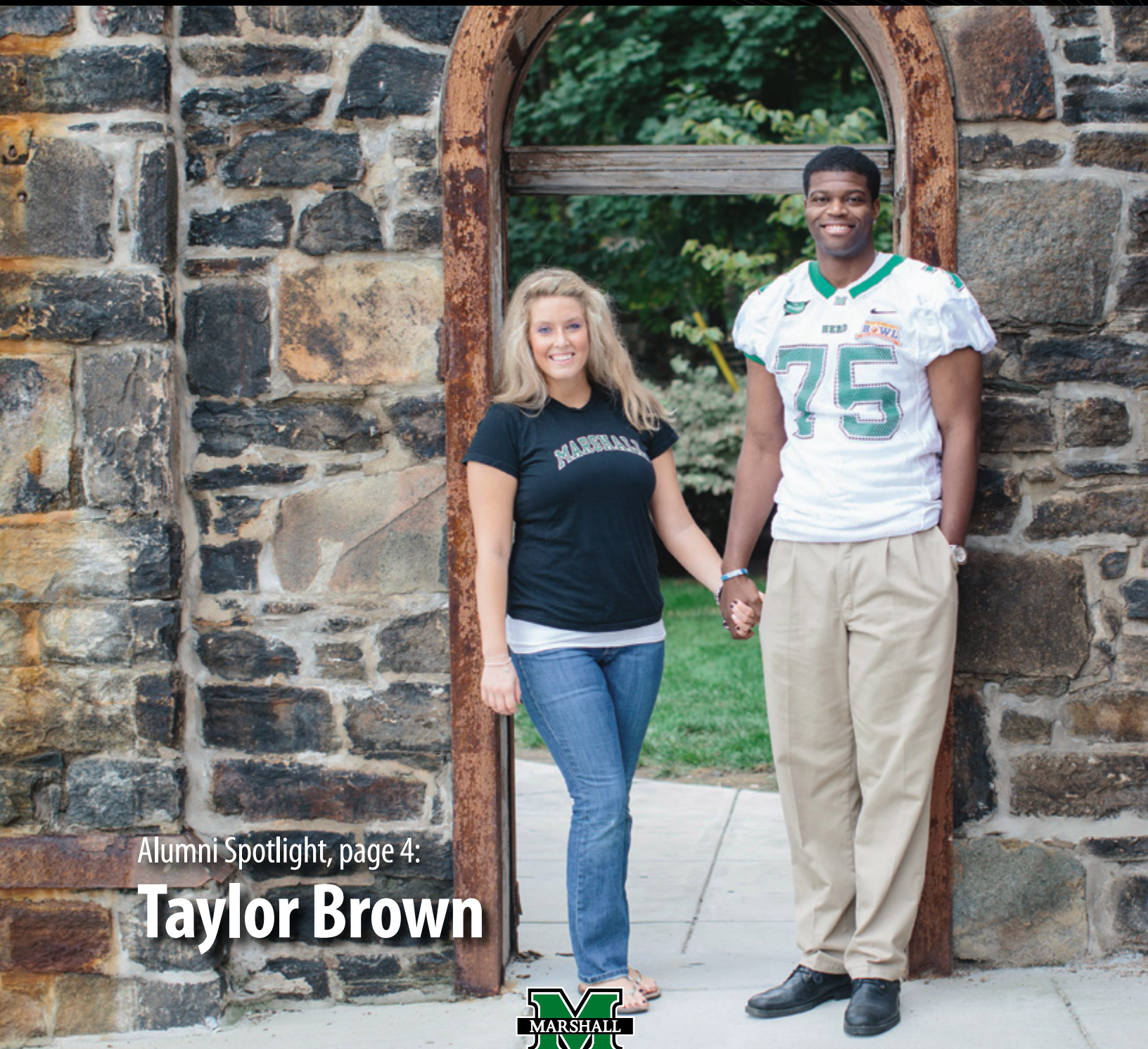


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Meet the Dean

Hometown: Denver, CO – but I have lived in Missouri most of my life.

Educational Background:

I graduated with my B.S. in Respiratory Therapy from the University of Missouri-Columbia and began taking graduate courses in higher education administration and counseling and graduated with my master's degree in 1978 and my PhD in 1982.

Professional Background: During my doctoral years, I transitioned from a clinical to academic setting as Director of Clinical Education for the BSRT program at the University of Missouri-Columbia. After several years, I was promoted to Program Director and held that position for 12 years along with a part-time stint in the Dean's Office for Student Affairs. I took early retirement after 38 years; however, it didn't take long for me to realize I wasn't ready to retire. In July 2010, I accepted the position as Dean of the Marshall University College of Health Professions.

Vision for the COHP: When taking the job, I knew that Marshall and, in particular, the College of Health Professions was positioned to become one of the premier health professions colleges to serve the Tri-state area. I want our students to graduate from our college knowing they have made the *best decision ever*.

Favorite things about Marshall's COHP: The quality of our faculty, staff and students and the rich history the COHP has on Marshall's campus for graduating thousands of successful health professionals.



Favorite things about Huntington, WV: Strolling the downtown antique district for artwork and taking hikes through Beech Fork Park.

Looking Forward: We will launch our Master of Public Health program in Fall 2014, and in the future, we hope to explore the feasibility of other graduate programs such as a Master of Social Work degree. In addition to our new graduate programs, we have a collaborative project in the works with the University of Connecticut to provide worksite wellness to West Virginia Coal Miners. Even more noteworthy is our recent agreement with the Public Employees Insurance Agency (PEIA) to provide the Pathways to Wellness worksite program, which will promote health and wellness to thousands of West Virginians across the state. As you now know, we have many exciting things happening in the COHP and with your help, we will continue to become a destination for students who wish to become the very best in their chosen field. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with us here in the COHP. You can give us a call at 304-696-3655 or shoot us an email at cohpc@marshall.edu. I look forward to building stronger relationships with the alumni in our college.

Sincerely,

Dean Michael W. Prewitt



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ACHIEVEMENTS

FACULTY

Phillip W. Carter, Jr., MSW



During this year's Diversity Luncheon, Professor Phil Carter was presented the 2014 Living the Legacy Award for Outstanding Faculty Service for his ongoing efforts which have served the Marshall community. Since 1980, Carter has been responsible for teaching and developing coursework in the areas of social welfare in Appalachia, human behavior in

social work, social welfare legislation and various other culturally and politically focused social work courses on Marshall's campus. He earned his B.A. in political science from Marshall University and his master's of social work from the University of Pittsburgh. He completed his doctoral work in the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, also through the University of Pittsburgh. Professor Carter is currently finishing his first book and hopes to raise the level of cultural and political consciousness of those who will read it. When asked why he chose social work as a lifelong endeavor, he said it was for three simple reasons: to care, to counsel and to change.

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Rose Marie Rine, PT, PhD



Rose Rine has been awarded the Knowledge Translation Lectureship by the Section on Pediatrics of the American Physical Therapy Association. Since 2013, Rine has been an associate professor in the Marshall University School of Physical Therapy. She has clinical expertise in neurological physical therapy including balance disorders, postural control and vestibular rehabilitation for adults and children. When asked about her teaching philosophy, Rine said the role of research and its importance in the preparation of clinicians and growth of the profession cannot be underestimated, as appropriate growth and change in the profession and the individual practitioner can only be achieved by a thorough understanding of processes, the courage and skill to examine the efficacy of the processes and optimal solutions to assure best patient care.

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Let us know where you are and what you're doing. We'd love to include you in an upcoming edition of the COHP Alumni Newsletter.

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Alumni Spotlight

Taylor Brown

**School of Respiratory Care
Graduated May 2012**

Ventilators. Oscillators. Continuous nebulizers.

These words may be a foreign language to some, but like others in her field, Taylor Brown ('12) speaks them with fluency. As a Registered Respiratory Therapist in The Johns Hopkins Hospital Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, Brown knows how important it is to bring her "A-game" to work.

"Just when you have it all figured out and you think you are going to cruise through your shift ...that's the exact moment a heart-wrenching alarm will sound and you must take off in full sprint, and in most cases, it's to help save someone's life," said Brown.

As a 2012 graduate of the Marshall/St. Mary's Cooperative School of Respiratory Care, Brown said she believes the education she received made it possible for her to be where she is today.

"I cannot say enough about the confidence I was armed with upon graduation. I had been given enough skills to obtain a position a full two months before even graduating," Brown said. "I learned so much about time management, professional conduct and teamwork ...I am not sure any other program could have prepared me the way Marshall and St. Mary's did for this position."

Growing up in Fallston, Maryland, Brown always knew, despite the distance, she had strong ties to Huntington and the Marshall University community.

"Originally, my family is from Huntington. My grandmother was born at St. Mary's and my mother was born at Cabell Huntington," Brown said. "I am a proud Marshall Legacy because my grandparents, Robert D. Bailey ('62) and Judith Musser Bailey ('63) are both alumni. Even though I grew up in Maryland - almost 7 hours away - I always shared the sense of excitement my family had for The Herd, especially when the football team was playing on TV."



Taylor Brown stands tall and smiles proudly with three professors after graduating from the St. Mary's School of Respiratory Care in May 2012.
Left to right: Chris Trotter, Keith Terry, Taylor Brown and Jim Montgomery.

Brown came to Marshall to pursue a collegiate swimming career and through her four years as an athlete, she met her fiancé, CJ Wood ('11/'12) who played five years as #75 on the offensive line for the Marshall University football team. With wedding plans underway and the big date set for May 30, 2014, Brown said she still finds time to complete training to be an ECMO (extracorporeal membrane oxygenation) specialist.

"I chose to work in the PICU specifically because it is the only pediatric unit at Hopkins where ECMO is run and solely staffed by ECMO-trained respiratory therapists," Brown said. "What we do is always growing, changing and adapting to new therapies and trends. I want to continue to learn and become a much better therapist as my career goes on."

Brown said it was the supportive nature of each professor and the culture of the educational environment within the School of Respiratory Care, which fostered her passion for knowledge about the profession.

"Being one of only a few bachelor programs for respiratory care in the country, I think the subjects covered in the classroom as well as the clinical experience set me up with a great foundation to begin my career anywhere, but especially at Hopkins," Brown said. "Johns Hopkins tends to be one of the leading centers for research and progress. I see myself working here for many years to come."



Brown practices drawing blood off the ECMO pump. After the blood is analyzed, the information gathered aids the medical team in making critical care decisions for each patient at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

To learn more about how you can help students like Taylor succeed within the Marshall University College of Health Professions, please contact The Marshall Foundation at 304-696-6264, 1-800-308-1346 or foundation@marshall.edu.

Cover photo: Brown stands with fiance CJ Wood. The couple will be married May 2014.
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PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT



Master of Science in Health Informatics

What is Health Informatics?

Health Informatics is a cutting edge, multidisciplinary profession which utilizes information technologies and information management techniques and integrates them into the health care arena.

Why study Health Informatics?

Some 50,000 jobs in healthcare informatics need to be filled within the next five to seven years, according to the University of Illinois at Chicago. In the infographic, The Intersection of Healthcare and IT, the university also projects a 21% increase in healthcare IT jobs between 2010 and 2020.

Why study Health Informatics at Marshall University?

The Health Informatics program at Marshall University is the only graduate level Health Informatics program in the state of West Virginia, and is one of only three nationally accredited programs in the country. It is designed to prepare leaders in this fascinating field which introduces a vast array of new, exciting career opportunities in the health care industry.

For More Information: Contact Program Director, Dr. Girmay Berhie, at berhie@marshall.edu.

Master of Public Health

What is Public Health?

Public health encompasses both science and practice. Graduates work to identify disease risk, promote prevention and early detection, identify effective interventions, develop health policy, and educate the public. Such diverse roles illustrate the multidisciplinary nature of the profession and this is why interdisciplinary collaboration is a key aspect of public health practice. Public health is unique in that its work is particularly focused on the health of groups. Those populations can be as small as a local neighborhood, or as large as the entire globe.

Why study Public Health?

Simply put – to make a difference. Public health professionals achieve change, which impacts millions – such as reducing infant mortality, eliminating infectious diseases, reducing disability and extending life. Public health leaders have improved sanitation, pioneered immunization and identified hazards such as tobacco use. Yet much work remains...from addressing an increasing prevalence of chronic disease to combatting emerging infectious threats. For those students holding or pursuing a clinical degree, MPH study provides training to enhance one's practice, research or public service.

Why study Public Health at Marshall University?

With our region critically impacted by the nation's greatest health problems, Marshall University offers two MPH concentrations to prepare students to contribute to achieve a key imperative – attaining better health outcomes at an affordable cost. Our innovative curriculum and collaborations with programs in medicine, pharmacy, nursing, physical therapy and other health professions – together with a faculty with extensive clinical, teaching and research experience – assures that students receive comprehensive preparation. Options for diverse practicum opportunities – from urban and rural field experience, to laboratory and clinical research work – ensures a Marshall MPH will provide exceptional preparation for a public health career.

For More Information: Contact MPH Program Director, Dr. William Pewen, at pewen@marshall.edu



STUDENT REFLECTIONS

Kathryn Colbert
Public Health
May 2014

When Kathryn Colbert was in the third grade, she was diagnosed with human growth hormone deficiency, which meant she was destined for a short life quite literally.

"I was always much smaller than other kids and my parents knew something was wrong," Colbert said. "When I tested positive for growth hormone deficiency, it scared me. Without the necessary medicine, I would've had the bones of an 80-year old woman which could've resulted in a very short life expectancy."

Colbert, now a proud 5'1, said she would've been a legal midget as the doctors projected her height to reach only 4'7 without the assistance of modern medicine. It was this aspect of her childhood and the struggles she faced, which encouraged Colbert to pursue a career in public health.

"Growing up with this condition made me realize there's so much to learn about our public health in populations around the world," Colbert said. "When I heard about Marshall University's public health program, it seemed like the perfect fit for me."

Colbert, 21, of Louisville, Ky., will graduate with her undergraduate degree in public health in May 2014. During her four years in the program, she has had many amazing experiences, but her most noteworthy was her time spent in Gujarat, India for a public health study abroad trip.

"The big focus of my trip was working with individuals who suffered from diabetes and hypertension," Colbert said. "My favorite thing was going to the villages, meeting the people, hearing their stories about getting diabetes due to lack of resources and nutrition, and to hear how they are progressing now. It was a great thing to see how these people got better and improved their standard of living."

Colbert said she learned much about her field while in India and feels excited for what her future holds with a career in public health. To learn more about Marshall's public health program, please contact Public Health Program Director, Dr. Monika Sawhney at sawhney@marshall.edu.



Colbert celebrated her 21st birthday with her host family in Gujarat, India in summer 2013 during her study abroad trip.



It wasn't all work for Colbert as she posed in front of India's most famous architectural landmark, the Taj Mahal.



Colbert stands and smiles with natives from Gujarat, where she traveled two hours to each village to provide hypertension and diabetes screenings.

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