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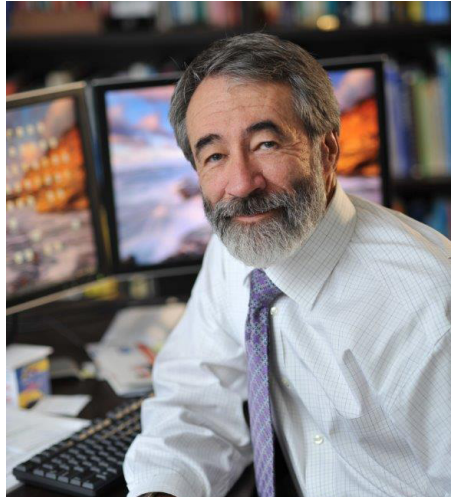
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Welcome Back

FROM DEAN PREWITT

Another summer has come and gone and as we enter Fall 2015, it is evident the College of Health Professions is thriving like never before. Thanks to our university's exceptional faculty and staff, our enrollment for this semester was over 2,400 students, which was a significant increase from past years. We've had a lot of exciting things happen this summer including the launch of our brand new Web site. I would like to encourage our faculty to remain patient and understanding during



this transition as this was a major undertaking by our administrative staff. We have many new programs and projects in the works for this year and I look forward to sharing them with you through this monthly newsletter. If you have any ideas to maintain and advance our initiatives, my door is always open.

Welcome back and best wishes to all for a great semester!

Michael Prewitt

Prewitt named WSAZ's Hometown Hero



Our dean has been named WSAZ's Hometown Hero. Every week, WSAZ recognizes people who have made a significant difference in other people's lives and their communities. Winners are chosen based on their voluntary positive impact on a person or community, according to WSAZ.

Prewitt said he was only trying to help the owners of a local business after a severe storm blew out their storefront windows in late June.

"I was driving by Avant-Garde on 4th Avenue after going grocery shopping and noticed they had no windows," Prewitt said. "The owners seemed in shock because the damage was significant, but I offered to go home and get some things to start helping them clean up. I came back with gloves, trash bags and a few brooms and we got to work." Avant-Garde, a furniture and home decor

consignment store, is located in the former location of Magic Makers and was scheduled to open the following Monday. For many days after the incident, the owners of Avant-Garde didn't know who the kind stranger was who stopped to help out, according to WSAZ's article.

"I'm a big collector of antiques and when I saw the broken glass covering these pieces of beautiful furniture, it was instinct to stop and offer any help I could," Prewitt said. "I would hope someone would do the same for me if I were in that situation." To learn more about Prewitt's story and why he was chosen as last week's WSAZ Hometown Hero, visit its website at <http://www.wsaz.com/community/hometownhero>.

School of Physical Therapy receives full program accreditation from CAPTE



The Marshall University School of Physical Therapy achieved full accreditation status for its Doctor of Physical Therapy program from the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) at the end of our 2015 spring semester. For all new programs, the first accreditation is for five years, after which they must submit a self-study for reaccreditation with the possibility of 10 years of accreditation at that time.

Since opening its doors in May 2012, the School of Physical Therapy has worked hard to reach this achievement, according to program director Dr. Penny Kroll.

“The bid for full accreditation status is a three-year process. A new program must first achieve ‘Candidacy for Accreditation,’ admit the inaugural class and then complete the entire three years of the Doctor of Physical Therapy curriculum before it is reviewed for final accreditation,” Kroll said. “It’s been a long, arduous process, but I’m happy to say with the help of my wonderful, talented academic and clinical faculty and support from our university administration and from the Marshall University and Huntington communities at large, we have achieved our goal.”

Kroll said the highlight of the entire accreditation process was watching the

inaugural class of students receive their hoods and doctoral degrees at the May 9 graduation ceremony.

“By enrolling in the program prior to even achieving ‘Candidacy for Accreditation,’ this group of students took a gamble on us. They believed we would receive full accreditation so they could be deemed graduates of an accredited program, and hence be allowed to sit for the practice board examination,” Kroll said. “I am tremendously proud to say we have achieved our goal for our recent graduates and the future students of this program.”

Dr. Michael Prewitt, dean of the College of Health Professions and one of the School of Physical Therapy’s biggest supporters, said he had no doubts the program would receive full accreditation.

“Earning CAPTE accreditation is an indication that our School of Physical Therapy has the highest quality and best standards of practice offered,” Prewitt said. “This is another example of how Marshall University is well suited to provide the best health professions education through programs dedicated to improving our region’s health. This is certainly an accomplishment to be proud of.”

Currently, there are 228 accredited physical therapy programs in the U.S. with over 29,000 students enrolled. For more information on the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 1111 No. Fairfax St., Alexandria, Virginia 22314, call 703-706-3245, e-mail accreditation@apta.org or visit the website at <http://www.capteonline.org> online. To learn more about how to apply for the Marshall University School of Physical Therapy, visit www.marshall.edu/cohp online.

Newsletter Cover Photo (*Far Right Thumbnail*): Dr. Penny Kroll helps students with their white coats during the 2015 White Coat Ceremony held at St. Mary’s Center for Education last May.

Social work faculty receives grant for “Leper of Pickens” bullying documentary



Dr. Peggy Harman of the Marshall University College of Health Professions has been awarded a \$1,500 grant from the West Virginia Arts and Humanities Council to film a documentary on “The Leper of Pickens,” which will focus on how a man’s life was forever changed due to discrimination and bullying.

“The Leper of Pickens” was a man from Syria who came to the United States around 1901 looking for a better life, according to Harman. After gaining employment, Harman said he developed sores on his face that became so severe that he was forced to quit his job and was forced from the town in which he was working.

“He traveled from town to town trying to gain employment, but was forced to leave because of his affliction. Naturally, he had very little money and thus, he could not afford medical care,” Harman said. “Eventually he ended up in West Virginia and was diagnosed with leprosy. The

remainder of his life was horrific. The documentary will chronicle his life and death and highlight the effects prejudice and bullying have on the individual and society.”

Harman, an assistant professor in the college’s Department of Social Work, said the purpose of social work is to assist in the well-being of society. If the profession of social work had been as advanced as it now, “The Leper” could have been assisted and possibly could have lived a healthy and prosperous life, according to Harman.

“Immigrants often face discrimination and bullying for ‘being different’ and the addition of having a medical affliction, especially one that is disfiguring and that people perceive as communicable or ‘catching,’ is especially devastating,” Harman said. “Recent studies indicate that bullying and discrimination have devastating effects not only on the victim and their families, but have an overall impact on the quality of life on all members of the community. This type of violence is significantly associated with increased costs of health and social services. Studies also suggest that bullying and discrimination are highly associated with devaluation of property and lower productivity.”

The documentary will be entered into several West Virginia film festivals in 2016. Harman said she is eager to reveal the name of “The Leper” in the project so that audiences will evolve from viewing him as an object and begin to see him as a deserving human being. Harman said she would also develop a curriculum focused on bullying and discrimination for a workshop to be presented to sixth graders in Cabell County.

To learn more about Harman’s work with this project, contact her at 304-696-3146 or e-mail proudfoothar@marshall.edu. For more information about the Department of Social Work, visit www.marshall.edu/cohp online.

Photo by: The Charleston Gazette-Mail

Marshall is first university in WV to offer professional Master of Athletic Training degree



Marshall University will offer the first professional Master of Athletic Training degree in the state of West Virginia in fall 2016.

The professional Master of Science in Athletic Training degree is a 3-2 program, allowing current Marshall University students to apply after their third year of undergraduate studies and graduate two years later with both bachelor's and master's degrees, according to the program's director, Dr. Joseph Beckett.

"This new program will allow our students to receive a master's degree in only five years, which will save them time and money," Beckett said. "Additionally, students who hold bachelor's degrees from either Marshall or another accredited institution can also apply and complete the two-year

professional Master of Science in Athletic Training program."

Beckett said both routes prepare students to take the national Board of Certification (BOC) Examination.

"Currently, there are 36 institutions in the U.S. that have the professional master's degree in athletic training," Beckett said. "In late May, we received communication from our accreditation body, the Commission on the Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE), that the professional degree in athletic training will be moved from the bachelor's to the master's degree within the next seven to eight years. By making this transition in 2016-17, Marshall University will be ahead of other institutions across the country and will be the very first in West Virginia."

Students who have completed the athletic training application requirements by the spring 2016 semester would be able to apply to this new program and graduate with the master's degree in May 2018, according to Dr. Michael Prewitt, dean of the College of Health Professions.

"Athletic trainers are health care professionals who collaborate with physicians. The services provided by ATs comprise prevention, emergency care, clinical diagnosis, therapeutic intervention and rehabilitation of injuries and medical conditions," Prewitt said "We are very proud to educate future athletic trainers to become highly qualified, multi-skilled health care professionals. We hope this new program only broadens the opportunities available for our students within the College of Health Professions."

For more information about Marshall's new professional master's degree in athletic training, contact Beckett at beckett76@marshall.edu or call 304-696-2929. To learn more about the Marshall University Department of Athletic Training, visit www.marshall.edu/cohp online.

Konz to train hammer throw athletes for 2015 IAAF Track and Field World Championships



Dr. Suzanne Konz of the Marshall University College of Health Professions traveled to Chiba, Japan, this month to train hammer throw athletes for the 2015 International Association of Athletics Federation Track and Field World Championships.

Konz, an associate professor and director of the college's biomechanics lab, said although she's worked with USA Track and Field since 2003, this is her first invitation to cover training camp for the World Championships.

"I will work with six athletes, three men and three women, during the training camp. Many people don't appreciate the amazing athleticism of a hammer thrower - it is amazing how fast they move while throwing a heavy ball on a cable," Konz said. "The Olympics are coming up next year, so they want to build a lot of momentum and to have success at Worlds." Dr. Iain Hunter, a professor at Brigham Young University with a research focus on track and field mechanics, served as Konz's advisor at BYU when she was a doctoral student. Hunter

said Konz has a great interest in sport biomechanics and has had opportunities to work with some of the best biomechanics professors in the U.S. with her USA Track and Field connections.

"Dr. Konz has earned the respect of many of the best throwers in the U.S.," Hunter said. "She is well-respected with her knowledge of technology and mechanics.□ This has placed her in a position to work with many elite athletes and coaches across the country."

Helping these athletes achieve their best performance is the most exciting part of this experience, according to Konz.

"My work only impacts such a small subset of the athletic population with what I do, but it's still a pretty cool feeling," Konz said. "Growing up in a small farming community with a population of 200, I never thought I would be traveling the globe to work with world-class athletes on their craft. This has been an amazing, if not surreal, experience for me and I am forever grateful for the opportunity."

Konz arrived in Japan for the training camp on Aug. 11 and returned to the U.S. before the 2015 World Championships take place in Beijing, China, Aug. 22-30.

To learn more about Konz's work with USA Track and Field and the upcoming World Championships, contact her at konz@marshall.edu or by calling 304-696-2926. To learn more about the 2015 IAAF World Championships, visit www.iaaf.org. For more information about Marshall University's Department of Biomechanics, visit www.marshall.edu/cohp online.

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Dr. Suzanne Konz is shown at the Great Peace Pagoda in Narita, Japan when she traveled earlier this month for the 2015 IAAF Track and Field World Championships.

Lose the Training Wheels summer camp wraps up for fifth consecutive year



For the fifth consecutive year, Marshall University's School of Kinesiology hosted the Lose the Training Wheels Camp July 20-24 at Huntington High School. The program, offered in cooperation with the nonprofit charity iCanShine, teaches participants with disabilities how to ride a two-wheel bicycle independently. Funding for the camp was a concern earlier this year, but with the help of local donors and community support, the Lose the Training Wheels program will be offered for children with special needs who want to learn to ride, according to the camp's director, Dr. Gregg Twietmeyer.

"The benefits of our summer program are twofold: one, participants can learn the joys of riding a bike, which can lead to increased self-esteem and confidence; and two, Marshall students who

volunteer as spotters for the riders get to see firsthand the important role of physical activity in human well-being and culture," said Twietmeyer, an associate professor in the College of Health Professions.

Twietmeyer said the college's School of Kinesiology is honored to host the Lose the Training Wheels Camp for the fifth summer in a row.

"We're hoping to have the maximum 35 riders this year. The more riders enrolled the more people we can help discover the joys of riding a bike," Twietmeyer said.

iCanShine is a national organization that works with local organizations to host camps in individual communities. Staff members travel the country conducting the camps, and have an average success rate of more than 80 percent. Participants attend one 75-minute session each day for five consecutive days. To be eligible to register for the camp, participants must be at least 8 years old and have a diagnosed disability. They must have a minimum inseam of 20 inches, weigh less than 220 pounds and be able to walk without assistive devices. Teens and adults may participate as well. The registration fee is \$100, but scholarships are available. For more information on registration or volunteering, visit www.marshall.edu/lttw. To learn more about the camp or to find out how you can help out next summer, contact the camp's new program director, Elizabeth Casey, at 304-696-5831 or email caseyel@marshall.edu. Individuals interested in helping to defray the costs of the camp through financial donations may contact Rick Robinson, Director of Development with the Marshall University College of Health Professions, at 304-696-7081.

COHP Faculty Spotlight: Brad Profitt

Brad Profitt, PT, DPT, CSCS, DC, CFCE, is a new assistant professor within our college's School of Physical Therapy. Find out more about Professor Profitt below.

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Brad graduated from Marshall's school of business in 1994 with a BA in business. He went on to Logan College of Chiropractic to complete a BS in human biology (1998) and a DC in Chiropractic (2000). Dr. Profitt returned to school in 2007 at the University of St. Augustine to complete his DPT (Doctorate in Physical Therapy). Dr. Profitt brings 15 years of clinical experience and several years of teaching experience from teaching continuing education as well as serving as adjunct faculty at Marshall. As a lifelong learner, Dr. Profitt plans to continue his education and pursue the Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership, Ed.D at Marshall University.

Teaching Philosophy:

"I believe that each student has a unique set of barriers and hurdles to overcome and I desire to help bridge that gap with my diverse background of academia and clinical expertise. My intent is to use any and all resources available to foster understanding and allow for the application of learning by visual, auditory and kinesthetic processing with each student depending on their individual style of learning. Having completed both traditional and online education, as well as, acquiring several additional certifications I feel I can contribute to the learning process in many ways."

Every month we will spotlight a member of our college's faculty or staff. If you would like to be considered for this section, please contact archer15@marshall.edu.

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