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Howard "Buck" Crews and James Graley, attorneys with Campbell Woods, PLLC, will present the seminar titled "Create an Estate Plan that Works for You." They will discuss topics such as impending tax law changes, charitable giving, wills, trusts and annuities.

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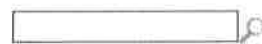
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The docket for the Supreme Court's visit can be found at <http://www.courtswv.gov/supreme->

[court/calendar/2012/dockets/sept-18-12ad.html](http://www.courtswv.gov/supreme-court/calendar/2012/dockets/sept-18-12ad.html). The session begins at 10 a.m. in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend the session and a reception honoring the judges which follows in the Performing Arts Center lobby. In addition to hors d'oeuvres, pizza will be served.

The five Supreme Court justices hear appeals of decisions over all matters decided in the circuit courts, including criminal convictions affirmed on appeal from magistrate court and appeals from administrative agencies.

Menis E. Ketchum II is the Court's chief justice. He is a former member and chairman of Marshall University's board of governors. Other justices are Robin Jean Davis, Brent D. Benjamin, Margaret L. Workman and Thomas E. McHugh.

Obstructing an officer, negligence and first-degree murder convictions will be appealed during the session. A simple way to describe the other case to be heard, which is actually the first on the docket, is, "Can my neighbor order my dog killed?" It deals with dog-related injuries sustained by a 2-year-old girl.

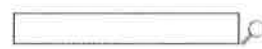
"It is a very interesting docket," said Dr. Alan Gould, director of the John Deaver Drinko Academy, which sponsors Constitution Week activities. "We invite all students, faculty and members of the community to join us as the Court hears and rules on these noteworthy appeals."

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Britt wrote for *The Detroit Free Press* and *USA Today* before she joined *The Washington Post* as a columnist in 1991. Her column explores issues of race relations in America, gender politics, popular trends, books, film, music and various other topics.

She was born in Gary, Ind., the sole daughter in a family of four. She studied film at Hampton University before going on to earn a master's degree from the University of Michigan. During her last year in Ann Arbor, her older brother Darrell was shot to death by Gary police - the subject of *Brothers (& Me)*, which was listed as one of "10 Titles to Pick Up Now" in *O Magazine*.

Britt has been nominated for a Pulitzer Prize in journalism, and she received a Distinguished Writing Award for commentary and column writing from the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

For more information, contact Dr. Rachael Peckham in the Department of English at ext. 6-3649.

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The society, established in 2002, is an association of individuals and medical school chapters whose members are selected as exemplars of empathy, compassion, altruism, integrity and service in working with patients, their families and others in the field of medicine.

The GHHS is an initiative of the Arnold P. Gold Foundation which was created in 1988 by Dr. Arnold P. Gold and his wife Dr. Sandra Gold in an effort to nurture and preserve the tradition of the caring physician. The Gold Humanism

Honor Society now celebrates 10 years and 101 chapters in the United States and Canada.

"My husband and I are delighted to represent the Arnold P. Gold Foundation at this inaugural induction of the Gold Humanism Honor Society," Dr. Sandra Gold said. "The creation of this new chapter signifies the students and faculty at Marshall place high value on the interpersonal skills and attitudes that are essential for excellent patient care."

Dr. Joseph I. Shapiro, dean of the School of Medicine, was honored in 2002 with the Arnold P. Gold-Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey Humanism In Medicine Award.

"The GHHS honors that aspect of being a health care provider which I think is most admirable. Of the different distinctions that I've been fortunate enough to receive, being selected as an honoree from the GHHS in 2002 is probably the one I'm proudest of," Shapiro said.

Shapiro went on to say he's extremely proud of the Marshall students and Marshall faculty who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to excellence and compassion in patient care and are now being inducted.

Several faculty members were also inducted into the society and recognized as recipients of The Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award. They include: Dr. Renee S. Domanico, associate professor, pediatrics; Dr. Shirley M. Netch, professor, internal medicine; and Dr. Gerard J. Oakley, professor, obstetrics & gynecology. Dr. Darshana T. Shah, professor, pathology and associate dean of faculty affairs & professional development was also inducted and will serve as chapter advisor.

In addition to creating the Gold Humanism Honor Society, the Arnold P. Gold Foundation is credited with starting the White Coat Ceremony welcoming medical students into their first year of education. The White Coat Ceremony or a similar rite of passage takes place at more than 90 percent of the schools of medicine and osteopathy in the United States. The Foundation also facilitates nearly a dozen other programs all geared toward nurturing the relationship between physician and patient.

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In past years, the festival has taken place in the Memorial Student Center on Marshall's Huntington campus. However, as the event's popularity has grown, so, too, has the need for a larger venue. As the largest entertainment venue in the Tri-State, Big Sandy Superstore Arena hosts concerts, family shows, trade shows, regional and state athletic competitions.

"Typically, over 1,000 people will attend," said Dr. Clark Egnor, executive director of the Center for International Programs. "But we anticipate many more people will attend this year with the participation of the restaurants and the larger venue."



Admission to the festival is free and the event is open to the public.

In addition to the international foods prepared by restaurants, the International Festival will also feature music and dance from around the world along with displays representing more than 60 countries and cultures provided by Marshall International students and the Tri-State international community, in partnership with Cabell County Schools and Mountwest Community and Technical College.

"The International festival events are the perfect opportunity for students, faculty, staff and members of the community to enjoy the international diversity and global opportunities found on the Marshall campus and in the surrounding community," Egnor said. Currently Marshall enrolls more than 400 international students from 60 countries. President Stephen J. Kopp has set a goal for Marshall to double the number of international students in the next three years.



Each restaurant will offer tastings of its signature menu items. Egnor said that by purchasing food tickets, guests can sample a variety of foods from all over the world at a very affordable price. "Festivalgoers," he said, "will have an opportunity to easily explore new restaurants and sample different international dishes they would not ordinarily try. You won't walk away hungry."

For further details about the annual International Festival, contact the Center for International Programs at ext.6-6265, e-mail [cip@marshall.edu](mailto:cip@marshall.edu), or visit the International Festival website at [www.marshall.edu/cip/festival/](http://www.marshall.edu/cip/festival/).



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**Photos:** Scenes from the 2011 International Festival.

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Arts and Bots is one of several projects implemented by the Harless CREATE satellite, a branch of Carnegie Mellon University's CREATE Lab at the June Harless Center. The satellite integrates robotics and technology initiatives in West Virginia schools including Marshall University Professional Development Schools. This initiative aligns with the mission of the Harless Center to provide leadership in education initiatives for West Virginia educators and students.

The grant, which was originally designed to encourage middle school girls' interest in STEM topics, was expanded to include both genders and a larger age group due to its success. The funds will be used to provide teachers stipends, equipment and support to 16 teachers in eight schools. In addition, it will enable educators and rural communities in West Virginia to have a portal to the flow of cutting edge technologies and programs being developed at the lab in Pittsburgh.

The vision of the CREATE Lab is to catalyze local and global community change by technologically empowering people to creatively explore, learn, share and directly improve our ecology. The Harless Center's mission is to provide leadership in education initiatives for West Virginia educators and students.

For more information, contact Dr. Stan Maynard at [smaynard@marshall.edu](mailto:smaynard@marshall.edu) or visit [www.marshall.edu/harless](http://www.marshall.edu/harless) and [www.cnucreatelab.org](http://www.cnucreatelab.org).

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Coustasse A., Larry, J., Lee D. Can Kawasaki disease be managed? *Permanente Journal*, Spring 2012, 16 (2) pgs. 70-2.

Stump T., Zilch S., Coustasse A., The emergence and potential impact of medicine 2.0 in the healthcare industry, *Hospital Topics*, April-June 2012, 90(2) pgs. 33-8.

Conley, C., Coustasse, A. M., Sikula, A. Financial Incentives: Pay For Performance (P4p) And The Effects On Chronically Ill Patients. *Business Journal for Entrepreneurs*, 2012, 2:132-143.

Vaughan A., Coustasse A.. Accountable care organization musical chairs: will there be a seat remaining for the small group or solo practice?, *Erratum in April-June, Hospital Topics* 2011, 90(2) pg. 46.

Lee, D., Coustasse A., Sikula A. Transforming leadership and workplace injury and absenteeism, analysis of a National Nursing Assistant Survey. *Health Care Management Review*, 2011 Oct,-Dec. 36(14), pgs. 380-7.

In addition, recent professional presentations include:

"Computer Physician Order Entry and Clinical Decision Support Systems: Benefits and Concerns", 48th Annual MBAA International Conference, MBAA, Chicago, Coustasse, A. M., March, 2012.

"Benefits and Constraints of Telepsychiatry Utilization in the United States," 48th Annual MBAA International Conference, MBAA, Chicago, Coustasse, A. M., March 2012.

"Treating Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus with the Drug Vancomycin In a Home Infusion Therapy Setting," 48th Annual MBAA International Conference, March 2012, MBAA International, Chicago, Coustasse, A. M., Emmett, D. C., March 2012.

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The reception and light buffet will begin at 5:30 p.m. and is open to all conference attendees. McDowell County native and bestselling author Homer Hickam, who wrote "Rocket Boys" and other memoirs about growing up in the mining community of Coalwood, will be on hand to accept a special "Spirit of the Coalfields" award and to participate in the program.

Conference organizers also will present "Because of You" awards to recognize nine individuals for their significant contributions to West Virginia's coalfields heritage.

The program will conclude with a salute to those who led the community effort to build a memorial to the victims of the Upper Big Branch mine disaster. The monument, which stands along state Route 3 in Whitesville, was dedicated on July 27.

"West Virginia's mining industry depends upon thousands of individuals in many different roles," said Dr. Tony Szwilski, chairman of the conference planning committee and director of Marshall's Center for Environmental, Geotechnical and Applied Sciences. "Every one of these people—whether they are miners, safety engineers, environmental professionals, equipment suppliers, community leaders or teachers—contributes to each ton of coal produced.

"It is because of them the mining industry is successful. This event is intended to honor and recognize the contributions of everyone involved in what we call our state's mining 'ecosystem."

Szwilski said the Miners' Celebration is a cooperative project of the CEGAS; the National Coal Heritage Area; Strategic Solutions LLC; the United Mine Workers of America; the West Virginia Coal Association; and the West Virginia Division of Energy, Office of Coalfield Community Development.

Other sponsors include Brickstreet Insurance, State Electric Supply Co., the West Virginia Division of Energy and West Virginia Executive magazine. Contributors are Alpha Natural Resources, Dinsmore & Shohl LLP and The State Journal.

The conference and reception are free and open to the public, but advance registration is requested. To register online or for more information about the Miners' Celebration, visit [www.marshall.edu/cegas](http://www.marshall.edu/cegas).

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And, she explains, "The center offers many programs during the academic year. We usually start the year with a Welcome Reception for our new and returning students. Our Annual Outstanding Black High School Students Weekend, a recruiting program, is one of our biggest events. Other programs are our Annual Diversity Breakfast, Soul Food Feast, (my favorite), Women of Color Celebration, Donning of Kente graduation ceremony ... and we end the year with our Annual End-of-Year BBQ," she says, quickly ticking off the expansive list of activities.

The center, under the direction of Maurice Cooley and staffed by Jackson and three graduate assistants, "assists our students in any way we can. If we can't help, we will make sure that someone will."

There's a homey bustle to their office as students flow in and out all day. "We're glad they come and use our services," Jackson says. "There are times students may have a hard time transitioning into the university and may need assistance in getting involved. Our mentoring program, where we pair a freshmen student with an upper-class student or [a] staff [member], helps students to make that transition from high school to college a smooth one while also offering support, being a confidante and doing activities together, making sure they are doing well academically. Our goal is to help maximize their potential to graduate."

Jackson is an admirable role model because she's actively involved with several groups herself. This year, she took on the role as president of the Marshall University Black Alumni Incorporated, a group which traditionally hosts a series of events during Homecoming and throughout the year. She admits she's was bit apprehensive about taking on such a big responsibility, but she's already hard at work planning the festivities for Homecoming 2012. There will be a Champagne Welcome Back Reception on Friday, Oct. 5, and a laid-back after-function, where alums can dance, play old school games, get reacquainted with their classmates, eat, and just have a good time. Saturday will be the annual business meeting with a tailgate before the game partnered with the MU Alumni Association. After the game comes the "red carpet" affair, the Black Alumni Dance sponsored by MU's Epsilon Delta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc., which will celebrate its 50th anniversary at Marshall during Homecoming 2012. "I'm excited, and everyone is welcome to attend," she says brimming with anticipation.

Jackson also is the advisor for two campus groups, MU's Theta Omega chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated and the Black United Students Social Organization, which is being revamped right now, she notes. Student

social groups are important to the fabric of college life, she firmly believes, because, "In addition to providing fellowship and fun, these groups provide a way for students to develop lifelong relationships and leadership skills they will utilize throughout their lives. It's also a way to keep them involved within the university. We also have the Society of Black Scholars, under the direction of Director Cooley, which is a group of academically excellent students from the Tri-state. They too, are a joy to work with."

And Jackson makes time to stay involved with her own family as well, sisters Kim Steward, of Beckley, and Antoinette Wooding of Charleston. Growing up in a family where holidays were a cherished tradition made special by their mother, the sisters took up the social mantle following her death 15 years ago. "I do Thanksgiving, Antoinette does Christmas and Kim does Easter. It's a lot of work, but it's a way for the whole family to get together and bond. It's worked out really well." Their biggest regret is that they can't always share the festivities with their father and their two half-siblings, David and Jessica, who live in San Jose, Calif.

Jackson is a member the Huntington Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., the Black Swans Book Club in Huntington and The Get Away Social Club in Charleston. Members of the Get Away Club look forward all year to doing just that, getting away with a beach vacation as their prime objective. "We love those beach trips. Virginia Beach is our favorite. We rent a big beach house, a different one every year, and 'vacation' the whole week. We all love it" Her significant other "Bo", an avid gardener, likes to travel along also to take in some fishing by the ocean.

A highlight of the academic year is a cultural trip to New York City. The students look forward to making this trip to explore the sites and sample the many treats New York has to offer. They have visited Wall Street, attended Broadway shows, taken the subway to Harlem to have lunch at the nationally recognized Sylvia's Soul Food Restaurant, attended a New York Knicks game, explored Central Park and sundry museums, sat in on an Alvin Ailey dance class, and visited the SOHO area, along with a host of other activities. "We have chaperones on board and each one is responsible for coming up with a place/activity for our students to visit," Jackson says. "We leave free time for the students as well to 'do' Manhattan." And there's a welcome bonus for the travelers. A self-described serial shopper herself, the genial Jackson is wowed by all the shopping possibilities. "Who wouldn't love to shop in New York City!"

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