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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 graduating class of 22 in May 2014. They have worked hard and we are so proud of them. Their journey has been guided by our 45 wonderful tutors who play such an integral part in the students' accomplishments. We truly appreciate their work and we could not do it without them. Although we will be losing some of our tutors this semester due to graduation, we have others waiting to fill their shoes. So, as all of these graduates complete their degrees and move on to begin their careers, we hope they will keep us in their thoughts. They have touched our lives, we will miss each one, and they deserve a big THANK YOU.

Our Community H.E.L.P. Program is currently providing after-school 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
Blair Lawrence
John Lewis
Devin Lindhurst
Cameron Loader
Chelsey Maiden
Youssoupha Mbao
Monica McCoy
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
Kyle 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 Mbaio
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 en-tries 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 Michelle 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!



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