

# We Are...Marshall!

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## Inauguration, Commencement Culminate Academic Year

### Kopp Sworn In April 21

Dr. Stephen J. Kopp was inaugurated as Marshall University's 36<sup>th</sup> president April 21 at the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center on MU's Huntington campus.

Kopp's wife, Jane, and other family members attended the inauguration. They included the Kopp's daughter Elizabeth, son-in-law Matt, and granddaughter Rachel; and the Kopp's son, Adam.



Gov. Joe Manchin III (right) congratulates President Kopp after administering the oath of office. Looking on is Jane Kopp.

Kopp, president at Marshall since July 1, 2005, was sworn in by West Virginia Gov. Joe Manchin. Kopp described the day,

which included inauguration-related events before and after the actual ceremony, as a "Marshall University Day of Celebration," and said he is deeply humbled and

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### "We Are Marshall" Movie Ends Filming in Huntington



Several thousand Marshall alumni, faculty and staff, as well as community members, joined in the filming of the final scene of the Warner Bros. picture, "We Are Marshall." The production has now moved to Atlanta for approximately 10 weeks of additional filming.

### Byrd to Speak at Commencement

Sen. Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., will be the keynote speaker at Marshall University's 169<sup>th</sup> commencement, which begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 6 at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena.

Byrd has represented West Virginia continuously in the United States Senate since 1958, and has served longer in the Senate than anyone in West Virginia history. He also the distinction of having held more leadership positions in the Senate than any senator of any party in Senate history.



Sen. Robert C. Byrd

"We are very honored that Senator Byrd has agreed to serve as our commencement speaker," Marshall President Stephen J. Kopp said. "He is truly the preeminent American statesman and he speaks

on such a high plane. And, of course, he's done so many incredible, worthwhile things for the state."

Byrd has been elected by West Virginia voters to eight consecutive six-year terms in the U.S. Senate. He has

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### Judy Rogero Named Employee of the Month

Judy Rogero, Administrative Secretary, Athletics/Women's Basketball, has been selected as the Marshall University Employee of the Month for March, according to Jim Stephens, chair of the Employee of the Month Committee.



President Kopp (left) presents the Employee of the Month Award to Judy Rogero.

Rogero, who has been at Marshall for 14 years, was nominated by Royce Chadwick and Roxanne White.

In their nomination they wrote, "Judy is extremely reliable and efficient. She is responsible in all aspects of our office. She is willing to stay as

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# Annual Awards Recognize Outstanding Faculty

Thirteen faculty members were honored with awards of distinction and 17 retiring faculty were honored during the spring general faculty meeting on April 20. President Stephen J. Kopp and Faculty Senate Chair Larry Stickler addressed the meeting.

Dr. Barbara P. Guyer, founder and director emeritus of Marshall's H.E.L.P. program, received the Hedrick Outstanding Faculty Award. The Hedrick Award winner receives \$5,000 through a grant from Charles B. and Mary Jo Locke Hedrick. The award is named in honor of



Dr. Barbara Guyer (left), received the Hedrick Award from Provost Sarah N. Denman.

Charles Hedrick's father, Charles E. Hedrick, a former history professor and later chairman of the Graduate Council, and one of the founders of Marshall's graduate program. Guyer has been at Marshall since 1975, when she was hired as a faculty member in special education and director of the learning disabilities program. In 1981 she founded the H.E.L.P.

(Higher Education for Learning Problems) program, which since has grown from three students with two employees to 200 students with 10 full-time employees and 50 part-time employees. Guyer retired as director of H.E.L.P last August but continues to serve as director emeritus while teaching graduate courses in special education.

Dr. Stephen E. Fish, professor in the department of anatomy and pathology in the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine received the Marshall & Shirley Reynolds Outstanding Teacher Award. The Reynolds Award includes a \$3,000 stipend and all full-time faculty members who have completed three or more years of service at Marshall are eligible.

Fish came to Marshall in 1986 and has been a full professor in the department of anatomy, cell and neurobiology (now the department of anatomy and pathology) since 1995.

Dr. Marybeth Beller, assistant professor of political science; Dr. Darlene Daneker, assistant professor of counseling; and Dr. Kimberly DeTardo-Bora, assistant professor of criminal justice, each received the Pickens-Queen Excellence in Teaching Award, which carries with it a \$1,000 stipend. The award honors outstanding junior faculty. All full-time tenure-track faculty who are at the instructor/assistant professor rank and who have completed six or fewer years at Marshall are eligible.

Beller is described by Dr. Simon Perry, longtime professor of political science at Marshall as "a remarkable teacher. Both our faculty and students have the utmost respect for her," he said.



Dr. Stephen Fish (right), received the Reynolds Award from Dr. Dale Shao.

Daneker's colleague, Dr. Linda L. Maier, said Daneker is outstanding in her ability to make contact with her students.

"Not just teaching the material, but rather teaching *them* the material, personalizing it, and translating it into understandable and

meaningful information," Maier said. "Her students enjoy themselves in the process, chuckling at her dry wit, while feeling personally embraced in her cooperative teaching style."

Criminal justice graduate student Joy Upton said she has been more inspired by DeTardo-Bora than any other professor. "She is not only a wonderful professor, and caring individual, but truly a lifelong friend," Upton said.

Seven faculty received the Distinguished Service Award. To qualify, faculty members must have at least 20 years of service at Marshall, a distinguished record of service to the university, and a record of distinguished teaching as evidenced by peer, administrative and/or student evaluations.

Each Distinguished Service Award winner receives \$1,000. They are:

- Dr. Daniel Babb, professor, 33 years, College of Science, Physical Science
- Dr. Elaine Baker, professor, 34 years, College of Liberal Arts, Psychology
- Janet Dooley, associate professor, 27 years, School of Journalism and Mass Communications
- Dr. Alan Gould, professor, 37 years, College of Liberal Arts, History
- Dr. Barbara Guyer, professor, 31 years, College of Education and Human Services, School of Education

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## We Are...Marshall!

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## Faculty Awards

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- Dr. Edwina Pendarvis, professor, 27 years, College of Education and Human Services, School of Education
- Dr. Fran Simone, professor, 21 years, Graduate School of Education and Professional Development



Dr. Steven Banks (left) and Dr. Eric Blough were recipients of Distinguished Artists and Scholars Awards.

Two faculty members received the Distinguished Artists and Scholars Award. To be eligible, a faculty member must either be tenured or hold a tenure-track appointment. The purpose of the award is to recognize distinction in the fields of artistic and scholarly activity on the part of Marshall faculty.

The 2005-06 Distinguished Artists

and Scholars Awards were given to:

- Dr. Steven Banks, associate professor in the College of Education and Human Services, senior recipient for excellence in Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities, Education and Business
- Dr. Eric Blough, assistant professor in the Department of Biological Sciences, junior recipient in all fields

Also honored were 17 retiring faculty members with a combined 386 years of service. They are:

- Dr. Murray Batt, Internal Medicine, 5 years
- Dr. Raymond Busbee, Exercise Science, Sport & Recreation, 25 years
- Dr. William Crockett, Engineering, 36 years
- William Downs, Psychiatry & Behavioral Medicine, 19 years
- Dr. David Duke, History, 34 years
- Dr. Rainey Duke, 33 years
- Dr. Susan Ferrell, School of Education, 21 years
- Dr. Bertram Gross, Communication Studies, 28 years
- Charles Gruber, History, 38 years
- Dr. Dolores Johnson, English, 17 years
- Dr. John Kiger, Exercise Science, Sport & Recreation, 5 years



Distinguished Service Award winners included (from left) Dr. Fran Simone, Janet Dooley, Dr. Daniel Babb, Dr. Alan Gould, Dr. Barbara Guyer, and Dr. Edwina Pendarvis.

- Dr. Paul Lutz, History, 18 years
- Dr. J. Terence McQueeney, Modern Languages, 28 years
- Dr. Susan Power, Art, 15 years
- Dr. Herbert Tesser, Engineering & Computer Science, 13 years
- Dr. Lynne Welch, Dean, College of Health Professions, 15 years
- Dr. David Woodward, History, 36 years

## Judy Rogero

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long as it takes to get the job done. Judy makes it fun to come to work. Judy took all of our camp phone calls with patience and a smile...she is truly wonderful."

She was presented with a plaque, balloon bouquet and a check for \$100 by President Kopp.

## Spring Yard Sale Set for May 15-16

Marshall's Central Receiving department will be holding its annual spring yard sale Monday and Tuesday, May 15-16 in the Arts Warehouse.

The old saying, "one person's trash is another person's treasure" holds true for this sale, according to Carol Skaggs, who is coordinating it. "We have a lot of treasures," Skaggs said.

There's a wide array of items available, including vehicles, desks, copiers, chairs, cafeteria equipment, a table saw and much more.

Bids will be taken on both days from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., with items going to the highest bidders. The sale is open to faculty, staff and the general public.

For additional information or if anyone has questions, contact Skaggs at ext. 6-6678, or at [skaggs@marshall.edu](mailto:skaggs@marshall.edu).

## Faculty and Staff Achievements

**Marcia J. Booth**, General Studies Department of the Marshall University Community and Technical College, was appointed to the conference committee of the World Multi-Conference on Systemics, Cybernetics, and Information 2006 as a reviewer by conference chairman Dr. Nagib Callaos. This is the third consecutive year that she has been reviewed, evaluated and had papers chosen to be presented. The conference takes place in Orlando, Florida July 16-19.

**Dr. Stephen D. Cooper**, assistant professor of communication studies, wrote the entries on Media Bias and Journalistic Ethics in an eight-volume set, "Social Issues in America" published by M.E. Sharpe. A description can be found at <http://www.mesharpe.com> under "New Releases."

# President Kopp

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honored to have the privilege of serving as MU's president.

"Each day is a new learning experience, a new opportunity to excel and contribute," Kopp said. "I have observed a great deal during my brief sojourn here and have found a renewed sense of purpose that has been shaped by the people I have come to know, respect and admire."

Kopp told the audience at the performing arts center that Marshall stands at a crossroads in its history.

"The future, uncertain as it is, lies ahead," Kopp said. "Our vision of that future resides in our hearts, minds and souls. It will be shaped and reshaped by our imagination, creativity, aspirations and strategies for accomplishing them. The time is now for leadership and cohesive commitment. The time for action to manifest our vision is now, so let's get moving!"

Prior to his appointment at Marshall, Kopp had been serving as a special assistant to the chancellor with the Ohio Board of Regents. Previously he was provost for two years at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. Kopp also was founding dean of the Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow College of Health Professions at Central Michigan University, and founding dean of the College of Allied Health Professions at Midwestern University. He also served in a variety of positions for nearly 20 years at the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Kopp received his B.S. in Biology in 1973 from the University of Notre Dame, and his Ph.D. in Physiology and Biophysics in 1976 from the University of Illinois at Chicago. He was a postdoctoral fellow at St. Louis University Medical Center, department of physiology, and a research fellow and NIH fellow in the department of biochemistry at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Manchin praised Kopp for his accomplishments at Marshall since he became president less than 10 months ago.

"While today we officially celebrate him as Marshall University's 36<sup>th</sup> president, Dr. Stephen Kopp has already made a tremendous impact upon this institution," Manchin said. "In less than 10 months on the Marshall campus, Dr. Kopp has exhibited outstanding leadership and vision that is moving Marshall University to a new level of success as a research and educational leader."

Manchin also noted the similarities between Kopp's Strategic Vision, introduced publicly last fall, and his own vision for West Virginia.

"He was instrumental in bringing a very fresh approach to the development of Marshall's new Strategic Vision plan – a seven-year working plan for the future development of the institution that harnesses the input of every stakeholder in the Marshall University community," Manchin said of Kopp. "This plan mirrors similar efforts that we're instituting with success on the statewide level and puts Marshall University firmly on a path for future academic growth, positioning the university to be an engine for economic growth in our state and region."

Kopp has worked closely with many people at Marshall and in the community since coming to Marshall.

"We absolutely have selected the right man for the right time at Marshall University," said A. Michael Perry, member and past chair of the MU Board of Governors. "With his considerable background in medicine, science and technology, Dr. Kopp is almost uniquely qualified to

take advantage of the opportunities that have been created at Marshall by his predecessors.

"With the significant emphasis on these areas and the development of a variety of new programs, particularly in research and engineering, we are optimistic that Marshall is well on its way to becoming less of a commuter university, and more of a university of destination in which the students not only from West Virginia, but from throughout the country, will benefit from a total academic experience."

Dr. Charles Somerville, interim head of the department of biological sciences at Marshall, said the university's future appears bright under Kopp's leadership.

"This is an exciting time for Marshall University," Somerville said. "Dr. Kopp has put some very bold initiatives on the table, but his approach to implementing them is deliberate and fiscally responsible. That's a nice balance, and I think it bodes well for our future."

Provost Sarah Denman said she expects Marshall to reach new levels of excellence under Kopp's leadership. "He brings the right balance of experience, vision and scholarship to this institution that will lead us into the next chapter of our history," Denman said.

Menis Ketchum, a member of the Board of Governors since 2002 and its current chair, said, "President Kopp's leadership has invigorated the Board of Governors' vision as to Marshall's role for the future in the development of our community and the state of West Virginia."

And Larry Stickler, president of Marshall's faculty senate, said Kopp and the faculty work well together. "The Marshall University faculty are poised to join President Stephen J. Kopp in his quest to realize the incredible potential of Marshall's intellectual community," Stickler said.

# Byrd

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carried all 55 counties several times and, in 2000, carried all but seven of the state's 1,970 precincts. He also has cast more votes – 17,500 – than any senator in history.

Byrd received what he considers his greatest honor in May 2001 when West Virginia Gov. Bob Wise and both Houses of the West Virginia Legislature named him "West Virginian of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century." He said he is looking forward to speaking at Marshall.

"What an exciting time to graduate from college and set forth on life's journey," Byrd said. "There are enormous opportunities ahead for our young people, opportunities that come with challenges and responsibilities. I look forward to speaking at this year's Marshall University commencement. I want to encourage the graduates to hold fast to the West Virginia values which can serve as the Pole Star of their journeys in the days and years ahead."

Byrd earned his law degree, cum laude, from American University in Washington, D.C., in 1963. He was awarded his Bachelor of Arts degree in political science, summa cum laude, by Marshall University in 1994.

As part of the commencement ceremony, both Byrd and Timothy L. Haymaker, a Marshall alumnus who served as chair of the recently completed Campaign for National Prominence, will receive honorary doctoral degrees.