

# Preceptor News



SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

## Welcome from Dr. Yingling

The last eight months have been exciting ones for Marshall University and the MU School of Pharmacy! We have cut the ribbon on a \$9 million newly-renovated education building, officially inaugurated our program, and completed our first semester with a class of 78 dynamic learners who will help change health care in our region in years to come. And we couldn't have accomplished much of this work without help from our community pharmacy friends and preceptors. I would be remiss if I didn't thank you for the hours of time you have invested in our educational program including our interview process. Your dedication is essential to our success and all of us at MUSOP appreciate your enthusiasm, expertise and commitment. As we move forward, please don't hesitate to contact me with your ideas and suggestions. We value your input!

Please take the opportunity to visit our website: ([www.marshall.edu/pharmacy](http://www.marshall.edu/pharmacy)) or visit our new school, and tour our innovative learning environments. It is an exciting time to be a pharmacist and to be part of the education of the next generation.

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Sincerely,

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## New Preceptor Resources and Planning for a new year



A very sincere thank you for the time and effort you have expended in the education of our students. Preceptors have already had a profound effect on the lives of students.

The School of Pharmacy continues to add new resources for our preceptors. The latest addition is the American Pharmacists' Association online pharmacy library which consists of 18 books including the *Handbook of Nonprescription Drugs* and *APhA's Immunization Handbook* among the 18 titles. This is in addition to *Drug Facts and Comparisons eAnswers* suite of products, *The Iowa Drug Information Service* and the vast holding of online journals and articles from Marshall University's Library Services. The first step in accessing these resources is having an active Marshall ID# and then downloading the Marshall [VPN](#) client for off-campus use. Gail, the administrative associate for experiential learning can help you through the process.

We are planning for the second year and will soon be having focus groups to develop evaluations and other aspects of rotations for the second year. Please join us for those meetings. -Rob-

## New to Experiential Learning



We have recently hired Gail Rice as Administrative Associate to assist me and the department with day-to-day assignments associated with Experiential Learning. Gail is enthusiastic about being involved with students and preceptors in the program. Prior to Marshall University, Gail was employed for 12 years by the University of Kentucky, College of Agriculture in Cooperative Extension at the Greenup County location. She has extensive administrative experience from Ashland Petroleum Company in Intellectual Property Law, Goodyear Atomic Uranium Enrichment Facility and Vercoe & Company Brokerage Firm. Her e-mail is: [ricerh@marshall.edu](mailto:ricerh@marshall.edu). Phone number is: (304) 696-7353.

### Interprofessional Education

Interprofessional education sessions have started among the Marshall University health professions. One of the outstanding features of a pharmacy degree at Marshall University is to work within an academic health center. To obtain the fullest benefit of an academic health center, health profession students need to understand the strengths of other professions and learn to work collaboratively. The health professions at Marshall University have come together to teach health care students collaborative team skills. Collaboration is essential for providing optimal patient care.

The School of Medicine, the School of Nursing, and other professions have joined the School of Pharmacy and have held joint interprofessional case-based learning activities to achieve effective interprofessional collaboration.



Over 300 pharmacy, medical, nursing, physical therapy, and communication disorder students participate in an interprofessional active learning class. Instructors from each discipline serve as facilitators.

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*“The concept of team-based health care that includes a physician, a pharmacist, a nurse, a physical therapist and others is truly essential for delivering the best care available to our patients,” said Dr. Kevin W. Yingling, dean of the School of Pharmacy. “As health care organizations emphasize the importance of a team-based approach, it’s incumbent upon higher education to ensure our students understand the process.”*

Approximately three-hundred students from medicine, pharmacy, nursing, physical therapy, social work and communications disorders attended the sessions.



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