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Changes at the Helm ...



Kristina Pollard, H.E.L.P. Center Director resigned effective January 25, 2013 in order to move with her family to Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Mrs. Pollard's husband, Lytrel, a Marshall University football coach, accepted a position with the University of Southern Mississippi necessitating the relocation.

While at H.E.L.P. Mrs. Pollard brought forth many new ideas and had plans for taking H.E.L.P. in new directions. During her time here she developed a Five-Year Strategic Plan and Policy and Procedure Manual.

H.E.L.P. thanks Mrs. Pollard for the work she did while she was here and wishes her the best as she and her family begin this new phase in their lives.

Immediately following Mrs. Pollard's resignation Debbie Painter assumed the position of Interim Director of the H.E.L.P. Center. A part of H.E.L.P. since January 1991 when she began as a graduate assistant while obtaining her Master's Degree in Learning Disabilities, Mrs. Painter was most recently Assistant Director/ Coordinator of Diagnostics. H.E.L.P. is fortunate that a person of her caliber agreed to fill this position. Her twenty-two years of experience is invaluable in directing the H.E.L.P. Center.

Mrs. Painter is enthusiastic and passionate about H.E.L.P., and she is dedicated to empowering students with Specific Learning Disabilities and/or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder to reach their full potential. She has touched countless lives through the years and will continue to do so as the program moves forward.

Married to Charles Painter, they are the parents of two adult children, Scott Painter and Courtney Urbach. Mrs. Painter's interests include reading, gardening, and traveling (especially to Colorado to visit their only grandchild, Cassidy Urbach).



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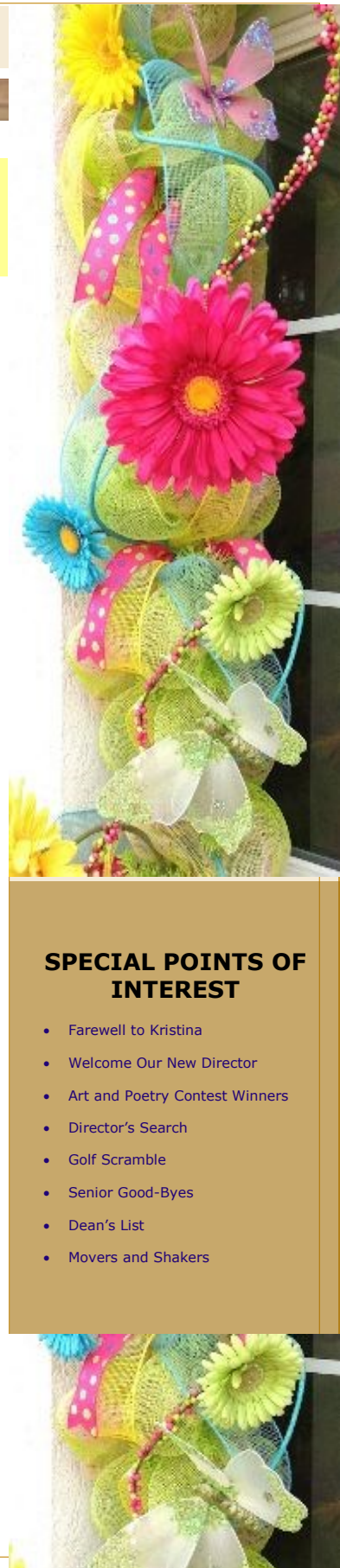
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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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Students Showcase their Art ...

Congratulations to Winners of the Visual Arts Contest

With over thirty entries, the artwork was very impressive and the competition intense.



First Place: Kelli Simpson



Second Place: Starling Ellis



Third Place: Sarah Kling



College of Education
Office of the Dean

April 5, 2013

Dear Marshall University HELP Center Alumni,

I am asking your assistance finding a dynamic leader for our center for Higher Education for Learning Problems (HELP). The HELP Center has thrived since being founded by Dr. Barbara Guyer in 1980. Lynn Weston provided effective leadership for over 10 years before retiring last spring. When we hired Kristina Pollard last year, we brought a different style of leadership and organization to the program. Unfortunately, Kristina resigned after only 6 months due to compelling family needs. I have appointed Ms. Debbie Painter as Interim Director of the Center and I have great confidence in her stewardship. However, we are conducting a national search to find just the right person to direct the center as it continues to grow.

The HELP Center needs a strong, active leader who can direct the several core activities of the Center, promote the Center at professional meetings and in the media, work with the Board of Directors to develop and implement a strategic plan and insure the financial viability of the Center, supervise the staff and foster positive relations with the University, the students, alumni, and parents.

Enclosed is a position announcement describing the duties and qualifications for the Director of HELP. The ideal candidate will have a record of successful leadership, exceptional communication skills, experience with fundraising and grant writing, and a background in the field of learning disabilities. If you know of anyone with the requisite skills and experience who may have an interest in this position, please share this information with him or her.

Thank you for your assistance. Please feel free to copy the position announcement and direct any questions you may have to my office at 304 696-3131.

Sincerely,

Robert Bookwalter
Dean, College of Education
Marshall University

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In Search of a New Director



The Higher Education for Learning Problems (H.E.L.P.) Center at Marshall University is a nationally-recognized tutoring, support, and diagnostic program for individuals with Specific Learning Disabilities and/or Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorders. Services are provided for Marshall University students as well as the public schools, medical students, and the community. The HELP Center employs about 70 full- and part-time coordinators, tutors and graduate assistants and serves over 400 clients each year.

The Director of the HELP Center supervises and oversees all aspects of the program: directing the core activities associated with the College HELP, Community HELP, Medical HELP, Professional HELP, and Diagnostic Testing programs; insuring the financial viability of the Center by working with the Business Manager to manage

the budget as well as directing fundraising, grant writing, and the development of current and prospective donors; promoting the Center by overseeing advertising, directing public relations and media relations, and participating in conference presentations at national and regional associations to highlight the programs at the Center; supervising the hiring, training and evaluation of coordinators, tutors and graduate assistants; representing the Center as liaison to students, parents, the HELP Center Board of Advisors, the Marshall University faculty, the Dean of the College of Education, the Provost, the President, and the Board of Governors

This position is available immediately upon completion of the search. The successful candidate for the position of Director will demonstrate the ability to lead and administer this important campus program. Qualifications include:

- A graduate degree in an appropriate field
- Proven leadership skills and administrative experience
- Knowledge in the field of learning disabilities and/or reading education
- Experience with fundraising, grant writing and budget management
- High-level professional communication skills

To explore this exciting opportunity further, please contact Mrs. Debbie Painter at 304-696-6313 or e-mail painter@marshall.edu. To be considered for this position, please submit a letter of application, a current resume/vita, and contact information for professional references via email to MURC_recruiting@marshall.edu.

Marshall University and its affiliated entities are committed to providing equal opportunities to all prospective and current candidates. We do not condone discrimination, in particular based on race, color, sex, religion, age, sexual orientation, handicap, or national origin. Our commitment also applies to all educational programs and activities covered under Title IX which prohibits sex discrimination in higher education. We neither affiliate with nor grant recognition to any individual, group or organization having policies that discriminate.

Senior Good-Byes

Cameron Loader...

I graduated with a dual degree in computer science and applied mathematics. My future plan is to obtain a master's degree in math with an emphasis in statistics. I'm so excited and glad to have graduated. The H.E.L.P program helped me through tutoring and test taking skills. I would like to thank my parents and Dr. Shumsky for all their guidance and support. My advice for younger students in the program is to stay in school!

Phillip Pisters...

I will graduate with a Bachelors of Science in biological sciences and plan to attend physician's assistant school. I'm excited and nervous about the accomplishment of graduation. The H.E.L.P Program has been a source of encouragement for me, people who believe in me and have given me the resources to be successful. I would like to thank Jesus Christ my Savior, Sara Barker my second mother, my parents, and all the tutors who helped me. My advice to students is to study hard and try your best in classes and you will learn and make a future for yourself.

Andrew Pisters...

I graduated with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Biological Sciences. I plan to attend Marshall University for the biomedical Master's program with an emphasis in medical science, before applying to medical school. It's very bittersweet to graduate as I will miss the free time that I will most likely not have as a graduate student. I'm happy to have completed my degree and look forward to many more years of school. The H.E.L.P Program has helped me through academic support, especially tutoring. I want to thank my parents, my brother Phillip, Sara Barker, and all of the other staff members and tutors at H.E.L.P. My advice for younger students is to make sure you go to class! It's very important to start studying early for tests and stay organized with a calendar. Also, make sure you try to get at least 8 hours of sleep every night

Madison Steele...

I graduated with an associate's degree in administrative medical technology. I plan to attend Marshall University to pursue a bachelor's degree. I'm excited to say goodbye to MCTC and hello to Marshall University. The H.E.L.P program helped me focus on the things I can do and deal with test anxiety. I would like to thank Diana Steele (mother), David Steele (father), Harry and Alice Bruner (grandparents), Nancy White (grandmother), Sara Barker, and Vivian for all their support. The advice for younger students is: go to class, tutoring, and work hard. Don't give up and stay organized with a planner. Go Herd!

Martin Ward...

I will graduate with a Bachelor's degree in business and hope to play in the NFL. I'm excited and nervous to graduate. The H.E.L.P program helped me with study skills and stress management. I would like to thank all of my tutors for keeping me on track. Thank you for everything!

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world”
~Nelson Mandela

H.E.L.P. MOVERS AND SHAKERS

Shelby Thompson, a junior Computer Science major from Richmond, VA, has been offered a position and will be participating in the prestigious summer 2013 REU in Computer Vision Program. She was one of ten students selected from over 200 applicants. Held from May 12 to August 9, this program is sponsored by the National Science Foundation and located at the University of Central Florida. During this time she will select a research topic, conduct experiments, read research papers, and meet with mentors and graduate students regularly. We are proud of Shelby for this accomplishment.



3.0 ... A Cut Above the Rest

Brian Armbruster	Amanda Duncan	Sarah Kling	Greg Muha	James Rogan
Amy Barlow	Blake Eagan	Anton Krasinski	Matt Neville	Alice Russell
Angela Bell	Travis Edwards	Kyle Kurtz	Adam Nuckols	William Slone
Anthony Beres	Starling Ellis	Tori Leep	Darius Passmore	Eric Stano
Hartlee Blackhurst	Gavin Evans	John Lewis	Catie Pinson	Madison Steele
Nathan Bohach	Jacqueline Genter	Madeline Lewis	Andrew Pisters	Philip Steptoe
Joshua Brown	Chris Hale	Devin Lindhurst	Phillip Pisters	Ryan Taylor
Sacha Byous-McConnell	Kyle Hatfield	Monterius Lovett	Matt Prandoni	Shelby Thompson
Morgan Cain	Evan Hazelett	Chelsey Maiden	Annie Prichard	Corey Tindel
Michael Campbell	Lauren Hurd	Todd Marcum	Jonathon Pritt	Nicole White
Kathryn Colbert	Steven Johnson	Chris McMahon	Sarah Race	Joe Wilkinson
Michael Converse	DeAndre Kane	Monica McCoy	Connor Redman	Antavius Wilson
Tim Denney	Tyler King	Derek Mitchell	Darryl Roberts	
Steve Dillon	Rachel Kling	Rebecca Moore	Emma Rodgers	

Summer H.E.L.P. The Class of 2017

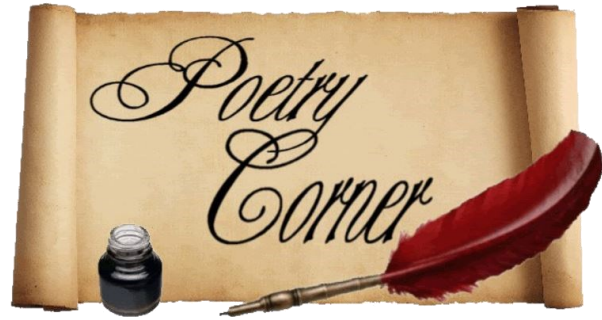
The kick-off for Summer Prep, 2013 is fast approaching. It will start on Monday, June 10th and run through Friday, July 12th, 2013. Summer Prep is a preparative time for our incoming freshmen for the 2013-2014 academic school year. Right now, we have approximately 28 students from all over the country. The students will participate in a university class in the morning and will then participate in three areas of skills development from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. in the H.E.L.P. Program. Skills development specialist for the program will be Diane Williams, Bill Christian, Amy Crookes, Mike Dolin, Laura Rowden, Susie Velte, Kim Corriher, Michael Stinnet, and Jeanette Bailey. These individuals make a wonderful team and look forward to working with our new H.E.L.P. participants.

Parents, there will be a Meet and Greet especially for you on Monday, June 10th, and Monday, June 24th, 2013. This will give you an opportunity to meet the staff and find out what your students will be doing for the next five weeks. Please come and take part.

Orientation for the H.E.L.P. freshmen will take place on Thursday, July 9th at 8:00 a.m. in the student center on campus. Parents are welcome to attend with their freshmen students.



Poetry Winner



First Place Winner, Poetry Contest—Madeline Lewis Abandoned Country in Sonoma County, California

Grey gum blemishes old pavement
Gullies carve into the pock-marked face
of an empty 76 parking lot.
A thick April torrent mists
through the freshly clothed arms of orchards.
The odd glass marbles
of parking lot seagulls gaze out.
A withered grey mouse rests
in a child's elf shoe,
buried by the chateau's white gate.
It's where the withered scrub
and roadside ferns cluster.
The odor of waste repositories
is long bourn away by the elements,
replaced by the snaking vestiges
of critter refuse and wildflower dander.
Naught is left
but the nature reclaimed skeleton
of big industry. All that is left standing is the ru-
ined carcass
of an old steel mill,
Its smokestacks, thin cigars, slump
rusted into the green.
Its outbuildings sag
under an ocean of choking creepers.
The dilapidated skipway
now makes the perfect trellis.
Farther down
the impromptu pasture
buffers the ground
before the vineyard's beginning.
In the gnarled hedging
wild hares seek the earthy shelter of dry war-
rens.
(Over)

Deeper into the bows of Concord,
sheep crowd together
for buffer from the volley,
creating a wedge of curled cotton
within the vine rows.
An Australian Shepherd
takes to his hollow wine barrel
for a nap.
A stout homestead of reclaimed stones
now stands on the vineyard's other end.
It is home
to a tag-team's blossoming bonds of inti-
macy.
The patio hosts ornamenting ribbons
of now sopping gauzy fabric.
Silvery place settings
rest interspersed with the flatware.
Dowsed candles
and glass goblets
collect the rain.
Forgotten trays of finger foods
crumble and diffuse into puddles of
mush.
Wine dilutes
as the shower
refills the near emptied glasses.
The humidity creates a cloying atmos-
phere
within the floral hanging vines.
The wedding party
has long since escaped
into the estateS

**Second place went to:
Annie Pritchard with:
CAT C-A-T CAT
Third Place went to:
Chris Monsell with:
SCOOBY DOO**



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On October 4th, after a one year hiatus, our Scramble 4 HELP is back bigger than ever. We are organizing yet another great Golf Scramble for the scholarship fund of the program. Please join Rod Duncan, our Scramble Chair, at the Riviera Country Club in Lesage WV. For more information call: (304) 696-6256 or visit us at www.marshall.edu/help/news/scramble.asp For your online team registration. Get your team together and see you on the fair way for lots of fun, food, and prizes, and the opportunity to be part of a great cause.

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