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King's Memory Honored through Annual Symposium

"Continuing the Legacy and the Struggle for Justice and Equality in the 21st Century" is the theme of the 9th annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Symposium, which will take place Jan. 19-21-22.



The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will be remembered in a series of events Jan. 19-22.

The symposium honors the late civil rights leader, who fought for racial justice.

Events include a roundtable panel discussion, a youth leadership forum along with a youth leadership and development program, a memorial service for Dr. King and a theatrical production for children. A high point will be the traditional march which begins at 5 p.m. Jan. 21 at the First Baptist Church, 801 6th Ave., and ends at the 16th Street

Missionary Baptist Church, 1647 9th Ave. Ken Hechler, former member of the House of Representatives and later, the West Virginia Secretary of State, will be the march's grand marshal.

"I think one of the real benefits is getting people together," said Dr. Rainey Duke, professor of English, who, along with Sylvia Ridgeway, president of the Huntington chapter of the NAACP, is co-chair of the event. "The traditional march gives you a sense of cohesiveness with the entire community. It's just a really moving and wonderful thing. All the community participates--both Marshall and the ministerial community are active."

The symposium was established by the Division of Multicultural Affairs and International programs in 1994 as an opportunity for Marshall University and the tri-state community to reaffirm King's goals for creating social justice and equality. In addition to the scheduled events, a Scholars' Awards Essay Competition is conducted for students at the undergraduate, high school, middle school and elementary levels, who are invited to write about the life of the slain civil rights leader.

The schedule of events includes: Jan. 19, Roundtable Panel discussion, 10 a.m.-noon, First Baptist Church, led by the Rev. Paul Willis, Sr.; Jan. 21, Investment in Youth Leadership Forum, Unlimited Future, Inc., 1650 Eighth Avenue, 10 a.m.-noon, coordinated by the Rev. Samuel Moore; 12:30-2:30 p.m., Youth Leadership and Development Program,

A.D. Lewis Community Center, 1450 A.D. Lewis Avenue, led by Prof. Philip W. Carter. The traditional march begins at 5 p.m.

Following the march, the centerpiece of the symposium, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Service, will take place at 6:30 p.m. This year's service will be presided over by the Rev. A.K. Surett with Dr. Wallace Charles Smith, senior minister of the Shiloh Baptist Church in Washington, D.C., as the principal speaker. Music will be presented by Marshall's Carter G. Woodson Gospel Choir. A reception will follow in the church fellowship hall.

Events will conclude with the presentation of the Saltworks Theatre Company of Pittsburgh's production of "Character Counts," which will be performed

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Tamiko Ferrell is Employee of the Month

Tamiko Ferrell, Residence Halls Director for the Department of Residence Services, has been named the Marshall University Employee of the Month for December, according to Jim Stephens, chair of the Employee of the Month Selection Committee.

Ferrell, who has been employed at the university for nearly four years, was nominated by Molly A. McClennen, assistant director of Residence Services, Aaron C. Earles, resident director, Hodges Hall, and Maureen Mulima, resident director of Twin Towers West.

In her nomination, McClennen wrote, "Tamiko has made significant improvements in the residence

halls. She has implemented a new programming model that promotes a sense of community among the residents. She plans monthly Thursday night events to educate residents about pertinent issues,

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President Dan Angel presents Tamiko Ferrell (left) with the plaque commemorating her selection as Employee of the Month, while Jim Stephens (right), Director of Human Resource Services, looks on.

Mini-Med School to Offer Monthly Sessions

Faculty, staff and students are invited to participate in a mini-medical school offered by Marshall's School of Medicine to provide the community with up-to-date information on health issues ranging from dementia to hypertension to precautions for international travel. All sessions are free and pre-registration is not required.

"There seems to be a pent-up demand for information in these areas just in the 500 people at this medical school," said Dr. Kevin Yingling, interim chair of Marshall's Department of Medicine. "These programs provide an opportunity to educate the public as well as allied health professionals about health problems and the interventions that have positive results in addressing them."

Sessions will meet at 6:30 p.m. on the ground floor of the MU Medical Center. A faculty specialist will

Marshall Artists Series Presents 'Can-Can de Paris'

The lights, the costumes and the glamorous dancers of French night life, recently depicted in the film, *Moulin Rouge*, come to life at 8 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 14 as the Keith Albee Theatre is transformed into a French music hall for the latest MU Artists Series offering.

Can-Can de Paris, a high-stepping extravaganza in the French tradition, will recreate the elegance and excitement of this unique era of entertainment. Using the talents of eight of the most sought-after American and French choreographers, eight new ballet and production numbers have been created to pay tribute to the unique energies and traditions that have been part of Parisian night life for years.

Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased through the MU Artists Series box office in the Joan C.

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speaking for approximately 30 minutes, and a 15 to 30 minute question and answer session will follow. After the first session, the programs will be on the second Tuesday of each month. Individuals who attend five of the nine programs will receive a special diploma reflecting their participation.

The program is funded by an unrestricted \$10,000 educational grant awarded by Pfizer through its Discovering Medical Science mini-medical school program. Shawnee Lewis, district manager for Pfizer, said Marshall's strong track record in keeping its graduates in West Virginia helped it win the competitive grant.

Dr. Maurice Mufson, chair emeritus of the Department of Medicine, will kick off the series at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 24 with a program on vaccines. A renowned infectious diseases researcher, he has conducted research at Marshall, and at other institutions, including the prestigious Karolinska Institute in Sweden. His research has been published widely in peer-reviewed journals, including the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

The monthly programs include, Feb. 12, Dementia, Dawn MacFarland, M.D.; March 12, Proper Use of Antibiotics, Thomas Rushton, M.D.; April 9, Sleep Apnea, Imran Khawaja, M.D.; May 14, Hypertension, Jayson Yap, M.D.; June 11, Polypharmacy, Lynne Goebel, M.D.; July 9, Asthma, Dr. Khawaja; Aug. 13, Travel Medicine, Dr. Ruston; Sept. 10, Depression, Stephen Cody, Ph.D.

Scholarship Established in Memory of E. Joann Price

The E. Joann Price Memorial Scholarship, which will provide financial assistance to students in the College of Education and Human Services, has been established.

The scholarship is funded by the Hershel C. Price Education Foundation and is named after Joann Price, Hershel Price's niece. Joann Price was a MU graduate and was trustee of the foundation at the time of her death.

The Dean of the College of Education and Human Services will award the scholarship to education majors from Huntington who are at least in their sophomore year. First priority will be given to women, in honor of Joann Price, and the scholarship may be renewed if the student maintains the required academic standards.

Jonna Hughes, director and trustee of the Hershel C. Price Education Foundation, and Chandos H. Peak, who is also a trustee, said the Memorial Scholarship is a perfect way to remember the Marshall graduate.

"Joann had a sparkling personality, and once you met her you would never forget her," Hughes said. "She graduated from Marshall with her teaching certificate. Her heart was always with Marshall."

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State Farm Grant Supports National Teacher Certification

State Farm Insurance has awarded a \$2,000 grant to Dr. Ron Childress, vice president for Graduate Studies on behalf of the Graduate School of Education and Professional Development, continuing a partnership with Marshall in its efforts to help teachers attain national certification.



Dr. Ronald Childress (center), Vice President of Graduate Studies, received the State Farm grant from Erin Bailey (left), Regional Public Affairs Specialist, and Herman Dixon, Agency Field Executive, both from the State Farm Insurance Companies.

The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) awards national board certification, the highest professional credential in the field of teaching, to teachers who successfully complete a rigorous performance-based assessment. The certification process takes nearly a year to complete.

The grant presentation is the latest part of State Farm's continuing five-year partnership with NBPTS to provide teachers throughout the nation the opportunity to attain National Board certification. To achieve certification, candidates must complete a portfolio of their teaching abilities and practices, followed by an eight-hour assessment. A total of 23 West Virginia teachers have attained National Board certification.

"State Farm has been an important partner in Marshall's Accomplished Teaching Project, which prepares teachers for the NBPTS accreditation process. Because of their continued support, we are working effectively to increase the number of high quality teachers in West Virginia," said Childress.

Weight Watchers Organizing on Huntington Campus

The resolve to shed pounds is especially fervent after the holidays--easy to think about but hard to do without support. So, organizers of a campus Weight Watchers program are inviting those who usually concede defeat after a few days or weeks to be part of a new campus group which will meet during the lunch hour, with a "get acquainted" meeting set for Jan. 24.

"Here at Marshall, we hope to get the New Year off to a good start by forming a Weight Watchers at Work group on campus," said Angela Jones, who, along with Peggy Egnatoff and Barbara Guyer, is one of the program's organizers. "A minimum of 10 participants are needed to establish this new group. The meetings would be held weekly over a 10-week period. The ease of attending meetings while at work

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Tamiko Ferrell

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like study skills or money management, in a fun, alcohol-free atmosphere. ... She also publishes a monthly newsletter to keep residents informed of coming events in the hall. Tamiko has implemented many academic programs in the residence halls that resulted in an increased overall GPA of 2.79. She was instrumental in establishing Substance Abuse Free Environment floors in the halls."

McClennen praises her expert handling of administrative tasks and her friendly attitude. "Tamiko is also a pleasure to work with because she is always smiling and friendly. She is professional and cares about the well being of students. Tamiko has a good work ethic...and is a true asset to Marshall's students. She is caring, professional and hard working."

Earles noted that Ferrell consistently goes above and beyond her job description to make the DRS a better functioning office. "Throughout each academic year, Tamiko plans several late night events on Thursday nights to give an alternative to students who are looking for something fun to do. She is well respected by everyone in our department as well as my many of the residents living in our halls." He adds that the recent IGC Spring Fling was a big success with many students taking part.

Mulima wrote that in her role as director of Residence Halls, Ferrell has "demonstrated great leadership skills, good interpersonal skills, and administrative skills. She has always been available for help to the students and staff and is also a good resource person. She is a great role model and has maintained professionalism in her position."

President Angel presented Ferrell with a plaque, balloon bouquet and a check for \$100. She will be eligible for the Employee of the Year Award.

South Charleston Wellness Program Begins

The candy canes are finally gone, the last cookie crumb has been devoured, and the bells have rung in 2002 with all those shiny new resolutions--better diet, more exercise, healthier lifestyle--just waiting to be kept.

And just in case anyone needs a resolution booster, the WV Prevention Resource Center, located in South Charleston, is sponsoring a Well At Work Program to provide Resource Center employees and staff on the South Charleston campus with a positive and supportive work environment for overall well being.

"Wellness is much more than maintaining a healthy weight," said Kathy Paxton, who along with Kathy Zimmerman, is coordinating the program. "It is about nurturing the body, the mind, and the spirit. It includes physical, mental, and spiritual health."

Participation in the program costs \$49 a year and is renewable each January. Participation includes:

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CTC Presents E-Entrepreneurship Series

A series of classes for e-entrepreneurs is being offered in the coming months by the Community & Technical College in conjunction with a consortium of community partners, including the West Virginia Small Business Development Center.

The classes will be held on Thursday evenings from 6:00-9:30 p.m. on the South Charleston campus.

Topics will be presented in three series which will include e-Commerce and Getting Started, Jan. 29 through Feb. 26; Designing/Maintaining a Web-Site for an e-Business, March 5 through April 9; and Planning/Financial Accounting for an e-Business, which begins April 16.

Participants can register for individual classes, a series of classes, or for all three series, according to Martha Pierson, program coordinator for Continuing Education and the Computer Learning Center.

For information on fees, individual class or series descriptions, or to register, contact her at 746-2062 or by e-mail at mpierson@marshall.edu. Registration can also be done by visiting the e-Entrepreneur web site at www.e101wv.com.

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- An initial on-site and confidential wellness assessment that includes blood pressure, body mass index, cholesterol and glucose screenings.
- Self-assessment guidelines and calendar
- Reduced health club fees
- Scheduled wellness time during work with a supervisor's permission/signature.
- Free seminars on topics such as stress management, substance use/abuse of work, parenting, and financial planning.
- Access to up-to-date information on wellness
- Walking maps of South Charleston
- Free Well At Work T-shirt and ID card
- Discounts at local sporting good stores

For additional information, or to enroll, call Kathy Paxton at 746-2077, ext. 816; or Kathy Zimmerman at 746-1992.

King Symposium

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for elementary school children and their teachers at 10 a.m. Jan. 22 in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse.

"The symposium is a perfect opportunity for Marshall University and our tri-state neighbors to keep the desire for social justice burning into the new century," said Dr. Betty Cleckley, vice president for Multicultural Affairs and International Programs. "By celebrating the ideals of Dr. King, we can continue to work toward a society where principles of justice and racial equality reign supreme over the archaic attitudes of intolerance and hate."

MU Foundation Elects Officers

Vincent G. Manzi, managing director of Banc One private client services, was re-elected president of the Marshall University Foundation, Inc. during its annual meeting held in December.

Other officers re-elected to one-year terms were John Jay White, first vice president; Monica J. Wilton Hatfield, second vice president; Earleen Heiner Agee, secretary, and Phil E. Cline, treasurer. Sherry H. Asbury is the Foundation's executive director.

Six new members, including five Marshall alumni, were elected to the 48-member foundation. The new members are Gale Y. Given, Joseph "Joe" Johns, Dr. Charles E. "Skip" Turner, F. Selby Wellman, Thomas R. Wilmink, II, and Elizabeth Weiler Jenkins.

C. Fred Shewey has been inducted into the Foundation's prestigious Circle of Gold. This honor is reserved for long-term members who have given exceptional service to the foundation and the university. Shewey is a longtime business and education leader from Mingo County who helped establish International Industries, Inc., in Gilbert, with business partner and fellow Marshall supporter James H. "Buck" Harless.

The Marshall University Foundation Inc. was established in 1947 as a non-profit, educational corporation to solicit, receive and administer private gifts on behalf of the university.

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Edwards Performing Arts Center. Box office hours are Monday through Friday from noon to 4 p.m. Tickets may also be ordered by phone at ext. 6656.

For more information on any of the shows lined up for the 65th anniversary season of the Series, visit the web site at www.marshall.com/muartsr/.

Weight Watchers

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is a huge incentive, according to many past attendees."

The Jan. 24 meeting will take place in the Jomie Jazz Center Forum at noon. Future meeting times and places will be established after the first meeting. In order to continue the program, participants need to be signed up by Jan. 31. As an incentive, fees can be paid in two installments, rather than in one lump sum.

Jones says that according to Weight Watchers International, dieting success is less about willpower than it is about having the necessary structure and support of others, while making key changes in eating and physical activity that are the cornerstone of healthy weight loss and a healthy lifestyle.

For additional information, contact Jones at ext. 3334, Peggy Egnatoff at ext. 6433, or Barbara Guyer at ext. 6317.