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The Newsletter for Marshall University

May 22, 2013

Michelle Barbour named Employee of the Year for 2012



Michelle Barbour, Career Counselor in Career Services/Student Resource Center, has been named the 2012 Marshall University Employee of the Year. The announcement was made by President Stephen J. Kopp at the May 15 service awards brunch.

Selected as the March 2012 Employee of the Month, she was nominated by Pam Bowen, Sarah Craiger, Denise Hogsett, Matt James, Jessica Jordan, Jennifer Kennedy and Sherri Stepp.

In their nomination, they wrote: “Although she is a part of the Student Resource Center, she is not a Resource Specialist. This does not stop her...from performing all SRC staff duties. In addition to the numerous tasks associated with her position with Career Services, she never hesitates to help [students] with any concern that they bring into the office and she always goes above and beyond her Career Counselor duties when assisting students.”

Barbour is always willing to help out after normal work hours, and they point out that even though her hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., “...she is always here by 8 a.m. and rarely leaves by 5 p.m. She often volunteers to lead residence hall presentations, serve as a guest instructor for various UNI courses, and present non-career-related workshops. Michelle’s work ethic is something to be desired by all. We have rarely met a more generous or helpful staff member, and we are confident that she’s (by far) one of the hardest working Marshall staff member at the university. Her focus is solely on the students.”

In addition, the nominators said, Barbour hosts workshops to help students with their career paths and choices of majors. They have high praise for her customer service skills and her ability to make students feel at ease. “She does all she can to ensure students feel comfortable and understood when they come to meet with her. Students...leave her office (and) feel empowered to find a good major and a career.” In fact, many students stay in touch with her after they leave. “Her interpersonal skills and counseling background have made her a hidden treasure at Marshall, because students know that if they visit Michelle, they will leave feeling better and feeling more prepared to tackle their issues.”

Hogsett, who is Barbour's supervisor, noted, "Michelle has been such an asset to our department and most importantly has been able to work in two different programs without any problems at all. She is always willing to do for her students and goes the extra mile with providing them with what they need, even giving of her own finances to make sure students have needed items such as books. She is resourceful and has stretched herself as a new employee to develop and present information to students, parents, and staff."

In closing they wrote that, although the Student Resource Center has been open a little more than a year, "... thanks to Michelle, students all over the university are in the right major and feel confident that they will succeed after graduation. Michelle tirelessly devotes herself to ensuring students are successful and her willingness to serve the students makes her an invaluable asset to the Student Resource Center and Marshall University."

Hogsett accepted the award, which was presented by President Kopp, on Barbour's behalf. Barbour received a framed certificate along with gift cards from University Bookstore and Sodexo.

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Photo: Denise Hogsett (left) receives the Employee of the Year award on behalf of Michelle Barbour, who is a member of Hogsett's Career Services staff, from President Kopp.

Marshall Health appoints new director of pharmacy services



Brian A. Gallagher, R.Ph., J.D., is the new director of pharmacy services with Marshall Health for the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine and the Marshall University School of Pharmacy. He has a joint faculty appointment in both schools.

Gallagher, a West Virginia native, most recently served as senior vice president of government affairs for the American Pharmacists Association in Washington, D.C.

"Brian will be an incredible asset to Marshall University's health sciences programs," said Dr. Kevin Yingling, dean of the School of Pharmacy. "His vast experience in government affairs, health care academics and pharmacy administration will aid Marshall as we move our programs forward."

School of Medicine Dean Dr. Joseph I. Shapiro said Gallagher's knowledge of the medical and pharmacy industries allows Marshall to expand in new areas.

"As Marshall begins to build on a collaborative system within its health sciences programs, individuals with diverse skills will be required to help design and create our initiatives," Shapiro said. "Brian Gallagher has the expertise we need and we are thrilled to have him as part of our team."

In addition to his position with American Pharmacists Association, Gallagher has held a wide variety of posts, including vice president for regulatory compliance for Rite Aid, vice president of risk management and governance for NDCHealth, general counsel for TechRx, director of pharmacy regulatory affairs for the National Association of Chain Drug Stores and general counsel for WVU Hospitals.

Gallagher served for eight years in the West Virginia House of Delegates, where he was chairman of both the Banking and Insurance and Legislative Rule Making Review Committees. He authored a wide variety of statutes, including the Pharmacy Practice Act.

"Brian's responsibilities with Marshall Health will evolve as our health care system continues to change under the Affordable Care Act," said Beth Hammers, executive director of Marshall Health. "His background in the legislature, law and pharmacy gives him a unique perspective that is highly beneficial to our organization."

"I am delighted to join the Marshall Health team and to be a part of the exciting initiatives they have in the works to improve the health of my fellow West Virginians," Gallagher said. "I am really happy to be back home in the Mountain State."

Gallagher graduated from West Virginia University in 1981 with a B.S. in pharmacy and received his law degree from Wake Forest University in 1984. He is admitted to the West Virginia, Georgia and Pennsylvania bars and is licensed to practice pharmacy in West Virginia.

Gallagher began his duties with Marshall Health March 29.

Autism presentation to take place May 30

Dr. Monika Suchowierska will give a presentation titled "Perceiving Autism as Characteristic Patterns of Organized Behaviors" Thursday, May 30, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center, room 2W22, on the Huntington campus. This presentation is co-sponsored by the West Virginia Autism Training Center at MU and the Department of Psychology at MU. There is no registration necessary and no fee to attend.

Suchowierska is an assistant professor at the Warsaw School of Social Sciences and Humanities and is currently the Director of the Step-by-Step Treatment Center for preschoolers with autism in Warsaw, Poland.

For further information, contact Dr. Barbara Becker-Cottrill, executive director of the West Virginia Autism Training Center, by phone at 304-696-2332 or by e-mail at beckerco@marshall.edu.

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Booth vendors sought for RecFest '13

The Marshall Recreation Center will be hosting the 4th installment of RecFest Saturday, Aug. 24, from noon until 3 p.m., according to Kayla Dodd, marketing assistant for the center.

RecFest is an important aspect of Marshall University's Week of Welcome, Dodd said, which allows Marshall University and the community to greet the 14,000 students back to the Huntington campus for another year. This is a great opportunity for businesses and Marshall University departments and organizations to introduce and familiarize their name and services to the students, faculty and staff at Marshall.

For further information, department and organization representatives may view a prospectus for vendors online at <http://www.marshallcampusrec.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/2013-RecFest-Vendor-Prospectus-DONE.pdf>, or contact Dodd by phone at 304-696-2943 or by e-mail at dodd18@live.marshall.edu.

The next issue of We Are...Marshall will be distributed June 5, 2013. Please send any materials for consideration to [Pat Dickson](#) by noon, June 3.