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Marshall Observes Black History Month

February marks the celebration of Black History Month, and among the events at Marshall this month are the ninth annual Diversity Breakfast and a display of paintings of 19th century Africa.

Yvonne Jones, a Marshall University alumna with a master's degree in counseling who is Executive Director of the Ebenezer Medical Outreach Center in Huntington, will be the keynote speaker at Marshall's ninth annual Diversity Breakfast on Friday, Feb. 20.

Jones is well known in the Huntington community, having received both the Tri-State Leadership Award and The Herald-Dispatch Citizen of the Year award.

The breakfast, which is expected to attract about 250 people from the university and the community, runs from 7:30 to 8:50 a.m. in the Memorial Student Center's Don Morris Room on Marshall's Huntington campus.

The Diversity Breakfast will be hosted by a new student group, the Multicultural Leadership Ambassadors. The group is under the direction of Dr. Shari Williams-Clarke, Marshall's Vice President for Multicultural Affairs, and may be available for presentations on diversity. "Project Post Bop," a jazz combo of seven Marshall students under the direction of music faculty member Dr. Sean Parsons, will perform at the breakfast.

"The annual Diversity Breakfast is a time in our community set aside to celebrate the importance of

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Rebecca Sloan Named Employee of the Month

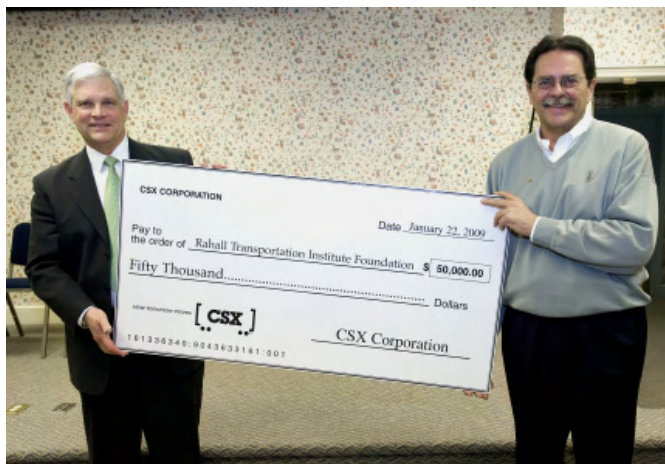
Rebecca Sloan, Administrative Secretary Senior for Psychology, has been named the Marshall University Employee of the Month for January, according to Amber Bentley, chair of the Employee of the Month Committee.

An employee since October 1993, she was nominated by Dr. Stephen O'Keefe, Dr. Fred J. Krieg, Dr. Sandra S. Stroebel and Christina Hare.

In his nomination O'Keefe wrote, "Becky is always willing to be helpful to whomever needs her assistance. Students regularly praise her for going above and beyond

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CSX Supports 'Bucks for Brains'



CSX Corporation has presented \$50,000 to Marshall University as part of West Virginia's "Bucks for Brains" initiative.

Dr. Ron Area, CEO of the Marshall University Foundation Inc. (at left in photo), accepted the gift during a check presentation at the Nick J. Rahall II Appalachian Transportation Institute (RTI). The contribution will further transportation research conducted by the RTI through Rail-SORCE (Railroad Safety and Operations Research Center of Excellence).

"This contribution recognizes the outstanding work of the Rahall Institute and Marshall University," said Michael Ward (at right in photo), chairman and CEO of CSX Corporation. "The institute's research is playing an important role in helping railroads advance technology that will be needed in 21st century railroading. CSX is proud of its long and cooperative relationships with the institute, the university and the greater Huntington community."



Rebecca Sloan (left) receives her Employee of the Month award from President Stephen J. Kopp.

Beth Wolfe to Serve as Director of Recruiting



Beth Wolfe

Beth Wolfe has been selected as Marshall University's new director of recruitment, according to Dr. Gayle Ormiston, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs.

Wolfe has been leading the Office of Recruitment, which is responsible for planning and coordinating both undergraduate and graduate recruiting efforts as of Feb. 1. Prior to that, she had served the College of Science and College of Information Technology and Engineering as coordinator of STEM

(Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) outreach since 2006.

Prior to that position, Wolfe taught English and chemistry at public schools for seven years in Bloomington, Ind., as well as in Charleston, W.Va., for one year.

"Although I left teaching when I came back to West Virginia, I never lost the drive to work with students. This

Classified Staff Council Sets Elections for April 7-12; Nominations Due Feb. 27

The Classified Staff Council will be holding an election to elect Council members for the 2009-2011 term along with representatives to the Advisory Council for Classified Employees (ACCE) and the representative to the Institutional Board of Governors for the 2009-11 term.

Nomination forms will be distributed by mail the week of Feb. 9. Nomination forms are due in the Staff Council Office no later than 4:30, Friday, Feb. 27. No nominations will be accepted after that date.

Paper ballot voting will be held Tuesday, April 7 at the following locations: Staff Council Office, Plant Operations, Residence Services, Medical School at Cabell-Huntington Hospital, and the South Charleston campus. A location for night-shift voting is yet to be determined. Electronic voting will be available April 9-12.

position is a way to combine my passion for working with young people and my love of Marshall University," Wolfe said.

"I am excited about the opportunity to help young people find their niche here," Wolfe said. "I know personally what it's like to be a student here and I don't want anyone to miss out on such an amazing opportunity."

Ormiston said he is pleased that Wolfe has begun her new work for the university.

"We are indeed fortunate to have someone with Beth's passion, experience and love for Marshall University in this position," Ormiston said. "Her vision to spread the word about the opportunities that await students here is insightful. Her experience as an educator in public schools will serve her well working with the bright young minds we want to attract to our campuses."

A native of Virginia, Wolfe grew up in Montgomery and St. Albans and received her bachelor's in education from Marshall in 1998. She is on track to complete her master's degree in engineering management this spring.

International Film Festival Starts Feb. 20

Six films with an eclectic array of themes will be shown during the International Film Festival Feb. 20-26 at the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center. A revolving showing of the films will include:

Brick Lane – UK – The film follows the story of a young Bangladeshi woman as she makes her new home in London and is trapped by an arranged marriage. Caught in a loveless marriage, she struggles to keep her head up until the day she meets the hotheaded young Karim.

Edge of Heaven (Turkey/Germany) – In a Turkish enclave in Bremen, a widower brings home a local prostitute to tend to his domestic needs. Their families and lives become intertwined in this multi-layered film addressing German-Turkish relations and generational divides.

Caramel (Lebanon/France) – This colorful film tells the story of five women who meet regularly in a Beirut beauty salon where different generations come to talk of

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Faculty/Staff Achievements

Dr. Jennifer Mak, associate professor and program coordinator and Dr. Jarrod Schenewark, assistant professor in the Division of Exercise Science, Sport, and Recreation presented the topic *Developing Olympism in Your Curriculum following the 2008 Olympics* at the West Virginia Association for Health and Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (West Virginia AHPERD) 87th Annual Conference in Canaan Valley in November. In addition, Mak received the Recreation Leadership Award from the West Virginia AHPERD. In October, Mak presented her paper "Economic Benefits of Special Events: Summer Sport Camp" at the 10th World Leisure Congress in Canada with Prof. Siu Yin Cheung from Hong Kong Baptist University, and Dr. Carina King from Indiana University – Indianapolis.

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Profile: Diana Maue

A series on interesting Marshall University people.



Diana Maue

She's a bubbly bundle of energy with a lilting laugh and a determined commitment to bring the best and brightest students into Marshall's biomedical graduate programs. And for Diana Maue it's not just a job, it's a mission.

As a graduate admission counselor who serves as a recruitment coordinator for the 14 programs within the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) disciplines, she's determined to spread the word to prospective students about research opportunities available to graduate

students at Marshall University, primarily in the biomedical fields.

A Huntington native, she came to Marshall in 2005 under a project of the West Virginia Research Challenge Fund awarded by the West Virginia Higher Education Division of Science Research (the 'STEM' grant), which was administered through the provost's office. Prior to that, she was a corporate trainer for a local company training employees, writing leadership materials and developing their computer simulation training sessions.

After she graduated from West Virginia Wesleyan College, she was offered a job there as an admissions counselor for undergraduate students, a job which frequently took her out of state. She regularly recruited in New Jersey, Delaware, Georgia and Florida, for instance. One of her assignments was to make several presentations a day at various high schools throughout her assigned territories such as Gateway High School in Kissimmee, Fla., just a hop and skip away from Disney World.

"I went to Florida and I liked it so much I just had to go back," she says. Her energy and rapport with the students so impressed one of Gateway's administrators that he told her to look him up for a job if she was interested. She was, and a job offer to educate students about their postsecondary options and teach English soon followed.

And for the fun-loving Maue, a chance to do temporary work in the summer and on weekends at Disney World was just too good to pass up.

"Employees there are called 'cast members' and everyone had a title," she recalls fondly. "Mine was 'merchandise hostess' (cashier). I worked in a great shop, It's a Wonderful Shop, which sold Christmas ornaments. We all wore costumes...mine was a prairie skirt with a shirt and a little bowtie. Anywhere else I would have looked silly but there I fit right in."

She was married in 1998 to John David (J.D.), a math teacher and golf coach who grew up near Buffalo, N.Y. The Maues decided to move north to be closer to their respective families. After a stay in Greensboro, N.C., the couple came to Huntington in 2002. "We wanted to be near relatives after our children were born. I'm one of six children and 31 grandchildren, so family is important to us." Today, sons Daniel, 6, and Jake, 4, are part of a close family that includes grandparents, aunts, uncles, plenty of cousins and lots of family outings.

The move to Marshall was a natural one for Maue, who is carrying on her family's tradition of education. Her father is a former science teacher who now is a guidance counselor and her mother spent 39 years as a classroom teacher and still does testing for some schools.

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Rebecca Sloan

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with her assistance....Over the years I have come to depend very heavily on her. In my absence she helps students with advising and enrollment issues. The breadth of her knowledge about the systems within Marshall, her willingness to take on new challenges, and her efficiency in getting the job done are truly impressive."

In their nomination Krieg and Stroebel wrote, "Becky Sloan is the department! She is (the students') advisor, confidante and best friend. Students know that Becky knows what to do and can get it done. Our department could not function effectively without her knowledge and expertise....She is the central hub of communication...Her commitment to the university, its students, faculty and staff is unparalleled." They note that she keeps in contact with both faculty and students and helps students locate faculty members when needed.

Hare wrote that while many departments have secretaries it takes a special person to be more than that, "to be a source of knowledge, comfort and guidance...As a Graduate Assistant I have been able to see Becky's dynamic way of keeping the departments together and keeping them well organized....Becky Sloan is a wonderful asset to the South Charleston campus...she strives to always be efficient in her job and her commitment to the university with helping students, staff and professors...Becky is the 'go to' woman when anyone needs anything and she always does her best to make sure everyone's needs are met."

Sloan was presented with a plaque and a check for \$100 by President Stephen J. Kopp.

Pianist and composer Evan Mack to be in residence at Department of Music

Pianist and composer Dr. Evan Mack, here as part of the Joan C. Edwards Distinguished Professor of the Arts program, will be in residence on Marshall University's Huntington campus next week.

Mack, a doctoral graduate of the University of Cincinnati's College-Conservatory of Music, has performed with much acclaim across the country. For the past two years, he has performed American piano music in the United States and abroad, including Barcelona, Spain and Potchefstroom, South Africa.

As a composer, he has produced five full-length musicals, as well as numerous popular songs and classical works. His current project is a full-length opera, "Angel of the Amazon."

Mack will begin his residency at Marshall with a lecture at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, in Smith Music Recital Hall, on trends in American music from the last century with an emphasis on the last 35 years.

On Friday, Feb. 13, Mack will present a concert of piano music by American composers, including Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue," at 8 p.m. in Smith Music Recital Hall. That evening's activities will begin with a pre-concert lecture at 6:30 p.m. A reception hosted by the College of Fine Arts will take place between the lecture and the concert.

Marshall alumna Alanna Cushing will join Mack on Saturday, Feb. 14 to adjudicate Marshall University's first sonatina competition. Students participating in the day-

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Diana Maue

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Her job, as she sees it, has several components. One is to advise students on requirements for the various programs, but before that can happen, students have to be recruited. To that end Maue frequently makes trips to other institutions to talk with undergraduates and to showcase Marshall's biomedical graduate programs. Then there are open houses and a series of special events, all highlighting what Marshall has to offer. Often she is accompanied by students who comprise the Graduate Student Organization, a group for which she has high praise. "They help me do my job so much," she says. "They give presentations, they help with open houses, they work on interview day and if I can't go someplace, they will go in my place. They're just fantastic!"

Maue visits colleges and universities not only in West Virginia, but in Kentucky and Ohio as well. She also coordinates the annual open house for Biomedical Sciences and, to keep current on happenings in the field, she attends the annual Biomedical Research Conference, which is held in various locations throughout the U.S. "This conference is an enormous recruitment event," she notes. "A majority of students in attendance are undergraduates seeking a graduate program in biological science or a research opportunity for the summer."

She is tireless in attending events where Marshall and its students, faculty and facilities can shine. An important event for her each year is the West Virginia Science, Technology and Research (StaR) symposium, which highlights undergraduate research and is held at various locations around the state each year. She also makes sure Marshall is represented at the National Institute of Health Graduate Fair, the West Virginia Academy of Science and the Kentucky Academy of Science, all with the aim of highlighting Marshall's biomedical research and other graduate programs.

West Virginia INBRE (Idea Network for Biomedical Research Excellence) is of particular importance, she explains. "It's a summer research program for undergraduates--a collaborative program between Marshall and West Virginia University utilizing mentors who are willing to take students and help them learn to conduct research. It runs from nine to ten weeks so it's basically a paid internship. It's important because it can be an excellent pipeline into our graduate programs."

Her enthusiasm is boundless for the new summer research program for minority students of which she was the architect. "We hope it will...bring minority students into the research and health fields," she points out. The program will offer a \$4,000 stipend to students and will take place June 1 through July 31.

Come spring, she'll be coordinating a reception for 200 students at the annual West Virginia Undergraduate Research Day at the Cultural Center in Charleston. "We invite faculty members as well and it's a wonderful way to let students know that Marshall supports their research. And Marshall is nearly second to none in what we have to offer. It really gives us a chance to shine," she says proudly.

And as chair of the biomedical Web site committee, she's responsible for keeping it updated and current. She also handles marketing for the biomedical master's and Ph.D. programs and is responsible for creating and updating promotional materials. "I'm a catch-all," she says with a laugh.

But for all her hectic work schedule and juggling duties, her top priority is her family. Her sons are excited about sports, particularly outdoor ones, and the whole family enjoys doing "kid" things which emphatically don't center around video games, she says. "Being from a large family, we do lots of family activities...cookouts, picnics, get together--that sort of thing." The boys are following in the footsteps of their active parents. There's golf, of course, and Diana is a member of the First United Methodist's women volleyball team, where the Maues are active members.

"We have a fun life, I love what I do and it's great to be home and be part of something bigger. I like being busy and doing things. My theory is, if you're not having fun, it's time to stop!"

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inclusiveness," said Maurice Cooley, Director of Marshall's Center for African American Students' Programs. "Now is one of the most sensitive moments in our history to recognize the importance of multiculturalism, as well as a time to embrace the challenges and the rewards of living in a world with people of all colors, religions, beliefs, and backgrounds."

For information on remaining tables available, persons may contact Cooley at 304-696-5430.

"19th Century Africa Through the eyes of American Painters-Travellers" will be on display on the first and third floors of the Drinko Library as well as the second floor of the Cabell County Public Library through February.

The exhibit will present American Orientalist painters including Frederick Arthur Bridgman, Henry Roderick Newman, Elihu Vedder, John Singer Sargent, Elizabeth Nourse, Harry Fenn, Louis Comfort Tiffany, Edwin Lord Weeks and others. A short biography of each of the artists is included in the display.

International Film Festival

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men, sex, and motherhood in between haircuts and sugar waxing with caramel.

Elsa and Fred (Argentina) – When elderly Fred loses his wife, he moves to a smaller apartment to live quietly, but when his vivacious neighbor Elsa gets involved, he soon discovers how much life he has left to live.

The Grocer's Son (France) – This drama centers on Antoine, a city-dweller forced to return to the country when his father falls ill. He takes over his father's job as a grocery cart driver and soon develops a relationship with the town and the enchanting Clare, only to find that there is more to life than what he left behind.

Trouble the Water (USA) – This film documents the harrowing struggle of Katrina survivors in New Orleans. Told from an insider's perspective, the film follows the difficulties faced by a couple as they try to rebuild their lives after disaster.

The Spring International Film Festival is part of the 2008-2009 Marshall Artists Series. For show times and ticket and other information, visit the Artists Series Web site at www.marshallartistsseries.org. Tickets can be purchased at the Artist Series Box Office located in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center from noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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long event will range in age from 1st grade through sophomore in college.

The first of Mack's final two appearances will be Sunday, Feb. 15 at 2 p.m., at which he will present an introduction to his Children's Theatre Works in room 107 of Smith Music Hall. Then, on Monday, Feb. 16 from 1 to 2 p.m., he will conduct a piano master class with Marshall students in Smith Music Recital Hall.

For further information on the Mack residency, persons may contact Dr. Leslie Petteys, professor of piano, by e-mail at petteys@marshall.edu or by phone at 304-696-2337.