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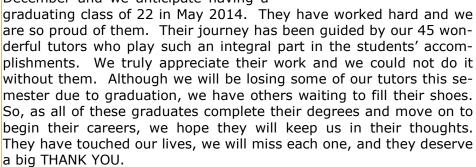
The H.E.L.P.er

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A Word from the Director ...

The Fall 2013 semester has come and gone and many positive things have taken place in Myers Hall at Marshall University. Our staff will be sharing some of the "happenings" in this newsletter, but I would like to provide a few of the accomplishments that have caused me to stop, reflect, and thank those who help make this program a success.

We have had the pleasure of working with 168 students this semester in the college program and we send thanks to these students and their parents for choosing the H.E.L.P. Program. Eight of our students will graduate in December and we anticipate having a



Our Community H.E.L.P. Program is currently providing afterschool tutoring to approximately 37 students in grades K-12. Some of these students just need a "boost" to reinforce their academic skills. Others, however, are lacking in the basic skills necessary to be successful in school. For these students, we are witnessing nonreaders become proficient enough to read on their own. Others are discovering that they can learn to write a paragraph, or even structure their thoughts into an essay, and for some math does not seem like a foreign language to them anymore. None of these accomplishments would be possible without the training, guidance, and commitment that our 12 tutors and 2 staff members provide. Their nurturing and tutelage deserve a big THANK YOU.

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A Word ...

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The diagnostic program at H.E.L.P. has been equally busy and productive this semester. During the past four months we have provided Psychoeducational Evaluations to approximately 50 individuals, ranging from those as young as Kindergarten, to a doctor who needed his testing updated for his licensing exam. When a parent tells us that they have been searching for years to better understand their child's struggles, it is rewarding to know that we have provided some answers and guidance. For working so diligently with these families, our diagnostic team deserves a big THANK YOU.

Our Medical H.E.L.P. Program warrants recognition for providing struggling students, from various disciplines, the necessary skills that will allow them to experience more success in their programs. We have been fortunate to have students come to us from around the country with unique struggles and personal stories. When these students leave and put their newly acquired strategies to work, we are often rewarded with positive feedback regarding their successes. The Medical H.E.L.P. team deserves a big THANK YOU.

Last, but not least, our 9 staff members can't be topped. I have been blessed to work at H.E.L.P. for the past 23 years and I have witnessed their incredible commitment to this program and our students. They are exceptional and deserve a big THANK YOU.

Spring, Summer, and Winter 2013 H.E.L.P. Graduates

Spring 2013

Hartlee Blackhurst Stuart Dederer Rachel Kling Blaire Lawrence John Lewis Devin Lindhurst Cameron Loader Chelsey Maiden Youssoupha Mbao Monica McCov Rebecca Moore Adam Nuckols **Andrew Pisters** Jonathon Pritt Veronica Ruiz Annie Pritchard * Nigel Spikes Eric Stano Madison Steele * Jen Trogden Janna Wells

*MCTC Graduate

Summer 2013

Brianna Hope Matt Wohl Kelli Simpson Andre Snipes-Booker Jr. DeAndre Kane

Fall 2013

Angela Bell
Brent Colangelo
Grant Evans
Adam Gilkeson
Monterius Lovett
Derek Mitchell
Michelle Sabo – Master's Degree
in Mental Health Counseling
Dana Zambrotta

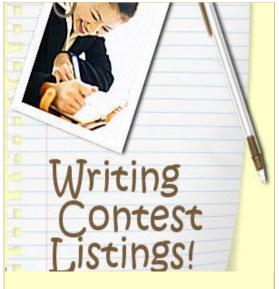


GPA 3.0 + Spring 2013



Ricky Adams Brian Armbruster Amy Barlow **Anthony Beres** Hartlee Blackhurst Nathan Bohach Josh Brown Sacha Byous-McConnell Morgan Cain Tineil Chapman Brent Colangelo Michael Converse Alex Coster Tim Denney Steve Dillion Blake Eagan Travis Edwards Starling Ellis Julius Espiritu Gavin Evans **Grant Evans** Jacqueline Genter Jeremy Gilliams Lauren Goldstein Chris Hale Kvle Hatfield David Havens Evan Hazelett Lauren Hurd Craig Inducci Natalie Irwin Steven Johnson Jean-Paul Kambola Madison Lawhorn John Lewis Monterius Lovett De'Recco Lynch

Yous Mbao Chris McMahon Chris Monsell Ryan Moore Greg Muha Adam Nuckols Jake O'Brien Shannon Owen Alex Palliardi Andrew Phillips Andrew Pisters Phillip Pisters William Pollard Matt Prandoni Annie Pritchard Connor Redman Darryl Roberts Chris Robinson Emma Rodgers Kelli Simpson Alex Slack Nigel Spikes Sid Sponseller Eric Stano Madison Steele Philip Steptoe Ryan Taylor Alianna Telles Jennifer Trogden Nicole White Joe Wilkinson Michelle Wlotzko Matt Wohl Dana Zambrotta Chelsey Maiden Todd Marcum Joe Matyas



Short Story
The winners are...

First Place Winner--\$100

Lauren Weber

"Tuesday's Child"

Second Place Winner--\$50

Madeline Lewis

"Touch"

Congratulations to all entries for a job well done!

H.E.L.P. Milestones



Phillip Pisters (Marshall, 2012) has been accepted in the Physician Assistant Studies Program at the University of St. Francis in Albuquerque, New Mexico starting in January 2014. Congratulations Phillip – we are very proud of you!

Doug White (Marshall, 2009) received his post graduate degree certificate – Physician Assistant Studies from Cuyahoga Community College and a Masters of Science in Health Science from Cleveland State University in December, 2013. Congratulations Doug and we look forward to your future endeavors!





Congratulations go out to Will Watson (MCTC) on his promotion to Marine Operations/Project Supervisor at St. James Stevedoring. Way to go, Will!

Michelle Roth (Marshall, 2012) was married to Ben Rodgers on October 5, 2013 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. We wish you many years of happiness Miche and Ben!

Susan Duren (Marshall, 2008) was married to Lee Bonaldi on October 26th, 2013 at Brookside Gardens near Silver Springs, Maryland. Congratulations Susan and Lee and we wish you years of marital bliss!





Jessica Allie Taylor (Marshall, 2009), a daughter Hattie Ann, born December 5th, 2013. Hattie was 7 lbs. 4oz. and 19.5 inches long. Congratulations to Jessica, her husband, Dale and big sister Josie!

Christine Ombrellaro, a daughter Rose, born in the month of October 2013. Congratulations to Christine and we wish her many years of joy with Rose!

If you or your graduate has any HELP milestones they would to share with us please send them to www.help@marshall.edu.

Scramble, Homecoming, and Parents' Weekend

Since many of our golfers have participated in our Scramble (fundraiser for student waivers) for years, we look forward to seeing them on that sunny October Friday when we get together for another round. None of us were disappointed this year. Once again, the weather was beautiful and the company superb, and the lunch delicious. Our lunch donors satisfied everyone's cravings before the fun began. Some took part in our putting contest. Others just mingled with one another since many have known each other for years or just enjoy seeing each other on this occasion. When the horn blew, the golfers took off. The staff, tutors, students, and visiting parents chatted, drew for door prizes, and watched the \$10,000 hole while the golfers enjoyed their round. It was a great time and we hope to see them all again next year.

That weekend of October 4 was also Homecoming and Parents' Weekend. We hosted our usual Open House on Saturday morning. We always love to see our parents. They roamed the building and talked to staff and tutors, stopping for treats on their rounds. The Homecoming parade went by on 5th Avenue about noon. Many of us strolled out to watch it. Afterwards, a tailgate picnic was sponsored by H.E.L.P. Hot dogs were cooked up by Mike Barker while staff brought salads and other accompaniments.

The football game with Marshall beating the University of Texas at San Antonio (34-10) was the highlight of the day for many. It gave us all hope that Marshall would have a good year, and we did. It was a great climax to an exciting weekend!

