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Marshall Welcomes Students, Faculty for Fall Semester



Provost Sarah Denman (right) assists a student with a location on the first day of classes, Aug. 22.

Marshall University Provost Dr. Sarah Denman often refers to the start of another school year as “a new beginning.” As Marshall greeted students back to campus Monday, Aug. 22 for the first full day of classes, the word “new” might be more appropriate than ever.

“New, exciting

things are happening at Marshall University,” Denman said.

Marshall Display Wins Blue Ribbon at State Fair

In its second year as an exhibitor at the State Fair of West Virginia, Marshall University was awarded the “First Place Blue Ribbon” for its outdoor exhibit. More than 50 exhibits competed for this recognition, including



Pam Edwards, Special Projects Coordinator for the State Fair of West Virginia (right) presents the state fair blue ribbon for Outstanding Outdoor Display to Dr. H. Keith Spears, Vice President for Communications and Marketing at Marshall.

civic organizations, government entities and other learning institutions.

The Marshall exhibit featured a “Thundering Trivia” game show hosted by students, a “Marshall duck pond” with green ducks and prizes for younger fairgoers, and technology from the Nick J. Rahall, II Appalachian Transportation Institute (RTI) and Robert C. Byrd Institute.

“This award means a great deal to students, faculty and staff at Marshall who worked together to make this exhibit a success,” said Dr. Keith Spears, vice president for communications & marketing. “The State Fair offers us the perfect venue to reach nearly a quarter million visitors in 10 days..”

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All of that newness, combined with thousands of students flooding the campus after a relatively quiet summer at the university, makes this a special time of year, Denman said.

“It’s a new beginning for so many people, and to get to be a part of that – influencing lives and expanding people’s horizons – is very exciting,” she said. “Very few people get to do that.”

To mention just a few “new” highlights, MU has:

- A new president in Dr. Stephen J. Kopp, who was hired in June and assumed his duties on July 1;
- A new football coach in former MU player Mark Snyder;

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Sheila Fields Named Employee of the Month

Sheila Fields, Program Assistant I at the Mid-Ohio Valley Center, has been named the Marshall University Employee of the Month for July, according to Jim Stephens, chair of the Employee of the Month Committee.

Employed by Marshall since 1998, she was nominated by her supervisor, Homer K. Preece, director of MOVIC.

In his nomination Preece wrote, “Sheila is an exceptional employee. Never has she refused a duty or tasks and takes on all assignments with an exceptional attitude. I must comment on her desire to see a task completed, no matter how long it takes. During peak registration periods

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Sheila Fields (right) receives the Employee of the Month award from President Stephen Kopp.

Shortie McKinney Named Dean of Health Professions

West Virginia native Dr. Shortie McKinney, director of the Nutrition Center at Drexel University in Philadelphia for the past 15 years, has been named dean of Marshall University's College of Health Professions, according to Dr. Barbara Winters, dean of libraries.



Dr. Shortie McKinney

McKinney, a Logan High School honor graduate who received her B.S. in nutrition from Marshall in 1971, replaces Dr. Lynne Welch, who retired earlier this year. McKinney assumes her duties Sept. 1.

McKinney graduated magna cum laude from Marshall. She earned her master's degree in human nutrition from The Ohio State University in 1976 and her Ph.D. in food management from The Ohio State University in 1977.

Winters said the search committee was especially pleased by Dr. McKinney's "poise and ability to articulate and with her success in receiving funding for interdisciplinary grants. She has invigorating ideas and seemingly innate leadership skills. I am very eager to work with her over the coming years."

McKinney said she is excited about "coming home" to West Virginia after 28 years at Drexel, a private research university with traditional strength in undergraduate education. Through a merger four years ago, an emphasis on health was added to Drexel's traditional colleges with the addition of schools of public health, health professions and medicine. As department head of bioscience during the merger, McKinney actively promoted increased health-related education and research opportunities.

"There's a tremendous amount of potential to expand at Marshall," McKinney said. "I'm interested in working with the faculty and administration to determine in what areas expansion is logical. There certainly are many opportunities for people in health careers both locally and nationwide."

McKinney said she also is interested in supporting faculty in developing interdisciplinary projects within the College of Health Professions and with colleagues on campus outside the College.

"As a West Virginia native and Marshall alum, I'm interested in promoting health care in the entire southern West Virginia region," she said. McKinney said she has worked the past several years with school districts in Philadelphia to develop nutrition programs with a focus on promoting improved eating habits to foster healthy growth and development. She also has a strong interest in obesity and weight management.

McKinney started at Drexel in 1976 with its Department of Nutrition and Food Services, which merged with Bioscience in 1993. She was named director of the Nutrition Center in 1990. McKinney served as associate dean for research and graduate studies in the College of Arts and Sciences from 2001 to 2003.

Dr. Charles H. McKown, dean of the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine at Marshall said McKinney with her skills and experience "...brings both the qualifications and the qualities needed to provide the college's leadership at this important time."

College of Education Receives Gift of Software

Marshall University's College of Education and Human Services (CEHS) has received a donation of software totaling \$3,879 from Inspiration Software, Inc., according to Dr. William Carter, associate professor of Education who submitted the competitive grant request.

The grant is part of Inspiration Software, Inc.'s School of Education Licensing Program. Marshall will receive a 51-computer volume license of both Kidspiration and Inspiration, with accompanying reference materials and two licenses each of Inspiration for Palm OS and Inspiration for Pocket PC.

Kidspiration and Inspiration are used widely in schools across the country to accomplish curriculum goals using visual learning as implemented by the use of

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Robertson Joins RTI Maritime Institute

Retired Col. Dana Robertson has been named director of the National Maritime Enhancement Institute Consortium for Navigation Support and Analysis at Marshall's Nick J. Rahall II Appalachian Transportation Institute (RTI).

Robertson previously was coordinator of the Inland Waterways Academy at Marshall Community and Technical College, a position he assumed in 2002 after retiring from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Huntington District.

"Dana is familiar with maritime transportation issues both from government and industry standpoints," RTI Director Bob Plymale said. "He will work with federal and state organizations, as well as industry and research entities to develop a vision and goal to support economic development efforts along our region's river systems."

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Profile: Deborah Dorsey

A series on interesting Marshall University people.



Deborah Dorsey

When new hire Deborah Dorsey went to the Human Resources Office 25 years ago to decide on retirement options, retirement was the farthest thing from her mind.

"I couldn't imagine thinking that far ahead in the future," she recalls. Time seemed endless back then and while she's not ready to cash in those options just yet, she's amazed at the swift passage of time and the changes that have taken place in her life since she began work in Marshall's bookstore.

She's been there during her whole university career. Currently she's a trade manager who works mainly ordering non-textbooks such as reference books, and in particular, medical books.

"I work a lot with medical students and doctors to help them obtain their selection of books," Dorsey says. She also takes care of the computer area, which consists of computer sales, software and other supplies. "It's always busy here," she says. "Even when there isn't a heavy flow of customers, there is a lot of paperwork and phone calls to handle."

In addition to all her other duties, she coordinates the appearance of authors who frequently come to campus for book signings.

She's upbeat, positive and a good listener, all qualities that are helpful in dealing the public. "I like meeting people, and we get people who come to the bookstore from all over the country. Some are alums--many graduated in the 1950s and even before. Some have kids or grandchildren who attended Marshall or are going to be students. Sometimes people who are driving through Huntington will stop in because they've heard of Marshall. Many buy Marshall items because their name is Marshall. I always enjoy hearing their stories."

Actually Dorsey and her husband, Thomas, have two sons who seem destined to become future Marshall students. Marshall has played a big role in the Dorsey family as Deborah and Thomas, who works in the accounting office, met as co-workers and later married.

Both sons, Stephen, 15, and Justin, 12, are talented musicians who play tuba. Stephen, who has received glowing accolades from his band directors, is a member of his high school band and hopes to major in music at Marshall and be a member of the Marching Thunder. Justin also excels in music and shows every sign of following in his older brother's footsteps. Actually, the two enjoy a friendly rivalry. "Justin says his goal is to be better than his brother," his mother says with a smile.

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Sheila Fields

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she is always the last to leave. She always works until the last student is advised/registered. Sheila has given many hours of her personal time to the university. Whether it is working at the Mason County Fair or while she is shopping...she is never too busy to answer questions for students or potential students."

The nomination continues, "She is a dedicated worker, knowledgeable about university policies and a great advisor to students. Sheila understands the importance of a higher education. When she started with the university she did not have any credits towards a college degree. Since then she has received three degrees—an associate degree, bachelor's degree and a master's degree. She is still taking classes towards that fourth degree. She only wants to be the best....there are not enough adjectives to describe her."

Fields was presented with a plaque, a balloon bouquet and a check for \$100 from President Stephen Kopp.

State Fair

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"In their decision, the judges noted the friendliness of people working the booth at the Marshall exhibit and remarked how the MU booth appealed to visitors of all ages," said Pam Edwards, Special Projects Coordinator for the State Fair of West Virginia. "We look at these awards as a way to recognize the accomplishment of exhibitors who exceed expectations with their booth and create one more reason to visit the State Fair."

Staff Council Seeks Nominations

The Classified Staff Council is accepting nominations for the vacant position in the Executive Administrative and Managerial Group (EEG Group 10). This position became available following the resignation of Jody Perry. The unexpired term runs through June 30, 2007.

Nomination information has been sent to Group 10 members. Any full-time or part-time permanent employee in this group who has completed at least one year of consecutive service at Marshall University is eligible to serve on the Staff Council.

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Faculty and Staff Achievements

Professor Dee Fike, chair of the Clinical Lab Sciences Department in the College of Health Professions, recently attended the American Society for Clinical Lab Sciences conference in Orlando, Fla. While there she was presented with the Kendall Professional Achievement Award in her discipline of immunology/immunohematology. She received the award for her presentations at local, state and national meetings and for her contributions to The Body of Knowledge content that are the expectations for Clinical Laboratory Sciences for the Associate and Bachelor degree graduates upon completion of the curriculum. The award was also given for her participation on the Consumer Response Team which answers questions regarding patient laboratory result values.

Deborah Dorsey

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The boys come by their talents naturally as their mother is from a musical family. Dorsey has sung in her church choir, was a member of another group when she was a teenager, and with her sister and a friend, performed in a trio for several years.

"Music has always been a big part of my life and I've passed it on to my sons," she says proudly. "My mother was a singer so I grew up with music. I'm glad both boys are interested in pursuing it."

Dorsey has seen a lot of changes since she came to campus that long-ago day but most of them have been for the good, she believes. And she's mellow with change. "I just go with the flow," she says with an easy laugh. She's flexible and always up for a challenge. When the Marshall bookstore was leased to the Follett chain 10 years ago, several changes were made, but she adapted well.

"The store is larger now, for instance. We all had to learn our way around new ways of doing things but we did. There's no point in being negative. If you have a frame of mind where you don't like something, then you're not going to be happy. But I've learned that change can be a good thing. After all, look at all the wonderful changes that have been made in my life since I came to Marshall!"

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In 2003 the Maritime Administration designated RTI as one of seven National Maritime Enhancement Institutes. Huntington is regarded as the nation's largest inland port.

Software Gift

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graphic organizers. The company says scientifically based research has demonstrated that a research base exists to support the use of graphic organizers for improving student learning and performance across grade levels in a broad range of content areas.

"We are pleased to be able to instruct our pre-service teachers in the use of Inspiration Software because it is a great tool to encourage critical thinking and to reach educational standards through visual opportunities for writing and thinking," said Dr. Jane McKee, associate dean of the COEHS. "By enabling our pre-service teachers to use this software program we also serve the PreK-12 students in the classroom who get the benefits of this program."

Carter said as he was searching for something new to help pre-service teachers become better prepared for today's classrooms, he heard glowing reviews of Inspiration's software programs from teachers who had used them.

"I am excited about the potential for this software as we strive to continue to prepare bright teachers with bright futures." Carter said.

Marshall Welcomes

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- Four new deans – Dr. Paul Uselding, Lewis College of Business; Dr. Rosalyn Templeton, College of Education and Human Services; Dr. Corley Dennison, W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications; and Dr. Shortie McKinney, College of Health Professions;
- A new language course offering Mandarin Chinese, which is the most widely spoken language on the planet;
- New artificial turf on the Joan C. Edwards Stadium playing field, which will be tested officially for the first time in the season opener against William & Mary at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 1;
- A new athletic league in Conference USA;
- Extended hours in the Drinko Library, which now will remain open until 1 a.m. Sunday through Thursday;
- 70-80 new faculty;
- A new relationship with Pullman Square in downtown Huntington, thanks to a shuttle service offered by The Transit Authority, beginning Aug. 22;
- A new record number of Marching Thunder members, with approximately 300 currently in band camp, preparing for the upcoming football season.

The start of school also means the return of heavy traffic, both vehicular and pedestrian, around Marshall's Huntington campus. James E. Terry, director of public safety at MU, said drivers should be aware of the 35 mph speed limit near campus, and that Marshall police officers will be enforcing that speed limit at all times.

Faculty members joining Marshall and their colleges include: Van F. Anderson, COEHS; Melissa Atkins, COLA; Stanley Marshall Angle, COEHS; Sean Beavers, COFA; Dixie Billheimer, MUGC; Laura Boswell, COEHS; William Capehart, MUGC; Kairui Chen, COS; Byron Clercx, COFA; Menashi Cohenford, COS; George Davis, COLA; Cary Dixon, COHP; Elena Ermolaeva, COLA; Norah C. Esty, COS; Diana Fisher, COS; Linda Geronilla, COEHS; Ana Hermoso Gonzalez, COLA; Kelli P. Grady, COLA; Paul Hamilton, COB; Rebecca Hoff, COLA; Christine Huhn, COLA; Sangmoon Kim, COLA; Roxanne Kirkwood, COLA; Yulia Koslova, COFA; Eric Lassiter, COLA; Anhson Le, COB; Rex E. McClure, COB; Charles Edward Meadows, COLA; Bratoljub Milosavljevic, COS; Patricia Myers, MUGC; Maryl Neff, SOHMC; Huong Nguyen, COS; Susan Onofrio, COFA; Jennifer Perry, COHP; Annie Protopapas, CITE; Sandra Prunty, COHP; Donna M. Robinson, COHP; Samuel Securro, Jr., MUGC; Boris Sorkin, COSD; Sandra Stroebel, MUGC; Vicki P. Stroehrer, COFA; Donna Sullivan, COLA; Jenette Williams, COFA; Wendy Williams, COLA.

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The completed nomination form must be returned to Charlene Hawkins in the Staff Council Office no later than 4 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 8. Nominations will not be accepted after that date.