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# WE ARE... MARSHALL®

The Newsletter for Marshall University

May 25, 2016

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## Marshall names Mitzi Meade Employee of the Year



Mitzi Meade, administrative secretary senior in the Department of Political Science was named Marshall University's 2015 Employee of the Year at the 32nd annual Staff Recognition Luncheon which took place last week.

President Jerome Gilbert announced the selection.

Employed at Marshall since November 2009, Meade was nominated by Dr. George V. Davis, associate professor and chair of the Department of Political Science.

"Mitzi is a model employee," he wrote, "... and as faculty, our lives are made much better by Mitzi's commitment to her work. Her skill in assisting with, among many other things, course schedules, facilitating travel or arranging budgetary details make the processes relatively painless for faculty," he said. "Her reputation for hard work and dedication to her job is well known throughout the College of Liberal Arts."

"Mitzi gives everything she has to the Marshall community, never failing to make a positive impact on those around her," he continued, citing the work she has done with the College of Liberal Arts Student Conference. She did such an exemplary job on the preliminary work, Davis said, that she was asked to join the organizing committee.

"She is not paid for this activity," Davis said. "She does it because she knows how much students benefit from this experience and because she's committed to Marshall's educational mission."

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*Photo:* Mitzi Meade receives the Employee of the Year award from President Gilbert.

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## Speech and Hearing Center offers free screenings

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May is Better Hearing and Speech Month and for the remainder of the month, the Speech and Hearing Center is offering free speech, language and hearing screenings for children, as well as hearing and cognitive screenings for adults.

Anyone can benefit from a screening; however, screenings are designed for individuals who are believed to be at risk for a diagnosis or disorder, according to Pam Holland, associate professor and director of Clinical Education in the Department of Communication Disorders. Anyone with a concern about speech, language or hearing for their children should call ext. 6-3641 to schedule an appointment.

Everyone is invited to “like” the center’s Facebook page to stay up to date with the events happening throughout the year at

<https://www.facebook.com/marshallspeechandhearingcenterSH143/>

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## Marshall Family Medicine to host HERO Fest health and wellness activities for entire family

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Marshall Family Medicine’s Health Education Resource Office will host its inaugural HERO Fest, a health and wellness event for the entire family, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 4, at Ritter Park.

The event will feature a free, fun-filled day of interactive learning and wellness activities for families, children and adults of all ages. Participants will learn how to improve their family’s health and well-being in areas like nutrition and exercise, poison control, water and sunscreen safety, fire safety and more.

HERO Fest will offer bounce houses, a dunk tank, games and giveaways. A free, healthy family-style picnic will also be provided. Batman and friends and Marshall University athletes will make special guest appearances during the event.

HERO Fest is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Raymond Cousins at Marshall Family Medicine at 304-691-1100.

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## Digital Forensic Cyber Camps for high school students to take place this summer

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High school students can gain valuable knowledge and hands-on experience in the fast growing field of information security and digital forensics at the Digital Forensic Cyber Camp, which takes place this summer on Marshall's Huntington campus.

The camp, which has two date options, will be held at the new Arthur Weisberg Family Applied Engineering Complex and Marshall's Crime Scene House. Rising high school freshmen through seniors can choose sessions on Tuesdays through Thursdays for either June 28-30 or July 12-14. The sessions run from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. daily with lunch provided.

"Students will learn to research computer crimes by collecting and processing digital evidence from a crime scene using real-life investigative procedures and practices," said John Sammons, assistant professor in the Department of Integrated Science and Technology and president of the Appalachian Institute of Digital Evidence. "They will learn how the bad guys break into computers to steal information and how to protect their personal property and much more. Students will also have the unique opportunity to meet digital forensic experts and learn about careers in this fast growing field."

Participants will begin with a quick overview of computer basics and then begin learning the science and art of investigating computer crimes, according to Sammons. "If students have a desire to become an expert and want to learn from experts, they're in the right place." he says.

The cost is \$150 per session, which includes a T-shirt and lunch daily. Registration can be done at [www.marshall.edu/ce](http://www.marshall.edu/ce). For additional information, call extension 6-2330.

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## Gift from Laboratory Corporation of America benefits Marshall's College of Health Professions

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The Marshall University Foundation Inc. received a \$25,000 gift in April from Laboratory Corporation of America, which has been designated for the program fund of the College of Health Professions' Clinical Lab Sciences program.

The award will allow students to gain hands-on experience through providing essential items such as lab supplies, updated equipment, service contracts and maintenance for new and existing lab equipment and classroom technology. It also will assist students by providing necessary

funds for student fees for memberships in professional societies, student research project expenses and graduation items.

“We are grateful for the financial support from Laboratory Corporation of America for our College of Health Professions,” said Dr. Ron Area, chief executive officer of The Marshall University Foundation Inc. “This gift to the established program fund will provide the needed equipment, supplies, research expenses and professional membership costs that will enhance our students’ educational experiences.”

As a pioneer in genomic testing and the commercialization of new diagnostic technologies, LabCorp is one of the world’s largest clinical laboratories, offering a broad range of routine and esoteric/genomic assays. LabCorp maintains a network of more than 1,700 Patient Service Centers, which are strategically located throughout the United States.

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## Marshall listed among Best Online Liberal Arts Colleges for bachelor’s degrees



Marshall’s online liberal arts bachelor’s degree offerings have been ranked 33rd in the country by independent online college-information company College Choice.

College Choice said schools and programs in its Best Online Liberal Arts Colleges for Bachelor’s Degrees, 2016, listing were evaluated based on publicly available information about academic quality, student satisfaction, reputation in the field and return on investment.

“The College of Liberal Arts is proud of the quality of online coursework in our programs and we are committed to expanding high-quality online programs for our students,” said Dr. R.B. Bookwalter, dean of the College of Liberal Arts. “Our online offerings allow our outstanding, award-winning faculty to reach greater numbers of students. We look forward to continuing to serve students from all over the country through our online programs.”

The full rankings can be found at [www.collegechoice.net/rankings/best-online-liberal-arts-colleges-for-bachelors-degrees-2016/](http://www.collegechoice.net/rankings/best-online-liberal-arts-colleges-for-bachelors-degrees-2016/).

College Choice earlier this year named Marshall 38th on its list of [Best Southern Regional Universities](#)

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## Marshall among best values for online nursing programs

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Marshall University has been identified as one of the best value colleges for online registered nursing degree programs in a recent ranking by College Values Online, coming in at number 20.

The ranking considered graduation and tuition rates using data that was gathered from the NCES College Navigator Database.

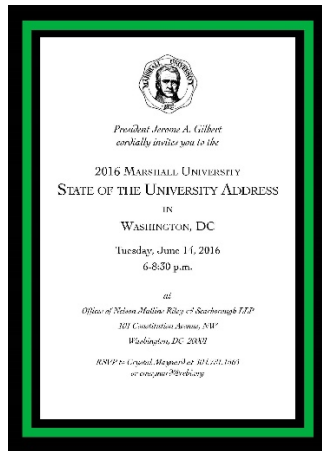
Our editor noted the online RN to B.S.N. program at Marshall may be completed in as little as three semesters, highlighting that students are able to complete a Professional Engagement Practicum prior to program completion.

The article can be found at [www.collegevaluesonline.com/rankings/online-rn-programs-best-values/](http://www.collegevaluesonline.com/rankings/online-rn-programs-best-values/).

College Values Online's mission is to provide assistance in selecting the best college for individuals by offering rankings of schools and various degree programs, in addition to information on numerous career options from a value perspective.

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The next regular issue of We Are...Marshall will be distributed June 1, 2016. Please send items for consideration to [Pat Dickson](#) by 5 p.m. Friday, May 27.

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