



Marshall University Phi Kappa Phi Chapter 313 Continues to be a Chapter of Excellence

Marshall's Phi Kappa Phi Members Receive Awards

- ***Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship Award:*** Shawn Michael Cheeks was also awarded Phi Kappa Phi's "Fellowship" Award in June 2015. This \$5,000 award also will help to support his graduate studies.
- ***Phi Kappa Phi Love of Learning Award:*** Marshall Associate Professor of English, Dr. Allison Carey, was awarded Marshall's *Love of Learning* Award in September 2014.
www.marshall.edu/wamnewsletter/2014/09/30/carey-receives-2014-phi-kappa-phi-love-of-learning-award/
- ***Marshall Phi Kappa Phi Chapter Student Award Recipients:*** Shawn Michael Cheeks and Jessica Elaine Swiger each received \$500 awards from Marshall's Phi Kappa Phi chapter to help fund their graduate studies. Shawn, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science and Applied Mathematics from Marshall University in May 2015 is currently working toward a PhD in Atmospheric Science at Princeton University in Princeton, New Jersey. Jessica, who received her Bachelor's Degree in Exercise Science from Marshall in May 2015 is pursuing a Master's Degree in Physician Assistant Studies at Chatham University.

Marshall's Phi Kappa Phi Members Reach Out to the Community

- **Spring 2015 Book Drive:** Under the leadership of its student vice presidents (Shawn Cheeks, Bill Jones, Tuesday Moates-Simmons, and Danielle Ocheltree), Marshall's Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi partnered with the Honors College Student Association and the National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association to hold a book drive to benefit St. John's House. An outreach of St. John's Episcopal Church, St. John's House has been operating in a government subsidized housing community in Huntington, WV for over 15 years. It is an after-school program that provides meals and activities geared toward supporting children's social, emotional, and educational needs. Two Marshall University speech-language pathology graduate students (Chelsea Schmidt and Lauren Johnson) coordinated its after-school activities in 2014-2015, including provision of supplementary literacy instruction for all children living in the housing community. We collected 302 books, 242 of which were children's books that went directly to the after-school program. The other 60 books were donated to St. John's Church Summer Reading Camp and the Marcum Terrace Family Resource Center.
- **Literacy Grant:** The National Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi awarded Marshall's Local Chapter a Literacy Grant in the amount of \$2,500 to support St. John's House Tiny Talkers Program, a literacy program for preschool-aged children launched during the summer of 2015. www.marshall.edu/ucomm/2015/07/06/dr-mary-e-reynolds-awarded-phi-kappa-phi-literacy-grant/. A graduation ceremony was held for the Tiny Talkers on July 29, 2015. This is a link to an article in the Herald Dispatch www.herald-dispatch.com/news/mu-book-club-helps-communication-skills/article_0ab38033-1968-5dfe-9ec3-11123c1227ad.html
- **Fall 2015 DaVinci Lecture:** Marshall's Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi co-sponsored (with the Provost's Office and the Honors College) the fall 2015 Da Vinci Lecture. We welcomed Naomi Natale, Artistic Director for the Art of Revolution, who spoke on the topic, "The Art of Revolution," on September 25 at the Marshall University Visual Arts Center. Ms. Natale was presented an honorary membership in Marshall's Chapter of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. www.marshall.edu/ucomm/2015/09/18/director-of-the-cradle-project-one-million-bones-to-speak/