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From the Director's Desk

The H.E.L.P. Program hopes this newsletter finds you well. We would like to share some of the "happenings" that have taken place since our last newsletter, and I hope you will enjoy and share with others.

The spring semester has ended, and we celebrated with our graduates and their families. A graduation ceremony was held in Myers Hall, and we welcomed families and guests. New adventures and challenges will soon begin as we prepare for Summer Prep on June 6. Our new students are coming from 12 different states, and we are excited to be a part of their college journey. Myers Hall has welcomed medical students this spring and will continue to receive students throughout the summer months. New tutors have joined the Community H.E.L.P. family, and parents are busy working on their child's summer tutoring schedules. New and old friends were greeted at our Dr. Paul Skeens Memorial Scramble 4 H.E.L.P. in April at The Silo in Lavalette, WV, and we hope to continue the tradition next spring. Our Board of Advisors met in April, and we welcomed a new member, and past H.E.L.P. student, Amy Yost Parent, who is a second grade teacher at St. Joseph Grade School in Huntington, WV. In early April we honored Dr. and Mrs. White for their support and friendship throughout the past 19 years. We enjoyed sharing some time with good friends.

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With Deep Appreciation and Sincere Gratitude . . .

Dr. and Mrs. White Honored at Luncheon

Dr. and Mrs. George and Sandra White, from Portsmouth, Ohio, were recognized and honored with a luncheon on April 8, 2016 in Myers Hall. Dr. and Mrs. White have been on the H.E.L.P. Board of Advisors since 1997 and they established a scholarship in 2013 to assist students who are utilizing the services provided by the H.E.L.P. Program. Over the years, their personal involvement has been a tremendous support for our program in many areas.

Dr. White graduated from Sherman High School in Seth, W.V. prior to earning a Bachelor's of Science from Marshall University in 1963. He obtained a medical degree from the Medical College of Virginia in 1967 and did his internship at Emory University in Georgia. A decorated Vietnam veteran, Dr. White served one year with the Marine Corp overseas and another with the Navy stateside. After completing his military service, White completed his ENT Head and Neck Surgery at Ohio State University and subsequently set up a practice in Portsmouth. For more than 30 years, White was in private practice in Otolaryngology and Head & Neck Surgery with the assistance of his wife, who served as the office manager and bookkeeper. Mrs. White, a native of Louisville, K.Y., is a graduate of Notre Dame High School in Portsmouth, OH and holds a Bachelor of Arts from OSU. Dr. and Mrs. White have two children.



Congratulation May 2016

H.E.L.P. Graduates!

Your many years of hard work and determination have finally paid off, and the staff and tutors of the H.E.L.P. Center want to offer you a heartfelt and well deserved congratulations for achieving such an important educational milestone. Many times you may have doubted yourself, and there were many setbacks, challenges, and second-guesses along the way, but you found a way each and every time to continue moving forward, meeting each challenge with a single-minded determination to reach your goal. This is, of course, not the end. You will continue to learn, to grow, and to meet and overcome new and different types of challenges in your life. We would like to “wish you luck” in the future, but we know that it wasn’t “luck” that got you here. Instead, we wish you continued strength, determination, and a strong will to work your hardest to achieve the future successes that you want out of life. We are the ones lucky to have known you and to have worked with you. We wish you all the best and ask that you stay in touch.

- Brian Armbruster
- Chris Carr
- Michael Converse
- Gavin Evans
- Jacqueline Genter
- Daniel (Joey) Harless
- David Havens
- Lawrence Hayes
- Harry VanTrees
- Joseph Wilkinson
- Lindsey Johnson
- Chris Monsell
- Ryan Moore
- Luke Rapp
- Chris Robinson
- Daniel Scher
- Ryan Taylor

Graduate Goodbyes

Chris Monsell

I received my Bachelor of Science Degree in Public Health, and my future plans include getting a job that pays and to make the world a better place. I feel kinda nervous to be honest but I think I can handle it.

The H.E.L.P. Program showed me that while I have a learning disability, it's nothing to hide from, and it doesn't mean that I can't do great things.

I'd like to thank my Mom, Dad, my brother, and the people at the H.E.L.P. Program who helped make this possible. I'd also like to thank my friends who have been there through the times I wanted to give up, and lastly myself -- couldn't have done it without me.

I'd tell younger students to enjoy yourself because you only live once. Don't waste your time. You have so little of it, and once it's gone you're not getting it back. Show up to tutoring on time and ready because someone is paying for it, so you might as well get your money's worth. And lastly don't stress over so much. Enjoy yourself while you're here. Get work done earlier and go hang with friends on a Friday night. College doesn't always have to be about work all of the time. Take some time for just you

Joe Wilkinson

I received my Bachelor of Arts in History with a Minor in Business Management. I plan to seek a job to start immediately after graduation. I cannot wait for graduation as I end yet another stage in my life.

The H.E.L.P. Program helped to make sure that my work could be completed as needed and gave me people I could turn to when I had problems. In addition, it kept me accountable for studying for exams, polishing papers to perfection, and giving a space to complete required readings needed.

I wish to thank all of my tutors that I have had for giving me all the support I needed for my work. A special shoutout to Kim Corriher and Bill Christian for providing this and other support beyond my academic situations. I wish to thank all of the staff here at the H.E.L.P. Program for providing such a wonderful system to ensure that I could go to a college away from home and yet still have all the academic support I need. I also wanna thank my family for supporting at home and where else they live.

If there is one line of advice I could give to current, upcoming, and prospective students at Marshall: Read, read, read the required readings and take them seriously, they will really make class a lot easier for you.

Graduate Goodbyes

Gavin Evans

I earned my degree in Business Marketing, and my plans for the future is to work in Pittsburgh, PA in a market field job or sales.

I am very excited to be graduating, but at the same time I loved my four years here at Marshall, and I will never forget this great four years of meeting some of the greatest people on earth.

The H.E.L.P. Program helped a lot over my four years. I loved their tutors and how the program is set up.

I'd like to thank my parents and my great tutors over the years: Matt, Bryan, Katlyn, and Susie.

I would advise younger students to not let your schoolwork snowball. Always stay ahead of the game. But at the same time go out with friends and have fun. You're still young.

I hope this program stays running the way it is in the next many years.

Jacqueline Gentner

I earned my degree in Graphic Design, and after graduation I plan on trying to find a job in my field.

I'm excited about graduating, but I'm going to miss Marshall University

The H.E.L.P. Program has been a big help with guiding me through classes. My tutors have always been there for me with whatever I needed.

I'd like to thank my parents, John and Judy, and Amy for being my mother away from home.

I would tell younger students to enjoy your time and don't get too stressed.

Good luck!

Congratulations Students who earned a 3.00 or above G.P.A. Fall 2015

Ricky Adams
Johnathan Adkins
Rodney Allen
Mason Anderson
Brian Armbruster
Sapphire Atkinson
Olivia Barlas
Tori Black
Luke Braunlich
Rebecca Broadman
Matthew Brown
Chris Carr
Enjonaë Chambers
Annie Clayton
Megan Connolley
Michael Converse

MacKenzie Daniels
Chandler DeBord
Hannah Eidt
Gavin Evans
Karenann Flouhouse
Brendan Goodson
Joey Harless
Jacob Harter
Kyle Hatfield
David Havens
Christopher Hinson
Kieran Intemann
Lindsey Johnson
Steven Johnson
Jarrod Jordan
Isabelle Kawczynski

Emily Kinner
Jacqueline Kuzma
Kyela Leadman
Alex Lynn
Alex Market
Joe Matyas
Ellen McNamara
Kody Means
Chris Monsell
Katie Morrison
Brian O'Keefe
William Papageorge
Ethan Peake
Catie Pinson
Andrew Pisters
Phillip Pisters

Will Pollard
Stone Quillen
Meishon Raglin
Luke Rapp
Brendan Reardon
Skip Remington
Chris Robinson
Evan Robinson
Daniel Scher
Madison Silver
William Slone
Madison Steele
Tony Wahrman
Eric Wallar
Joe Wilkinson

Congratulations to our Spring 2016 Poetry Contest Winners!

Frustration is awful
My dreams always want me mad
My mad dreams are frustrating
-- Michael Converse

The Flower grows tall
Though a building blocks its lights
Maliciously silent
-- Joe Schwartz

Congratulations!

Congratulations to William Papageorge for receiving the 2016 Alumni Sponsored School-year Undergraduate Research Experience (ASSURE) scholarship. William was recognized at the American Chemical Society Awards night April 28, 2016.

Congratulations Students who earned a 3.00 or above G.P.A. Spring 2016

Andre Addison
Jonathan Adkins
Mason Anderson
Brian Armbruster
Nicholas "Jacob" Ashley
Sapphire Atkinson
Olivia Barlas
Rebecca Broadman
Matthew Brown
Patrick Carville
Enjonaë Chambers
Michael Converse
Meredith Currin
Mackenzie Daniels
Jonathan Decker
Hannah Eidt

Gavin Evans
Jacob Evans
Karenann Flouhouse
Jacqueline Gentner
Charles Hargadon
Daniel "Joey" Harless
Lawrence Hayes
Christopher Hinson
Matthew Holland
Madison Hunt
Kieran Intemann
Isabelle Kawczynski
Joshua Kennedy-Noce
Emily Kinner
Jacqueline Kuzma
Kyela Leadman
Jenna Lioi

Anthony Market
Megan McGehee
Ellen McNamara
Christopher Monsell
Ryan Moore
Jordan Morgan
Brian O'Keefe
Stephen Oxendine
William Papageorge
Ciera Penick
Andrew Pisters
Phillip Pisters
Stone Quillen
Luke Rapp
Brendan Reardon
Christopher Robinson

Evan Robinson
Nicholas "Jacob" Rogers
Daniel Scher
Joseph Schwartz
Madison Silver
Steven Tyler
Jonathan Washburn
Joseph Wilkinson

Writing Excellence!

In April, Sophomore Maddie Silver was one of just 24 students campus-wide to be recognized by the Marshall English Department for excellence in writing. Maddie took second place in the Upper Division category for Technical and Workplace writing for her report entitled "The Cost of College Textbooks." The report documented the increasing price of textbooks on college campuses, the disparity in costs incurred based on varying majors and alternate ways to disseminate textbook-based information which would be more cost effective, as well as would be more fitting with the use of technology by college students in the modern era.

Welcome New Community H.E.L.P. Tutors!

Community H.E.L.P. is delighted to welcome several new members to the team. Jamie Davis, Carrie Lake, and Melanie Grobe all come to us from Explorer Academy in Cabell County. Explorer Academy is committed to innovative teaching and the development of a growth mindset in their students. We are delighted to have these wonderful women share their skills with us and our students. We currently have a great mix of tutors that can meet the needs of our diverse student population.

Board Member Spotlight: Cecilia Underwood Ford

Cecilia Underwood Ford started her career in the classroom in 1976, and with forty years of teaching experience she brings much insight and enthusiasm to our board here at the H.E.L.P. Center. She received her undergraduate degree from West Virginia University in Elementary Education with a minor in Special Education. She received her masters from Marshall University in Learning Disabilities, where she studied under Dr. Guyer, the founder of the H.E.L.P. Center. From 1978-79, Cecilia taught in a resource room setting; 1976 was 3rd grade; 1977 was as an aide in Pittsburgh. Since then she has taught in Morgantown and Pinch, West Virginia, as well as Atlanta, Georgia. Since 1997, Cecilia has taught at Chesapeake Elementary in Kanawha County, WV. Cecilia writes, “[I] Absolutely love working with my students, having the opportunity to work with them for several years and seeing the progress they are able to make.” And after all of these years, she continues to love what she does every day in the classroom. Cecilia is married to Dr. Richard Ford, biology professor at West Virginia State University. She has two children, Mary and Quintin. When not in the classroom, Cecilia loves to read, run, and dance, and she has a liturgical dance ministry at Christ Church United Methodist, Charleston, WV. Cecilia is also the daughter of the late governor of West Virginia, Cecil H. Underwood.

As a 501c3 non-profit, the H.E.L.P. Center relies on the generous assistance and contributions, in whatever size or form, from people just like you to help us to achieve our mission of ensuring that students with a specific learning disability and/or A.D.H.D. receive the academic support and assistance needed to help them succeed at Marshall University and beyond. All of the staff, tutors, and students at H.E.L.P. offer their sincere thanks for any help that you might be able to provide.

A Simple Gift . . .

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