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The Newsletter for Marshall University

June 1, 2016

Leah Tolliver named Employee of the Month



Leah Tolliver, coordinator of the Women's Center, has been named the Marshall University Employee of the Month for January, 2016, according to Bruce Felder, chair of the Employee of the Month Committee.

Employed since July, 1999, she was nominated by Carla Lapelle, interim dean of student affairs.

In her nomination Lapelle wrote: "Leah has always done a great job developing and implementing programs designed to promote equity, diversity, and safety for women, and continues to do a thorough and compassionate job assisting women who have experienced violence or the threat of violence. During her tenure at Marshall, she has willingly stepped in to help other programs when they had staffing issues. Most notably, she served as the university's conduct officer when that position was vacant several years ago."

In addition, Lapelle said, since the fall 2015 semester Tolliver has provided invaluable assistance to the Counseling Center. In June 2015 when Lapelle began serving as interim dean and relocated from Prichard Hall to the student center, "Leah began to serve as the 'go to' person for the center in the absence of the director. In that capacity, she has helped to manage the staff, worked to troubleshoot issues, addressed questions from staff and students, and delegated responsibilities as issues arose." And, Lapelle said, when the center lost two of its counselors during that semester, "Leah stepped in to coordinate the Walk-in Clinic schedule to cover vacancies, provide Walk-in Clinic services, help with crisis intervention, help staff manage their increased stress and keep morale high."

It is important to understand, Lapelle concluded "that all of the staff in the Counseling Center have been giving 125% while their numbers are down, and they've done so willingly and with nothing but positive attitudes. We could not have done what we've done there, though, without Leah's contributions. She received no additional compensation, nor did she request it. All of the duties she took on were in addition to those in her 'real' job, and she took them on with enthusiasm and diligence."

Felder, director of human resource services, said Tolliver had offered to postpone a vacation just to help him recently. "She has been absolutely wonderful to work with," he said.

Tolliver was presented with a certificate, a check for \$100 and a ‘friend of the MU Bookstore’ coupon, good for a 20% discount, by President Gilbert and Felder.

Photo: Leah Tolliver (center) receives her Employee of the Month award from Bruce Felder, director of human resource services (left) and President Gilbert.

ACT preparation camps available this summer

Faculty members in the Department of Mathematics will offer two ACT math preparation camps June 6-10 and July 11-15 for high school students in grades 9-12.

Each session is \$160, with different math readiness levels available, according to Dr. Suzanne Strait, biological sciences professor in the College of Science.

“ACT scores are important for several reasons: test scores are critical to a student’s access to colleges and programs, many scholarships are based on ACT scores and some employers require ACT scores even after you have graduated from college,” Strait said.

The ACT camps are sponsored by the West Virginia Science Adventures program, which offers a variety of homeschool and weekend activities throughout the year, according to Strait.

Participants of the camp can expect to attend from 1 to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday for the week.

To register for the ACT math preparation camps offered through Marshall, visit <http://ssawv.com/act-test-prep>.

Athletic training student receives 2016 NATA Foundation Scholarship



Bethany Beuhring of the College of Health Professions has received the 2016 National Athletic Trainers’ Association (NATA) Foundation Scholarship. She will be recognized during the Pinky Newell Scholarship and Leadership Breakfast at the NATA Convention in Baltimore Saturday, June 25.

Beuhring was one of 50 people chosen nationally to receive this award, according to Dr. Joseph Beckett, director of the college's athletic training program.

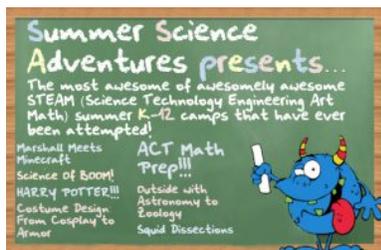
"Bethany Beuhring was the first recipient of the 'Outstanding Athletic Training Major Award,' which the undergraduate athletic training program started in 2015. So, as our top overall student last year, Bethany is certainly deserving of this NATA Foundation Scholarship," Beckett said. "Because these scholarships are awarded to approximately 50 students nationally, this is a tremendous honor for Bethany and our athletic training program."

Beuhring will receive her post-professional master's in athletic training degree in May 2017. Beuhring said she will use the scholarship to pay for her last year in graduate school.

Since its creation, the NATA Foundation Scholarship program has awarded \$3 million to 1,490 students. The NATA Foundation Scholarship program is one of the organization's most highly regarded programs, according to the NATA website.

Photo: Bethany Beuhring is one of the 2016 NATA Foundation Scholarship award winners. She was one of 50 recipients chosen nationally for this honor.

College of Science and West Virginia Science Adventures program host STEAM summer camp for K-12



The College of Science has teamed up with the West Virginia Science Adventures program to host a nine-week STEAM summer camp for children in grades K-12.

The camp, which focuses on science, technology, engineering, art and math, begins Monday, June 6, with discounts available for those attending multiple sessions, according to Dr. Suzanne Strait, biological sciences professor at Marshall and an organizer of the camp.

"We are in our third year of offering STEAM summer camps and have camp sessions like the Science of Boom, Minecraft Marshall, the Science of Harry Potter with many more," Strait said. "In addition to offering these unique learning opportunities for local youth, we will also provide ACT math preparation courses for students who want to improve their test scores."

Camps are taught by university professors, graduate students and local professionals with small class sizes and personalized instruction. Rates for the camp vary depending on type and length of the session with costs beginning at \$40. The camps will conclude Friday, August 5.

A 10 percent discount is available for children or grandchildren of Marshall University employees if noted on their registration forms.

Visit the West Virginia Science Adventures website at www.ssawv.com for a full list of K-12 camps and descriptions. To register or inquire about scholarships, visit <http://ssawv.com/registration>.

For more information about programs and services offered by Marshall's College of Science, visit www.marshall.edu/cos.

Reminder: Photos from Staff Luncheon available online

Photos from last month's Staff Recognition luncheon can be viewed at <http://muphotos.marshall.edu/Events/Awards/Staff-Recognition-Lunch-May>.

The Staff Council's Staff Development/Service Committee collected donations at the luncheon, which will be used to send flower arrangements to employees after the loss of their loved ones. Donations are still being accepted and should be sent to the Staff Council Office, Morrow Library 123. Checks should be made out to the Marshall University Foundation.

We Are...Marshall will be on a reduced frequency for the summer. The next regular issue of this newsletter will be distributed June 15, 2016. Please send items for consideration to Pat Dickson by 5 p.m. Monday, June 13.

A complete schedule for summer issues is online at www.marshall.edu/wamnewsletter.

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