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NOTES FROM THE DEAN

It is hard to believe that my first year at Marshall University is almost done. Many great things have happened in the past few months that reinforce my belief that I made the right decision to join this great university. I am greatly impressed with the accomplishments of our faculty and the good work of our students. Here is but a sample of the good work of the college.

FACULTY WIN TEACHING AWARDS

Dr. Kateryna Schray of the Department of English won the Reynolds Teaching Award for 2009. Previously, Dr. Schray received the Pickens-Queen Teaching Award and the College of Liberal Arts Teaching Award, both in 2001, and the Outstanding Graduate Advisor Award in 2006.

Dr. Natsuki Anderson, Modern Languages, **Dr. George Davis**, Political Science, and **Dr. Wendy Williams**, Psychology, have each won the Pickens-Queen Teaching Award.

FORENSIC TEAM MAKING COMEBACK

When I arrived, I discovered the Forensic and Debate Team no longer existed. This is unfortunate as Forensics is the only academic intercollegiate competitive activity for all undergraduates. I have been working to find funding to support our new team. The effort has paid

off.

Kendrick Vonderschmitt, a freshman history and political science major from Louisville, Ky., and **Zach Frame**, senior secondary education major from St. Albans, W.Va., qualified to compete in the national tournament. The opportunity to participate in this academic competition is an ideal opportunity for students to develop character and to refine their intellectual skills. Consequently, I will dedicate myself to developing a robust budget that will support the program and allow it to grow.

THE DAN O'HANLON CONSTITUTION WEEK AND JOHN MARSHALL CELEBRATION ESSAY COMPETITION

The College of Liberal Arts is pleased to announce the creation of a new essay prize. The contest is sponsored by an anonymous pledge of \$50,000. The goal of the essay is to encourage Marshall University students to study the historical and contemporary significance of the Constitution of the United States of America and the effect the Marshall court had in establishing the importance of the Supreme Court. The contest will complement other University activities that celebrate the formation of the Constitution. All currently enrolled undergradu-

ate students at Marshall University are eligible to participate. The grand prize winner will receive \$1,500. The runner-up will receive \$750. The winners of the Essay Competition will be announced on September 17.

NEW DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM

The College of Liberal Arts in conjunction with the Lewis College of Business has created a new dual degree program that will allow students to earn a BA in a Modern Language and a BBA in International Business. When finished, students will have mastered French, German, Japanese, or Spanish. In addition, students will also have learned much about International Business. Graduates of this degree will be well prepared to pursue rewarding careers in business.

ANOTHER FIRST

Matt McGuire of Cross Lanes, WV, is the first student to complete the Atlantis dual degree for psychology. To complete the degree, Matt studied at the University of Debrecen in Hungary and at the Warsaw School of Social Sciences and Humanities in Poland as a part of his Marshall degree.

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NEW FACULTY JOIN THE COLLEGE

The College of Liberal Arts continues to attract high quality faculty to the Huntington campus. This year, the college brought 11 new faculty to various departments.

Communication Studies: **Dr. Lindsay Calhoun** (Ph.D. University of Utah) is an Assistant Professor teaching an array of communication courses including Business and Professional Communication and Intercultural Communication. She is particularly interested in studying international and intercultural communication.

Criminal Justice: The department has hired the husband and wife team of **Dr. Angela Crews** (Ph.D. Indiana University) and **Dr. Gordon A. Crews** (Ph.D. University of South Carolina). The Drs. Crews taught at Washburn University before coming to Marshall. Dr. Angela Crews is interested in all aspects of the criminal justice system, specifically the analysis of policy and evaluation of programs. Dr. Gordon Crews has considerable experience working in law enforcement before receiving his academic degree. His current research interest focuses on the international comparison of police response to people who practice non-traditional religions such as Satanism and Wicca.

English: **Dr. Whitney Douglas** (Ph.D. University of Nebraska) is a new Assistant Professor whose interests are in writing and uses of literacy, rhetorical practice and writing communities, rhetoric as inquiry, and emerging themes in women's literature. She has taught courses in English Composition, Technical Writing, Advanced Expository Writing, and Literacy Studies.

History: **Dr. Laura Michele Diener** (Ph.D. Ohio State), is an Assistant Professor of medieval history. Her teaching interests include gender studies, ancient and medieval religious prac-

tices, Vikings, and ancient Greece and Rome. Her article "Enter the Bed-chamber of Your Soul": Advice for Nuns at Prayer," is forthcoming in Pastoral Care in the Middle Ages.

Philosophy: **Dr. Gayle L. Ormiston** (Ph.D. Purdue University) is a professor of philosophy and the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs. Gayle's previous work was at Kent State University, where he held various academic and administrative positions.

Psychology: **Dr. April Fugett-Fuller** (Ph.D. University of Kansas) is an Assistant Professor who studies psycholinguistics. Specifically, she is interested in how multiple levels of processing (meaning, spelling, and sound) work together in reading. She teaches experimental psychology, psychometrics and statistics. Next semester she will teach the department's first course in psycholinguistics.

Psychology: **Dr. Tom Linz** (Ph.D. University of Georgia) is an Associate Professor who has taught at the Marshall University Medical School for the last two decades. He brings expertise in the areas of psychotherapy and psychological/neuropsychological assessment. His areas of interest include attention and the related concerns as well as the function of language in control of behavior.

Psychology: **Dr. David J. Pittenger** (Ph.D. University of Georgia), is a professor of psychology and the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts. Before coming to Marshall, David held faculty and administrative ranks at Marietta College and The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

Sociology: **Dr. Anders Linde-Laursen** (Ph.D. Lund University, Sweden as well as from Copenhagen University, Denmark) joins us as a Professor and Department Chair. Dr. Linde-Laursen is an ethnographer who has published extensively on the cultural

realities of the Danish-Swedish border, and does research in tourism and ethnic identity.

Sociology: **Dr. Markus Hadler** (Ph.D. University of Graz, Austria) is a new Associate Professor who will teach statistics and quantitative research methods as well as other specialized courses in Sociology. Dr. Hadler conducts transnational comparative research on contemporary social problems.

FACULTY RETIREMENTS

After 39 years of distinguished service to Marshall University, **Dr. Leonard J. Deutsch** will retire. During his time at Marshall University, Dr. Deutsch has been a professor of English, the chair person of the department, and for many years the Dean of the Graduate College. Dr. Deutsch has established the *Leonard J. Deutsch Graduate College Professional Development Fund*. Income from this endowment will support graduate students at Marshall University.

Dr. William Ramsey will also be retiring after 39 years in the Department of English. He earned a PhD in Twentieth Century Literature in 1971 from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. Over the years he has studied and published on the subject of political themes in literature. Dr. Ramsey has taught hundreds of courses in American Literature, the Short Story, and Composition.

KEEP IN TOUCH

I hope you will stay in touch with us and let us know how you are doing.

Best wishes,

