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A MESSAGE FROM ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

As the Fall Semester draws near, we are delighted to present some of the exciting highlights awaiting us this academic year at Marshall University. Emerging talents, innovative concepts, and inspiring projects await, and together, we will embark on a journey of discovery and learning. Here is a glimpse of some of the key highlights featured in this report:

- Dr. Maria Gindhart became the new Dean and hosted the prestigious West Virginia Governor's School for the Arts for the seventh time.
- Marshall University and West Virginia University were designated Centers of Excellence in Cybersecurity, and their undergraduate Cyber Forensics and Security program earned recognition as a Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense by the National Security Agency.
- The undergraduate teacher preparation program earned an "A" grade from the National Council on Teacher Quality for its rigorous instruction in reading methods, and the college is ready to launch an internal reorganization pilot to improve program offerings.
- The COHP Integrated Behavioral Health Center received licensure for the next two years, and the Master of Social Work program gained full accreditation reaffirmation for 8 years from the Council on Social Work Education.
- Over one-third of COLA majors are advancing toward graduation by enrolling in summer classes, with seventy-nine students completing their graduation requirements this summer.
- The Master of Forensic Science Program's 2023 cohort achieved #1 in overall performance on the Forensic Science Assessment Test (FSAT), maintaining a remarkable record of excellence.
- The Bill Noe Flight School expanded its operations with a new location at West Liberty University, providing high-quality aviation education to a wider talent pool.
- The LCOB Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) program successfully saw six students from its inaugural cohort defend their dissertation proposals, paving the way for them to move on to data collection and analysis, adding to the program's academic achievements.
- The School of Pharmacy partnered with CVS to provide a regional technician preview day of the school.

In addition to our academic units, our numerous student support services and programs report that:

- The Center for Student Success accompanied Provost Avi Mukherjee to deliver certificates to 135 campus personnel recognized for their contributions to student success and retention.
- Thirty Student Support Services (SSS) TRIO students attended summer school with supplemental grant aid assistance, focusing on improving academic standing and degree completion.
- The Intercultural and Student Affairs Division contracted with Ready Education to develop a new MU app, enhancing student engagement and communication.
- Online Education is a state leader in the development and implementation of HyFlex classes. Diana Adams, Eric Himes, and Sandra Stroebel made presentations sharing our processes and the results of our pilot study completed in April.
- Online Education was invited to write a Johns Hopkins University Press chapter, focusing on technology-supported rural engagement at Marshall University.
- University librarians launched Herd Books, a new reading program to engage the Marshall community in sharing book recommendations for inclusion in the Recommended Reading site.

On behalf of Academic Affairs' administration and staff, we extend a warm invitation to join us in celebrating the scholarly and creative achievements of our faculty and staff, as well as the successes of our students and alumni. Let us all share our pride in the academic accomplishments that continue to enrich our university community.

Sincerely,



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COLLEGE OF ARTS AND MEDIA (DEAN: DR. MARIA GINDHART)

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Dr. Maria Gindhart began her new position as Dean of the College of Arts and Media in July.
- The College of Arts and Media hosted the West Virginia Governor's School for the Arts for the seventh time from June 25-July 15. Dr. Maribea Barnes-Marsano served as Dean and Hanna Kozlowski as Assistant Dean.

FACULTY & STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

- Sarah McDermott's exhibition of new prints, *Footage Record*, is on view at the Taylor Books Annex Gallery in Charleston, WV. She also has work in *Connect: Collect*, an exhibition at Oklahoma City University, Hulsey Gallery, Oklahoma City, OK, May 15-September 1, 2023.
- Heather Stark received a Marshall University Summer Research grant to continue research on Maya Lin's land art works from 1989 through the present.
- Tijah Bumgarner continues to screen her feature-length documentary *Picture Proof* at events in Kentucky and West Virginia. She also hosted a filmmaking workshop at BEX, a week-long arts festival in Beckley, WV.
- Dr. Terry L. Hapney, Jr. cowrote and published with Jason Lovins, Ph.D., assistant professor of marketing at Shawnee State University, *Public Relations Case Studies: Successes & Failures*, a peer-reviewed textbook/courseware.
- Dr. Chris Swindell was renamed Advertising Area Chair for the Popular Culture Association for 2023-2024.
- Dr. Julio Alves had a residency at the School of Music of Brasília and taught a masterclass at the Music Department of the University of Brasília.
- Dr. Johan Botes completed a residency at the Music Conservatory in Rodi Garganico, Italy, where he taught masterclasses and performed a recital. He was also a faculty member and piano coordinator for the Interlochen Arts Camp.
- Dr. Alexander Lee hosted the 3rd Annual National Association of Teachers of Singing Conference in Seoul, South Korea, in his role as the South Korea Chapter President. He also presented masterclasses at Kyung Hee University and at the Voice & Vocal Academy in Seoul.
- Dr. Briana Nannen served as the voice teacher for the West Virginia Governor's School for the Arts.
- Dr. Martin Saunders hosted the 9th Annual William Adam International Festival of Trumpets at Marshall University, July 20-23, 2023. This event brought participants in from around the world and featured a veritable "Who's Who" of trumpet artists who interacted with students and other professionals.

- Dr. Henning Vauth gave piano solo recitals in Sicily, Italy, and Porta Westfalica, Germany. He was also a faculty member at the Sicily International Piano Festival & Competition in Noto, Italy.
- Dr. Carline Waugh was a soloist at the CHASE Fund 20th anniversary concert in Jamaica.
- John Colclough served as the acting teacher, Kevin Bannon as staff, Deb Carder-Deem as technician and staff support, and Jamez Morris-Smith as technical staff director for the West Virginia Governor's School for the Arts.
- Leah Turley was the volunteer coordinator for FestivALL in Charleston. She conducted a Movement for the Actor workshop at the West Virginia Governor's School for the Arts and a Moving Through Script Analysis lecture/workshop at the WV Shakespeare Festival.

STUDENT & ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS

- Amy Pabst, BFA Fibers, was awarded first place in the Wall Hanging Category for her quilt, *Sari Not Sari*, in the Quilts and Wall Hangings 2023 competition sponsored by the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History.
- All twelve of WMUL-FM's entries placed in the 2023 dotCOMM Awards, an international competition that honors excellence in web creativity and digital communication.
- Music Education majors Sarah Petrea and Ian O'Connell were student counselors for the esteemed Blue Lake Arts Camp in June and July.
- Alumnus Anthony Reynolds, tubist, won a position in the U.S. Army Band and is stationed at Fort Drum in Watertown, NY.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Performances by the Huntington Symphony Orchestra on June 24 and July 3 included music faculty Martin Saunders, Michael Stroehrer, Ed Bingham, Steve Hall, Wendell Dobbs, and Elizabeth Reed Smith, as well as the recently retired Dr. Stephen Lawson.
- Christina Kerns' solo exhibition, *Beyond Violet*, was displayed in the Birke Art Gallery, May 8-June 12. The exhibition featured a series of lenticulars heavily influenced by images created for social media and the compulsion to portray identity online. Kerns is currently an Associate Professor at Lincoln University.
- The art exhibition *How Close is that to Richmond?* in the Charles W. and Norma C. Carroll Gallery featured contemporary artists creating in a wide range of materials with one thing in common: proximity. Each artist in this invitational exhibition that ran June 12-July 6 lives and works in West Virginia, challenging the expected socioeconomics and culture of the region.

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE (DEAN: DR. DAVID DAMPIER)

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Marshall University and West Virginia University have been designated as Centers of Excellence in Cybersecurity for Critical Infrastructure. Both schools are the only two universities in the country to receive this designation.
- The undergraduate Cyber Forensics and Security program was designated as a Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense by the National Security Agency.
- The graduate program in Cyber Forensics and Security ranked second in *Fortune's* Best Online Master's in Cybersecurity Degrees in 2023.

FACULTY & STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

- Dr. Haroon Malik's proposal, "A Wrapper Based Methodology to Intercept Black Box Models," was funded by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for \$113,320.
- Bill Gardner, Cyber Forensics and Security Undergraduate Program Director, presented "Using and Abusing ChatGPT in the Classroom" at the Hawaii University International Conferences STEM/ STEAM and Education Conference on June 7 in Honolulu, Hawaii.
- John Sammons presented at the WV State Convention of Paralegals on digital investigations.
- **Nosoudi, N.**, A. Hasanzadeh, M. Hart, and B. Weaver, "Advancements and Future Perspectives in Cell Electrospinning and Bio-Electrospraying," *Advanced Biology*, July 2023.

STUDENT & ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS

- Eric Dillion, a Yeager Scholar and recent graduate with a B.S. in Computer Science, has been awarded a Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship in the amount of \$35,000. He will attend the University of Cambridge in England and pursue a Master of Philosophy in Digital Humanities. Only two of these prestigious fellowships are awarded in the U.S. each year.
- Eight students from the MU Institute for Cyber Security began their paid internships with the WV Intelligence Fusion Center. The students will complete cyber forensics and open-source intelligence collection and analysis.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- The GenCyber Summer Camp for high school teachers was held in June. The camp, taught by faculty from CECS and COS, assists teachers in developing and integrating cyber subjects into courses at their home schools.
- The MU Institute for Cyber Security hosted a Cybersecurity Tabletop Exercise on June 30 with participating organizations including Marshall University, MU Health, the City of Huntington, Alpha Technologies, and Ohio Valley Physicians. The event was moderated by members of the U.S. Critical Infrastructure and Cyber Security Agency.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

(DEAN: DR. TERESA EAGLE)

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- The internal reorganization of COEPD is ready to launch in pilot mode for the fall. Faculty and staff have worked diligently for the last two years to determine how to improve the various functions of the college to best serve our students and stakeholders. COEPD appreciates the support received from Academic Affairs in rethinking our programs, leadership, recruitment, and retention efforts for the future of the college and the field of education in general.
- Over 250 course sections were offered by the COEPD during the summer terms. Not including staff development and contract courses, these sections generated 3,479 student credit hours. The summer term is vital to programs for educators who can devote more time to their own education while PreK-12 schools are not in session.
- The undergraduate teacher preparation program was recognized by the National Council on Teacher Quality (NCTQ) for its rigorous preparation of future teachers in how to teach reading. The program earned an “A” grade in NCTQ’s June 13 report, *Teacher Prep Review: Strengthening Elementary Reading Instruction*. The program is among just 23% nationwide and three in West Virginia to earn an “A” from NCTQ for meeting standards set by literacy experts for coverage of the most effective methods of reading instruction. COEPD congratulates Dr. Mindy Backus, Dr. Mindy Allenger and CI department chair Dr. Chair Paula Lucas for their hard work.

FACULTY & STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

- COEPD faculty Drs. Sandra Stroebel, Chris Sochor, Missy Reed, Lisa Heaton, Mindy Prewitt, and Yvonne Skoretz attended the WV Statewide Technology Conference in Morgantown, July 19-20.

STUDENT & ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS

- COEPD alumni Jim Owston, Erika Klose, and Monica Brooks; and current students Hugo Andreini, McKenzi Barnett, Colette Burgess, Heather Elliot, Jacob Augustin, and Catherine Nwosu represented Marshall at the West Virginia Statewide Technology Conference in Morgantown, WV, July 19-20.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- The June Harless Center sponsored a read aloud on the MSC Plaza on August 9 as part of the statewide Dolly Parton Imagination Library Day. Dr. Tarabeth Heineman and Dr. Maggie Luma from the Center coordinated the event.

- The June Harless Center is also working to open a second classroom in the fall. This classroom will accommodate infants and toddlers. Collaborations with Child Development Academy Director Brittany Jobe have been very productive in extending the reach of the MU EE STEAM center.
- COEPD welcomed members of the Country School Association to campus on July 19. The organization had seen information about the One-Room Schoolhouse along with other restored schoolhouses in southern WV including Heritage Farm. The Association are exploring locating their June 2025 national conference on the MU campus. Drs. Neil and Ruthann Arneson participated in welcoming them to campus.

COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS (DEAN: DR. MICHAEL PREWITT)

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- The COHP Integrated Behavioral Health Center received licensure by the West Virginia Office of Health Facility Licensure & Certification (OHFLAC) for the next two years. There were no negative findings by the State Surveyor.
- The Master of Social Work program received full accreditation reaffirmation for 8 years from the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE).
- The MSW program partnered with the Graduate Humanities Program in COLA to provide courses for the Aging in Appalachia graduate certificate. COHP will continue to partner with Humanities to develop a Gerontology Social Work graduate certificate for fall 2024.

FACULTY & STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

- Dr. Suzanne Konz (Biomechanics) was appointed incoming chair for the Committee on Professional Responsibility in Athletic Training of the National Athletic Trainer's Association. Her four-year term begins June 2024 following a one-year shadowing experience.
- The School of Physical Therapy (SOPT) welcomed Erin Angelini PT, DPT, SCS as a clinical faculty member. Erin will be providing physical therapy service through the Athletic Department (primarily football) as well as teaching.
- **Konz, Suzanne M** (Biomechanics – SOK); Lapole, Chris (Orthopedics – Athletic Training); Anders, Brandi (Orthopedics – Athletic Training); and **Leigh, Steve** (Biomechanics – SOK) (2023) "An investigation into seasonal power changes in collegiate baseball pitchers," *ISBS Proceedings Archive*: Vol. 41: Iss. 1, Article 68. (2023)
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STUDENT & ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS

- All 26 students from the SOPT Class of 2023 passed the National Physical Therapy Board Examination in April (100%). Eight additional students took the NPTE on July 25-26.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- David Nelson, Assistant Professor of Social Work and Director of the Behavioral Health Center, assisted Lincoln County and Mason County schools in maintaining school social workers by linking them with behavioral health entities to support these positions. These school social workers will be encouraged to participate in the MSW program’s School Social Work Certificate program which will begin this fall 2023 semester. Robin Looney, MSW Clinical Instructor and WVTIME4K Treatment Coordinator, will be the director of the certificate program.
- The WVTIME4K Prevention program received a \$15,000 Palatine grant to fund 6 mentees who will work in the local City Mission with homeless children and elementary schools to provide mental health and prevention activities. Robin Looney, Treatment Coordinator, will serve as principal investigator for the Palatine grant.

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS (DEAN: DR. ROBERT BOOKWALTER)

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- The College of Liberal Arts has been productive during the summer session. Fifty-nine faculty are teaching 130 summer courses and over a dozen independent study and graduate research projects. COLA summer courses enrolled over 1,750 Marshall students and 1,375 students from other colleges, with 375 COLA majors making progress toward their degrees. Over one-third of COLA majors are advancing toward graduation by enrolling in summer classes. Progress in summer is vital to advanced students with seventy-nine students completing their graduation requirements this summer (57 undergraduate, 13 graduate, and 9 PsyD graduates).

FACULTY & STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

- Dr. Zeli Rivas, professor of Japanese, took a group of 20 students to Tokyo, Japan and Seoul, South Korea to study computer animation and anime/comics.
- Dr. Ida Day, associate professor of Spanish, partnered with professor emerita Maria Carmen Riddel to provide a study abroad experience in Madrid for 14 students in June and July. The students lived with host families and completed coursework at the University of Nebrija focusing on language learning and cultural understanding.
- Dr. Wendi Benson, first year assistant professor of Psychology, earned recognition from Marshall's Center for Student Success for her work with online students in her courses. Dr. Benson came to Marshall with significant experience in online teaching. She has produced over 100 videos for use by distance students in Psychology. Dr. Benson was praised for her leadership, innovation, kindness, and effective mentorship of online students.
- The College hired 13 new faculty members this spring and summer. Dr. Rich Jones, Jr. is the new chair of the Communication Studies department; Dr. Aaron Comstock joins the Anthropology faculty as an archaeologist; Dr. Sydnor Roy is a new assistant professor in Humanities specializing in Greek, Latin, and classical literature; Dr. Manamee Guha and Dr. Molly Mersmann are new faculty members in the History Department; Dr. Shahinoor Rahman joins the growing department of Geography; Maxfield Bennett is a new instructor of Japanese in the Department of Modern Languages; Dr. Joseph Billingsley joins the Psychology faculty; and the Department of English welcomed assistant professors Dr. Sarah Walton, Dr. Paul Robertson, and Dr. Dan Normandin, as well as instructors Kallel Peterson, Jillian Hovatter, and Cat Dennison.

STUDENT & ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS

- Tatum Bock received a \$20,000 grant from the Board of Trustees of Prichard School for the Campus Christian Center. Tatum is a graduate student in Communication Studies who earned her RBA in 2021. She completed the CMM Grant Writing class in fall 2022 and

developed her class project into a successful grant proposal. The project will provide funds for building maintenance and support at the Campus Christian Center.

- Derek Scarbro has been named Director of the Marshall Advanced Manufacturing Center (MMAC). Derek, a 2003 graduate in Political Science and International Affairs, has been with the center since 2017 and interim director for the past year. Prior to that, he worked as Campaign Manager, Transition Director, and Director of Intergovernmental Affairs for Governor Jim Justice.
- Dr. David Rodgers was recently appointed to the Board of Directors of Stone Belt Arc, an organization that provides resources and support for individuals with disabilities. Dr. Rodgers earned an MA in Communication Studies in 1999. After completing an EdS and EdD at Marshall, he pursued a career in health care and medical education. He was Associate Director of Education for CAMC, Clinical Educator at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Manager of Interprofessional Learning and Simulation at Penn State's Hershey Medical Center, and, most recently, Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine and Director of the Interprofessional Simulation Center at Indiana University. Since 2007, Dr. Rodgers heads a consulting firm training clients in patient simulation programs and curriculum integration.
- Dorian Williams is a 2004 graduate of Marshall's Sociology program. He earned an MS in Healthcare Administration in 2007. Williams is now Assistant Vice President of Operations at WVU Medicine Camden Clark Medical Center. Last year, he was named one of the *State Journal's* "Generation Next: 40 Under 40" in West Virginia.
- Charlene Leonard begins her tenth year at Halyard Health with a promotion to Product Manager. She is a 2004 Communication Studies graduate with an emphasis in Organizational Communication. She worked for Coca-Cola for 7 years before joining Halyard Health in 2013.

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- The Psychology Department and School Psychology programs at Marshall are partnering with the Ohio County Board of Education to provide tuition for Ohio County teachers to complete courses toward certification as school psychologists. This joint effort of the College of Liberal Arts and the College of Education and Professional Development will help increase the mental and behavioral health support in the schools at a reduced cost for teachers and school psychologists who commit to working at least 3 years in their district.
- Faculty from the College of Liberal Arts, the College of Arts & Media, and the Cabell County and Putnam County Schools collaborated to conduct 4 weeks of programming for the Japanese Immersion Camp this summer. The camp is extremely popular among elementary school-aged children in the two counties with 60 students each week participating – 240 students total. The camp is led by Dr. Nacky Anderson, associate professor of Japanese. She was assisted by Miyuki Cook, assistant professor of Art & Design and Akiko Praylow, Japanese Outreach Coordinator for Marshall University, as well as several student and community volunteers.

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE (DEAN: DR. WESLEY STITES)

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Dr. Wesley Stites began his role as the new Dean for the College of Sciences. Interim Dean Brian Morgan briefly stepped back into the role of Associate Dean before starting his new position as Vice President for Institutional Research and Planning. Brian did an exemplary job and will be sorely missed. A search is underway for a new Associate Dean.
- The College of Science underwent a reorganization from nine departments to five. The departments of Mathematics and Physics, Natural Resources and Earth Sciences (NRES), and Criminal Justice, Criminology, & Forensic Sciences (CJCFS) were formed by merging previous departments together.
- The Master of Forensic Science Program's 2023 cohort collectively achieved #1 in overall performance on the Forensic Science Assessment Test (FSAT). The program has achieved this ranking 12 out of the past 14 years.
- The Undergraduate Program in Cyber Forensics & Security has been designated a Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense (CAE-CD) by the National Security Agency (NSA). The National Centers of Academic Excellence in Cybersecurity (NCAE-C) program is managed by the NSA's National Cryptologic School and federal partners. The designation is valid until 2028.

FACULTY & STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

- Dr. Tom Cuchta and Dr. Trung Truong will join the Department of Mathematics & Physics in the fall as assistant professors. Mr. Ian Waddell will join as a Temporary Instructor. Dr. David Brink-Roby will join NRES. He will replace Dr. Ron Martino who retired in the spring.
- Dr. Maria Hamilton (Mathematics and Physics) attended the North American Einstein Toolkit School and Workshop, July 17- 21, 2023, and the 15th Edoardo Amaldi Conference on Gravitational Waves, July 17-21, 2023. Dr. Hamilton gave public talks on "Calibration and Validation of Binary Neutron Star Simulations" and "Unlocking the Universe: Gravitational-Wave and Multi-Messenger Astrophysics." She also secured a 2023/24 NASA EPSCoR Seed Grant for \$17,788.
- Dr. Herman Mays (Biological Sciences) received a National Science Foundation Mid-Career Award (MCA) in the amount \$224,476 for his project "MCA: Avian systematics, speciation, and adaptation across large island archipelagos." Dr. Mays will serve as the Principal Investigator.
- Dr. Derrick Kolling (Chemistry) published "Excess manganese increases photosynthetic activity via enhanced reducing center and antenna plasticity in *Chlorella vulgaris*" in *Scientific Reports*. The article was co-authored with the help of two graduate students, two undergraduate students, one high school student, and two high school teachers.

- Dr. Kimberly Kunkler (CJCFs) published “Reducing the impact of cognitive bias in decision making: Practical actions for forensic science practitioners.” in *Forensic Science International: Synergy*.
- Dr. Rick Gage (NRES) returned from China where he participated in an international research collaboration with colleagues from Central China Normal University and Colorado State University. The team is exploring the efficacy of using nature-based tourism as a vehicle for poverty alleviation in rural, mountainous areas in China, with potential application to other regions.
- Dr. Min Kim (NRES) is participating in a research project aiming to restore the summit of Cadillac Mountain in Acadia National Park.
- Dr. Mike Caudill (NRES) has been in the field with students collecting core samples to investigate the region's glacial events and paleo-environment.
- Dr. Mindy Armstead (NRES) has a team of undergraduate and graduate researchers collecting algae samples and water chemistry in the Ohio River and tributaries. Armstead's group is collecting field data supporting a larger group of collaborators using machine learning and modeling to predict harmful algal blooms in the river.

STUDENT & ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS

- Alumni Dr. Nick Wintz and Dr. Tom Cuchta visited Marshall University with their undergraduate research students to see the operations of the Differential Analyzer by Dr. Bonita Lawrence (Professor Emeritus). Both Dr. Cuchta and Dr. Wintz worked with Dr. Lawrence on the machine while they were students at Marshall.
- McKenzie Merritt and Jorge Vera, both MS graduate students in Biological Sciences, were awarded \$12,000 NASA WV Space Grant Consortium Graduate Fellowships.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- In June, West Virginia GEAR UP hosted a program for several hundred middle school students from eleven WV counties. Several COS faculty attended and provided workshops for students.
- The Health Science and Technology Academy (HSTA) held their “Fun with Science” Summer Institute on July 11. Drs. Sean and Sachiko McBride presented four workshops. Students saw exciting demonstrations highlighting the basic properties of sound waves and got to make their own musical instruments to take home with them.
- Dr. Autumn Starcher presented to 800 4th-6th graders during the Mason County Youth Outdoor Expo. She also taught a soils class to 120 rising 9th graders at Marshall's recent HSTA Science Camp.
- Dr. Rosalynn Quinones-Fernandez was joined by undergraduate students in May to demonstrate acid-based experiments to students at Chesapeake Middle School.
- Also in May, Dr. Derrick Kolling and members of Alpha Chi Sigma demonstrated the chemistry of Tardigrades to students at Highlawn Elementary School.

DIVISION OF AVIATION (CHIEF AVIATION OFFICER: MR. BILL NOE)

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- The Chief Aviation Officer is pleased to announce an additional location of the Bill Noe Flight School at West Liberty University with classes expected to begin in the fall of 2024. This new location will be fully served by the technologically advanced Marshall University airplanes and Marshall's top tier flight instructor force. The addition of this location will further enhance Marshall's mission of producing high-quality talented aviators to enter one of the most sought-after professions available today. This is significantly important as this location creates additional 'Line of Sight' to the opportunities that aviation has available to the very talented pool of professionals from West Virginia.
- The Bill Noe Flight School welcomed the incoming class of future aviators and their families in mid-July for a customized orientation. New students and their families engaged with current student ambassadors, faculty members, and Chief Aviation Officer Bill Noe. Feedback from the students' families was immediate and tremendously supportive. Aviation will be working with admissions to host this for each semester.
- Marshall University Aviation participated in the 2023 WV GEAR UP Summer Academy in June. Twenty-six aviation students learned about the Four Forces of Flight, weather and aviation careers and then applied their new knowledge to build a model airplane. The event welcomed 150 rising 8th and 9th grade middle school students. Participants were exposed to college campus life, participated in classes based on career interests, attended leadership and team-building sessions, and engaged in exciting educational activities aimed at preparing and encouraging students to explore post-secondary options.

FACULTY & STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

- Mrs. Nancy Ritter, Director of the Bill Noe Flight School, was appointed to West Virginia International Yeager Airport General Aviation committee. This committee advises the airport CEO and Advisory Board on items concerning general aviation.
- Mrs. Ritter was also appointed to the West Virginia International Yeager Airport General Yeager Advisory Board. The General Yeager Advisory Board is an arm of the Board of Directors and advises airport leaders on how best to honor General Yeager at the airport.

STUDENT & ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS

- Seventeen Aviation Maintenance Technology students and faculty visited the General Electric Aviation Ohio Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) facility on June 16th. Students learned about the manufacturing of the GE90 engine along with GE's maintenance, renovation, and overhaul operations.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Marshall University Aviation and Brian Givens, FAA FFAST Program Manager, hosted a meeting on June 16th for Flight School and Aviation Maintenance Technology students, faculty, and staff. Aviation community members also attended. The FFAST meeting focused on mitigation of flight risk and safety culture within a flight organization.
- Twenty rising 9th grade students from Boyd County Schools visited the Bill Noe Flight School on June 7th. Students learned about the Four Forces of Flight, airfield maintenance, aviation careers and airport security, toured the facilities including the hanger and aircraft, and spent time in the flight simulators.
- The Bill Noe Flight School welcomed 5 single day internship opportunities and multiple tours for students from area high schools including Nitro High School, Parkersburg High School, and Ironton High School along with college transfer students from Virginia State University and the University of North Carolina.
- On June 26th, the Bill Noe Flight School held a one-day summer camp for 5 young ladies from the Black Diamond Girl Scout Council. The girls received instruction on the Four Forces of Flight, wing design, aviation careers, and toured the facilities. They also visited West Virginia International Yeager Airport and the state of West Virginia aviation hangar to experience flight simulators. Each aviation camper experienced a flight on "Air Marshall" followed by signing their first logbook and receiving "wings".
- The Aviation Maintenance Technology program hosted 60 middle school students from Wayne County schools during the month of June. Students toured the facilities and received instruction on aviation maintenance.
- More the 15 aviation students, faculty, staff, and family members volunteered for Marshall University's annual Community Cares event. The group spent an afternoon landscaping around the university dorms.
- The Flight School Safety Team hosted the 130th Air National Guard Flight Safety Team for a safer flight operations meeting at West Virginia International Yeager Airport. The meeting focused on formation flight of C130 aircraft in flight pattern, separation with the Flight School's aircraft fleet, and the sharing of flight schedules. This was the first safety meeting that will occur monthly at alternating locations. The meetings will focus on additional safety areas with the next being preflight operations. They will eventually be opened to all within the West Virginia International Yeager Airport community.

LEWIS COLLEGE OF BUSINESS (DEAN: DR. DON CAPENER)

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Dr. Don Capener, the new Dean of the Lewis College of Business, started on July 3. He is already making an impact on the college by planning the fall retreat, filling open positions in the dean's office, and working with faculty and staff to grow enrollment.
- The Lewis College of Business hosted the West Virginia Governor's School of Entrepreneurship (WVGSE) this summer from June 18 through July 8. Nine high school students from around the state joined in this year's activities. The three-week journey of creating a business idea and getting feedback from potential customers culminated with the closing event called the Demonstration Day pitch event on July 7 where four teams pitched their ideas to a panel of distinguished judges. Faculty member, Olen York, was the dean for the Governor's School.
- The MS in Health Informatics program held its annual advisory board meeting in July. It was attended by health informatics business leaders from the community including Tim Hazelett, COO of the Cabell-Huntington Health Department and Adman Cremeans, Director of Enterprise Clinical Applications at Marshall Health. Adjunct faculty from the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine and Engineering also attended.
- The second cohort of the Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) program had their on-campus residency in late June. Students spent time going to classes, discussing research ideas, and networking with cohort members. The students presented their research questions to a panel of business professionals that included LCOB Advisory Board members Angela Swearingen, COO of St. Mary's Medical Center, and Jim Rorrer, Retired Investment Banker; William Wright, practice administrator of Radiology, Inc.; and Bob Simpson, former Interim Dean of the Lewis College of Business.

FACULTY & STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

- Three Lewis College of Business Faculty Attended the 8th Annual Conference of the Society for Economic Measurement held in Milan, Italy at the end of June. Dr. Deepak Subedi, Professor of Management, presented a paper titled, "Industry 4.0-A Communication and Control Perspective." Dr. Uyi Lawani, Associate Professor of Management, presented a paper titled, "Do Director Interlocks unlock Firm Innovation?" Assistant Professor of Economics, Dr. Boniface Yemba presented his work, "Impact of the Global Supply Chain Disruption on International Trade."
- Dr. Tim Bryan, Assistant Professor of Accounting, won the Pickens-Queen Teaching Award from Marshall University that is awarded annually to recognize the importance of teaching at Marshall University and to provide encouragement and incentive for teaching achievement by newer faculty members.

- Dr. Ralph McKinney, Associate Professor in Management, won the Hedrick Program Grant for Teaching Innovation from Marshall University that funds an award of up to \$5,000 for a project that will develop, implement, and assess a teaching innovation.
- Dr. Nancy Lankton, Professor in Accountancy and Legal Environment, was selected to be Senior Editor of the *Journal of the Association for Information Systems*, a premier journal in the field of information systems. Prior to this, Dr. Lankton had been an Associate Editor with the journal for three years and won the Best Associate Editor of the year award last year.

STUDENT & ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS

- In June, a group of accounting majors took part in the West Virginia Society of CPAs Annual Meeting held at the Greenbrier. Students are selected based on a rigorous application and interview process. Students selected this year include Alyssa Hudson, Tiffany Neal, Erica Pomeroy, Karis Shannon, and Chantel Tudor. These students attended continuing professional education workshops, networked with accounting professionals, attended the installation dinner, and listened to a presentation from the AICPA chair. The students also took part in an experiential learning project to perform a suitability study for the Greenbrier Valley Airport (LWB) that was facilitated by former Interim Dean, Bob Simpson. Support for this experience is provided by the Kathy Eddy New Horizons Fund. The college thanks Bob Simpson, Kathy Eddy, Ed McDonough, members of the WVSCPAs, and accounting faculty members Amanda Thompson-Abbott and Jean Price for making this student experience possible.
- Six students from the inaugural cohort of the Lewis College of Business Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) program defended their dissertation proposals on July 20 and 21. Successful proposals will result in students moving on to collect and analyze data during the fall semester.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Students in Margie Phillips MGT 466: Green Management class participated in a multitude of community-based learning projects during the spring semester. The purpose of the projects was for students to learn about the various methods businesses use in green management including day-to-day operations, supply chain, green policies, production of environmentally friendly products, how to minimize the company's environmental footprint, and green research development. Students made an impact by contributing to the businesses with increased awareness in sustainability and environmental issues. Community partners for spring 2023 included the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 317, Dunkin Donuts, Bougee Boards by Roz, and Amsted Rail.

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY (DEAN: DR. ERIC BLOUGH)

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Faculty and students in the School of Physical Therapy participated in the 2023 Community Cares Week in May.
- MUSOP is entering into an agreement with the Kentucky Society of Health Systems Pharmacists to provide continuing education for their upcoming fall meeting.
- MUSOP is entering into an agreement with corporate CVS to provide a regional technician preview day of the school.
- The West Virginia Department of Agriculture has continued their advising agreement with the School of Pharmacy.

FACULTY & STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

- Dr. Brittany Riley was recently tenured and promoted to Chair, Department of Pharmacy Practice. Dr. Riley was also accepted into a grant funded project to increase the number of motivational interviewer trainers and became part of the Nationwide Motivational Interviewer Trainers Network (MITN) at the end of the program.
- Dr. Craig Kimble was promoted to Associate Dean of Academic and Curricular Affairs for the School of Pharmacy. Dr. Kimble also completed the ACMA accredited Medical Affairs Competency Certificate (MACC) in June.
- Dr. Tommy Pile accepted the position of Director of Co-Curricular Activities for the School of Pharmacy. Dr. Pile also obtained his Certified Diabetic Educator (CDE) credential.
- Dr. Boyd Rorabaugh was elected Secretary/Treasurer of the Cardiovascular Division of the American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics (ASPET). Dr. Rorabaugh also gave an oral presentation at the American Physiological Society Meeting in April 2023 titled “Maternal Use of Methamphetamine Alters Cardiovascular Function in Adult Offspring” in Los Angeles, CA.
- Dr. Mindy Varney was named MU Student Organization Advisor of the Year (April 2023).
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STUDENT & ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS

- Alice Riley received an Undergraduate Creative Discovery and Research Scholar award for Summer 2023.
- P4 student Chelsea Fields attended the APhA Institute on Substance Use Disorders Conference in Salt Lake City as a representative of the WV Pharmacist Recovery Network. She brought back information that will be used at Proact and Pursue Care Rx in Huntington.
- P4 students James Mills and Azam Mesleh were the recipients of the Rural Health Scholars Grant in the amount of \$10,000. The grants, a collaboration between the School of Physical Therapy and Rite Aid, are for students pursuing a rural education track.
- Several SOP students presented posters and abstracts at the 2023 MU Student Research and Creativity Symposium in April.
 - "HPV-Day at Marshall University School of Pharmacy (MUSOP)": Student Presenter: Lyndsey Riffe; Mentor: Dr. Angel Kimble
 - "Sertraline SSRI: Serotonin for a bright tomorrow" Student Presenters: Elizah Andoh and Monis Ali; Mentors: Drs. Angel Kimble and Gayle Brazeau
 - "Lisinopril: The ACE of Heart Medications" Student Presenter: Ali Alzaidi and Alison Hartley; Mentors: Drs. Angel Kimble and Gayle Brazeau
 - "Exenatide: Determining the best use for patient convenience" Student Presenters: Carley Carter and Julia Galloway-Fanelli; Mentor: Dr. Angel Kimble
 - "Student Perceptions Regarding an International Advanced Pharmacy Practive Experience (APPE) to India" Student presenters: H Corsaro, E Miller, R Preston, L Wakham; Mentors: Nick Adams, Dr. Craig Kimble

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- MUSOP students participated in the Teddy Bear Clinic during the Huntington Children's Museum KidsFest held in downtown Huntington in June. Children learned about vaccinations, casts, and personal hygiene while local health professionals provided checkups for their favorite teddy bear, doll, or stuffed animal.

CENTER FOR STUDENT SUCCESS (DIRECTOR: DR. KATERYNA SCHRAY)

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- CSS has expanded its office space. Thanks to the generosity of the English Language Institute, our fellow East Hall resident and frequent partner in student success, CSS now has a set of three works.
- CSS accompanied Provost Avi Mukherjee to deliver certificates to 135 campus personnel as identified by students recognizing their contributions to student success and retention. The recipients included faculty from seven colleges and 27 departments in addition to many non-academic units:
 - 63 Instructors/Professors
 - 15 Student Employees (Peer Mentors, SI Leaders, R.A.s)
 - 14 Administrators and staff at various levels
 - 9 Advisors
 - 9 Food Service Employees
 - 4 Members of the Housekeeping Staff
 - 3 G.A.s
 - 2 Librarians
 - 2 Counseling Center Employees
 - 2 Student Support Services Staff
 - 2 Financial Aid Counselors
 - 2 Housing & Residence Life Staff
 - 2 Rec Center Employees
 - 2 Front Desk staff
 - 2 Bookstore Employees
 - 1 Bursar's Office staff
 - 1 Grounds & Maintenance Employee

FACULTY & STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

- CSS welcomed Mary Thompson as its Administrative Associate on Monday, July 17, 2023. This brings the total staff of the Center for Student Success to three people.
- CSS Assistant Director Jay Rader received certification in Students with Disabilities Characteristics and Supports (June 2023) from the West Virginia Department of Education in collaboration with the Secretary of Health and Human Resources.

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES TRIO PROGRAM (DIRECTOR: MS. BONNIE BAILEY)

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Thirty Student Support Services (SSS) TRIO students attended summer school with supplemental grant aid assistance. The grant aid finances tuition, housing, and meals for students. The SSS program devotes a portion of its operating budget to assisting students in improving their academic standing and maintaining their scholarships and financial aid requirements while increasing their efforts to persist and complete their degrees. As a requirement of the grant aid, students who received the aid completed a financial literacy course.

FACULTY & STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

- Director Bonnie Bailey and Student Support Specialists Caylin France and Brad Adkins completed the Certified Peer Educator Training from the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA).
- Caylin and Brad are now Certified Total Withdraw Counselors for the University which makes all SSS professional staff Total Withdraw Counselors.
- Brad Adkins also completed the Supplemental Instruction Supervisor Training by The International Center for Supplemental Instruction.

STUDENT & ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS

- Roxanna Brown, Criminal Justice and Art major, has art on display across various businesses in Huntington.
- Hannah Carroll, Cyber Forensics and Security and Criminal Justice major, was selected for two internships with the WV Fusion Center and Defense Information System Agency.
- Tenna Dennis, Marketing major, was selected for a student position with the Corps of Engineers' Huntington District in the Operations and Readiness Division.

INTERCULTURAL & STUDENT AFFAIRS (VICE PRESIDENT: DR. MARCIE SIMMS)

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Intercultural and Student Affairs offices including Wellness Programs, Disability Services, Office of Student Conduct, Student Life, and the Counseling Center participated in the Parent Browse at New Student Orientation.
- Kat Smith, Coordinator for Family and Parent Programs, facilitated the parent program during New Student Orientation.
- The Intercultural and Student Affairs staff presented sessions on Student Life, Commuter Conversations, First Year Success, and Student Organization at each New Student Orientation.
- Over 800 new students have registered for Week of Welcome in August.
- Student Advocacy and Success continue to provide services for students experiencing food insecurities. The office received grants to provide \$1,500 for pop-up food pantries, supplies, and Herd Points for students in need.
- The Division of Intercultural Affairs contracted with Ready Education, an organization that develops university mobile apps, for a new MU app that will be available in the Apple Store by Aug. 16, 2023.
- The Office of Student Conduct proposed changes that will better define current policies regarding retaliation and physical or emotional/psychological abuse and include two new policies to address issues with authority that have occurred on campus (intentionally fleeing and failure to provide identification) and remove barriers for students reporting sexual misconduct (sexual misconduct and amnesty policies).
- On July 10, the Women's and Gender Center and the Violence Prevention and Response Program hosted an in-person Bystander Intervention Training for 33 faculty and staff. Over 200 faculty and staff members have registered to complete the training before the end of the Fall 2023 semester.

STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

- Michaela Arthur, Assistant Director of Student Conduct, was selected as the Chair of the Connections Committee for the Association of Student Conduct Administrators annual conference in Portland, OR. Michaela was also selected as the Intercultural and Student Affairs representative on the President's Commission for Diversity and Inclusion.
- Kay Godbey, Coordinator for Wellness Programs, has been elected as the Chair of the West Virginia Collegiate Initiative to Advance Healthy Campus Communities (WVCIA). The organization proactively addresses substance use disorders, violence, and mental health issues amount college students.

STUDENT & ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENTS

- Amond Bailey was named a fellow to the WV chapter Advisory Board of The Nature Conservancy. Amond, a recent Information Security graduate and former Student Government Association member, has been highly active in campus sustainability efforts and is strongly committed to continuing this work in our community.
- Neveah Harmon, pre-med student and former SGA President, was selected to represent West Virginia as Miss West Virginia, USA.
- Interns Destinee Leggett and Dolly Bharti received a scholarship from HEPC (Higher Education Policy Commission) to attend the 2023 Active Minds Mental Health Conference.
- Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity won the Grand Senior President's Cup Award for Mid-Size Campus Category at the National Conference at the Cardinal and Stone Awards Gala in Hartford, Connecticut, in July.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Counseling Center Director Dr. Candace Layne and Assistant Director Nikki Barr attended the VA Community Resource Group. The Center also continues to partner with the Fairfield Community Development Corporation, Goodwill Family Services, and the CE Alliance on events, programming, and training.
- Blair Bocook, Coordinator of the Women's and Gender Center, is partnering with WV Free to offer two training sessions in the Fall. The Center will also provide Comprehensive Pregnancy Option Training and a Love Your Birth Control session.

ONLINE EDUCATION (DIRECTOR: DR. JULIA SPEARS)

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Online Education represented Marshall at the College Innovation Network in New Orleans.
- The annual retreat provided an opportunity for the team to reflect on the previous year's progress and achievements. The retreat also served as a platform for the team to strategize and set priorities and goals for the upcoming year. During the retreat, Provost Mukherjee delivered a presentation sharing the vision and strategic goals of Academic Affairs as a whole and how Online Education & Certification fits into this vision. The team actively participated in a number of strategic and design thinking activities, ultimately determining the unit's priorities and goals to best serve the University in the upcoming year.
- The department hosted 11 Ultra training workshops in June and July on their Distance Education Support Community Teams Channel.
- Online Education has improved communication channels with the launch of their Annual Report and Marshall Online Newsletter.
 - The Annual Report, which is available online, gives space to reflect on progress made toward the goals to increase online offerings, support learners in their online journey, and be a leading provider of microcredentials.
 - The Marshall Online Newsletter provides a platform to communicate progress on the transition to Ultra, promote workshops, and share resources for course development and course tools. The newsletter includes a Faculty Spotlight series to showcase and celebrate the work of exceptional online faculty. The June newsletter highlights include resources for Ultra self-starters, Ultra tools that build instructor presence, news about Marshall Skills Exchange, a feature on Dr. Wendi Benson's focus on belongingness in her online courses, and a Panopto tutorial.

COLLABORATIONS & PARTNERSHIPS

- Online Education began the pilot phase for the Marshall Skills Exchange with the Marshall Advanced Manufacturing Center, Innovation Center, and School of Aviation. In partnership with the Bursar Office and Information Technology, the team continue to implement and test the Genius SIS system to house the administrative data for microcredentials and Credly, the digital badging solution to certify the microcredentials.
- The team continues to plan programs with campus partners for a fall workshop series.
- Online Education is working with Graduate Studies on the implementation of the first graduate student online orientation.
- Quality Matters courses (Peer Reviewer and Improving Your Online Course) have begun to certify two instructional designers as QM facilitators with WV Rocks.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- The Online Education team participated in Marshall Athletics' Fountain Project on June 9 to paint fire hydrants in Huntington green and white.
- Summer Conference Presentations:
 - Julia Spears and Justin Louder. "Strategic Design of Alternative Educational Programs." Anthology Together Conference, July 2023.
 - Diana Adams and Angelica Surra. "Reigniting the Ultra Fire - How We Went from Full Stop to Full Steam Ahead with Ultra!" Anthology Together Conference, July 2023.
 - Diana Adams and Eric Himes. "Considerations for an Enterprise HyFlex Implementation." West Virginia Statewide Tech Conference, July 2023.
 - Diana Adams and Sandra Stroebel. "HyFlex Pilot Experience at Marshall University." West Virginia Statewide Tech Conference, July 2023.
 - Chase Lucas and Laura Stapleton. "Bridging the Gap: Creating a Sense of Belongingness in the Online Classroom." West Virginia Statewide Tech Conference, July 2023.
 - Hilary Gibson. "Marshall Skills Exchange – Microcredentials at Marshall University." West Virginia Statewide Tech Conference, July 2023.
 - Mary Welch. "H.O.M.E.: Humanistic Online Model for Engagement." West Virginia Statewide Tech Conference, July 2023.
 - Heidi Blaisdell. "I See You: Transparency as Care in Online Teaching." West Virginia Statewide Tech Conference, July 2023.

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES (DEAN: DR. MONICA BROOKS)

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- University librarians launched Herd Books, a new reading program this summer, to solicit book recommendations from the Marshall community for inclusion in their Recommended Reading site. The program includes title lists, displays, and other opportunities to share recommended titles and book reviews on a variety of topics to engage with library users.
- The Marshall University Libraries participated in the 2023 American Library Association National Library Week events. Staff Librarian Diane Palmieri spearheaded a campus-wide active learning scavenger hunt utilizing the library databases, eBooks, and print resources. Over 120 students were eligible for prizes by submitting photos and completing the scavenger hunt tasks successfully.
- Prof. Kacy Lovelace, Research & Student Success Librarian, coordinated the Social Explorer masterclass for graduate students and faculty. She has also helped facilitate the *Indigenous Appalachia* art exhibit in the Drinko Library with colleagues from the WVU Libraries and Michelle Tyler from Drinko Circulation. The exhibit will be up for all library visitors to enjoy through the fall term.
- The MU Libraries is a proud participant in the US Government Printing Office's Federal Documents program as a selective and accredited Regional Depository Library for close to 100 years.
- Patsy Stephenson, Government Documents Librarian, organized an annual Smart Money Week event in which Sean Hornbuckle, Financial Advisor with Edward Jones, presented "Investing in Your Future" to MU students and employees. Andrea Anderson from Citibank also conducted an informative seminar on managing finances for novice investors.
- Coordinated by Dr. Kelli Johnson, the library faculty have been working with colleagues Dr. Kateryna Schray and Glen Midkiff in Academic Affairs to develop the MU Affordable Materials website which will be launched this fall. The website will be a "one stop shop" for students, faculty, and staff to see what MU offers to assist them with keeping materials costs down through multiple partnerships with the Textbook Loan Program, Student Success office, and library OER support.
- University archivists provided a virtual tour of Special Collections during the annual conference of the Mid Atlantic Regional Archives Conference (MARAC). Additionally, they curated a new General Chuck Yeager display of memorabilia and personal artifacts from the Chuck Yeager Collection for the Charleston Regional Airport. Mrs. Victoria Yeager was present to dedicate the new installment of Gen. Yeager's items that are seen by thousands of travelers to the region daily.

FACULTY & STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

- Dr. Sabrina Thomas, Head of Library Research & Instruction, graduated with her doctorate in Education this spring. After 17 years of outstanding service to Marshall, she is leaving to

accept the director of libraries position at Hawaii Pacific University. Dr. Thomas will be missed by her Marshall colleagues and friends.

- Dr. Majed Khader, Director of the Morrow Library, retired after more than 35 years of service to University Libraries. Dr. Khader served in several capacities including Reference and Instruction Librarian, Government Documents Librarian, and current and longstanding state representative to the American Library Association Council on behalf of the WV Library Association. MU colleagues and library friends have benefitted from his mentorship and support for many years and will miss him greatly.
- Prof. Jessica Lowman, University Archivist & Digital Preservation Librarian, was awarded an INCO Grant to attend the Best Practices Exchange (un)Conference 2023 at the University of Georgia in June. Prof. Lowman also presented at The Child and the Book Conference 2023, hosted at the University of Montenegro in Podgorica, Montenegro in May. She also held a joint lecture with Dr. Kimberly McFall entitled “A Cultural Discussion: Libraries in America” for students of librarianship, information science, and digital publishing and the faculty at the Institute of Information and Media Studies at the University of Wroclaw.
- Prof. Larry Sheret, OER Librarian, and Dr. Robert Ellison were invited speakers at the College of William & Mary on June 24. They presented “The Library of Appalachian Preaching: A Digital Repository of Sermons” which preserves both oral and aural history.
- Dr. Monica Brooks, Dean of University Libraries, and the library faculty accepted a \$25,000 grant award from EBSCO Information Services this spring in recognition of MU’s facilitation of the WV Electronic Resources buying consortium now housed at the WV Higher Education Policy Commission. With this generous award, the university library faculty will launch a new Integrated Services Center on the main campus during the 2023-24 academic year.
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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- In June, Special Collections and Archives in the Morrow Library welcomed 35 visitors from the American Cruise Lines American Queen/American Duchess sternwheel boats for tours coordinated through the Huntington Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB). Another tour is scheduled for August.
- The *We Are Marshall* movie archive was a special destination for 30 middle school children from Alabama who visited Special Collections in conjunction with a mission trip to Huntington.
- The Special Collections team also contributed photos and archives to the new Central City Museum on 14th Street West that debuted this summer with a grand opening that showcased the rich history of this unique neighborhood’s past.