

# We Are...Marshall!

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## Marshall Community Remembers Joan C. Edwards

The funeral for philanthropist Joan C. Edwards, who died May 7 in Cabell Huntington Hospital, took place Thursday May 11 at Trinity Episcopal Church.



Joan C. Edwards  
1918-2006

At her request, the six pallbearers at the funeral included three former Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine Students wearing their white coats and three current Marshall football players wearing their jerseys. Also at her request, music was performed by a Marshall jazz combo during the funeral service.

"Joan Edwards was a glamorous and genteel person—charitable, visionary, gracious, sophisticated, insightful and very, very intelligent," said Dr.

Charles H. McKown Jr., dean of the School of Medicine. "One of her passions was good health, and with virtually all of her passions she had one significant perspective: to focus her resources to provide long-lasting, far-reaching benefits.

"In health, she made her impact known through Marshall's medical school and the cancer center, which has brought to our region a new level of care for malignant illness. The people who will benefit most from her efforts are not necessarily those of us here today but our children, our grandchildren and many generations to come."

Bob Marcum, director of athletics, described Edwards as "an amazing woman who touched countless people through her generosity."

Marcum added, "She and her husband loved the Thundering Herd and their contributions to athletics are immeasurable. The fact that our football team plays in Joan C. Edwards Stadium and on James F. Edwards Field is a testament to their incredible legacy."

Dr. Marshall Onofrio, chair of the music department noted Edwards' many contributions to the arts at Marshall.

"Mrs. Edwards' contributions to the arts range from the performing arts center that bears her name to the jazz center which reflects the names of her and her husband, and the jazz studies program which was her inspiration," Onofrio said. "With her support we initiated Jazz-MU-Tazz, which this year will celebrate its eighth festival." Onofrio said many Marshall students have been impacted by Edwards' generosity and encouragement.

"I am sure that several music students will remember fondly their meeting Mrs. Edwards at luncheons and receptions where she never failed to encourage them to pursue their dreams," Onofrio said.

President Stephen Kopp said Edwards was a role model for people who wish to make a positive difference in the world. "She was a boundary-breaker, someone who refused to let others limit her in any way," Kopp said. "In many ways her love of jazz music and the performing arts were metaphors for Joan's persona and life.

"She was a strong-willed individual who lived up the room wherever she was. She encouraged women to make an impact in areas that in her view had been male dominions for too many years, like medicine. That impact is evident in Marshall University's medical school, which is named for Joan. It is the first in the country to be named after a woman."

## Ida Reed Named Employee of the Month

Ida Reed, Administrative Secretary Sr., in the Division of Exercise Science, Sport and Recreation, has been named the Marshall University Employee of the Month for April, according to Jim Stephens, chair of the Employee of the Month Selection Committee.

An employee of Marshall for 29 years, she was nominated by Eric Arnold, Bob Barnett, Raymond Busbee, Jeff

Chandler, Ronda Childress, Jennifer Mak, Mary Marshall, Bill Marley, Dan Martin, Jean-Claude Martin, Gary McIlvain, Sandra Parker, Freda Richardson, Dave Robertson, Rick Robinson, Lynn Snyder and Sharon Stanton.

In their nomination they wrote, "Ida began work at



Ida Reed (left) received her Employee of the Month plaque from President Kopp.

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# Spatig Appointed Drinko Fellow for 2006-2007

Dr. Linda Spatig, professor of Advanced Educational Studies and co-director of the Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Gender in Appalachia, is the Drinko Academy Fellow for 2006-07.



Dr. Linda Spatig

To allow faculty members more academic research time, the John Deaver Drinko Academy for American Political Institutions and Civic Culture began appointing Drinko Academy Fellows in 1994. The fellows receive reduced teaching loads for an academic year and summer and undertake original research for curriculum development.

In addition the fellow is allowed to select a Drinko Student Scholar, a student who will help the fellow with research. Spatig has selected Heaven Rangel, a graduate student working on her master's degree in secondary education.

Spatig's research will be collaborative ethnography with the Lincoln County Girls Resiliency Program. The idea of the program is to provide teenage girls with the opportunity

## Harmony Institute Receives Gannett Grant

A check for \$6,000 from the Gannett Foundation has been presented to the Marshall University Harmony Institute.

The check was presented by Pete Zanmiller, president and publisher of The Herald-Dispatch. Dr. Betty Jane Cleckley, vice president of Multicultural Affairs, said the money will be used to support the Harmony Institute and its "New Passages into the Underground Railroad" program in particular.

The Gannett Foundation supports local organizations in communities where Gannett Co., Inc. owns a local daily newspaper or broadcast station. Gannett owns The Herald-Dispatch.

The Harmony Institute, created in 1997, is dedicated to fulfilling the university's multicultural mission through community engagement.

The "New Passages into the Underground Railroad" program will serve as a regional site to document and exhibit

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## We Are...Marshall!

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to develop leadership skills, according to Spatig. She has been working with the program since 1999, doing evaluative research as her time permitted.

Spatig will work with 50 girls from Hamlin and Duval high schools. She will also do follow-up research on girls who have been in the program in the past, and what experience the program has had on their lives.

## Plans Complete for Service Awards Luncheon

Marshall University's 22nd annual Service Awards Luncheon will take place Wednesday, May 24 from noon to 2 p.m. in the Don Morris Room in the Memorial Student Center on the Huntington campus. In addition to the service awards, the Employee of the Year will be named at that time.

The following is the list of university and community and technical college staff members who will receive awards:

### Marshall University

*15 Years of Service:* Anna Abbas, Barbara Becker-Cottrill, Thomas Bergquist, Judy Blevins, Pamela Bowen, Gina Broce, Charles Carico, Linda Eastham, Tami Fletcher, Selma Johnson, Christopher Kennedy, Beverly Lee, Michael Meadows, Mark Nethercutt, Karen Owens, Ron Schelling, Barbara Simpkins, Sherri Stepp, Patsy Sword, Barbara Tubbs, Debra Wood, and Victoria Wucher.

*20 Years of Service:* Steve Alexander, Dianne Anestis, John Ball, Linda Bowen, Jonathan Brown, Virginia Campbell-Turner, Leslie Cavender, Harold Cook, Donald Damron, Pamela Hamilton, Betty Hazlett, Gina Kates, Betty Lewis, John McComas, Melinda Morgan, James Morris-Smith, Gretchen Oley, Gael Setliff, Lu Ann South, and Wilma Thomas.

*25 Years of Service:* Ruby Dean, Mike Dunn, Marilyn Fox, Marlene Gruetter, James McKeny, Libby Nickell, Sharon Pertee, Nancy Schultz, Wanda Webb, Charles Whaley, and Sandra Winters.

*30 Years of Service:* Sarah Denman, Stephanie Gray, Charles McKown, Glenna Racer, Kristine Standifur, Sheila Wiley, and Kemp Winfree.

*35 Years of Service:* Paul Dempsey.

*40 Years of Service:* Elfriede Beaver.

*Retirees:* Elfriede Beaver, Robert Bolling, Beverly Bunch, Kathy Casey, Phillip Clay, Katharine Coffey, Jeffrey Daniels, Brenda Dolan, Joyce Ellis, Carolyn Endicott, Charles Harless, Thomas Irwin, Darla Kuryla, Larry Kyle, Clarence Martin, Charles McKinney, Robert Pruett, Carolyn Roberts, and Billie Weis.

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## Note of Thanks

My thoughts and prayers go out to my friends who are so wonderful to me in my time of sorrow.

Debra Perdue

How sweet it will be in that beautiful land,  
So free from sorrow and pain;  
With songs on our lips and with harps in our hands  
To meet one another again.

E.H. Gates  
Home of the Soul

## Profile: Garnet McKinley

A series on interesting Marshall University people.



Garnet McKinley

Her blended family could give the Brady Bunch—those youthful denizens of the '70s with the funny-looking clothes—a run for their money.

But the family of eight children she helped raise didn't ruffle Garnet McKinley. Her organizational skills would be envied by a battlefield commander. Throw in a hearty sense of humor and a healthy, down-to-earth

practicality and you've found the core of a woman so disciplined and organized she could make Martha Stewart look like a slob.

Now, with the children grown, on their own and producing grandchildren for McKinley and her husband Bill—the count is up to nine with another expected in September—the house may be empty, but the senior McKinleys' lives are anything but. She's the Budget Director for the university, maintaining budgets in the accounting system, assisting the associate vice president for finance and, in general, tending to anything that involves budgetary matters. He's the general manager for the Rite Aid warehouse in Poca.

She took a circuitous route getting to Marshall but she's been on board one way or another since 1994.

"I actually started at the Graduate College in South Charleston as an intern for the West Virginia Business and Professional Ethics Project, which was going on at the time," she remembers. "It was housed in the Humanities program and I was there for two semesters. When the departmental secretary retired, I filled in temporarily and helped reorganize and computerize the office. When the full-time job opened, I applied and was hired."

But she didn't stay there long. With a B.A. degree in business administration from the then West Virginia State College and with a flair for numbers, she was a natural for the Graduate College's finance office. She was promptly hired as an accountant, a position she stayed in through many changes, some of them minor, some of them major. But she's accepted all of them with her usual calm efficiency.

"When I began, the finance office had numerous staff members and then things began to change when we merged with Marshall in 1997."

McKinley had a front-row seat to observe the winds of change that were sweeping through her department. Some staff members left for jobs outside the university, some retired, some stayed on with new job configurations, some split time between the Huntington and South Charleston campuses. Because it appeared at one point that her husband would be transferred to another state, McKinley herself left the graduate college briefly to start her own consulting business. But when the transfer fell through, she returned to the institution, first as a contract worker and then as a full-time employee once again. Finally the finance office, which had become the budget office, moved the remaining staff members to Huntington in 2003. Now, due in the most part to retirements, McKinley is the sole person remaining of the original South Charleston finance group.

But with her usual equanimity, she's right at home in Huntington, content with her job and her "new" surroundings. Her flexibility and her willingness to "go with the flow" have stood her in good stead.

Originally from Hamilton, Ohio, a town just north of Cincinnati, she came to the Charleston area in 1986 when her husband's job brought them here. An earlier job experience had already taught her a lesson about the value of an education.

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## Ida Reed

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Marshall University as secretary in the Chemistry Department in 1976. She has worked in the Division of Exercise, Science, Sport and Recreation since 1990. She has consistently worked in exemplary fashion. Her rapport with both faculty and students is exceptional. She has exhibited exceptionally high standards in the performance of her assignments; beyond that, she performs all of her tasks in an efficient and effective manner. She consistently arrives at work every morning before 8 a.m. to prepare things for faculty before their arrival.

"She has a minimal number of absences from work, including sick leave. Everyone who is associated with Ida respects and appreciates her skills, abilities, and friendship. When given a long work assignment, she focuses on the work until it is finished, always completing the job well before asked. Ida has quietly worked for several years in this division, always with a smile and a professional attitude."

They note that when Reed attended the student professional organization's annual Christmas party this past December, she was presented with an award for all the work and help she has given to the students in the Recreation and Park Resources program.

The nominators conclude, "Her pleasant attitude and demeanor towards students as well as faculty is deeply felt throughout the division. Ida is a dedicated employee who strives for excellence in the performance of her duties and always does so with a smile on her face."

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

## Sullivan, Schray Receive Graduate Advising Awards

Two faculty members, one from the Huntington campus and one from the South Charleston campus, along with two Graduate College alumni, were honored at hooding ceremonies in South Charleston and Huntington last week.

Dr. Kateryna Schray, Associate Professor of English from the Huntington campus, and Dr. Michael Sullivan, Professor of Special Education from the South Charleston campus, received Ashland Inc. Outstanding Graduate Advising awards. These awards were made through the generosity of the Graduate College Advisory Board.

Students who received Distinguished Graduate Student Alumnus awards were Scott R. Smith representing the Huntington campus and Gary L. Park for the South Charleston campus.

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## Faculty and Staff Achievements

Dr. Allan Stern, chair of the Division of Applied Science & Technology in the College of Information Technology and Engineering, and Dr. Kathy Miezio, Associate Professor of Applied Science and Technology, CITE, along with graduate student Katy Alfaro, attended the International Mining Health & Safety Symposium held in April at Wheeling Jesuit University. The symposium, the first of its kind, brought together leaders from industry and labor technology developers, legislators and members of the academic community to focus on the future of mining.

## Garnet McKinley

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"Before we moved here, I worked for a large chain department store in Sharonville, Ohio where I did production control, inventory control and later had my own area to supervise. I was promoted up the ranks rather quickly but when I got to a certain point, I stopped. I had several bosses who were promoted but I wasn't eligible to be promoted into their jobs because I didn't have a degree, even though I could do the work. The company had a policy that at a certain level they would not hire or promote someone without a degree. I had married young and had a family but I always wanted to go to college. I thought of the job opportunities I was missing, so with the full support of my husband I started taking classes part-time. For a while I was juggling a job, a family and classes, but he supported me 100 percent. When our daughter, Jennifer, was small, we decided I would be a stay-at-home mom until she got in school and I would take classes part-time. I started out at Miami of Ohio and completed my degree at West Virginia State going full time after Jennifer was in school."

It was a proud moment for the entire clan when she graduated in December 1991, and to no one's surprise, *summa cum laude*. And, she says proudly, there was no fluff in her curriculum. For electives she loaded up on demanding classes such as advanced math and additional accounting classes "I could have coasted through with easier classes, but that's not what I wanted. I've always loved math and I've been good at it, so I took lots of extra math classes. People thought I was nuts!" she says with a hearty laugh. And she'll definitely work on a master's degree at some point. "I've dipped my toe in that academic pool, in a manner of speaking," she says.

But for now there's so much going on in her life that classes can wait a bit longer. There are the visits to the children and grandchildren who are spread out over the Midwest, in Ohio, Kansas and Missouri. Only Jennifer, a Marshall graduate with a bachelor's in business administration like her mother, lives nearby in Charleston with her 6-month-old daughter. McKinley is especially close to her grandson, Michael, a home-schooled eighth grader who lives in Ohio. She's his math tutor and they stay in close touch through the computer, phone, and of course, visits.

The McKinleys relish visits to all of their brood. And on one point she's absolutely emphatic. In the McKinley family there are no "steps," other than the kind you climb. That means no stepchildren, step-parents, stepbrothers or sisters. "We're one family; we have been since Bill and I were married. There are no mine/yours/ours, they are all 'ours'."

But no matter how busy her schedule, one activity she makes time for is her service as a lay leader for RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, at her church, St. Agnes Catholic Church in Kanawha City. It's a big commitment of time, she explains, regular two-and-a-half hour weekly sessions from September through May. "The purpose of the group is to let people know what the church really believes."

McKinley and her husband make time for themselves when they can. St. Patrick's Day is very special for the couple since they were married on March 17. (With a name like McKinley, that figures.) To celebrate, they try to take a trip around that time, either to visit some of their kids or head out on a trip of their own, as they did this year to Florida, where Bill, an avid golfer, attended golf school.

She's a skilled and creative seamstress who once turned out elaborate clothes and dance costumes for the children. She doesn't have much time to sew these days—unless the grandchildren call, of course. McKinley's other passions are reading and college sports, especially Marshall sports, and most particularly, Marshall football.

With her optimistic outlook, she manages to put a positive spin on just about everything. Take her commute to work for instance. Depending on traffic, it's a 45-55 minute commute from her home in Poca to the Huntington campus. But she's never bored.

"I look at the drive as a chance to unwind. I mentally plan things. I listen to books on tape. We have a Sirius radio, so I get a lot of channels." And besides, she adds mischievously, "There's a lot of shopping between Poca and Huntington. Just think of all the shopping plazas and malls I pass!"

## Harmony Institute

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the self-emancipation of slaves through the Tri-State region from 1800 to 1860.

The Harmony Institute's collection of artifacts will be displayed in a room currently being renovated on the second floor of Old Main. It is expected to open in about a year.

## Service Awards

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### Community and Technical College

15 Years of Service: Lisa Beckett

20 Years of Service: Stephanie Neal

To be eligible for awards, employees must have completed 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, or 40 years of service to Marshall University/Marshall Community and Technical College by May 1, 2006.

*Menu:* Roast Beef Jardinière with celery and carrots, mashed potatoes, green beans, house salad with Ranch or Italian dressing, dinner rolls with butter and assorted pies and cakes. Water, tea, and coffee. Vegetarian offering: Baked Cheese Tortellini Primavera.

## Graduate Advising Awards

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One of Schray's nominators called her "the most encouraging professor" she had at Marshall. Another noted, "Her energy and passion for literature and for her profession inspires others to learn and to make a difference in this field." One student commended her for "single-handedly creating the only program in the state to offer a medieval/renaissance emphasis," the Graduate Certificate in Medieval and Renaissance Studies.

Sullivan's nominators had high praise for him for the work he does beyond the classroom and beyond the world of his research. One student called him "one of the most committed and caring persons I know when it comes to meeting the needs of those students who participate in special education." A colleague comments, "Routinely he is available to current and former students and spends untold amounts of time patiently guiding and directing them."

Smith earned his bachelor's degree from Marshall in 1967 and completed his master's degree at the West Virginia College of Graduate Studies in 1974. Smith, who founded his own business, Smith Management Group, in 1989, has been actively involved in energy issues related to power plant development, ethanol, biodiesel and clean coal technologies. For a number of years he was on Marshall's Advisory Board for the Center for Environmental, Geotechnical and Applied Sciences.

Park earned his bachelor's degree from West Virginia University and a master's degree in public administration from the West Virginia College of Graduate Studies. He has had extensive experience in health care administration. Currently he is president of the University of North Carolina Hospitals in Chapel Hill. He also serves as CEO of Rex Healthcare, a 400-bed hospital in Raleigh that is part of the University of North Carolina Health Care System.