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Benedum to Fund Pre-K Outreach Program

Marshall University has received a \$300,000 award from the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation to expand a statewide Pre-K professional development initiative that will impact Pre-K educators throughout West Virginia, according to Monica DellaMea, director of the Marshall University Early Education Outreach Program (MUEEOP).

The MUEEOP, a service program of the Marshall College of Education and Human Services, will expand its current capabilities to provide sustained professional development for West Virginia Pre-K teachers throughout the state. An initial \$300,000 award from the Benedum Foundation in June 2006 allowed the program to be piloted in 10 West Virginia counties over the past two years.

"Ms. DellaMea and the Outreach team have done an exceptional job of providing early education teachers with a way to engage all students in inquiry, critical thinking and problem solving," said Dr. Rosalyn Templeton, executive dean of the College of Education and Human Services. "With such learning experiences, these students will excel in their schools and communities."

DellaMea noted that approximately 225 early childhood educators and administrators from the Pre-K, Head Start, and daycare sectors have participated in the Outreach Program's Inquiry Support System 21st Century Professional Development model since the program's inception in June 2006

Graduate Advisor Award Winners Named

Marshall University's Outstanding Graduate Advisor Awards for 2008 have gone to Dr. Tom Pauley, professor of biological sciences on the Huntington campus and Dr. Tom Hankins, professor of information systems on the South Charleston campus.

The selections were made by a committee of the Graduate Council.

Hankins was praised for the countless students who have come to him for his advice and guidance, his nominators said. And, they added, "Tom has always done all he could to make himself available...he is an excellent listener for his students, and has a special small table in his office just for that purpose."

Pauley attracts students from all over the country and is noted for accompanying them to conferences where they present their research and network with colleagues from other institutions. His students have received a record number of summer thesis grants awarded by the Graduate College.

Dr. Frank Gilliam, noting that nearly half of Pauley's advisees go on for doctoral degrees, said, "Most people coast gently into retirement; Dr. Pauley is hitting his full gait."

Dr. Leonard Deutsch, dean of the Graduate College, announced the awards at the General Faculty Meeting April 27. Each received a plaque and a check for \$1,000.

Benedum's award will provide funding for expansion of the MUEEOP through June 2011. Approximately 12 West Virginia counties will be served by the MUEEOP during the 2008-2009 school year.

"The Outreach Program is extremely thankful for the opportunity the Benedum Foundation has provided to implement this worthwhile project throughout the state," DellaMea said.

The Benedum Foundation, established in 1944 in Pittsburgh, Pa., has been a longtime supporter of the COEHS and Marshall University. Its mission is to encourage human development in West Virginia and Southwestern Pennsylvania.

McComas, Weekley Named Co-Employees of the Month

Linda McComas and Lahoma Weekley, Physical Plant, are the Marshall University Co-Employees of the Month for March, according to Jim Stephens, chair of the Employee of the Month Committee.

The two were nominated by President Stephen J. Kopp.

In his nomination, the President wrote, "Linda and Lahoma are two exceptional and dedicated Physical Plant employees. I have had the opportunity to observe first-hand the conscientious and diligent work they perform each day upon behalf of Marshall University and the Office of the President. They both are very attentive and thorough in their duties and they each bring a very positive attitude to the workplace. Everyone in our office appreciates them and all they do."

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President Kopp (center) presents co-Employee of the Month awards to Lahoma Weekley (left) and Linda McComas.

Clarke, Dulin Appointed to New Marshall Roles

Dr. Shari Clarke, most recently the associate vice president for student affairs at Temple University in Philadelphia, has been named vice president of multicultural affairs at Marshall. She will begin her duties June 1.



Dr. Shari Clarke

"The search committee was impressed with Shari's commitment to diversity and with her enthusiasm and energy," said Dean of Student Affairs Steve Hensley, who chaired the committee.

At Temple, Clarke's responsibilities included the administrative oversight of the offices of career development services, counseling services, disability resources and services, international student services and academic support. She also served as a liaison to the student health services operation.

Clarke has extensive experience in higher education administration, including serving as Associate to the President for Diversity for the University of Nebraska Central Administration Offices. In this position she was responsible for the diversity and gender equity initiatives for all four campuses comprising the University of Nebraska. Clarke also served as Vice President for Student Affairs at Mansfield University in Pennsylvania, where she oversaw the areas of multicultural affairs, residence life, Greek Affairs, student activities and the women's center.

"I encourage faculty, staff and the students equally to get excited about diversity; it touches and changes lives," Clarke said. "I am looking forward to the opportunity at Marshall."

Clarke and her husband John have two sons, Austin, 20, and Iain, 10. Clarke says she enjoys reading, antiquing, Jazzercise and basketball and describes herself as a "power shopper." Clarke served on the YWCA Board of Directors in Walla Walla, Wash. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. and the American Association of University Women.

Clarke earned her B.A. degree in sociology from Lane College in Jackson, Tenn.; her M.A. in college student personnel from Bowling Green State University in Ohio; and her Ph.D. from the University of Nebraska. She also participated in the HERS Summer Institute for Women in Higher Education at Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania.

Marshall University has named Dr. Betsy Dulin dean of the College of Information Technology and Engineering (CITE). She will begin June 1.

Dulin, currently a professor at Marshall, is a civil engineer with a master's degree in environmental engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and an attorney who received a Doctor of Jurisprudence from Washington and Lee University. She has thirteen years of academic experience as well as extensive practice as an environmental engineer and environmental attorney.



Dr. Betsy Dulin

"After a competitive and thorough search process, we were pleased to find the perfect fit for our College of Information Technology and Engineering at this time in the evolution of the college," said

President Stephen J. Kopp. "Betsy Dulin will lead us where we need to go to create a first-class engineering program for our students, our community, our state and beyond. She is the right person to propel us forward."

Prior to returning to Marshall last fall, Dulin worked in private practice with the Charleston law firm Bowles Rice McDavid Graff and Love LLP. In her total of nine years with Marshall, Dulin has served as an engineering faculty member, department chair, associate dean, and dean of CITE. During the past academic year, she taught undergraduate and graduate engineering courses while also working on projects for the Marshall University Research Corporation and the President's office.

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Service Awards Luncheon Set for June 10

Marshall University's 24th annual Service Awards Luncheon will take place Tuesday, June 10 from noon to 2 p.m. in the Don Morris Room in the Memorial Student Center.

The following is a **tentative** list of university and community and technical college staff members who will receive awards.

For 20 Years of Service to Marshall Community and Technical College: Monica Shafer

For 10 Years of Service to Marshall University: Beatrice Banford, Bonnie Berry, Elizabeth Chiparo, Jon Cutler, Billy Howard, Virginia Nelson, Linda Newman, Linda Owens, Bonnie Prisk, Sherri Ritter, Stephen Robinson, Mary Smith, Samuel Stanley, Regena Terry, Penny Watkins, Florence Watts, and Sandra York.

For 15 Years of Service to Marshall University: Michael Clay, Virgil Crockett, Andrew Earles, Michael Farley, Jack Ferrell, Carol Henson, Billy Johnson, Michael Justice, Carol Kolski, David Lambert, Ronald May, Lonny Muncy, Cheri Musgrave, Rebecca Pack, Margie Phillips, Jo Raines, Dorothy Rinehardt, Janice Runyon, Elizabeth Sheets, James Stephens, Susan Tams, Sandra Varney, Lisa Williamson, and Selah Wilson.

For 20 Years of Service to Marshall University: Michael Adkins, Doris Atkinson, Barbara Black, Brenda Carrico, Janice Colegrove, Julia Dickens, Joyce Harrah, Virginia Holderby, Damon Holley, Edwin Holley, Verlin Hughes, Yetta Meadows, Sherry Osburn, Nancy Pelphrey, Judith Ross, Tara Runyon, Carol Stinson, Linda Stockwell, James Terry, Nina Thompson, Cora Westmoreland, and Cathy Zhea.

For 25 Years of Service to Marshall University: David Bailey, Margaret Blankenship, Cassandra Chappelle, Loretta Earl, Peggy Egnatoff, Roberta Ferguson, Roberta Holbrook, Linda Jarvis,

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Profile: Angela Jones

A series on interesting Marshall University people.



Angela Jones

The dancers fly across the stage like errant feathers, powerful voices and musical instruments fill every ornate nook and cranny of a grand old theater, teary dramas unfold, long-held secrets are spilled, stories are spun through sprightly song and dance, actors and actresses and comedians galore invoke laughter and applause from appreciative audiences.

They're all a part of the Marshall Artists Series, a delectable palette of diverse productions. Plays, ballets, operas, comedies, Broadway musicals, one-person shows, film festivals—they're all there and if you don't care for one production, just wait and there will be another one along in a month or so.

As the second-oldest series of its kind in the nation—second only to Michigan State—the Marshall Artists Series has a legendary reputation for bringing a widely diverse group of shows annually to Huntington, where it is supported by both the university and the community. Now just having completed its 71st season, a small staff of three people have begun planning for the 2008-09 season.

Angela Jones is in charge of helping promote the shows. She works with Penny Watkins, the executive director, and Donna May, the office manager who also oversees the box office. The three are delighted that, after a brief hiatus while the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center was undergoing some renovations, the series is back home in the spacious old building, one of the last of the great gilded movie theatres that were built in another era.

Jones, who is the director of marketing and external affairs, has spent her whole academic and working career at Marshall, having received an undergraduate degree in marketing and an M.A. in journalism. She grew up in Huntington, graduated from Huntington East and then headed straight for Marshall. She considers herself fortunate that she was a student assistant working for the Artists Series and was able to continue her work there after graduation.

The Artists Series has just wound down for the season and planning is already underway for next year. "During the summer we do clean-up work and do all the things we can't do during the season. We look at scheduling. Penny Watkins does the booking of shows and she'll be negotiating for productions according to touring schedules and our budget. She has a lot of good contacts in the business...she knows so many people and that helps us land many wonderful productions. And we'll be investigating films for our two film festivals."

In fact, the film festivals are close to Jones' heart. "I was helping the interim director a few years ago choose the films for the festival and I was handed the task to continue booking the festival when Penny Watkins was hired to be our executive director. It is a job I thoroughly enjoy! We put a lot of thought into selecting the films; we want to choose ones that are entertaining and educational. We try to find the films that are right for our audiences." The festivals run in the fall and early spring and feature six films each, which can run the gamut from moody set pieces to dark dramas and quirky comedies. Jones doesn't preview them but relies on reviews, synopsis and subject to help her make the selections.

The film festivals are in addition to the typically 10 productions annually brought to Huntington by the

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McComas and Weekley

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"One of the more distinctive aspects of their work is the time of day I see them. They do their office cleaning work at 6:30 a.m. every morning, usually after I have arrived for work. They are two of the few people I know who function well that early in the morning. Rarely have I known staff members to be cheery and energetic at that hour but they are on a consistent basis. I also am an early riser, so I know firsthand what they do and the time it takes to get the job done. They go about their business and work hard to get our area spic and span for each new day. If I ask them to do anything extra, they do it gladly. They both take great pride in their jobs and I am thankful they are both employed by Marshall University, particularly in our office area. I have received reports from other areas of the campus staffed by Linda and Lahoma. The experiences with their work in their offices have paralleled our experience."

And, the nomination concludes, "These two individuals are exemplary Marshall University employees and they unquestionably merit this recognition and award...please know that the other beneficiaries of Linda and Lahoma's work in my office: Bill Bissett, Cora Massey, Lisa Christopher, Layton Cottrill and Selma Johnson, all echo my sentiments."

President Kopp made the Employee of the Month presentation himself, awarding each a plaque, a balloon bouquet and a check for \$100.

Marshall Faculty, Students Make Biology Presentations

Several Marshall students and faculty members made presentations or had posters displayed at the Association of Southeastern Biologists Conference, which took place April 16-18 in Spartanburg, S.C. The participants included:

- Eric H. Diefenbacher: "Comparison of the digit morphology of an arboreal salamander with potential competitors" (talk); "An update on the status and life history of the Eastern Worm Snake (*Carphophis a. amoenus*) in West Virginia" (poster); and "Iris Pattern Identification (IPID): A technique for identifying amphibians and reptiles during field studies." (poster)
- Katy Pawlik: "West Virginia Streamside Salamander Guilds and Environmental Variables." (talk)
- Noah McCoard: "Reproduction of the Common Ribbonsnake (*Thamnophis sauritus*) and the Eastern Gartersnake (*Thamnophis sirtalis*) in West Virginia." (talk)
- Emmy Johnson: "A Study on the origin, population size, and natural history of the Eastern Six-lined Racerunner (*Aspidoscelis sexlineata*) in West Virginia" (talk)

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Beverly McCoy, Frances Mooney, Trula Stanley, Patsy Stephenson, Mark Work, and Connie Zirkle.

For 30 Years of Service to Marshall University: Vickie Crager, Tony Crislip, Arlene Ferguson, Lester Fleming, Karen Greybill, Kent Hayes, Estil Hurn, Jeffrey Long, Lynne Mayer, Arnold Miller, Deborah Watson, and Charles Young.

For 35 Years of Service to Marshall University: Sue Bell, Stephen Hensley, Susan Lewis, Frederick Price, Kenneth Reffeitt, Joseph Vance, and Joe Wortham.

For 40 Years of Service to Marshall University: Deborah Hicks.

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series. The selected shows are eclectic. Some are huge productions with dozens of performers and musicians and elaborate sets, costumes and lighting effects, while others are one-person performances done on a basically bare stage.

One of the perks of her job is meeting and interacting with the stars and casts of the various shows. They're on a tight schedule, in town for just one performance as a rule, so the artists are busy and preoccupied with getting ready to perform, she explains. But still she has some lasting impressions. "Bill Cosby stands out, he was just as you would imagine him to be, very paternal and very sweet. Tom Jones was fun. Penn and Teller were very laid back, similar to what you would expect except they were very neat and quiet at times. I really liked meeting Willie Nelson; he's such a legend but he was very busy the time that he was here." And she points out many of the actors who tour with the shows are young and just starting their careers. "They're excited to perform for audiences and they are so pleased with the way our audiences receive them. We did *Rent* not long after 9/11 and most of the cast members had been in New York at that time and they were still in shock. They were totally thrilled with the warm reception and the support they got here from the audience."

Local audiences turn out for all kinds of productions but generally, she says, they like the big Broadway musicals and shows with which they're familiar, so the staff aims to provide an artistic smorgasbord. The series is a true reflection of "town and gown," with the community being an important part of the series. Community support is critical because funding comes from student fees, ticket sales, and just recently, a major fundraiser, "Kindred Spirits," a series of food and wine events spread over several days. .

Jones is quick to give credit to the students who work with the series staff. "We have a lot of help from our students and they keep us young and plugged into the university."

She and her husband Chris have been married for 10 years. They're avid sports fans who attend as many Marshall events as possible. They're also avid gardeners and cooks who raise an array of herbs that they use in their cooking. "We love to garden; we love to grow culinary herbs .and we also raise some vegetables such as tomatoes and peppers as well. It's fun. I was inspired to grow a garden when I walked through my grandparents' garden. I loved to walk around and just pull out a carrot and eat it. That fascinated me and stuck with me. I love the idea of growing my own food." And today, when nieces and nephews visit, she hopes they will take away inspiration to garden themselves from touring her garden.

The Joneses love cooking together. "We plan menus together, we cook together, and we take pride in our cooking. We like to experiment and create all kinds of dishes but we make sure they're very healthy." Exercise is another passion for her. She works out regularly and although not a runner, she walks regularly. "Maybe I'll run someday," she says, "but for now walking fits the bill for me."

In their rare spare time Angela and Chris like to travel and they approach it with their usual vigor and openness to explore new places and have new adventures. On their last trip they went to San Francisco and explored the Napa Valley. They've been to several regions in Mexico and have traveled throughout the U.S. They particularly like scoping out markets on their trips to see what local produce is being offered. "We love to go to markets in places we travel to; it's a lot of fun and you learn a lot."

So as the Marshall Artists Series staff is gearing up for another season of music, comedy, drama and dance, Jones is reflective about her life right now. "I enjoy working here at Marshall. I'm still at my alma mater. I never had the desire to be a performer. I like watching others perform so I'm in the right field. I'm grateful to be working for something that is so enriching for so many other people."

Clarke, Dulin

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"I am looking forward to working with CITE's outstanding faculty and staff to continue the rapid progress of our programmatic and building initiatives," Dulin said. "It's an exciting time for the college as engineering and other academic programs continue to grow exponentially. I'm very happy to be a part of it, and am eager to get started with my colleagues on the work that needs to be done."

This spring, Dulin was inducted as a member of the Academy of Distinguished Alumni of the Via Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. She is the second woman to ever be inducted into this academy. She is a registered Professional Engineer, is licensed to practice law in West Virginia and Ohio, and is a Registered Patent Attorney.

Dulin replaces Dr. Tony Szwilski, who has served as interim dean since 2006.

Biology Presentations

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- Frank Piccinni: "A species and site-specific ecosystem conservation and management plan for marbled salamanders (*Ambystoma opacum*): Integrating people and biology into policy" (talk) and "The power of observations: Case studies from an ecosystem conservation and management plan" (talk)
- Amanda Spriggs, Casey Bartkus, Kevin Saunders: "Tail fat storage and egg deposition of female Seal Salamanders (*Desmognathus monticola*) and Allegheny Mountain Dusky Salamanders (*Desmognathus ochrophaeus*)" (poster)
- Amy Schneider: "A continued study of the use of created ponds for amphibian breeding fragmented forested areas." (talk)
- Justin Weiss : "Odor selection of the Southern Two-Lined Salamander (*Eurycea cirrigera*) when in contact with itself and predator odors" (poster)
- Amy Hamilton: "Status of *Acris crepitans blanchardi*, Blanchard's Cricket Frog, in Southern Ohio and Western West Virginia" (talk)

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Retirees: Anna Abbas, Jeanette Augustine, Howard Aulick, Patricia Bane, Betty Cleckley, Donovan Combs, Janet Combs, John Darrah, Sarah Denman, Joseph Dragovich, Russell Dorton, Loretta Earl, Jeffrey Ellis, David Ice, Frank Lambert, Susan Lewis, Joseph Marshman (deceased), Donna Mauk, Nancy McComas, Lillian McDowell, Carmichael Myers, Karen Owen, Sharon Pertee, Kenneth Reffeitt, Judith Russell, Marvin Stewart, Alan Ward, Gary Weis, Charles Whaley, and Victoria Wucher.

To be eligible for awards employees must have completed 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, or 40 years of service to Marshall University or Marshall Community and Technical College by May 1, 2008.

The luncheon menu will include pot roast jardinière, oven roasted potatoes, glazed carrots, tossed salad with ranch and Italian dressings, dinner rolls with butter and assorted desserts. The vegetarian offering is Baked Cheese Tortellini Primavera.

If someone has been left off this list or if you have a preference as to how you want your name listed, please contact Joe Wortham at ext. 6-5402.