

## W E E K L Y   U P D A T E

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### **News: Academic Festival**

Friday, March 13, 2009

In order to celebrate student and faculty scholarship, MU will establish an Academic Festival. Approved by President Kopp, this Festival will be an annual multidisciplinary display of MU's research accomplishments open to the community, alumni, and prospective students. [More...](#)

### **Meet the Faculty: Dr. Karen Mitchell**

**Dr. Karen Mitchell** is a Professor in the Department of Mathematics and a long time advocate for strengthening math education statewide. Dr. Mitchell designs innovative methods and curricula that help teachers at all levels better educate WV students in Math. Dr. Mitchell currently teaches Math Methods and Materials; the History of Mathematics; and Projective Geometry. She is Chair of the committee working to develop an Academic Festival at MU. [More...](#)



### **Resource: On the Bottom Line, Good Teaching Tops Good Research**



In the article "[On the Bottom Line, Good Teaching Tops Good Research](#)," the author discusses how effective teaching methods can reduce student attrition. If students sense apathy from a professor, they can feel marginalized. On the other hand, if they connect with an instructor, it can make them feel valued and important. Thus, by being open to students, professors can influence a student's decision to stay enrolled.

Recommendations or suggestions for additional resources for the MU-ADVANCE Office can be sent to Heidi Williams: (willi143@marshall.edu).



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