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WE ARE... MARSHALL®

The Newsletter for Marshall University

May 18, 2016

Reminder: Marshall to recognize staff, name Employee of the Year at luncheon today

Marshall's 32nd annual Staff Recognition Luncheon will take place from noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, in the Don Morris Room in the Memorial Student Center on the Huntington campus.

In addition to the service awards, the Employee of the Year will be named at this time.

A list of the university staff members who will receive awards was published in the [April 27 issue](#) of *We Are...Marshall*.

Gathings named Marshall's vice president for student affairs



Cedric Gathings, interim assistant vice president for multicultural affairs at Mississippi State University, has been named vice president for student affairs following a national search, Provost Gayle Ormiston announced Tuesday.

Gathings will assume the role on July 1. The position was formerly occupied by longtime dean Steve Hensley and was elevated to vice president to emphasize the importance university wide of student engagement and success for enrollment and recruitment.

Gathings will be responsible for the overall success of the university's student affairs programs, fostering an environment of inclusiveness and support for the student body. He will be tasked with managing all programs and personnel in student affairs, including the university's counseling center, health services, student conduct, Student Government Association, Military and Veterans Affairs, and disability services.

Ormiston said he is looking forward to Gathings' contributions. "He brings distinct perspective and valuable experience to the position of vice president for student affairs," Ormiston said.

Gathings said his 15-year career in higher education has primed him for this position at Marshall.

"All of my experience in various aspects of student affairs have led me to serve Marshall University as the vice president for student affairs," said Gathings. "I look forward to being an active listener in the conversations among students and the administration.

"One of my priorities will be establishing a sense of unity even greater than Marshall has today."

Gathings' career in higher education began in 2001. Prior to his most recent role at Mississippi State University, he served that university as associate director for fraternity and sorority life for two years and as assistant director for national Pan-Hellenic Council and the school's center for student involvement for three years.

Gathings has a master's degree in education and a bachelor's degree in science from Delta State University in Cleveland, Mississippi. He is the recipient of several

awards, including the Southeast Greek Leadership Summit Outstanding Adviser Award and the Mississippi State University Staff Diversity Award in 2012.

He has served as a member of the adjunct faculty of Holmes Community College's Department of Social/Behavioral Sciences and of East Mississippi Community College's Department of Social Sciences. In addition, he is affiliated with The National LGBTQ Task Force's National Conference on LGBT Equality: Creating Change and is a member of the National Association for Student Personnel Administrators.

School of Medicine to host 'Outstanding in Our Field 3' June 4



The Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine will host **Outstanding in Our Field 3**, co-sponsored by Cabell Huntington Hospital and St. Mary's Medical Center, Saturday, June 4, at a farm in rural Proctorville, Ohio.

This year's event will feature farm-to-table cuisine, beginning with a reception at 6 p.m. and followed by dinner and dancing from 7 to 11 p.m. The scholarship fundraiser will be hosted at the home of Dr. Bobby Miller (Class of 1997) and Eric Hardin-Miller.

This farm-to-table dining experience will feature Kevin Fowler, president and CEO of Cabell Huntington Hospital, as chef; Dr. Joseph Shapiro, dean of the School of Medicine, as sous chef; Don Sallada of Cabell Huntington Hospital as executive chef; and Judge Dan O'Hanlon as sommelier. Dinner will be served by current medical school students.



Music will be provided by “The Jillettes” with Dr. Donnah Wolodkin Whitaker (Class of 1984). Attire is “country casual.”

Proceeds from the annual event, now in its third year, go to provide support for medical student scholarships. This year, event chairs Jimmy and Julie Todd have set a goal to raise \$100,000.

Event sponsors to date, in addition to co-sponsors Cabell Huntington Hospital and St. Mary’s Medical Center, include Thomas Health System, Valley Health, Maxor National Pharmacy Services Company, Dr. and Mrs. Maurice A. Mufson, Radiology Inc., Retina Consultants, Farrell, White & Legg PLLC, Galaxy Distributing of West Virginia, HIMG and Pleasant Valley Hospital (MSI). Additional sponsors include Highmark West Virginia; Bon Secours – Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital; Edward Tucker Architects Inc.; Joseph P. Assaley, M.D.; Marshall Health; and WoodmenLife.

Tickets are \$125 per person. Additional sponsorships are available. To make a reservation, contact Tami Fletcher at 304-691-1701 or fletcher@marshall.edu. For more information, go to <https://jcesom.marshall.edu/alumni-giving/outstanding-in-our-field>.

Photo: The Jillettes perform at last year’s “Outstanding in Our Field” event to support the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. The band will return for this year’s event June 4.

Huntington Area Art Society offering summer series

The summer series of the Huntington Area Art Society kicked off last week with a new focus: artwork created in relationship to buildings, such as stained glass and public art on buildings.

Jonathan Cox, professor of sculpture, and Geoff Fleming, executive director of the Huntington Museum of Art, will serve as guest presenters this summer while Dr. Heather Stark, assistant professor of art history and Huntington Area Art Society lead presenter, is co-teaching 15 Marshall students in Florence, Italy.

Huntington Area Art Society presentations are at The Cellar Door. While all are welcome, space is limited. The cost is \$10 per presentation or free for Marshall faculty and staff. For questions about the Art Society or this summer series, contact the School of Art and Design at ext. 6-7299.

Remaining presentations are:

- Wednesday, June 8, 6:30 p.m.: "Public Art: Who pays? Who benefits? Who cares?" by Jonathan Cox
- Wednesday, July 13, 6:30 p.m.: "A Legacy Denied: Lost Country Houses of Ireland" by Geoff Fleming

'Appalachian Dirt' exhibition open at Visual Arts Center



Titled "Appalachian Dirt" and featuring work from more than 20 ceramists from West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky, a new exhibition up at the Visual Arts Center aims to break the mold on the thought that ceramics is limited to pottery alone.

"'Appalachian Dirt' shows the breadth of how contemporary ceramists are working and, in particular, highlights how ceramists in our region are working with the medium," said Frederick Bartolovic, associate professor of ceramics.



"In this way, my hope is that the exhibition will showcase a variety of visual explorations within the medium of clay, from the most practical and functional pot to the least practical," he said.

titled "Big Wind" by Bob



Courtney Childers, a recent graduate from the ceramics program spearheaded the planning and execution of “Appalachian Dirt” with the assistance of Bartolovic and Megan Schultz, gallery director for the School of Art and Design.

The exhibition will be on display to the public until July 22.

Photos: Stack by Lauren Herzak-Bauman, *The Dying Gaul* by Brett Kern and *Interference* by Amy Sinbondit are among the works in a ceramics show titled “Appalachian Dirt.”

Tree work on Huntington campus to take place this weekend

This weekend, Friday, May 20, through Sunday, May 22, the Physical Plant has scheduled the removal of two maple trees south of Old Main. The cherry tree safety pruning will be done at this time as well. The schedule is subject to change due to weather.

Proposals sought for Tri-State Conference on Diversity and Inclusion



Proposals for the 2016 Tri-State Conference on Diversity and Inclusion, to be held at Ashland Community and Technical College in Ashland, Kentucky, are now being accepted. All workshops should be centered on the overarching theme of the conference: “*Appalachian Crossroads: Conversations on Diversity.*”

The conference will take place Friday, Sept. 9.

Instructions for Submitting a Proposal

Who Should Submit a Proposal: We are calling for all education, social work, social service agencies, state and local government, judiciary, health care, business and industry practitioners, to submit proposals sharing experiences and best practices through thought-provoking presentations, interactive demonstrations, and engaging conversations.

Length of Presentation: All sessions should be designed to be 60 minutes in length with an additional 15 minutes provided for a question and answer period.

Audience: Conference participants include entry- to senior-level professionals from across the spectrum of organizations and institutions. Presentations should have a wide appeal.

Presentation Scope: Presentations should be interactive, engaging, and relevant to the learning outcomes of this conference. If presentation focus is more appropriate for corporate, social agency, and/or higher education it should be clearly identified as such.

Proposals Criteria:

- Proposals should supplement and enhance the conference theme.
- The Planning Committee welcomes proposals related to any dimension of diversity including, but not limited to:
 - Defining diversity and inclusion
 - Building inclusive communities
 - Addressing other aspects of diversity: religion, disabilities, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, age, conscious/unconscious bias, multiculturalism, gender, Appalachian culture, poverty, mental health, foster care, veterans, and access to higher education.
 - Strategies on engaging the campus and larger community in diversity education
 - Managing controversial issues on campus or in the workplace
- Proposals may be papers, presentations, workshops, performances, or other creative modes of promoting the education and acceptance of diversity and inclusion.
- Proposals may be submitted by individuals or groups composed of students faculty, staff and community members.
- Proposals should be complete, typed and limited to 300 words. Include the following sections: Title, Target Audience, Session Synopsis/Abstract, Objectives/Outcomes, Method of Presentation (i.e. discussion, PowerPoint, activity, etc.) and Equipment Needs.
- Proposals should include the presenter(s) name, job title, institution/organizational affiliation, complete mailing address, telephone number, e-mail address, and biographical information (limit biographical information to 500 words)

Deadline for accepting proposals is June 30.

Presentation Policy: Presenters are responsible for providing all handouts.

Proposal Submission: E-mail proposals to:

Robert Pleasant
Coordinator of Diversity and Inclusion
Ohio University Southern
pleasanr@ohio.edu
740-533-4608

For more information about the conference visit: www.tristatediversityandinclusion.com

Marshall master's program in Health Care Administration recognized as among best 30 in US



The Master of Science in Health Care Administration program, offered by the Lewis College of Business, has just made the list of America's Best 30 MHA Degree Programs 2016 by HealthcareAdministrator.org.

"This is quite an honor," said Glen Midkiff, director of stakeholder engagement for the college. "Programs were selected by virtue of their quality, types of courses offered, faculty strength, awards and overall reputation."

Dr. Margie McInerney, associate dean of graduate programs for the College of Business said, "I'm thrilled that our health care administration graduate program has been honored with this distinction. This accolade is indicative of the outstanding faculty we have and their commitment to providing an exceptional education to our health care administration graduate students."

A master's degree in the health care sector will give students the knowledge and competencies that are usually needed for superior careers in health care administration. This can include work at hospitals, clinics, hospices and other organization that reach out to the welfare of the public as a whole.

New pathways available for students interested in a pharmacy degree



Representatives from the School of Pharmacy, along with the College of Science and the College of Health Professions, have signed articulation agreements that give students expedited pathways for obtaining both an undergraduate degree and a doctorate in pharmacy.

“These new agreements establish definitive guidelines which permit students interested in pursuing a pharmacy doctorate to do so more quickly,” said Dr. Gayle Ormiston, senior vice president and provost. “In general, students who successfully matriculate at the School of Pharmacy and complete the necessary coursework their first year will be eligible to receive a bachelor’s degree in health sciences, biological sciences or chemistry, as designated by the Colleges of Science and Health Professions.”

The agreements are an effort to streamline the educational process in order to provide a more direct transfer of students between the schools.



“Our goal at the School of Pharmacy is to educate practice-ready, clinically excellent pharmacists across our region,” said Dr. Kevin W. Yingling, dean of the school. “By working internally with our fellow educators and simplifying the admissions process, we can more quickly and efficiently graduate the pharmacists of tomorrow, which is a major plus for our Appalachian

area.”

In addition to Ormiston and Yingling, Dr. Charles C. Somerville, dean of the College of Science (COS); Dr. Michael W. Prewitt, dean of the College of Health Professions (COHP); Dr. Dhruva J. Bora, associate dean of the COS; Dr. H. Glenn Anderson, associate dean of the School of Pharmacy (SOP); Dr. Elizabeth Casey, assistant professor in the COHP, Laura Rudolph, director of recruitment for the SOP; and Terri Moran, SOP assistant dean for student affairs, participated in the ceremony.

Current Marshall students enrolled in the College of Health Professions or College of Science who are interested in pursuing the new options may contact their respective deans' offices for more information. The specifics for the new pathways may be found online at www.marshall.edu/pharmacy/academic-partnerships.

Photos: (Above) Marshall University officials sign an articulation agreement between the School of Pharmacy and the College of Health Professions, allowing for an expedited pathway for students seeking a doctorate in pharmacy. Seated from left: Dr. Michael W. Prewitt, dean of the College of Health Professions (COHP), Dr. Kevin Yingling, dean of the School of Pharmacy (SOP) and Dr. Gayle Ormiston, provost and senior vice president. Standing from left: Dr. H. Glenn Anderson, associate dean, SOP; Terri Moran, assistant dean for the SOP; Dr. Elizabeth Casey, assistant professor, COHP; and Laura Rudolph, director of recruitment, SOP. (Below) From left: Dr. Dhruva Bora, associate dean of the College of Science; Dr. H. Glenn Anderson, associate dean of the School of Pharmacy, Dr. Kevin Yingling, dean of the School of Pharmacy; Terri Moran, assistant dean for the SOP; Laura Rudolph, director of recruitment, SOP; and Dr. Charles Somerville, dean of the College of Science.

Charleston summer program available for K-12 students

Registration is now underway to enroll students in grades K to 12 in Marshall's five-week-long summer K-12 program at Elk Elementary Center in Charleston.

The classes will run from June 13 through July 14 with the theme “Many Cultures, Just One World.” Students will have the opportunity to become actively involved with hands-on activities. Counseling and social skills training will also be available.

The program runs from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday with breakfast and lunch provided for those under 18. Participants will be scheduled for an orientation session from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. on either Wednesday, June 8, or Thursday, June 9.

The program is designed to provide children under 18 with activity-based learning experiences in writing, reading and math, according to Dr. Sandra Stroebel, associate dean of the College of Education and Professional Development and coordinator of the summer program. All children are evaluated upon entry into the program and academic interventions are geared toward the student’s needs. Upon request, children will be provided with more in-depth psychoeducational testing.

The program utilizes supervised graduate students in clinical experiences leading to certification or licensure in special education, school counseling and school psychology, Stroebel said.

The cost for each child is \$100 and tuition assistance is available if needed. This program is for all students, including special education students.

Applications may be made online at www.marshall.edu/coepd/centers/2016sep.

To receive a brochure/application by mail or for more information, contact Stroebel at ext. 6-2032 or stroebel@marshall.edu.

Eleven MU students to receive SURE fellowship

Eleven Marshall University undergraduate students have been selected to receive the Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) fellowship.

SURE is aimed at undergraduates who are interested in performing research. This program, which has been conducted at Marshall since 2005, is funded through the West Virginia Research Challenge Fund and administered by the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission, Division of Science and Research.

Dr. Michael Norton, professor of chemistry and director of the program, said SURE will fund 11 research projects that have been selected for support by the SURE proposal evaluation committee.

"We want students to know how strongly Marshall supports undergraduate research," Norton said. "This is the time when these young minds start utilizing their research skills in preparation for graduate school."

The awardees, their projects and their research mentors are:

- Aaron Holland, *Optimization of Lipid Production in Chlorella Vulgaris via Glycerol Dosing*, Dr. Derrick Kolling
- Amber Bryant, *Effects of Genetic Manipulation of Na/K-ATPase Genes on Growth in Mice*, Dr. Sandrine Pierre
- Amrita Valluri, *Ex vivo expansion and differentiation of bone marrow mesenchymal stem cells*, Dr. James Day
- Austin Akers, *Anti-metastatic Activity of Capsaicin in Lung Cancer*, Dr. Piyali Dasgupta
- Benjamin Hughes, *Facilitating the adoption of innovative techniques in ceiling drywall installation*, Dr. Priya Dasgupta
- Grayce Behnke, *Modification of the Surface of Zinc Oxide Nanoparticles in Order to Increase Efficiency of Solar Cells*, Dr. Rosalynn Quinones
- Hari Vishal Lankhani, *A Positive Correlation between High levels of Inflammatory Markers and Angiotensin in Obese Appalachian Females*, Dr. Komal Sodhi
- Jordan Martinez, *Synthesis of (Penta-4-pyridinyl)cyclopentadiene toward Tricarbonyl(n5-(penta-4-pyridyl)cyclopentadienyl)chromium(I)*, Dr. Michael Castellani
- Mary Bunten, *Effects of CoPP and pNaKtide on Uremic Cardiomyopathy as a Result of Renal Failure Initiated by 5/6 Partial Nephrectomy in Mice*, Dr. Menashi Cohenford
- Nicholas Kegley, *Identifying C-Mannosylated Proteins Involved in Inflammation*, Dr. John Rakus
- Samantha Garretson, *Modification of Nitinol Nanoparticles with Self-Assembled Monolayers*, Dr. Rosalynn Quinones

Students will receive stipends totaling \$4,000 each for their research for a period of 10 weeks uninterrupted by classes during the summer. The SURE program, now in its 11th year, began May 16 and ends July 29.

Second Huntington Sustainability Fair to take place Saturday



The 2nd Annual Huntington Sustainability Fair will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 21, at The Wild Ramp, 555 14th Street West in Huntington's Central City and at the Central City Gazebo. Volunteers are still needed and organizers hope the Marshall University community will be involved.

"We are in great need of helping hands leading up to and on the day of the fair," said Eve Marcum-Atkinson, Sustainability Research and Community Outreach Assistant at Marshall and a coordinator of the fair. "If you are interested in volunteering, please visit www.HuntingtonSustainabilityFair.com."

The fair will feature booths, demos, live music, tech recycling, rain barrel workshops and more. There also will be a chance to win a bag of free green swag. To volunteer, contact Marcum at marcum13@marshall.edu.

Tour DePATH is among the participants and will again offer their annual bike ride along the Paul Ambrose Trail for Health. There are three route options: 4 miles, 10 miles, and 26 miles. There is no fee, and community cyclists of all ages are invited to participate. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Goodwill Industries will be making infinity scarves from old clothes, and offering free Tech Recycling, so bring your old tablets, phones, laptops, and printers to be recycled. Marshall's Environmental Health and Safety departments and the West

Virginia Conservation Agency, will be hosting a Rain Barrel Workshop at 1 p.m., which will feature a drawing for a free rain barrel. The first 25 participants in the Green Challenge will win a bag of free "Green Swag." Entrants can download the Green Calendar and take the challenge.

Other fair participants include area crafters, artisans, food trucks, greenhouses and farmers. Following the fair, the Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition will be hosting a reception and film showing of "Fridays at the Farm" and "Cowspiracy- The Sustainability Secret" from 4:15 to 7 p.m. at their offices at 725 14th St. West.

"We are so thrilled with the level of participants, both quality and quantity, and hope our community residents are also – come on out to the fair – a great time will be had by all!" said Denise Poole, co-coordinator.

Coordinators Poole and Marcum-Atkinson can be reached at emarcatkin@gmail.com or 614 357-8533, and deniseap@earthlink.net or 304 617-8402.

The Huntington Sustainability Fair project is a cooperative effort by Sustainable Living for West Virginia, the Marshall University Sustainability Department, the Wild Ramp, the Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition, the Old Central City Association, Tour DePATH, the City of Huntington, Greater Huntington Park and Recreation District and many others.

The fair can be followed on Facebook at www.facebook.com/HuntingtonSustainabilityFair.

WMUL-FM receives Award of Excellence, seven Awards of Distinction in 22nd Annual Communicator Awards 2016 Audio Competition



Students from WMUL-FM received one Award of Excellence and seven Awards of Distinction in the 22nd Annual Communicator Awards 2016 Audio Competition.

The Communicator Awards come from the International Academy of Visual Arts, which recognizes outstanding work in the communications field. Entries are judged by industry professionals who seek out companies and individuals whose talent exceeds a high standard of excellence and whose work serves as a benchmark for the industry.

The 2016 contest had more than 6,000 entries from radio stations, ad agencies, interactive agencies, production firms, in-house creative professionals, graphic designers, design firms, public relations firms, corporate communications departments and government entities.

Dr. Chuck G. Bailey, professor of radio-television production and management in the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications and faculty manager of WMUL-FM, said, "This is a noteworthy accomplishment to earn one Award of Excellence and seven Awards of Distinction. WMUL-FM student broadcasters were acknowledged for their writing and reporting on sports magazine programs, a weekly news program, a news package, a sports package, a feature package and the station's website, as well as, their production skills on a promotional announcement. I am proud and grateful for the honor these Communicator Awards bestow on WMUL-FM, the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications, the College of Arts and Media, and Marshall University."

The Award of Excellence-winning entry by WMUL-FM was in the Sports Magazine Program.

The Award of Distinction-winning entries by WMUL-FM were in the Feature Package, News Program, Website, Sports Magazine Program, News Package, Sports Package and Radio Promotion categories.

Faculty Achievement: Dr. Jill Treftz

Dr. Jill Treftz, associate professor of English, has an article published in the June issue (Volume 44-2) of the journal *Victorian Literature and Culture*. The article is titled "Tennyson's 'The Princess' and the Culture of Collection," and examines Alfred Tennyson's long 1847 poem *The Princess* as a work that engages with, and participates in, the British fascination with collecting and collections in the nineteenth century.

Estate gift supports diabetes, cancer research



The Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine has announced a \$44,000 estate gift from Mary Jean Zimmerman to support diabetes and cancer research.

Zimmerman died Feb. 4, 2015, at the age of 85, and was preceded in death by her husband, Clifford A.

Zimmerman. A Huntington native, Mary Jean

Zimmerman was an accounting clerk for CSX Railroad in Baltimore, Maryland. After retirement, the couple had returned to Huntington.

"With no children of her own, she wanted to leave her estate to several worthwhile causes, such as the School of Medicine, and her nieces and nephews when she made her will out several years ago," said Donald Bays, Zimmerman's nephew and executor of her estate.

The Marshall School of Medicine was near and dear to Mrs. Zimmerman's heart, Bays said. Her niece, Melissa (Bays) Porter, M.D., graduated from the School of Medicine in 2000; her nephew, S. Elliott Dorsey II, M.D., graduated in 2001; and her personal physician was School of Medicine graduate Janet Wallace, M.D., class of 1992.

Zimmerman's planned gift has been invested into an endowed research fund to support the diabetes and cancer research already underway at the Marshall School of Medicine. Ongoing and new research, along with clinical trials to determine links

between diabetes, metabolic syndrome and cancer, are in progress at the School of Medicine.

Photo: Mary Jean Zimmerman (left) and her husband, Clifford.



The next regular issue of We Are...Marshall will be distributed May 25, 2016. Please send items for consideration to Pat Dickson by 5 p.m. Monday, May 23.

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<http://www.marshall.edu/may-18-2016>.