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LGBT group sprouts in School of Medicine

By CHARLIE HOUSE
THE PATRIarch

Dr. T. C. Edwards, founder of Marshall University’s School of Medicine, has come together forming an organization to promote awareness of issues in medicine faced by the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community.

Health Spectrum Alliance, as the group is known, “is dedicated to cultivating a healthy, inclusive environment where medical students and professionals of all sexual orientations, gender identities and gender expressions are able to collaborate in order to optimize the delivery of healthcare in the 21st state area,” according to its mission statement.

Before starting medical school this past fall, Tamera Trust, 19, president, received her master’s degree in biomedical science from Marshall, in which she shared many courses with medical students.

“I have known this current set of medical students, who are fourth year now, since I started in 2010,” Trust said. “I have seen students in various phases on the LGBTI spectrum, and in various (stages) of being out of the closet, and there is nothing at this school that says ‘This is a safe space for us to be out.’”

Trust also said one that lacks of culture reflected in the medical community around Huntington.

“I was a medical student at one of the local hospitals, and although the doctors were friendly to all patients, it seemed like, sometimes, there was a certain lack of cultural competency,” she said.

She said doctors and other medical professionals did not know how to relate to their patients, or ask the right questions to meet their medical needs. She also encountered questions about what pronouns were appropriate when dealing with transgender patients.

All the pieces fell into place when she spoke with Assistant Dean of Diversity Sherry Campbell. Trust said Campbell was very receptive. The medical school had actually been criticized for lacking diversity, so this was one initiative that dovetailed with Campbell’s goals as an administrator.

Huntington Dance Theatre to present annual performance of ‘The Nutcracker’

By BRITTANY MILLER
THE PATRIarch

A holiday tradition 32 years in the making aims to delight hundreds at the Huntington Dance Theatre this weekend.

The company plans to put on “The Nutcracker” this weekend, Guests young and old can enjoy performances Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m., and Monday at 7:30 p.m.

During this year’s performance, the Huntington Dance Theatre will welcome the INTO Marshall students to open their doors to the public.

“INTO nutcracker” is a unique, annual performing that directs the company’s longest running production culminates in a week of five-hour nightly rehearsals where everything is finally set, staged and polished.

The cast of nearly 90 will showcase talented dancers as young as 3 can sit through it and not get bored. The story is told simply, by dancing snowflakes, gingerbread men and much more.

“The Nutcracker” is a great family show,” Anna Lafferre, HDT director, said. “Kids as young as 3 can sit through it and not get bored. The story is told simply, by dancing snowflakes, gingerbread men and much more.”

INTO Marshall wraps up first semester on campus

By MAGGIE SMITH
THE PATRIarch

As the year draws to a close, INTO Marshall University is celebrating a successful first semester at the university.

Marshall is the fourth university in the United States to house the INTO program, according to Stephanie Hurley, director of INTO experience.

“INTO coming to Marshall was a great way to really support students who want to work degrees at a university, but maybe do not have the English skills yet to do that,” Hurley said.

INTO Marshall comes from INTO University Partnerships, which is a company based in the United Kingdom, according to INTO academic director Ron White.

The classes INTO Marshall offer provide students with a chance to better their knowledge of the English language.

White explained that the program is divided in three categories.

The first type of program INTO Marshall students can focus on is known as academic English. White said that program took the place of Marshall’s former international program LESP, which had its final semester last summer.

The academic English program has six levels that can help prepare students to study in an American university.

The second program is INTO Marshall’s general English program. White said that the program lasts five weeks and that the idea behind it is to attract business people, tour guests, akn, et cetera. in other countries who want to learn English.

At least 90 students in Marshall’s INTO program are a responsive staff, that we information they need, that we students feel like they get the support they need. Pathway has two different levels, standard and accelerated, which allow students to get either a graduate or undergraduate degree from Marshall while still furthering their INTO education.

Hurley said that the goal for their students is to leave INTO with a mastery of English and a curiosity either to take that to an academic program at Marshall, or at least to take the skills back to their home country to use in their daily lives.

Both White and Hurley believe that INTO has had a successful first semester. They also hope the international students are able learn about American culture in the classroom.

“They are students that have a soft place to learn English and learn to be a student in the U.S.,” Hurley said. “We provide a wide variety of support, so it would be really important for us to take that to an academic program. INTO Marshall has given its foreign students a chance to get to know the community better is the International Festival. Students set up tables in the Big Sandy Student Arena for each of their countries and taught guests different facts about their cultures.

British student Edwards Santos said he really enjoyed the International Festival and meeting one of the tables with his friends.
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By RICK CAMPBELL

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The Thundering Herd football team finished the season 8-4 (.667) in 2003. Even with the winning record, the team did not receive a bowl invitation. Also in 2003, the football stadium was named after Joan Martin, the wife of former Thundering Herd football coach Don Martin.

The 2003 American Athletic Conference season had the Thundering Herd ahead 26-20. Winning touchdown to Jason Rader that put the Herd ahead 26-20. With two touchdowns, including the late, game-winning touchdown, the Thundering Herd defeated No. 6 Kansas State on their own field in Manhattan, Kan. Wallace ran for 112 yards and Gochneaur threw for 106 yards.

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