inspirational leader. In April, he was featured in a New York Times interview in which he talked about career advice and life lessons. He is expected to share those lessons and advice during his address to Marshall's graduates.

"I am honored to be returning to Marshall," Smith said. "Everything I have accomplished I owe to Marshall and the spirit of teamwork and perseverance that I experienced there. I look forward to speaking with the class of 2014 as they set out to make their own marks on the world."

President Kopp said the university community is elated to welcome Smith back as the guest speaker at MU's spring commencement.

"Brad is a shining example of what makes a true Son of Marshall," Kopp said. "He is a very humble person who, though remarkably successful, has never forgotten his roots and his love of his alma mater and hometown. His story is incredibly inspiring. Brad is one of those people you can point to and know that life's horizons are limitless with a solid education, hard work, humility and strong conviction that never loses sight of what got you where you are. I am really eager to hear him speak to our graduates."

Smith also will become the 169th person in Marshall history to receive an honorary degree.

Born in Huntington, Smith grew up in nearby Kenova, population about 3,500. He was just six years old when the Marshall plane crash occurred on Nov. 14, 1970. He said he lived so close to the crash site that he could look out the window and see the mountain glowing red.

Smith graduated from Ceredo-Kenova High School, a school known for decades for its football prowess. He played football for the Wonders until his sophomore year when he decided to focus on martial arts rather than football. By the time he was a senior, he had earned his black belt. Following high school, Smith was accepted into the United States Military Academy at West Point, but decided he would return to his roots and enroll at Marshall.

At Marshall, business was the focus of his studies, but he truly excelled in marketing. Smith earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with an emphasis in marketing. After graduating from Marshall, he went to work for Pepsi, moving several times before landing in Grand Rapids, Mich.

In Grand Rapids, Smith earned his master's degree in management from Aquinas College, where he attended night classes. He did well in sales management and business development at Pepsi before leaving for ADVO, the largest direct mail marketer in America. Later he excelled at ADP, one of the world's largest providers of business outsourcing solutions. He then joined Intuit and began his five-year climb within the company before becoming CEO.

Services Portfolio group to launch Rapid Response Teams



Led by Dr. John Maher, vice president for research, the Services Portfolio Review steering committee has been meeting regularly and will soon be announcing the members of seven Rapid Response Teams, or RRTs. The RRTs will be charged with identifying an issue, quickly analyzing it, developing options to address the issue and then implementing solutions. The intent is to quickly get faculty, staff and students involved in identifying and evaluating solutions to some of our most pressing concerns.

The goals of the Services Portfolio Review are:

- Review services across the entire university;
- Focus on services that will increase revenue for Marshall;
- Find cost savings for Marshall;
- Enhance the quality of services Marshall provides its students, faculty and staff;

- Address “pain points,” specific areas that cause us the most fits in providing quality services to our customers.

Seven teams will be formed from members from across the university. Each of these teams will be assigned a leader and additional members from throughout the university. Those members will be announced in the next week.

Team leaders will meet in early May and there will be a kickoff event after that to launch the review and inform the team members of their goals.

General faculty meeting features remarks by President Kopp, presentation of awards



Awards of distinction were presented and retiring faculty were recognized during the spring general faculty meeting held yesterday at the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center.

The meeting included remarks from President Stephen J. Kopp and Faculty Senate Chair Eldon Larsen. Three people received the Distinguished Service Award and three received the Distinguished Artists and Scholars Award. To qualify for Distinguished Service Award, individuals must have at least 20 years of service at Marshall University, a record of distinguished service to the university and/or college, and a record of distinguished teaching as evidenced by peer, administrative and/or student evaluations. The Distinguished Service Award winners, each of whom will receive \$1,000, are:

- Dr. Mary Jo Graham, professor, Early Childhood Education;
- Dr. Barbara Nicholson, professor, Leadership Studies
- Dr. Mary Grassell, professor, Art and Design

Three individuals received the Distinguished Artists and Scholars Award. To be eligible for the Distinguished Artists and Scholars Award, faculty members must either be tenured or hold tenure-track appointments. The purpose of the award is to recognize distinction in the fields of artistic and scholarly activity on the part of the Marshall faculty. The senior recipients of the Distinguished Artists and Scholars Awards receive \$2,000 apiece while the junior recipient receives \$1,000. The Distinguished Artists and Scholars Awards were given to:

- Dr. Joshua Hagen, professor and chair, Department of Geography, Senior Award in Arts, Business, Education, Humanities, and Social Sciences;

- Yoram Elitsur, M.D., professor in pediatrics, School of Medicine, Senior Award in Science and Technology;
- Ian Hagarty, assistant professor, School of Art and Design, College of Arts and Media, junior recipient in all fields.

Two people received the John and Frances Rucker Graduate Adviser of the Year award, which acknowledges the contributions of Marshall's outstanding graduate advisers. They are:

- Dr. Jonathan Lent, assistant professor, College of Education and Professional Development;
- Dr. Eldon Larsen, professor, College of Information Technology and Engineering.

Sixteen retiring faculty, who have a combined 377 years of service, were recognized. They include:

- Richard Abel, assistant professor, Integrated Science, College of Science, 7 years;
- Dr. Daniel Babb, professor, Chemistry, College of Science, 41 years;
- Dr. Laura Boswell, associate professor, Special Education, College of Education and Professional Development, 9 years;
- Dr. Elizabeth Evans, assistant professor, Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine, School of Medicine, 11 years
- Dr. Jeanette Farmer, professor, Special Education, College of Education and Professional Development, 7 years
- Dr. Mary Jo Graham, professor, Early Childhood Education, College of Education and Professional Development, 20 years
- Dr. Cynthia Kolsun, assistant professor, Leadership Studies, College of Education and Professional Development, 3 years
- Dr. Glenda Lowry, associate professor, Family and Consumer Science, College of Education and Professional Development, 27 years
- Dr. Jeffrey May, professor, Biological Sciences, College of Science, 22 years
- Dr. Clayton McNearney, professor, Religious Studies, College of Liberal Arts, 42 years
- Dr. Mary B. Moore, professor, English, College of Liberal Arts, 19 years
- Dr. Stephen O'Keefe, professor, School Psychology, College of Education and Professional Development, 38 years
- Dr. Judith Silver, professor, Mathematics, College of Science, 29 years
- Dr. David Allan Stern, professor, Safety Technology, College of Information Technology and Engineering, 37 years
- Dr. John Walden, professor, Family and Community Health, School of Medicine, 31 years
- Dr. W. Joe Wyatt, professor, Psychology, College of Liberal Arts, 34 years

Also recognized at the meeting were five faculty award winners, announced last week. They are:

- Dr. William Palmer, professor of history, Charles E. Hedrick Outstanding Faculty Award;
- Dr. Judith Silver, professor, department of mathematics, Marshall & Shirley Reynolds Outstanding Teacher Award;
- Dr. Anne Axel, assistant professor, department of biological sciences; Dr. Kristen Lillvis, assistant professor, department of English; and Dr. Zelideth Maria Rivas, assistant

professor, department of modern languages, Pickens-Queen Excellence in Teaching Awards.

Following the meeting a reception to honor the retiring and award-winning faculty took place in the lobby of the Performing Arts Center.

Photo: Dr. William Palmer (right) receives the Hedrick Outstanding Faculty Award from President Kopp.

Manchin to visit RCBI in South Charleston May 9

A new public/private partnership in advanced manufacturing and 3-D metal printing technology will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday, May 9, in the Robert C. Byrd Institute located on the South Charleston campus.

U.S. Sen. Joe Manchin, along with representatives of the Robert C. Byrd Institute, ATK, U.S. Navy and Marshall University will be on hand to see a demonstration of the new technology and learn how Toyota Motor Corp. is using this advanced technology for its operation.

Faculty and staff are invited to attend the demonstration.

Dr. Judith Silver to give lecture, ‘An Accidental Professor,’ May 7



The mathematics department will sponsor a public lecture by professor of mathematics Dr. Judith Silver at 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 7, in room 154 of Smith Hall.

Silver, who plans to retire at the end of the spring semester, will speak on the topic “An Accidental Professor,” describing her experiences over the 29 years she has been at Marshall.

“This won’t be a lecture solely on mathematics or the usual retirement reception,” said Dr. Clayton Brooks, a colleague of Silver who is one of the organizers of the event. “There will be something for both town and gown in her remarks.”

A reception will follow the lecture.

The lecture is expected to be the first in a series titled AfterMath, to be given by every willing retiring professor in the mathematics department.

Mail Services to skip a day Thursday, May 1

Due to system upgrades, MU Mail Services will **not** be able to process *outgoing* US Postal Mail on **Thursday, May 1, 2014** on the Huntington campus only.

If stamps are needed for use on Thursday, May 1, contact Mail Services to get them as soon as possible.

If there are questions, contact Mail Services Supervisor, Leonard Lovely at ext. 6-2485 or e-mail lovely@marshall.edu.

Marshall University part of \$2.5 million initiative to increase diversity in high-tech fields

Marshall University is part of an initiative to increase the number of underrepresented minority students studying in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

A five-year, \$2.5 million National Science Foundation grant will fund the Kentucky-West Virginia Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation.

The partnership of higher education institutions is being led by the University of Kentucky. In addition to Marshall and UK, alliance members include the University of Louisville, West Virginia University, Western Kentucky University, Centre College, Kentucky State University, West Virginia State University, and Bluegrass Community and Technical College. The grant marks the second phase of the diversity effort, which began in 2006.

With an undergraduate focus, the new funding will sponsor programs and initiatives at the alliance members' institutions to attract greater numbers of diverse students to the STEM fields, increase retention and graduate up to 500 students over the next five years. In addition, the alliance will seek out cross-institutional opportunities for students in undergraduate research and internships. The alliance has the potential to significantly impact the lives of up to 5,000 underrepresented undergraduate students in the two Appalachian states.

“Expanding opportunities that encourage diversity and inclusiveness is among Marshall University’s foremost strategic priorities. The Kentucky-West Virginia LSAMP program serves as an important means for advancing this goal,” said President Stephen J. Kopp. “In today’s complex world, mobilizing and engaging the talents of all people is more important than ever. We are pleased to be a member of this alliance and look forward to working with our partners to attract, retain and graduate more underrepresented students in high-tech and high-demand fields.”

The alliance’s specific goals include:

- Increasing minority student enrollment in the STEM fields alliance-wide by 15 percent by 2016, with a 10-20 percent increase yearly thereafter.
- Increasing the 4-5 year graduation rate for minority STEM majors alliance-wide by 50 percent or more and maintaining or increasing that rate thereafter.

Accomplishing these goals by the fifth year of the project will translate into 260 or more STEM baccalaureate graduates each year among the nine institutions.

National studies show that underrepresented minority students enroll as STEM majors at the same rate as their counterparts, but graduate at significantly lower rates. The project leaders say the key to retention will be providing timely and effective individual support and that they will be developing programs to provide that support.

The first alliance-wide conference will be held at UK during the 2014-15 academic year.

Wellington Professorship of Cardiology established at Marshall University School of Medicine



Dr. Mark Studeny, professor and chair of the department of cardiology at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, has been named the inaugural Bernard C. and Pansy P. Wellington Professor of Cardiology.

The professorship is funded by an \$800,000 grant facilitated by Robert H. Beymer, chairman of the board of First Sentry Bank and trustee of the Bernard C. and Pansy P. Wellington Foundation. The gift will support medical education and cardiovascular research at Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. Cardiovascular disease remains the number one cause of death in

our region, as well as the United States. The endowment provides opportunities to explore new avenues available for prevention and treatment of cardiovascular disease.

“It is a tremendous honor to be named as the first Wellington Professor,” Studeny said. “We are grateful for this wonderful gift which will benefit the people of our region. I am excited to expand our work into the disease processes that affect so many in our area.”

“Pansy Wellington graduated from Marshall and she absolutely loved the school,” Beymer said. “She was a kind, caring person and I know Pansy would be pleased that so many people will be helped through this gift to the School of Medicine.”

Additionally, the gift has the option of supporting a scholarship for a medical student.

Sixteen individuals, Mid-Ohio Valley Club honored at awards banquet

Sixteen individuals and one club were honored at the Marshall University Alumni Association’s 77th annual Alumni Awards Banquet held last week in the Memorial Student Center’s Don Morris Room.

The awards banquet highlighted the 2014 Alumni Weekend, which took place last Friday and Saturday,

Here is a list of the distinguished alumni award winners for 2014.

Distinguished Alumnus Award – Dr. Eric R. George

Dr. Eric R. George is a hand surgeon practicing medicine in Louisiana. A native of Huntington and a graduate of Huntington East High School, he received his medical degree from Marshall. He completed General Trauma Surgery Residency at Michigan State University, then completed a fellowship in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at Grand Rapids Area Medical Education Center in Grand Rapids, Mich. George currently is Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Surgery at Tulane University School of Medicine in New Orleans, La., and adjunct assist professor of orthopaedics in the Department of Orthopaedics at Tulane. His practice, the Hand Center of Louisiana, is a state-of-the-art facility which treats NFL players and key players in the oil and gas industries, among other businesses, and is the largest in the Gulf South region. He owns a luxury hospital, the Omega Hospital, and several ambulatory surgery centers, urgent care clinics, and assisted living centers.

He graduated from MU's School of Medicine in 1989 and his success has not come easily. At Marshall, he was diagnosed with dyslexia, and reading at barely a high school level. Dr. Pat Brown, associate dean of academic and student affairs, said, "Still, he was getting C's where others were failing. I caught a glimpse of what must be phenomenal intelligence." George still calls Huntington home. "We still like to get a Stewart's hot dog, a Tudor's biscuit and go to a Marshall game," he said. Last year, a Marshall University Society of Yeager Scholarship was provided by George in memory of his late brother, Aaron C. George, a fighter pilot who was killed in a crash. He continues to be involved in numerous philanthropic endeavors

Alumnus Community Achievement Award – Karen Williams

Karen Williams is a native of Charleston's westside. Once Williams graduated from Marshall University in 1975, she immediately started teaching at Glenwood Elementary School which she had attended. . During her five years of teaching at Glenwood, she discovered one of her major loves and passions was reading. This love was passed on to her students and the community and resulted in her obtaining her first master's degree from MU in reading K-12. This move allowed her to give back to the community working with the Kanawha Home for Children, being a reading specialist at the district level and being an advocate for reading and literacy in the Kanawha Valley area.

Her commitment to community and literacy are exhibited in her involvement with numerous organizations that place emphasis on reading and a solid education and how it is imperative that this starts in our homes and communities. She has been the national and state chair of the Association for Developmental Education, on the board and an active member of Kanawha County International Reading Association, on the Board of Directors and a clinician of the Literacy Volunteers of Kanawha County, charter member of the Charleston District Outreach Ministries Tutor Training, a member of the National Dropout Prevention Network and the Kanawha County Literacy Coalition. Throughout her life, she has placed emphasis on giving back to her community and its residents.

Distinguished Service Award – Charles C. Lanham

Charles C. Lanham had a distinguished career in banking for 55 years after graduating from Marshall College in the spring of 1952. While developing his banking career, he served his alma mater on numerous high levels for decades. Lanham was active for many years with the Alumni Association in Huntington and later became actively involved with the Mason/Gallia/Meigs chapter located in Point Pleasant. He nurtured that chapter which provided thousands of dollars for scholarships for the Big green. In 1977, Lanham was honored by the Alumni Association with the Alumnus Community Achievement Award.

Lanham served for 12 years on the President's Advisory Board, the forerunner to the current Board of Governors. He also served on three presidential search committees. Lanham served for more than 30 years on the board of Directors of the MU Foundation. For his active and productive work in supporting the MU library, Lanham was honored in 2005 with the John Drinko Distinguished Service Award. And, the Mid-Ohio Valley Center, is now owned free and clear by Marshall thanks in large part to Lanham's efforts. "Over the past 19 years, the time the MOVOC has been in existence, the center has served thousands of Marshall University students, which is a direct connection back to the vision of one man, Mr. Charles Lanham," said Homer Preece, director of the center.

Club of the Year – Mid-Ohio Valley Club

The Mid-Ohio Valley Club, which directly influenced the decision of 12 students to attend Marshall University through scholarships awarded, is the Club of the Year. The club raised enough money to award 11 \$1,000 scholarships to local students, not only from Wood County, but surrounding counties as well as a result of its annual scholarship and fundraising banquet in March 2013. The banquet drew a crowd of 274 people, including local alumni, parents, students and Marshall officials. The club also was awarded one \$3,000 medical school scholarship to a local student attending the School of Medicine. The Mid-Ohio Valley Club also co-sponsors the "Rally in the alley," an annual summer coaches' tour stop at the North End Tavern in Parkersburg. In the past four years, the club has donated \$11,750 in total to the MU Foundation for the Vision Campaign, which included \$4,000 in 2013.

Nancy Pelphrey Herd Village Scholarship – Kristopher Pack and Katelyn Daly

Kristopher Pack of Beckley is a member of Marshall's cheerleading squad, majoring in nursing. Among his volunteer activities are Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity philanthropics; Big Brothers, Big Sisters; Homes for our Troops; Humane Society; RAINN, Ronald McDonald House charities and Race for the Cure.

Katelyn Daly of Vienna, W.Va., is an environmental science major and a member of the marching band. Among her volunteer activities are the MU Campus Flood (a religious organization); Team Amplify (drama team), CYG Refuge (a youth group) and membership in the 19th St. Church of God. She also teaches swimming during the summer.

Nate Ruffin Scholarship Award – London Straughter

London Straughter is from Charleston, the son of Karl and Teresa Straughter. Before coming to Marshall in the fall of 2011, he attended WVU Institute of Technology on a baseball scholarship. He currently is a senior, majoring in Management, Marketing, and Energy Management with a minor in Entrepreneurship. After graduation, he plans to continue his studies at Marshall, as he pursues a master's in business administration and a master of science in human resource management.

Young Alumni Award – James Lester

James Lester graduated from Marshall in 2007. To be eligible for the Young Alumni Award, the recipient must be 35 years old or younger, be an active member of the alumni association, show outstanding achievement in their field of endeavor, have a personal commitment to their community and demonstrate personal commitment to Marshall University and its students. Lester is a counselor with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and a doctoral candidate in psychology. As a disabled military veteran, he strives to improve the lives and liberties of his fellow veterans and others with disabilities, not only professionally, but also by serving several organizations and agencies around the state on boards of directors, advisory groups, and multiple committees. Lester believes it is important to help in any way, whether it is quietly providing monetary donations, getting on the phone and advocating for support from local politicians, volunteering at local centers, or by serving on committees or boards.

Carolyn Hunter Faculty Service Award – Adam M. Franks, M.D.

Adam M. Franks is an associate professor in the Department of Family and Community Health at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. A 1994 graduate of the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, Franks completed a residency in family medicine at Marshall and a fellowship in advanced maternal care (surgical obstetrics) at the University of Tennessee-Memphis. Since joining the faculty at Marshall in 2001, Franks has provided comprehensive primary care at Marshall Family Medicine in Lavalette in Wayne Count. Franks has served as an assistant scoutmaster and medical officer for the Tri-State Area Boy Scout Council, is an active member and Elder at Highlawn Presbyterian Church and a volunteer coach for the Wayne County Youth Soccer League.

Awards of Distinction

College of Education and Professional Development – Charles R. Shuff

Charles R. Shuff grew up in Huntington and graduated from Huntington High School, then Marshall University, earning a B.A. in physical education and social studies. As a professional educator, Shuff spent his entire career in the Prince Georges County Public School

System (1968-2004) in Maryland, primarily teaching physical education. Shuff also coaches soccer at Suitland High School in Maryland. He was recognized in 1984 by the Prince Georges Journal (Newspaper) as co-coach of the year. In 1987, he was selected as the MAHPERD Elementary Physical Education teacher of the year for Prince Georges County. Shuff retired from teaching in Prince Georges County in 2004 after 36 years of service, educating children. Today, he lives in Annapolis Maryland, where he enjoys following the Herd and keeping up with things happening at Marshall.

College of Business – John C. Burris (awarded posthumously)

John C. Burris' musical ability earned him a full scholarship to Duke University after graduating as salutatorian of Wahama High School in 1973 but he chose to accept Marshall University's academic scholarship to study business administration, graduating summa cum laude in 1977. After graduation, AT&T and Lucent Technologies offered Burris a position in its management trainee program which took him all over the world. In 1991, Burris became the Managing Director/Vice President-Europe for the AT&T Business Products joint venture in London. His success in this part of the world led to him being sent to Sydney, Australia, and then Hong Kong as the Managing Director/VP for Asia Pacific. He engineered the entire infrastructure of the organization. In 1994, Burris returned to the United States as the VP and General Manager of the Gulf States Area and settled in Fort Lauderdale. In 1998, he was chosen for Leaders Council, the highest honor in Lucent Technologies. In 1999, Burris joined Citrix Systems for a 10-year run. He was a key contributor to the company's growth with revenues increasing from \$400 million to \$1.4 billion.

College of Information technology and Engineering – Charles Neighborgall

Charles Neighborgall, who was born in Huntington, has worked his entire career at the Neighborgall Construction Company. He started as a water boy, and now he is Chairman of the Board of Directors. He has been a laborer, carpenter, assistant estimator, estimator, assistant project manager, project manager, senior project manager, general manager, vice president, chief operating officer, president and chief executive officer. During this time, the company put nearly a billion dollars worth of commercial and institutional building construction in place. Neighborgall earned a bachelor of engineering science degree at Marshall in 1967 and currently serves as an advisory board member for the engineering program. He has remained very active with ties to many organizations at Marshall, such as the Artists Series, the Society of Yeager Scholars, the Alumni Association, the Thunder Club, the Big Green and the Quarterback Club.

College of Liberal Arts — Aubrey King

Aubrey King received his B.A. degree magna cum laude from Marshall in 1963. While at MU, he majored in political science with minors in economics and history and was a four-year member of the Marshall debate team. Born and raised in Iaeger in McDowell County, he was a 1959 graduate of Iaeger High School. After graduating from Marshall, he was awarded a Rotary

International Fellowship for a year's study at the Indian School of International Studies in New Delhi, India. He later received his master's degree in political science from the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. King has spent more than three decades as a professional lobbyist in Washington, D.C., where he has represented diverse trade associations and other clients. He also has been an adjunct lecturer at George Washington University, teaching the politics of tourism and recreation.

Marshall University School of Medicine – R. Mark Hatfield

R. Mark Hatfield, O.D., M.D., F.A.C.S., is founder and managing member of Retina Consultants, PLLC, in Charleston. After earning a doctor of optometry degree from Illinois College of Optometry, he received his M.D. degree from the Marshall University School of Medicine in 1983. He completed a surgical internship at Marshall, an ophthalmology residency at the University of Illinois School of Medicine, and a vitreoretinal fellowship at Rush Presbyterian St. Luke's in Chicago. Hatfield has been honored with numerous awards over his career including Outstanding Student Awards in 1980 and 1981 and was elected to membership in the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society while at Marshall. Last year, he received the Illinois Eye and Ear Infirmary Distinguished Alumnus Award and was named by the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine Alumni Association as the 2013 Distinguished Alumnus.

In addition to his medical practice, Hatfield is a busy lecturer who has presented at a number of professional meetings, including ones sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control, the West Virginia Optometric Association and the West Virginia Academy of Ophthalmology. He is a generous supporter of Marshall University and the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. A native of Logan, Hatfield is married to the former Monica Wilton, former chair of the Marshall Foundation and a two-time Marshall graduate. They are the parents of three adult children.

College of Arts and Media – William Campbell and Leslie Petteys

William “Skip” Campbell was born in Huntington and spent most of his boyhood shuttling between a little farm in southern Ohio and his mother's ancestral home in Huntington because of his brother, Don's, bout with rheumatic fever which necessitated the family being close to a hospital. Skip attended a number of different schools due to his brother's illness. He joined the Navy reserve in 1964 after graduating from Huntington High School. In 1968, he returned to Huntington and earned a degree in math from Marshall. After graduating from MU, he taught math and computer science at South Point High School in South Point, Ohio, for 17 years. In 1989, Campbell retired from teaching and opened up Huntington Software and ran it until 2002. In 2002, he started working at River Valley Child Development Services in Huntington. He retired from RVCDS in 2011 and is living with his wife, Leslie Petteys, in the family's home on 7th Avenue. Skip loves all forms of art and is eager to help with art education in Huntington.

Dr. Leslie Petteys is professor emeritus of piano and graduate studies in music at Marshall. Her work in American music and interest in women composers gained Petteys national recognition.

She contributed numerous articles to scholarly journals and publications and has been invited to present lectures and lecture-recitals for the national meetings of several scholarly associations. She has performed as a solo and collaborative pianist in 13 states and the District of Columbia. Her greatest joy at Marshall was her work with students, many of whom have gone on to become teachers and professional musicians. Since retirement, she continues to work with young people as a mentor. Petteys and her husband, William “Skip” Campbell, have recently become active members in the city-wide committee, River to Rail project, and in various other projects to preserve and beautify the west end of Huntington.

College of Health Professions – Kelly Levy

Kelly Levy, who originally is from Springfield, Ohio, has dedicated her life to giving back to those in the Tri-State communities. Currently, she serves as vice president of family service at Hospice of Huntington where she is responsible for developing and coordinating bereavement, chaplain, social work and volunteer programs for hospice patients and their families. Levy graduated cum laude from Marshall in 1983 with a bachelor’s degree in social work. She now serves on the university’s social work advisory board and also as a field instructor for the work practicum students. She remains active in the National Association of Social Workers.

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