



# The H.E.L.P.er

The Marshall University H.E.L.P. Program will hold Spring 2014 graduation ceremonies at 4 p.m. on Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup> in the Heiner Study Room within Myers Hall.

The graduation ceremony will honor more than two dozen graduates who have earned both bachelor's- and master's-level degrees. Honorees include eight individuals who completed their degree work following the Fall 2013 semester.

The program is pleased to welcome back a former student, Mr. Jay Young, as the Commencement speaker.

Mr. Young is a 1995 graduate of Marshall University, earning a B.B.A. in Economics. During his time at Marshall, Mr. Young was an active student in the H.E.L.P. Program, working with then-director and program founder, Dr. Barbara Guyer, as well as a number of staff members who are still involved with the program today.

A native of Cattleburg, KY and a graduate of Boyd County High School, Mr. Young and his wife Beth currently own and operate Janson Communications, a wholesale distribution company.

Mr. Young has worked in the ministry for more than two decades, recently completing 12 years of service as the Youth Pastor at Fairview Baptist Church in Ashland, Ky., where, amongst other activities, he led the youth group on numerous mission trips throughout the Southeast.

Mr. Young and his wife live with their three children: Lexa Rucker, Luran Young and Jaycee Young.

## Honored Graduates

### May 2014

Amy Barlow  
Sacha Byous-McConnell  
Morgan Cain  
Michael Campbell  
Tineil Chapman  
Kathryn Colbert  
Blake Eagan  
Evan Hazelett  
Craig Inducci  
Malcolm Irving  
Sarah Kling  
Madison Lawhorn  
Chris McMahon  
Joe Matyas

Shannon Owen  
Brian Piffath  
Alex Slack  
Brandon Sparrow  
Sam Varipapa  
Kate Walther, MA

### Graduated Dec 2013

Angela Bell  
Brent Coangelo  
Grant Evans  
Adam Gilkeson  
Monterius Lovett  
Derek Mitchell  
Michelle Sabo MA  
Dana Zambrotta

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**The H.E.L.P. Program is pleased to announce that 70 of our students earned a 3.0 GPA or higher for the FALL 2013 Semester.**

**For a complete list of these accomplished students, please see Page 5 of the newsletter.**

# ***They will not be kept by any Compass***

***An original poem by  
Emma Rodgers***

She holds her own needle  
Her heart its own magnetic pole  
Her mind her sextant  
She is her own lodestone;  
She does not bend into the winds  
of wheedle and popular opinion  
and sets her path by her own  
reason and on pinions of  
imagination  
she write ream and flies  
wherever her dreams portend,  
beyond the skies;  
He holds his own compass  
He hears its one magnetic pole  
His mind his astrolabe  
He is how own magnetite geode;  
He does not stand amid the waves  
of mass and tradition  
and sets his course by his own  
Reason and own ambition  
he writes reams and flies  
wherever his dreams portend,  
beyond the skies;  
Antipodes that shall never meet.

## **Poetry Contest Winners**

First place – Emma Rodgers  
*They will not be kept by any  
Compass*

Second Place – Kyle Hatfield  
*Going Home*

Third place – Nathan Bohach  
*Kaz Plaza Pittsburgh*

Special thanks to the Community  
H.E.L.P. poets who submitted  
entries:

Meredith Bobersky  
*If Everyone Was the Same*  
Alex Cottrell  
*Tai Kwon Do Form*

## **Diana Porter to Retire**



Diana Porter, who has served as the Business Manager at H.E.L.P. since 2000, will be retiring over the summer.

“We are grateful to Diana for her service at H.E.L.P.,” said Debbie Painter, Interim Director. “While we are sad to see her leave, we are equally excited for her as she embarks on a new phase of her life.”

During her time at H.E.L.P., Porter has been charged with overseeing all aspects of the business side of the H.E.L.P. Program, from payroll and client billing to assuring compliance with all federal, state and university budget standards. Her work on the administrative end of the operation provides the very opportunities which allow our staff to be successful in assisting our clients.

Additionally, Ms. Porter works as a tutor on the academic side of the College Program, mainly working with students in accounting and business-related courses.

A native of Charleston, W.V., Porter has lived in Huntington for more than 35 years, where she raised her three grown children. Porter holds degrees from both West Virginia and Marshall Universities and worked in public accounting before coming to H.E.L.P.

The H.E.L.P. staff began a candidate search to fill the position which Ms. Porter will be vacating. It is the intention to have a new Business Manager in place by early summer to allow that individual time to train under Ms. Porter prior to her retirement.

Our program stands on the shoulders of the hard-working tutors who provide our students with the support and assistance they need. We are equally pleased to see the following tutors move on in their own future pursuits as we are thankful to have had them as a part of our program:

Moyo Akinsete  
David Allen  
Samir Britel  
Fungai Buhera  
Wendy Carter  
Whitney Eskew  
Alex George  
Laura Hatfield  
Mengistu Jima

Tyler McLaughlin  
Jessica Neal  
Cathy Richards  
Anthony Ross  
Michelle Rupp  
Stephen Sheler  
Lisa Tomlin  
Vishnu Valluri

## Technology in Action at H.E.L.P.

Thanks to a generous gift from one of our supporters, the H.E.L.P. Program was able to purchase a four-year web license of the Kurzweil 3000/Firefly. In the past, we have had Kurzweil 3000 individual professional licenses in both of our computer labs to support our students, but this new web license gives access to 250 Marshall students within our program, Student Support, and the Asperger's program. Since this program is centralized our students have access to all the key features and benefits anywhere they have access to an Internet connection.



### *Key features of Kurzweil 3000/Firefly:*

- Multisensory approach to learning
- Text-to-speech in four languages
- Dictionary definitions
- Highlighters and sticky notes
- Graphic organizers and outlining capabilities
- Word prediction
- Built-in-tools for reading, writing, study skills and test-taking
- Universal Library with public and private folders



The H.E.L.P. Program gained admittance to the Access Text Network at no cost during the spring semester. This is a network for post-secondary institutions in which you can receive digital files directly from publishing companies and they can be used in conjunction with the Kurzweil 3000/Firefly Web License. Some of the publishing companies that participate with Access Text are: Pearson, McGraw – Hill Higher Education, W.W. Norton and Company, etc. If Access Text Network does not partner with a publishing company, you can contact the publisher directly to request a digital copy. During the spring semester, we were able to secure 40 different digital texts for students.

### *Key Benefits of Kurzweil 3000/Firefly:*

- All access to literacy support
- Use of any browser (Internet Explorer, Firefox, Chrome and Safari)
- No file size or storage limitations
- Tracks and Reports student usage
- Works on personal computers, Macs, and tablets
- Continuously improving with new functionality and updating

## Summer Prep 2014

Summer Prep will take place from June 9<sup>th</sup> – July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014 for incoming freshmen and transfer students who will be participating in H.E.L.P. for the upcoming academic year. A late start to Summer Prep will begin on June 23<sup>rd</sup> for **only** seniors who will be graduating late from high school. The Summer Prep students will attend Marshall Orientation on Tuesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014.



We are still accepting students for the 2014-15 school year, so if you know students who are diagnosed learning disabled and/or ADHD, please have them contact us to start the admission process.





## Annual Golf Scramble Set for October 10th

Mark your calendars for Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, when the Annual Marshall University Dr. Paul E. Skeens Memorial Scramble 4 H.E.L.P., a fundraising event and one-day golf tournament, will be held at the Riveria County Club in Lesage, WV.

The Dr. Paul E. Skeens Scramble 4 H.E.L.P. is our annual fundraising event with all proceeds going toward scholarships for need-based LD/ADHD students enrolled in Marshall University, as well as elementary through high school students experiencing difficulties in learning.

There are a number of ways which friends of the program can support the effort. The most exciting is to play!

Entry into the scramble is \$100 per player and \$400 per foursome. The day will feature a putting contest to be held at Noon, followed by a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Awards will be given for first, second and third place team finishes, Hole-in-One, the Putting Contest and in both Men's and Women's divisions for the Longest Drive and Closest to the Hole. Lunch and dinner will be provided for all players. All entry fees are tax deductible as charitable donations. Get your team together and see you on the fairway for lots of fun, food, and prizes, and the opportunity to be part of a great cause.

Individuals who are not able to participate can also support the scramble by sponsoring a student to play, sponsoring an individual tee or green, sponsoring a meal, or through monetary donations. Corporate sponsorships are also available.

For more information about the Annual Marshall University Dr. Paul E. Skeens Memorial Scramble 4 H.E.L.P., please contact event coordinator Susie Bruhin at (304)696-6473.

## Parent Support Group Offered

While the mission of the Marshall University H.E.L.P. Program is to assist students in their desire to be successful in all areas of their academic pursuits, we recognize that providing support for those students' primary caregivers is equally important.

This spring, H.E.L.P. launched a free parent support group open to all parents of school-aged children who have been diagnosed with a specific learning disability or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD).

Sessions are being run by H.E.L.P. Center staff members Elijah Wise, M.A. and Meg Stone, M.A., who lead discussions centered on issues ranging from the basics of an Individualized Education Plan (I.E.P.), steps for pursuing and completing psycho-education testing, finding community resources and navigating the range of treatment options from behavior plans and medications.

"We hope that this group provides parents an opportunity to share their concerns and experiences with one another," said Wise. Stone added, "Our intention is for this to be both an informative and therapeutic experience."

The group began meeting in March interested parents should contact Stone or Wise via email at [stone121@marshall.edu](mailto:stone121@marshall.edu) and/or [wise31@marshall.edu](mailto:wise31@marshall.edu).

# 3.0 and above G.P.A.

## Fall 2013



- Ricky Adams
- Brian Armbruster
- Amy Barlow
- Angela Bell
- Anthony Beres
- Nathan Bohach
- Bryan Bozeman
- Luke Braunlich
- Claire Brison
- Betsy Butler
- Enjonaë Chambers
- Tineil Chapman
- Brent Colangelo
- Megan Connolley
- Michael Converse
- Jeff Dickerson
- Thomas Dransfeld
- Amanda Duncan
- Blake Eagan
- Gavin Evans
- Grant Evans
- Robert Fajardo
- Sam Fishel
- Sam Garton
- Jacqueline Gentner
- Adam Gilkeson
- Jeremy Gilliams
- Jonathon Godsey
- Chris Hale
- Jacob Harter
- Kyle Hatfield
- David Havens
- Mason Haynes
- Evan Hazelett
- Lauren Hurd
- Steven Johnson
- Calvin Jones
- Sarah Kling
- Anton Krasinski
- De'Recco Lynch
- Todd Marcum
- Chris McMahon
- Ellen McNamara
- Ty Miller
- Chris Monsell
- Ryan Moore
- Jordan Morgan
- Isaac Neal
- Jake O'Brien
- Alex Palliardi
- Andrew Phillips
- Samantha Phillips
- Catherine Pinson
- Andrew Pisters
- William Pollard
- Annie Pritchard
- Sarah Race
- Connor Redman
- Skip Remington
- Daniel Scher
- Alex Slack
- William Slone
- Madison Steele
- Shelby Thompson
- Alyssa Turner
- Sam Varipapa
- Matt Walker
- Lauren Weber
- Michelle Wlotzko
- Dana Zambrotta



## Amy Barlow

I am receiving a Regent's degree. My plan for the future is unknown, but I am hoping to do an internship for a year. I still cannot believe that I am graduating, but I am looking forward to moving on with my life. The H.E.L.P. Program has really made me achieve greater success on tests and in classes. Every tutor wants to help you and make sure you succeed.

I would like to thank Sara Barker for everything she has done for me. Also, I'd like to thank all of the tutors whom I have had throughout my years here at Marshall. Finally I would like to thank my mom and dad for all of the help and encouragement to get to this point. My advice would be to go to classes, tutoring, and always keep up with your work.

## Angela Bell

I received a Regent's Degree with an emphasis in early childhood and a minor in entrepreneurship. I plan to get a job at a daycare and work my way up to the director. The real adventure is about to begin, but it's exciting to see all the hard work finally pay off. H.E.L.P. has helped me become a more social person. I have also learned many skills that I will use forever. I would like to thank my parents for being supportive. I would also like to thank Sara Barker for always helping me when I needed help. My advice for younger students would be to not skip class because it will catch up to you. Tutors are your best friends if you allow them to be, and will help you if you just ask.

## Morgan Cain

I am receiving a degree in marketing, and I will be the Sales District Manager of Frito-Lay. I am excited to start the next chapter in my life, but I am sad to leave all of my wonderful friends and good times I had along the way. The H.E.L.P. Program has helped me successfully graduate with a 3.5 GPA through tutoring and the great support system. Having all the quiet rooms for test taking helped save my GPA.

I would like to thank my family, friends, coaches, and the H.E.L.P. Center staff for everything they supported me with along the way. My advice to the younger students is to work hard, but do not forget to have fun as well because these four years will fly by.

## Michael Campbell

I am receiving a degree in hotel/motel management from Mountwest Community and Technical College. After graduating I plan to attend Ohio University in Proctorville. I am excited about graduating from Mountwest. The H.E.L.P. Program has helped me with assignments, tests, and reports. They have also helped me become better at the skills in my major.

I would like to thank my parents and my brother. I would also like to thank Abdul, Diane Williams, Mike Dolin, Amy Crookes, Pedro Agenjo, Fungai Buhera, Annetta Coates, and Jeehee Ha. My advice for younger students would be to come prepared, and start strong in the semester and finish strong.



## Tineil Chapman

I am receiving an RBA with an emphasis in psychology. I plan to work at the Wyngate Community Center in Barboursville. I am both excited and proud to be graduating from Marshall University. I have learned so much and gained new found knowledge. The H.E.L.P. Program has helped me in so many ways to become a successful individual.

I want to thank God, my parents, my tutors Vivian Atkinson, Susie Bruhin, and Jeanette Bailey for believing in me and knowing I could overcome and be successful at anything I put my mind to. My advice for younger students is to not give up on your goals and dreams. College is not easy, but if you put in the effort and know that God will be with you every step of the way, you will be successful.

## Kathryn Colbert

I received a degree in public health with a minor in communications. I plan on hopefully getting a job in the future and possibly going onto graduate school. I am excited about graduating, but I will miss Marshall University and all of the people I have met here.

Without the H.E.L.P. Program I would not be here at Marshall. The services they offer are so helpful, and I feel as though the H.E.L.P. Program has prepared me for the future. I want to thank my parents for helping me through college funds and even advice, and my little brother for always having faith in me and reminding me that I can do anything I set my mind to. I also want to thank my sorority sisters and friends for always having my back and being supportive in everything I do. Finally, I would like to thank all of my previous tutors because without them I would not have been as successful as I have been.

My advice for younger students is to take advantage of all of the services that Marshall has to offer. H.E.L.P. is a great program and has wonderful people involved. Get involved on campus because you will regret it if you do not. Have fun because the four years go by a lot quicker than you would think, so enjoy yourself!

## Blake Eagan

I received my degree in business management with a double minor in marketing and entrepreneurship. After graduation I will be working with New's Marketing as an account coordinator in the Cincinnati office. I am both excited and sad about graduating. I will miss the college life and the friends and relationships I have formed over the years. I am however, excited to begin the next chapter of my life with a great company.

The H.E.L.P. Program and tutors were very helpful through my journey at Marshall. The tutors, more specifically Annetta Coates would help me whenever help was needed. Annetta would make it feel like I was her only student when I knew that she was one of the busiest tutors here.

I would like to thank my parents Janet and Gary Eagan for always believing in me when times were hard. I would also like to thank Annetta Coates for always being there for me and taking care of me while at Marshall; you are like another mother to me. My advice for younger students would be to stick with it when times get tough, and to always push yourself.

## Craig Inducci

I am receiving my degree in communication studies. After graduation my plan is to go into human resources and work back home in Philadelphia. I feel both ready and excited about graduating. However, I am sad to leave my new friends at Marshall. The H.E.L.P. Program helped me get adjusted to college life when I first came to Marshall.

I want to thank Nancy McCormick and Sara Barker for welcoming me in the H.E.L.P. Program, and helped me succeed in college. I would also like to thank Michelle Sabo for helping me in my communications classes. Lastly, I would like to thank my parents and family for the love and support they have given me.

Some advice I would give to younger students is to not be afraid to go see your professor during their office hours. Also, ask for advice from your tutor because they are there to support you. Do not be afraid to ask for help because you are never too old for that. All of your hard work is worth it and it will all pay off in the end.

## Sarah Kling

I received a degree in sculpture. I plan on going to graduate school within the next year and focus on ceramics. After receiving my masters in ceramics I would like to be a college professor of ceramics. While I am excited about graduating I am nervous as well. I am looking forward to moving onto bigger and better things.

The H.E.L.P. Program truly is my family. Not only have they helped me with my schoolwork, but the hard times I have

experienced as well. Over the years they have taught me that my learning disability is a gift and not a downfall. I have learned to stay focused and determined and not give up.

Some people I would like to thank are my mom and dad, Miss Susie, Granny, Rere, Rachel, Vivian, Annetta, Diana Porter, and Diane Williams. My advice for younger students is to choose a field that you will never get bored with and will love



## Joe Matyas

I am receiving a degree in psychology with a minor in history. After graduating I plan on going onto graduate school. As graduation is approaching, I am feeling very accomplished. The H.E.L.P. Program has helped with tutoring and support. I would like to thank my parents and my friends for all of their support. My advice for younger students is to go to tutoring.



## Shannon Owen

I am receiving a degree in psychology. I am hoping to go to graduate school in psychology or counseling to help and give back to people with disabilities. I hope to go into the mental health profession and do testing, or even work in a program like HELP. I feel certain that I have learned a lot of new skills and have memories to carry on. I'm not sure if it's a good bye, but it's hard to know I have been at HELP and Marshall for five years.

The H.E.L.P. Program has definitely helped me. Each day and step I took was improving skills and to become successful both academically and socially. There are so many people that made it possible for me to graduate. I would love to thank all my tutors who have not only helped me intellectually, but socially as well. Also a special thanks to my parents, Sara, Renna, Nancy, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Williams, and Vivian. Without all of these people I would not be able to call H.E.L.P. my second home.

My advice for younger students is that you may not believe when any staff member tells you that this is a new family or home for you, but this is 100% true. Each day of the school year you come into H.E.L.P. and are greeted and loved by each member in the building. I will never forget these days and will miss everyone. I love you all and what you have done for me.

## Phillip Pisters

I received a Bachelor of Science in Biological Science with a minor in chemistry and history, and I graduated in December of 2012. I am planning to attend Physician Assistant School in the fall. Next semester I will be back at Marshall taking some classes I need for my PA training. It was hard for me to realize that I would be graduating so soon. When I started as a freshman I had doubts I would make it due to my learning disability. As the date of graduation got closer I realized how far I had made it.

The H.E.L.P. Program was 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 for being my second mother, and my parents for giving me the opportunity to go to college. My advice for the younger students is that one only gets out of life what they put into it. Work hard and try the best you can in all of your classes.

## Dana Zambrotta

I received a Regent's Degree with a minor in parks and recreation. I am hoping to get a job in a national park like Yellowstone or Yosemite. I feel bittersweet about graduating. I am happy to have completed all of my schoolwork, but sad to leave my friends and the people who have supported me at Marshall. I would have never made it through without the support of the H.E.L.P. Program especially my tutors. I would like to thank my parents, the H.E.L.P. Program staff, and Sara Barker. I would also like to thank all my friends at the H.E.L.P. Program who became a family to me. My advice to the younger students is to never give up and always smile.

## Alex Slack

I am receiving my degree in Business Management, and plan to work at C.H. Bradshaw in Columbus, Ohio. I am beyond excited to graduate. While I have had my ups and downs throughout college like everyone else, I am truly amazed that I made it. Without the H.E.L.P. Program, graduating would not be possible. It has mainly helped me keep organized as well as motivated.

I would like to thank my parents first and foremost. My friends both here at school and those back at home who have supported me throughout the process. I would like to thank the H.E.L.P. Program for always being there when I needed anything. I would also like to thank the teachers and faculty at Marburn Academy because without their help and support, college would have never even been an option. My one word of advice is to stick with it. I have had a doubt several times in my college career. However, if you just simply stick with it and push through it, anyone can do it.