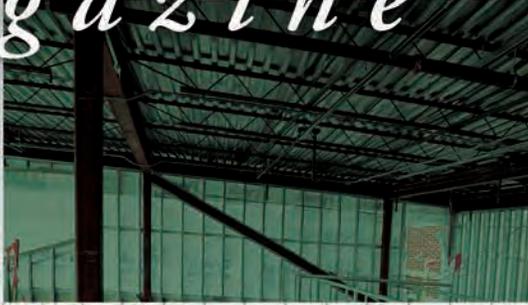
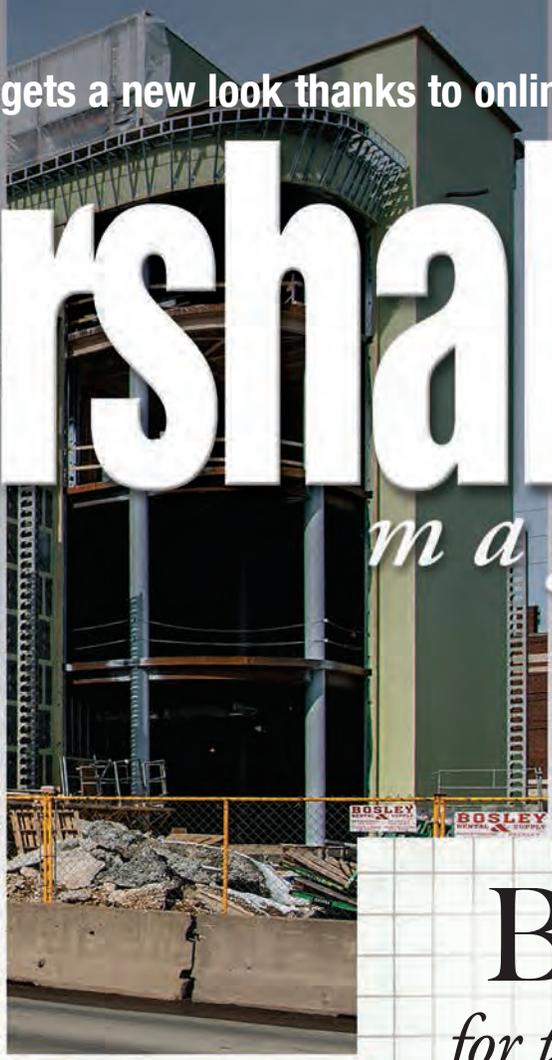


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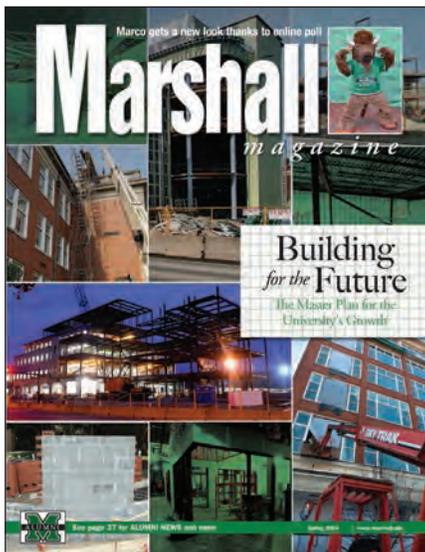
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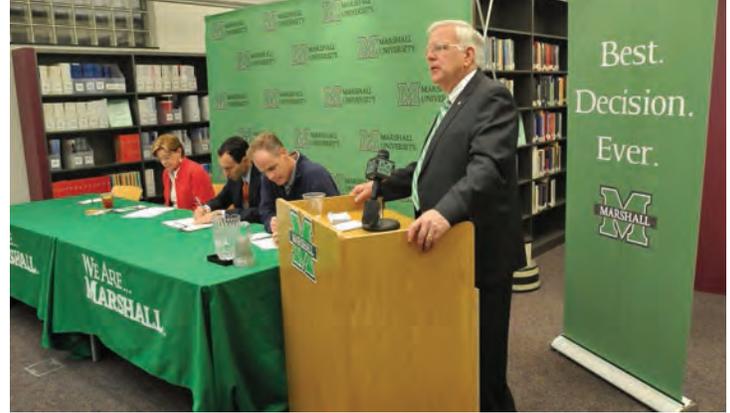
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The 10-year master plan includes upgrades to all of Marshall's Huntington locations as well as its South Charleston campus. Photos by Rick Haye and Rick Lee.

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# Autumn with President Kopp



President Kopp introduces the participants for the higher education funding forum that took place in November on the South Charleston campus. From left, members of the West Virginia Legislature, Del. Nancy Guthrie, Sen. Corey Palumbo and Sen. Erik Wells. Two other forums also took place on the Huntington campus and at the Mid-Ohio Valley Center in Point Pleasant.



President Kopp takes up the bullhorn to announce the winners of the annual President's Invitational Quits Media Challenge in September. At left, Keith Morehouse and Tim Irr from WSAZ accept their award.



President Kopp and his wife, Jane, presented the awards to the winners of the annual holiday design contest for a print greeting card, an electronic greeting and a collectible plate.



Andrew Colin, left, chairman of INTO University Partnerships, and President Kopp cut the ribbon for the renovated INTO Marshall Center, located on the Huntington campus in the former community college facility, in October.

President Kopp was among the first to congratulate McKenzie Cooley on being named Ms. Marshall at the Homecoming football game Oct. 5.



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An aerial photograph of the Marshall University campus, showing various buildings, parking lots, and green spaces. The image is partially obscured by a white grid overlay containing the title.

# The Marshall of Tomorrow

*Marshall's 10-year master plan  
provides a roadmap for the  
future growth of the university*

In keeping with a tradition of preparing students for future success, Marshall University is paving the way for a bright future of its own. In December 2013, the Marshall University Board of Governors unanimously approved a master plan that will guide the university's growth and development for the next 10 years.

Marshall University President Dr. Stephen Kopp said the plan focuses on improving the university's existing buildings and framework so that they can be utilized to their fullest potential.

"The emphasis of the comprehensive plan is on flexible and adaptive reinvestment - reinvesting, improving and, where needed, expanding current facilities and infrastructure from buildings to byways to better serve our students and campus community," Kopp said.

**By Katherine Pyles**

**Photos by Rick Haye and Rick Lee**

// The plan is very comprehensive. It is a **flexible framework that aligns our strategic initiatives with our physical resources.** //

– Dr. Karen Kirtley

The planning process began in late 2012 under the leadership of Dr. Karen Kirtley, senior vice president for administration. The university partnered with SmithGroupJJR, one of the nation’s largest and most well-known architecture and engineering firms, to prepare the plan.

“The entire planning process was very much a two-way street,” Kirtley said. “We made sure as we moved forward with the master plan that we had the ability and the time to review every step of the process.”

A campus advisory committee, comprising representatives of university departments ranging from housing and residence life to student services, public safety and parking, met throughout the planning process to offer input. The master planners also sought feedback

from regional leaders such as Huntington Mayor Steve Williams, West Virginia Sen. Robert Plymale, Cabell Huntington Hospital, St. Mary’s Medical Center, the Tri-State Transit Authority and the West Virginia Department of Highways.

Mary Jukuri, principal with SmithGroupJJR, said the intensive planning process proved to be as beneficial as the plan itself.

“The value of a master plan is in the process itself,” she said. “It gives an opportunity for the university administration, faculty, staff and students to come together collectively and find out what is important to them as an institution, what their vision is for the future and what opportunities there are that can help them reach that vision.”

**Marshall is nearing completion on three major construction projects (from left): the Visual Arts Center, the Indoor Athletic Facility and the Arthur Weisberg Family Applied Engineering Complex.**



By using high-tech outreach efforts, Marshall gained a broader, more diverse perspective. In addition to town hall meetings held in Huntington, a “virtual town hall” website was created to give stakeholders the opportunity to provide feedback online.

“Marshall University is at the forefront of using online technology in this way,” said Lauren Williams, associate with SmithGroupJJR. “Through the virtual town hall, we were able to post questions and interactive maps of the campus to allow members of the Marshall community to provide their thoughts during the development of the plan.”

This unique outreach initiative increased awareness of the master plan and yielded numerous responses, with more than 30,000 page views throughout the master plan process.

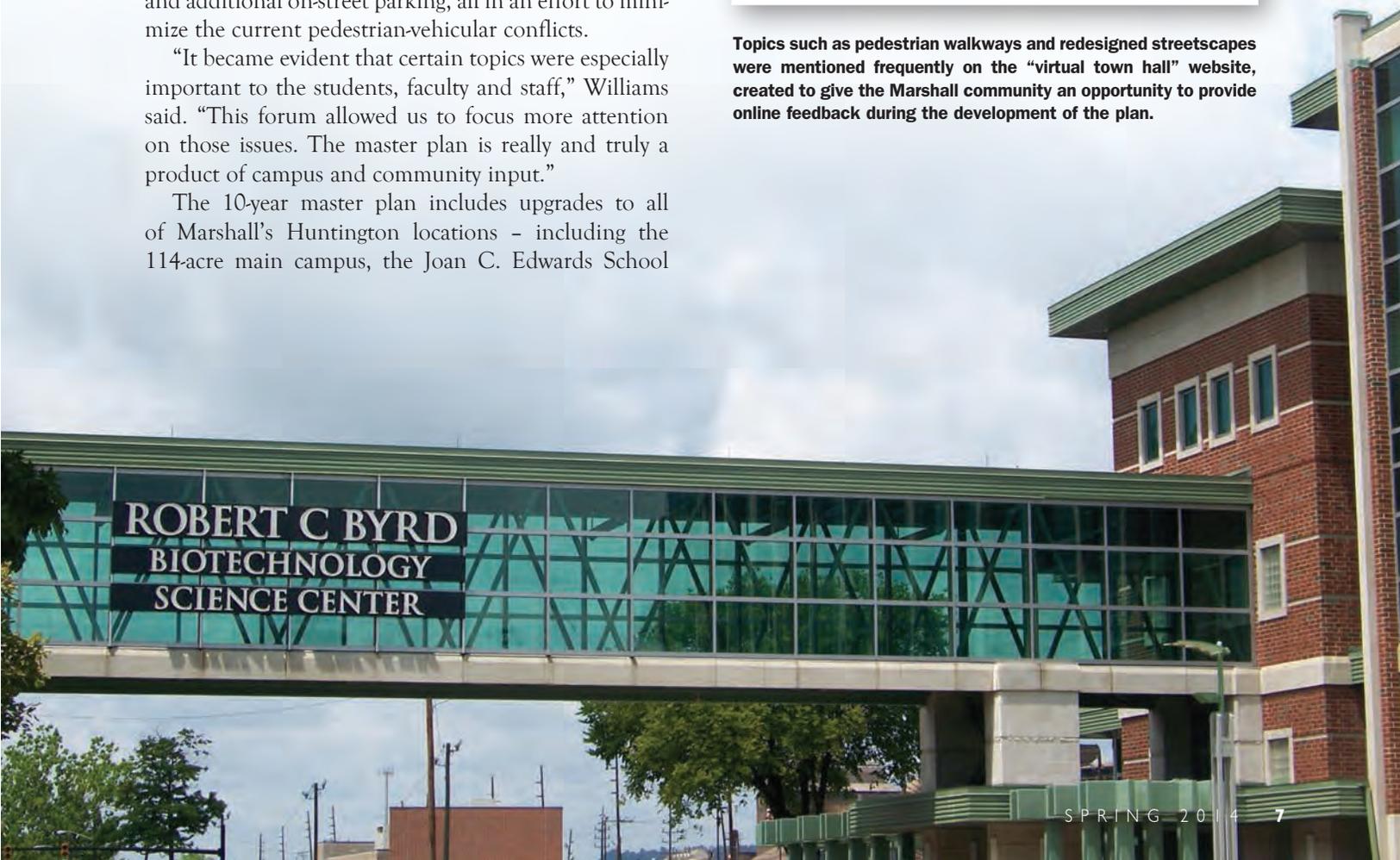
Certain topics that were mentioned frequently on the website, such as upgrades to the Memorial Student Center and concerns with traffic on Third Avenue and Fifth Avenue, became influential in the planners’ decision-making. The plan designates the Memorial Student Center renovation as a top priority, and it proposes redesigned streetscapes for Third and Fifth avenues that feature bike lanes, pedestrian walkways and additional on-street parking, all in an effort to minimize the current pedestrian-vehicular conflicts.

“It became evident that certain topics were especially important to the students, faculty and staff,” Williams said. “This forum allowed us to focus more attention on those issues. The master plan is really and truly a product of campus and community input.”

The 10-year master plan includes upgrades to all of Marshall’s Huntington locations - including the 114-acre main campus, the Joan C. Edwards School



**Topics such as pedestrian walkways and redesigned streetscapes were mentioned frequently on the “virtual town hall” website, created to give the Marshall community an opportunity to provide online feedback during the development of the plan.**





**As part of the master plan, the Memorial Student Center will get a total renovation, including more social and common areas and increased natural light.**

of Medicine, the School of Pharmacy, the School of Physical Therapy, the Forensic Science Center, the Veterans Memorial Soccer Complex and the Visual Arts Center – as well as its campus in South Charleston and centers in Teays Valley and Point Pleasant.

The planners conducted a space-needs analysis, which provided a comprehensive look at Marshall's campuses both now and in the future. Kirtley said the analysis was eye opening.

“All of our campuses and centers interact with each other,” she said. “Looking at all of the locations makes a huge difference in terms of classroom scheduling and space usage. We are able to see how space available in one place can help with the planning for other places.”

In addition to examining space needs, the master planners evaluated enrollment growth and demographic shifts in the student population. In making their recommendations, they took into consideration such topics as wayfinding and signage, IT systems, transportation and even campus topography. The plan addresses the importance of recreation space and green space areas, the character of campus landscaping and the potential for future land acquisition. It concludes with phasing guidelines to help facilitate the implementation of the plan.

“The plan is very comprehensive,” Kirtley said. “It is a flexible framework that aligns our strategic initiatives with our physical resources.”

A total renovation of the Memorial Student Center is outlined in the master plan, which suggests more social and common areas, increased natural light and aesthetic improvements both inside and outside to reinforce the center's role as the heart of the Huntington campus.

“Our students love the student center,” Kirtley said. “It's the first place they go when they arrive on campus. It's also where we host a lot of events, and it's one of the places our alumni and prospective students visit when they come to town. But it does need to be updated. A fresh look is certainly going to bring about some oohs and aahs.”

The plan also includes updates to the Cam Henderson Center, Gullickson Hall, Morrow Library, Twin Towers Residence Hall and many of the older academic buildings. Four new buildings are proposed – two residence halls, a mixed-use housing structure primarily for graduate students and a High-Tech Classroom and Housing Building that will offer modern instructional space within an innovative live/learn model of student housing.

Kirtley said the planners, in collaboration with university administration and committee input, outlined potential building renovations rather than plans for new construction as often as possible to preserve the rich history of the university.

“We want to take care of what we have,” she said. “These wonderful building assessments give us a 10-year look at the projects we can complete to improve various buildings. As we look forward to what might need to be updated, we now have a flexible framework to guide us as funding becomes available.”

Kirtley noted that the master plan is not set in stone. It depends on funding and is adaptable to changing priorities.

“It’s a wonderful plan that, funding available, will guide us through the next 10 years,” she said. “It is a comprehensive framework that will lead us well in our future endeavors.”

The future may be unknown, but one thing is certain: Marshall University’s 10-year master plan promises exciting, future development of the entire university.

“There is a unique sense of community at Marshall and a great sense of life,” Jukuri said. “It has been a real pleasure working with the university, from the senior administration to the faculty and staff and to all of the extremely intelligent and enthusiastic students. We look forward to seeing how this plan unfolds in the coming years.”

To view the complete master plan, visit [www.marshall.edu/mplan](http://www.marshall.edu/mplan). □

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**The South Charleston campus (pictured below) as well as the centers in Teays Valley and Point Pleasant will receive upgrades.**



**The plan includes updates to the Morrow Library and many other older academic buildings on the Huntington campus.**



future





# Investing in the **NEXT** *Generation*

**The Marshall University Foundation plays a key role  
in providing affordable education to students**

**W**ith costs for higher education increasing rapidly, how can Marshall University cover its expenses while still providing a high-quality, affordable education for its students? The Marshall University Foundation plays a key role in answering that question. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit with the sole mission of supporting Marshall University's students, faculty and programs. It does this by cultivating relationships with alumni and friends of Marshall who want to support the school through financial gifts, large and small.

Across the nation, states are allocating less financial support to public higher education, leaving state colleges and universities to make up the difference through increased tuition and fees, research grants or philanthropy.

"With the greater and greater need for additional sources of funding in higher education, we are doing everything we can at Marshall to make sure the heavy burden of increasing costs is not passed on to students and parents," said Dr. Ron Area, Marshall University Foundation's chief executive officer and Marshall senior vice president for development. "We try through philanthropy to find whatever resources we can to keep the costs students pay in a reasonable range."

Building relationships with the university's many friends is central to the foundation's efforts. Alumni and supporters of the university all have their own personal reasons for caring about Marshall. Maybe they treasure their memories of participating in Marshall's speech and debate team while they were students. Maybe they have enjoyed a successful career thanks to their Marshall

*By Molly McClennen*



Gifts to the MU Foundation provide scholarships to students, helping to offset the cost of higher education.

engineering degrees. Foundation staff seek to strengthen the connections supporters have to Marshall by answering questions, coordinating meetings between alumni and current students or arranging for supporters to attend university events. Once strong connections to the university are established, supporters learn about the needs of the programs they care about. When they know these needs, they often want to make financial gifts to help meet them.

*Alumni and supporters of the university all have their own personal reasons for caring about Marshall.*

“People give money to people,” Area said. “We try to understand who Marshall’s supporters are and why they believe it is important to invest in the institution. Our job is to make that investment happen.”

One of Marshall’s greatest needs in the past five years has been for money to support scholarships. Gifts to scholarships can be either expendable or endowed. While expendable gifts might eventually be depleted, gifts to an endowed scholarship are invested. The earnings from the investment are used to provide financial support to students for as long as the university exists.

Gifts to scholarships establish a legacy that lives on even after the donor is gone. Area remembers a scholarship recipient who wanted to give back to Marshall in memory of the donor who had made it possible for her to attend Marshall. Upon graduation, the student took out a term life insurance policy with Marshall as the beneficiary.

“She took great joy in knowing that, should anything happen to her, she had established something in her scholarship donor’s memory,” Area said.

Life insurance policies are one of many ways alumni can support Marshall through planned giving. Marshall offers numerous ways for supporters to make planned gifts to the university, including options that protect the donor’s assets and do not affect the donor’s lifestyle. There are even planned giving options that allow the donor to earn income from an investment while still making a substantial gift to Marshall. A donor who names Marshall as the beneficiary of a planned gift, like a bequest or charitable income gift, is honored as a member of The Old Main Society. The staff of the Marshall University Foundation knows that ensuring the future excellence of Marshall means investing these gifts in a prudent and efficient way.

“We have to be good stewards of the resources that are given to us and get the types of returns that our donors expect us to be getting,” said Area.

The foundation has set ambitious development goals for the next 10 years and is closely monitoring progress toward them. Area said the university needs to more than double its endowment by 2020, a goal that is achievable with the support of alumni. All contributions, including those made by supporters who cannot

afford to give thousands of dollars, are valued by the foundation. Gifts of less than \$1,000 are channeled into the University Fund, where they are combined with the gifts of other supporters to make a large impact on the university.

One example of small gifts making a big impact is the 1837 Society. Students and alumni started the 1837 Society to encourage current Marshall students and recent graduates to develop the habit of giving to their university. Students might only be able to give \$18.37 a year now, but Area said doing so can establish the habit of giving back to Marshall, so that when students have graduated and are established in careers, they will continue to support their alma mater. Current students and alumni who make a financial gift of any amount to the Foundation each year are part of the Annual Fund and are also active members of the Marshall University Alumni Association.

“We would hope that alumni across the country will remember their time at Marshall and do whatever they can to help the university, whether that be through providing financial support or recruiting qualified students,” Area said. “If your Marshall education means a lot to you, if you had a great experience during your time at Marshall, we hope you will make an investment in the next generation.” □

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By Dawn Nolan

# Walking TOGETHER

Marshall students and faculty come together for the university's second annual Unity Walk

**H**omecoming Week is a time of celebration, and for an institution as diverse as Marshall, it's a time that can also serve as a way for individuals from all walks of life to bond and come together as one university community. More than 1,000 students representing more than 50 campus organizations jointly gathered during the second annual "We Are ... Family Unity Walk Celebration" late last year.



PHOTO BY ROCK HAVEN

"It's a way to show everybody ... that we are one big, close-knit family, and that we can all come together for one common goal," explained senior Derek Robinson in an on-campus video.

Maurice Cooley, director of the Center for African American Students at Marshall University, initially organized the event in 2012. He has since been named vice president of intercultural affairs at Marshall.

"At Marshall University, we have 15,000 people from all over the world ... people with different languages, cultures, beliefs and religions, but this is one of the few times that we can bring people together to celebrate the oneness," said Cooley in an MU Report interview.

Marshall's Student Resource Center, Student Affairs, Greek Affairs, MU Athletics, Housing and Residence Life, INTO, Alumni Affairs and the Center for African American Students sponsored the harmonious activity. □

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**More than 1,000 students participated in the second annual Unity Walk.**

PHOTO BY RICK HAYE



The Unity Walk was the last campus event for the "old" Marco. Marshall unveiled Marco's new look the following day. For more on Marco's makeover see the story on the next page. Both the Unity Walk and new Marco's unveiling were part of Homecoming 2013 events.

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# MARCO

Gets a

# MAKEOVER

*By Dawn Nolan*

Football fans were greeted by a familiar face at this year's Homecoming game. Sporting a green sweater with white "M" and fur-covered legs, Marshall University's mascot, Marco, unveiled his "new" look to a stadium full of eager admirers.

The change came as the result of an online poll. After undergoing a makeover in 2008, which had Marco dressed in track pants, tennis shoes and a tough expression, school supporters made their voices heard about their disapproval with the decision.

Facebook fans were given the opportunity to vote to bring back the old Marco, keep the current design or create a hybrid. The "classic" design won by a landslide, garnering 76 percent of the vote.

The alteration process, which included the beloved mascot's trip to Huntington's El Haijj Salon and Spa and emergency surgery by Dr. Allen Young, was documented in a video on the university's YouTube channel. Young, a former Marco and winner of the mascot national championship in the 1990s, worked on the design with the help of Dale Morton Studios in Hurricane and played the part of the beloved bison throughout the first quarter of the game. □



# *On the Bench*

Marshall graduate Stephanie Thacker is the first female judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals Fourth Circuit



If it surprises you that the first female appointed United States Circuit Judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit is from Lincoln County, W.Va., then you don't know Stephanie Thacker or West Virginia women. Recommended by Sen. Jay Rockefeller and appointed by President Barack Obama in September 2011, she sailed through the Senate confirmation hearings and received nearly unanimous approval on April 16, 2012. Only the ninth West Virginian to serve as a member of this court, Thacker assumed the vacancy created by the death of Judge M. Blane Michael, who had died in March 2011.

Actually, she's not the first judicial officer in her family. Her grandmother, Ruth Thacker – lovingly referred to as “Granny” Thacker – served as a justice of the peace in the mid-1960s. The owner of Thacker's Bar in Hamlin, which she operated single-handedly after the death of her husband, Granny conducted her court in the back room of the

bar. Judge Thacker admits her grandmother was a driving force in her life, along with her mother.

“What started all three of us on the path to higher education was definitely my mother and my grandmother,” she said, referring to her twin sister, Samantha, and her brother Allen Young, all raised by the two women after Thacker's parents divorced. Although her father, Rod Young, was a part of her childhood and she carried his last name until she graduated from West Virginia University College of Law, one of her first legal acts after graduation was to change it to Thacker in honor of her mother and grandmother.

Before entering law school, Thacker graduated from Marshall University in 1987 with a marketing degree while living with her grandmother's sister, Nell Wharton, in Huntington. After graduating magna cum laude, she wasn't sure what she wanted to do, and once again, her mother stepped in, suggesting law school.

By Carter Taylor Seaton • Photo by Rick Lee

Sen. Jay Rockefeller called Thacker “a  
compassionate, yet tough, attorney.”



“Mother knows best,” Thacker said, so she applied to WVU and was accepted. Three years later, she graduated at the top of the class, Order of the Coif. At her investiture ceremony, Chief United States District Judge Joseph R. Goodwin praised Thacker as one who “became an outstanding legal scholar, built a stellar legal career and an enviable record of public service.” Unlike most of her classmates, however, he said, “she did it as Ginger Rogers did, backwards and in high heels.”

Her 22-year legal career prior to assuming a seat on the bench includes private practice at several law firms both in and out of state as well as stints in the public arena. From 1990-1992 she practiced at Kirkpatrick & Lockhart in Pittsburgh, then returned to West Virginia to work for two years at King, Betts & Allen in Charleston. In 1994, she moved to the United States Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of West Virginia where, as an assistant U.S. attorney, she successfully prosecuted the first federal domestic violence case in the country. Recognizing that domestic violence is a serious issue for West Virginia, and the entire nation, she helped amend the state’s domestic violence laws.

When she moved to Washington, D.C., because she wanted to be close to her sister, Samantha, who had just given birth to a son, Thacker looked for opportunities in the Department of Justice, where she thought her previous experience and interest would intersect. The child exploitation section was one of those. As she rose from trial attorney, to deputy chief for litigation, and then to principal deputy chief, she often focused on cases dealing with child pornography, child sexual exploitation, obscenity issues and domestic child prostitution. While there she won numerous awards and co-authored the Department of Justice Federal Child Support Prosecution Handbook.

However, by 2006, like many natives, she had returned once again to West Virginia along with her hus-

*“I do think that I’ve been fortunate that my West Virginia upbringing, education and legal career helped to prepare me for the next steps in my life and career.”*

band, John Carr, a move she calls the best decision ever. Thacker met the Ohio native in Germany when she was conducting training for Air Force lawyers on the investigation and prosecution of child exploitation crimes. An Air Force Academy and Harvard Law School cum laude graduate, Carr was teaching the same thing. He was an Air Force JAG officer who had held assignments around the world as both a criminal prosecutor and criminal defense counsel, as well as a civil trial attorney and trial advocacy instructor. For a year and a half they conducted a long-distance relationship, until

he was assigned to the Pentagon. They married in 2003.

Back in Charleston, Carr opened his own private practice and Thacker became a partner at Guthrie & Thomas, PLLC, which is now Thomas Combs & Spann, until she was tapped for her position on the bench. Thacker will be the first to tell you that being a judge on the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals is not something she’d planned for or even dreamed about.

“I do think that I’ve been fortunate that my West Virginia upbringing, education and legal career helped to prepare me for the next steps in my life and career,” she said.

Her selection came as quite a surprise to Thacker, though. She says she didn’t realize Rockefeller’s aides were questioning her as a potential candidate until several minutes into the conversation. She asked for 24 hours to think about it.

“I ended up taking the entire 24 hours,” she recalled. “I remember it was like three o’clock on the next Saturday. I was just driving around by myself and I parked under a tree. It finally occurred to me that this was one more opportunity I should accept because my grandmother Thacker would want me to.”

Judging by the glowing remarks made at her investiture by Sens. Joe Manchin III and Rockefeller and her fellow judges, it was a good decision.

“With her background, Stephanie has a firm grasp on the lawyer’s role in our adversary system, as well as a solid understanding of the role of a fair and impartial judiciary,” said Judge Robert King, who had also performed Thacker’s wedding ceremony.

Rockefeller called her, “a compassionate, yet tough, attorney, one who makes thoughtful, thorough, and confident arguments and decisions, always based on the law and facts of her cases.”

Manchin quipped, “She was an easy sell. We don’t get too many unanimous decisions anymore in the Senate, and when you have someone of her quality come by, it made our job very easy and we’re very appreciative of that.”

“It’s an entirely different type of work from advocacy for a client to what we learned in law school: completely looking at the facts and the law, and applying the law to the facts without any interest in the outcome,” Thacker said about switching to the other side of the bench.

In his investiture remarks, Goodwin also said, “We West Virginians are not only from, but of this mountain

land. Our character is shaped by our West Virginia condition, the conditions to which we were born and the conditions in which we grew.” It’s a spot-on comment about Judge Stephanie Thacker. Her intellect, her work ethic and her strength of character embody her state, her county, her mother and “Granny” Thacker. Another strong West Virginia woman. □

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**Dr. Kimberly Becher is the first member of her family to go to college and is now a Paul Ambrose Health Policy Fellow at Marshall.**



# *A New Generation of Doctors*

Marshall medical school takes a hands-on approach to training new physicians

**D**r. Kimberly Becher is the first member of her West Virginia family to go to college. A graduate of Sissonville High School, she went on to graduate from Denison University in Granville, Ohio, with a bachelor's degree in biology, a minor in chemistry and a burning determination to become a doctor. That dream had to be put aside for a while so she could help put her husband, Mike, through law school.

But today she's a family medicine resident in the Department of Family and Community Health at Marshall University's Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. After graduating from the medical school in 2011, she's now in her third and final year of residency. Soon she will be ministering to the health needs of people in Clay

County. Highly rural in nature, Clay is one of the poorest counties in West Virginia. Over the years, doctors in Clay County have been few and far between.

Becher's story is, in a sense, a microcosm of what the Marshall medical school is all about.

"She's the quintessential family doctor," said Dr. John Walden, former chair of the medical school's Department of Family and Community Health. "She is engaged with her patients, cares about her community and is always looking for ways to improve medicine. I cannot speak highly enough of her dedication to improve the health care outcomes of West Virginians and others in the Appalachian region. She is an outstanding ambassador for our school and our state."

By James E. Casto • Photos by Rick Lee

Becher was honored nationally last year when she was elected to serve as a representative to the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP). In this position, she's the sole resident member on the Board of Directors of the AAFP, representing more than 3,000 family medicine residents nationwide.

Highly interested in health policy and reform advocacy, she also serves as one of Marshall's Paul Ambrose Health Policy Fellows. The Paul Ambrose Health Policy Program was established in 2010 as the first program of its kind in the nation. It couples health policy educational opportunities with residency training in family medicine. The program is named for Dr. Paul Ambrose, a Marshall medical school alumnus whose life and dynamic health policy career was cut short in the tragedy of Sept. 11, 2001.

Dr. Joseph Shapiro says Becher's determination to become a family doctor in rural West Virginia symbolizes the core mission of the Marshall medical school. That mission, as articulated by Shapiro, is "to train an excellent physician work force to serve West Virginia and central Appalachia. It's a mission that distinguishes us from the 140 or so other medical schools in the country."

Shapiro, a nephrologist with more than 30 years of clinical and teaching experience, was named dean of the Marshall med school in 2012, becoming the school's fifth dean since it was established in the mid-1970s. Chosen after a nationwide search, he came to Marshall from the University of Toledo College of Medicine in Toledo, Ohio, where he served as associate dean for business development and chair of the Department of Medicine.

The Marshall medical school, he says, has a bright future, even as it faces a number of challenges.

"I think we're poised to meet the challenges ahead," he said.

Not surprisingly, many of those challenges can be measured in dollars and cents.

"Many people fail to understand that the support of the medical school is a combination of funds from a variety of different sources," Shapiro said. "Although we are classified as a public or state medical school, less than 10 percent of our budget comes from the state. And that number seems likely to decrease in the coming years." The school's physician practice plan is its largest source of revenue. And it gets revenue from the local hospitals for contracted services. With only 75 new students enrolled each year, Marshall is one of the nation's smallest medical schools in terms of class size.

"If the funding were available," Shapiro said, "we might increase that number by a few more students, but



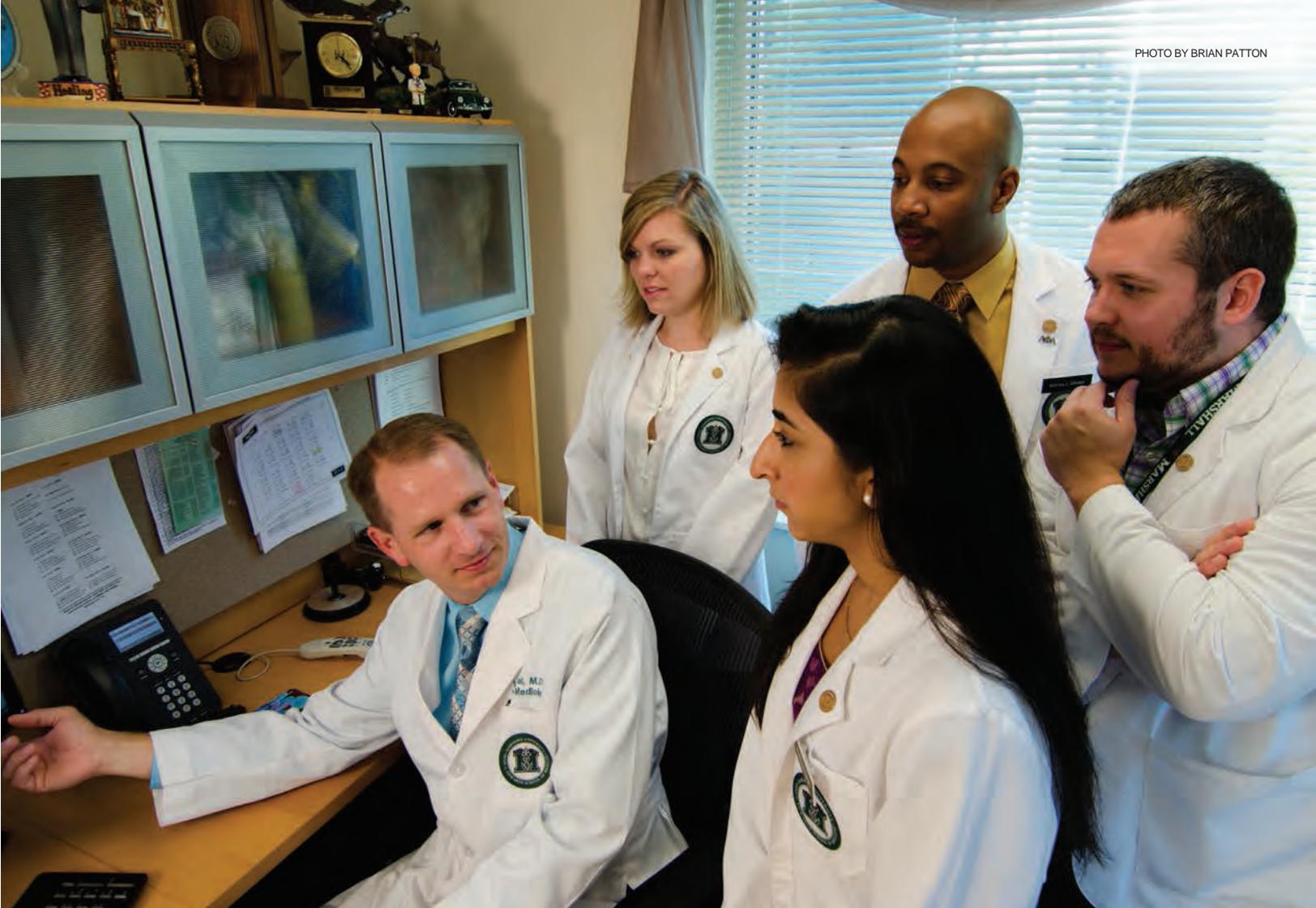
**Dr. Joseph Shapiro, dean of the medical school, makes a point of meeting each student who applies for admission.**

having a small class size and a relatively small faculty let us have more of a hands-on approach and more of an intimate relationship with our students than we would have if we were bigger. That's a real positive.

"Our students graduate knowing the faculty very well. Meanwhile our faculty knows the students well. I probably get to know each and every student. In contrast, I distinctly remember meeting the dean of my medical school for the first time. Don't laugh, but it happened when he handed me my diploma. The fact of the matter is we can be more student-centered because of our small class size."

Shapiro said he makes a point of meeting each student who applies for admission to the medical school.

"I like to meet all of them," he said. "I have them introduce themselves, tell me where they're from and why they're interested in medicine, etc. We do the interviews on Saturdays. Almost every Saturday somebody speaks up and talks about a local physician practicing in their community who has influenced them into wanting to be a doctor. More often than not, that physician is a Marshall graduate, somebody my predecessors have placed out into the community. We're very, very proud of that. And it's paying dividends because the communities are now sending us new trainees."



Having a small class size and a relatively small faculty allows the Marshall medical school to have more of a hands-on approach and closer relationship with students than if it were bigger.

Shapiro notes that there's still a serious shortage of doctors in West Virginia and elsewhere in central Appalachia. Yet, only about half of Marshall's medical graduates decide to practice in the state and region.

"We very much would like to see that number increase," he said. "But there are only two ways of doing that. One way would be to increase our number of students, which isn't something we really can do. The other way is to get more of our students to stay in the region to practice and we work hard at doing that."

It's not easy being a family doctor in West Virginia, he said.

"The family doctor in this part of the country is uniquely empowered to practice a wide spectrum of medicine," he said. "Unlike counterparts in large urban areas, a family doctor in a small rural area may be the only doctor for miles around and so he or she does a lot and is called on to do a lot. We focus on trying to prepare people for that.

"At the same time, there's still a need for specialty care. There are a number of medical specialties that are still under-represented in this region. And so that's a problem as well."

The nation's medical care, Shapiro noted, is transitioning from its traditional fee-for-service pattern to a managed-care environment.

"As that happens, there will be new resources put into health care," he said. "There will have to be. And I think we can use these resources to the betterment of the health of our citizens, as well as the strength and stability of our medical school. I think Marshall is not only well positioned to ride the current wave of change in health care but also to help guide that change." □

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By Anna Lafferre • Photos by Rick Lee

# The **NEXT** **Generation** of Faculty

Professors Kevin Law, Anne Axel and Suzanne Konz bring unique education and experience to Marshall

**A**lthough they teach in three different departments, one thing unites professors Anne Axel, Suzanne Konz and Kevin Law – passion for their fields.

## **Dr. Kevin Law**

*Associate Professor,  
Meteorology, Hurricanes and Physical Geography  
College of Liberal Arts*

When most people think of geography, they remember memorizing the state capitals in fifth grade. In fact, the field of geography also encompasses the studies of meteorology, severe storms, weather analysis and climatology – studies that Dr. Kevin Law has made his life's work.

Growing up near Buckhannon, W.Va., as the son of the superintendent of schools, weather was a big part

of Law's early life. His father's job meant always closely tracking the weather to determine if students could safely get to school in the snow or other severe weather.

"Being younger I just followed my dad and really took an interest in the weather," Law said.

Upon graduating from high school, Law went to West Virginia University, where he received his undergraduate degree in geography. From there, he went on to earn his master's degree and Ph.D. from The Ohio State University, where he wrote his dissertation on tropical meteorology. In 2006 he began his current position at Marshall University; he teaches classes in meteorology, physical geography, severe storms and natural hazards, weather analysis and climatology.

"Marshall was really receptive to me starting the program because before I came they didn't have anything," Law said. "It happens to be the first in the state, so Marshall is the only place you can go to either



**Dr. Law started the meteorology program at Marshall. It is the only school in the state where one can receive a meteorology minor or a geography bachelor's with an emphasis in meteorology.**

get a meteorology minor or a geography bachelor's with an emphasis in meteorology. Marshall really allowed me the freedom to start the program, and it's really taken off."

In addition to teaching, Law is also the state of West Virginia's climatologist, and the state climate office is located at Marshall. In this position, he answers people's questions regarding climate data, helps people gather and interpret data, writes reports for attorneys and even testifies in court cases where weather plays a central role.

"Last fall I testified in a child neglect case where the parent left their kid in a hot car," Law explained. "I had to testify what the conditions were like, the temperature and humidity, and what it would have been like over a period of time in that car."

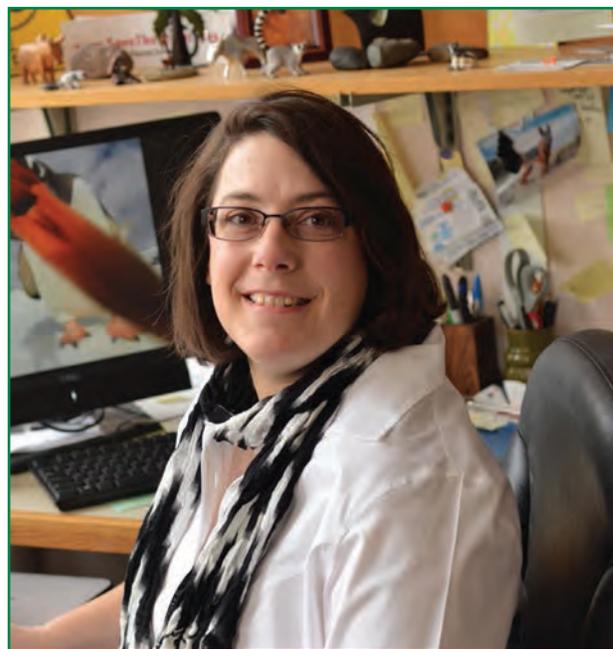
Law also is the state coordinator for the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network (CoCoRaHS), a nonprofit that works to measure and map precipitation across the nation. In this role, Law wrote an article titled







**Dr. Axel shows her class a “selfie” taken by a Gentoo penguin in Antarctica with a GoPro camera.**



“West Virginia’s ‘Wild and Wonderful’ Climate.”

“CoCoRaHS wanted all state coordinators and climatologists to write a short summary of the weather conditions in our state,” Law said. The article can be found on CoCoRaHS’s website at [www.cocorahs.org](http://www.cocorahs.org).

In the next decade, Law sees technological advances really changing the field of geography.

“As technology improves you’re going to see us focus more on the technological aspects of geography – more GIS (Geospatial Information Science), more computerized mapping – you’ll see more and more of the technical fields,” Law said. “If you think of what Google has done and what GPS has done in terms of mapping, you can have navigation wherever you go – in your car, on your phone. Geography is everywhere now.

“If you have a map on your phone – that’s geography.”

## **Dr. Anne Axel**

*Assistant Professor, Biological Sciences  
College of Science*

For most people a trip to Madagascar is no more likely than a trip to the moon. But for Dr. Anne Axel, Madagascar is a very real place never far from her mind.

Axel, a professor in the biological sciences department, has devoted her research to studying lemurs on the island off the coast of southeast Africa.

“I spent two years in graduate school at Yale then spent one year in the field in Madagascar,” Axel explained.

## “What is really unique is the kind of equipment we have for this level of institution. Marshall is a great school.”

“I just really wanted to go to Madagascar. I had this idea there was something there.”

Axel did not always know, however, that this was the career path she wanted to pursue. As an undergraduate, she was pre-med and had medical school interviews her senior year.

“I was always so focused on that goal,” Axel said. “It never occurred to me that the interests I had in photography, wildlife and conservation could be woven into a job.”

Axel ultimately decided not to go to medical school and spent time working in a photography store after graduating college. All along, for no real reason, she really wanted to go to Madagascar.

“So I took my mountain bike to Madagascar,” Axel said, “and I spent about four months there. I was just photographing and meeting people. It was the turning point in my life.”

During this trip Axel decided she wanted to pursue conservation as a career, and upon returning home enrolled in Yale University’s forestry school. She spent two years in graduate school and another year in the field in Madagascar.

Axel’s specific research centers around lemurs that live on the island of Madagascar, specifically the Indri lemur, which cannot be kept in captivity. She was always interested in islands and island wildlife, and many of the species found on Madagascar – and many islands – are only found there, Axel explained.

“That was the reason I wanted to go to this country in the first place, to see these lemurs,” she said.

At the time Axel began her research in the 1990s, studies had not been done on the Indri lemur since the 1970s. She spent seven months walking the 1,000-mile island conducting her research.

“It was the hardest thing I’ve ever done,” she said. “But it was worth it.”

Axel’s goal is to make it back to Madagascar at least once a year to spend time at her field site in southern part of the country. When she is not there, the Malagasy friends (people who are native to Madagascar) she has

made through her time in the country keep watch over her equipment and field site. Axel said she tries to hire as many local people as possible to assist with aspects of her research.

Along with her research, Axel teaches an introduction to biology course for biology majors as well as a course that is cross-listed between biological science and physical science that is part of a specialized master’s program called Geobiophysical Modeling. Axel’s goal is to get more undergraduate students interested in ecology and show them that they can make a career out of the studies of ecology, conservation and wildlife. Axel came to Marshall from the University of Michigan and has really made a home here in Huntington.

“I love it here,” Axel said. “The biology department is amazing. It’s pretty unusual for someone to work abroad, but people have been so willing to help. When I have an idea the biology chair encourages me to run with it. They’ve been very supportive. It’s such a good fit for me, and I’m very happy to be here.”

### **Dr. Suzanne Konz**

*Associate Professor of Biomechanics  
College of Health Professions*

Students know Dr. Suzanne Konz as the professor who teaches them biomechanics, pathomechanics, strength and conditioning and athletic training – and Konz loves teaching. When she is not in the classroom, however, she has worked with some of the world’s most elite athletes through work with United States Track and Field, the NFL and the Olympic games.

Konz, a professor of biomechanics in the School of Kinesiology, grew up running track and cross country and playing basketball and softball. As an athlete, she was always interested in improving her personal performance, so when she went to college it was a natural fit for her to study exercise science

and become an athletic trainer. When she started her doctoral education, however, she really started pursuing biomechanics, the study of the mechanical laws relating to the movement of the human body.

“The bells started going off that this was really cool,” she said.

The field of biomechanics is constantly changing, and Konz not only teaches the subject but studies it through her personal research as well.

Konz took part in the 2012 Olympic games in Salt Lake City as an athletic trainer assigned to the bobsled, luge and skeleton. She was working at a junior college in Utah at the time and sent in a volunteer application for the games.

“The rest is history,” she said.

Konz’s Olympic volunteering had her treating some of the world’s most elite athletes from countries like Russia and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

“You work for every country that doesn’t supply the medical staff there,” Konz said. “It really comes down to the great people I worked with. Overall it was just an amazing experience.”



**Dr. Konz teaches biomechanics, a field that is constantly changing.**



Konz also is deeply involved with U.S. Track and Field (USTAF), where she specifically studies and works the hammer throw event. She first became involved in USTAF when her mentor, Iain Hunter, recommended her.

“He was doing the hammer throw and distance running and was part of a timing crew that helps run the timing components for meets,” she said. “He came to me one week and said, ‘I can’t go to the indoor championships because I’ve got a meet that I’ve got to help time, so you need to go.’ And I said, ‘What am I going to do?’ And he said, ‘You’re going to help with the indoor weight.’ I said, ‘Well I don’t know indoor weight, I ran distance.’ And he said, ‘Well, you’ve got two weeks to brush up!’”

Her dissertation developed from her work at USTAF and was on the difference between male and female hammer throwers.

For the past four years, Konz has been working the NFL Scouting Combine, the weeklong event where

college football players perform physical and mental tests in front of NFL coaches, general managers and scouts.

Although her work has afforded her the ability to work with Olympians and NFL players, you will not hear Konz talk about it much.

“I don’t ever want to seem like I’m bragging,” she said. “I have been very blessed.”

Konz has been at Marshall University for four years and would like to see a Ph.D. program added to the department. Konz said she frequently has students ask her why, with her resume, she would choose to work at Marshall. She always replies, “Why wouldn’t I?”

“What is really unique is the kind of equipment we have for this level of institution,” she said. “Marshall is a great school.” □

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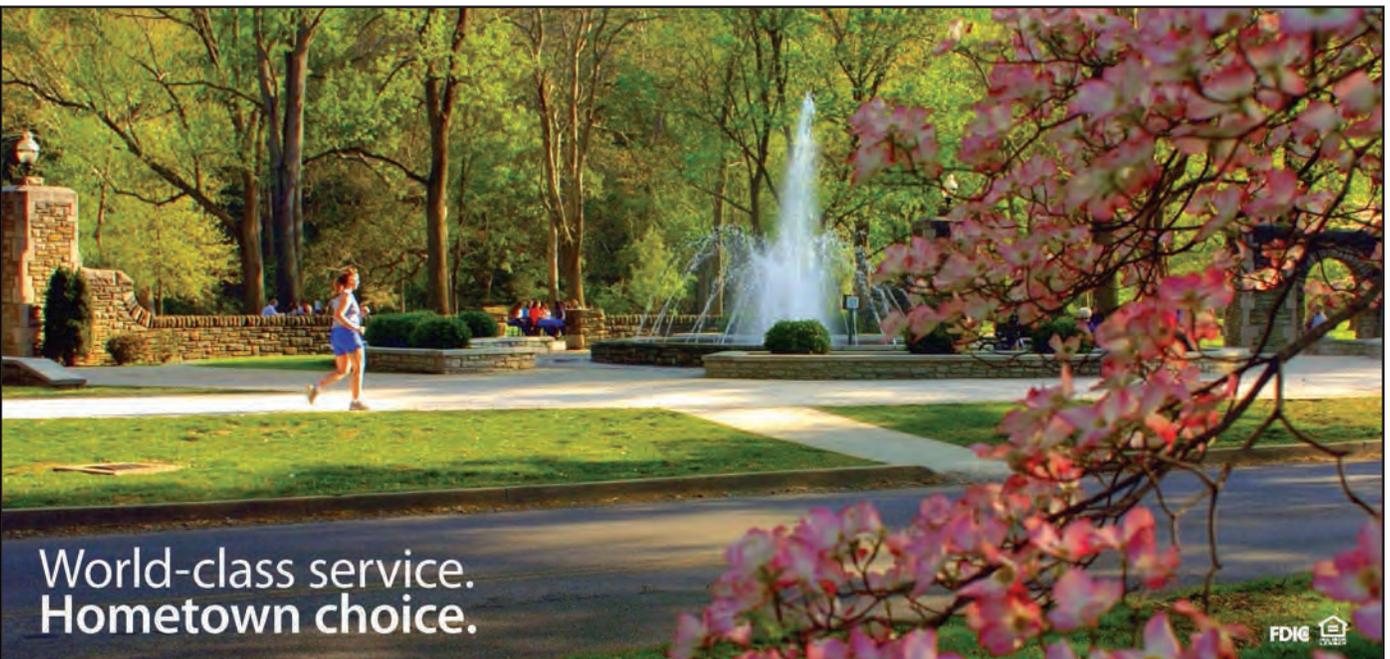
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By Molly McClennen

# Igniting the Mind and

The university develops a vision of how Marshall can thrive in the future through its strategic planning initiative Marshall 20/20

**W**ise travelers will not set out on a journey without first knowing two things: where they are going and how they will get there. In a time of unprecedented change in higher education, university leaders, like wise travelers, must also look ahead to where they want the school to be in the future and anticipate what challenges they might face in reaching that destination. Marshall 20/20, the university's strategic planning initiative, provides the opportunity for not only university leaders, but also the faculty, staff, students and alumni who love Marshall, to develop a shared vision of how Marshall can continue to thrive into the year 2020 and for years beyond.

"We must have a plan in place for how we are going to adapt to a future that will likely have far less continuous

public funding for state universities," said Marshall University President Stephen J. Kopp. "Marshall is financially healthy, and we intend to maintain that health. Marshall 20/20 is a long-range contingency plan that will not only enable us to adapt to a very different world than we're in right now, but also will position us to be competitive and more prosperous, and, in turn, to be able to do more things for our students, faculty and staff."

An important first step in the strategic planning process was creating a new vision statement for Marshall University. During the process of developing the vision statement, all stakeholders were invited to share their vision for Marshall's future. Four teams of students, faculty, staff and administrators were asked to write

# Nurturing the Spirit



## Marshall 20/20

a statement in response to the question, “What does Marshall seek to become?” The four vision statements proposed by the teams were posted online. Anyone who cares about Marshall was invited to vote on which statement they wanted Marshall to adopt. The statement that received the most votes was: The vision of Marshall University is to inspire learning and creativity that ignites the mind, nurtures the spirit and fulfills the promise of a better future. This statement will be presented to the Marshall University Board of Governors for adoption.

Dr. Tracy Christofero, professor of technology management, co-chaired the Shared Vision Statement team with Kopp. She says a good vision statement should be both aspirational and inspirational. It should

serve the university for a long time by providing the framework to evaluate all decisions.

“Once you have your vision statement, which tells you what you aspire to be,” Christofero said, “you can examine your decisions to see if they will be a step towards getting you to the vision you have established.” □

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## A MESSAGE FROM BERNARD "BERNIE" COSTON

*MUAA National President, Class of '79*

Greetings Alumni & Friends,

It's hard to believe that 2013 is already over. The board and I have really enjoyed representing each of you over the past year. It is great to see the spirit of Marshall alive and well both in Huntington and across the country.

Here are a few highlights from the many events that took place last fall. "Paint the Capital City Green" was a great way to kick the football season off in Herd style. Homecoming 2013 Mardi Gras, Marshall style, had the good times rolling. I can't recall seeing that many beads since living in New Orleans. The parade, Picnic on the Plaza, MU Black Alumni events, tailgate, Marco & Cheerleader Reunion, office decorating, football game, and halftime festivities were all first class events. Did I mention we won the game? That made it an even sweeter weekend.

As we begin another year, please take the opportunity to consider the numerous ways you can give back to the Marshall community. While building continues across the Huntington campus, there are a variety of programs to which you can actively contribute. The Vision Campaign continues and needs your financial support. If you have recently been to a game you can see the Indoor Athletic Facility is already under roof to the east of the stadium. This will be a facility that our athletes will be proud of and help in future recruitment efforts.

The Campaign for Distinction for the College of Arts and Media needs your support for the new Visual Arts Center and Global Horizons. The Visual Arts Center will bring students and the community together as one downtown in the former Stone and Thomas Building. This facility will showcase the talents of the visual artists. The Global Horizons program is an endowment in the arts and media program that will allow students to study abroad. Some of these students have never been outside of the Huntington community and you can make the impossible, possible.

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The Alumni Association is now accepting nominations for 10 of its 30 elected positions on the Board of Directors. The term of office is three years beginning July 1, 2015.

### Qualifications:

- Must be an active member of the Alumni Association through an annual gift to the Marshall University Foundation Inc.
- Be energetic and enthusiastic in support of the university and concerned with its growth and potential.
- Be available to attend three on-campus board meetings during the year, and be willing to assist in his/her home area in promoting Marshall and the Alumni Association.
- Nominations must be received by January 15, 2015 to the Office of Alumni Relations
- Attach nominee's curriculum vitae/resume.

Please complete this biographical form in conjunction with your nominee in order to provide the nominating committee with the necessary information to assist them in the selection process.

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We are very interested in how the nominee serves his or her community, and any professional awards received. Include civic groups the nominee belongs to, volunteerism and community service projects in which the nominee has been involved, honors and awards he or she has received, and professional organizations in which the nominee is a member (please list all pertinent information to assist the nomination committee, including dates and offices held).

Only a maximum of five items would be listed on the ballot. Please list in order of preference.

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**For more information, call the Alumni Association at 304-696-2901.**

# 2013 HOMECOMING RECAP



During the Homecoming parade, the cheerleaders tossed candy, toys and Mardi Gras beads to the spectators.



Student organizations participate in the Unity Walk. This event kicked off Homecoming 2013.

Bernie Coston, national president of the Alumni Association and Matt Hayes, executive director of the Alumni Association, announce the winners of the office decorating contest at the third annual Picnic on the Plaza.

The Homecoming parade, always a big hit with the Marshall community, kicked off the festivities on Saturday, Oct. 5.





Announced at halftime of Homecoming were McKenzie Cooley and Derek Ramsey, Mr. and Ms. Marshall 2013.



Marshall fans got their first glimpse of the new Marco, who made his debut during Homecoming 2013.

Ben and Jan Hale, Grand Marshals of the 2013 Homecoming Parade, are joined by President and Mrs. Kopp at the tailgate blast cohosted by the Marshall University Alumni Association, Marshall University Black Alumni Association and Parents and Family Weekend.



The Homecoming Court is introduced to the faculty, staff, students and alumni at the Picnic on the Plaza. From left to right are Jonathan Austin, Jackie Hackett, Derek Ramsey, Ashley Roberts, Brian Kaufmann and McKenzie Cooley.





Tables were decorated in the Mardi Gras theme at the homecoming tailgate blast.

A young Marshall fan shows team spirit.



Many sororities and fraternities took part in the Homecoming parade.



Marshall pride was on display throughout the weekend.





MU kicked off game day with the homecoming parade.



A Marshall Army ROTC member passes out beads.



Homecoming Picnic on the Plaza brought everyone on campus out to get ready for the weekend.



# Alumni Weekend 2014

## April 25-26, 2014

Mark your calendar and plan on joining the Marshall University Alumni Association for Alumni Weekend 2014. The university community will celebrate as alumni from around the country return to Marshall. It will be extra special for the Class of 1964 as they celebrate their 50th reunion.

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A reservation form for Alumni Weekend 2014 is provided. Make plans to join us for as many events as your schedule will allow.

### BERNIE COSTON LETTER

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Let's not forget other initiatives that are strengthening the legacy of Marshall University. If you have a true interest in your university and want to see it continue to grow and prosper, there is a program designed just for you. No amount is too small. I challenge you to get off the sidelines and get in the game. We are all counting on you.

The weekend of April 25 is an opportunity to recognize outstanding accomplishments of Marshall Sons and Daughters. Alumni Weekend recognizes our 50-year graduates and this year we will be honoring the class of 1964. Activities will include: dinner theater, fountain ceremony, 50-year breakfast and the Green-and-White Game. The weekend culminates on Saturday evening with our annual Alumni Awards Banquet to honor outstanding achievement in the areas of:

- Distinguished Alumni
- Distinguished Service
- Community Achievement
- Young Alumni
- Distinguished Faculty Service

We also use this time to award scholarships to deserving undergraduates. This event is a way of honoring those who have been successful, loyal, high achievers who are unselfish in their endeavors. If you know of any alumni who are deserving of these awards we encourage you to contact the Marshall University Alumni Association and nominate them for one of these awards. You can also find a form in this magazine. See you soon and GO HERD!!!!

# Alumni Weekend Reservation Form 2014

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*Tickets for reservations received after April 17 will be held at first event.*

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<b>FRIDAY</b> Dinner Theatre: Join us for dinner and the MU Theatre production of "Taming of the Shrew." \$38 ticket includes dinner, coffee with the director and play.		\$38/person	
<b>SATURDAY</b> Class Breakfast honoring the 50th Reunion Class (1964) and the Grand Class (those who graduated prior to 1964) - MU Foundation Hall, Grand Ballroom - 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.		\$20/person	
Spring Fountain Ceremony - Marshall Student Center Plaza - 11:00 a.m.	—	—	—
Green and White Tailgate Party at the Joan C. Edwards Stadium - Look for the Alumni Tent. Tailgate begins two hours prior to kickoff. Call 304-696-HERD for tickets	—	—	—
77th Annual Alumni Awards Banquet Honoring Distinguished Alumni and Friends - Don Morris Room, Memorial Student Center - immediately following the Champagne Reception - 6:30 p.m.		\$75/person \$140/couple	
		<b>TOTAL</b>	

Check enclosed. Please make checks payable to MUAA and mail this completed form to:

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To make reservations by phone and for more information, call the Office of Alumni Relations at 304-696-2901.



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Please share your news with us by sending it to the Marshall University Alumni Association; One John Marshall Drive, Huntington, W.Va. 25755. *Preference will be given to active alumni;* other news will be printed as space allows and should be received within six months of the event.

For more Class Notes, go to [www.marshall.edu/alumni](http://www.marshall.edu/alumni).

## 1950s

### The Rev. Donald H. Moeser

(A.B. '58) has been honored by the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg, Pa., with its "Alumni Award in Specialized Ministry." The award is given to a graduate who has made lasting contributions to the Lutheran ministry.

Moeser was honored for his years of distinguished service to church and society as pastor of an interracial, inter-city Lutheran congregation in Newark, N.J., from 1962-69. In addition he was a faculty member and acting sociology department chairman at Capital University in Columbus, Ohio, and a social worker for the Franklin County (Ohio) Welfare Department. He was inducted into the Academy of Certified Social Workers shortly after he became the executive director of Lutheran Social Services in New Jersey. Commissioned as a U.S. Navy Reserve chaplain, Moeser served for more than a decade as institutional chaplain at New Jersey facilities for the developmentally disabled. In 2006, he was named Clergyman of the Year by the New Jersey Coalition for Inclusive Ministry. For 18 years he served as a public employee in several capacities with the New Jersey Department of Human Services. As a civil and human rights advocate and based on his many years of active participation in various humanitarian, civil rights,

Native-American and peace organizations, he was invited to be present in the East Room of the White House in 1964 when then-President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act into law. Later, in 1965, he was present when President Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act into law. Honored over the years for his service to the ministry and society, since 2003 he has been an active member of the nonpartisan National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare.

While at Marshall, he majored in philosophy and religion and was the first recipient of Marshall's Proctor Memorial Scholarship. He designed and developed a recreational program for neighborhood African American youth so they could use the university's facilities after expansion necessitated the razing of the Proctor Community Center. In 2008 he received a Golden Anniversary diploma from Marshall and offered the invocation at the alumni luncheon that year.

## 1960s

### Susan Roberson Vickory

(A.S.'68), who works full-time in the emergency department of the Boston, Mass., VA Medical Center, had her educational poster selected for presentation at the European Congress on Violence in Clinical Psychiatry, which took place in Ghent,

Belgium, in October. The topic was Synthetic drugs increasing in use, difficult to identify, and causing violent behavior in clinical settings and in the community. The poster started as an educational project for clinical staff in Boston and then was presented to a national VA Nurses Conference last June in San Francisco.

"I have always greatly appreciated my education at Marshall University," she said.

## 1970s

**Anthony Spinosa** (B.A. '75) is operations manager at Sigmon Communications (WLMU-TV, WLMU-FM, WCXZ-AM) at Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, Tenn.

## 1980s

**William Joe Hobbs** (M.S. '83) has been appointed safety and risk manager at Qatar Gas in Doha, Qatar, effective Sept. 1. He has been head of safety, health, environmental and security in Doha in the Jetty Boil-off Gas Project since 2010 and, with DuPont, Conoco and Conoco Phillips since 1980. His group recently won the Qatar Petroleum 2013 Health, Safety and Environmental Excellence Award. Hobbs has completed five foreign assignments for Conoco Phillips in the Czech Republic, Venezuela, France, Germany and Qatar.



**Dorothy Dougherty** (M.S. '86), who holds a master's in safety from Marshall, in January 2014 was named the new deputy assistant secretary for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). She was appointed to the post by Dr. David Michaels, assistant secretary of labor for OSHA. Dougherty brings more than 32 years of federal experience to this position, having served for 22 years in OSHA and several years in the Mine Safety and Health Administration as an industrial hygienist and coal mine inspector.

Prior to becoming OSHA's deputy assistant secretary, Dougherty served as the director of the agency's Directorate of Standards and Guidance. She first joined OSHA as chief of the Compliance and Technical Guidance Division for the Office of Federal Agency Programs. She also served the agency in other capacities, including deputy director of technical support and executive assistant for OSHA.

"Dorothy's leadership and broad knowledge of the agency

have already led to significant contributions to our agency and beyond,” said Michaels at the time of her appointment. “We look forward to continuing to work with her in her new capacity.”

Before earning her degree from Marshall, she graduated from Old Dominion University with a B.S. in Environmental Health.

**Vina Hutchinson** (B.A. '88) has been named assistant director of corporate affairs for DECA Inc., based in Reston, Va. She is responsible for writing grant proposals in support of DECA's mission to prepare emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in marketing, hospitality and management.

## 1990s

**Dr. Linda Gibson-Shreve** (B.B.A. '88, M.A. '90) has been named provost and chief academic officer at Stark State College in North Canton, Ohio. She joined the college in 1993 as an adjunct faculty member and has served in a variety of administrative positions, most recently as Stark State's dean of liberal arts. In her new role she will provide leadership and strategic vision to all academic functions of the college, including learning support services. She will also collaborate with business, industry and community agencies to align college programs with the workforce needs of the region.

Rising in rank from professor, program coordinator and department chair, Gibson-Shreve also served as dean of the general studies division and dean

of the arts and sciences division. Since 2006, she has led the college through the accreditation process with the Higher Education Learning Commission of the North Central Association. She continues to serve as a peer reviewer for the association. She has served on more than 30 governance and leadership committees, presented and/or published more than 30 articles, and assisted with the successful completion of several grants. She has been involved with numerous community activities and currently is a member of the Jackson Township Rotary. She lives in Jackson Township, Ohio, with her husband, Jim, and their sons, Zakary and Benjamin.

**Natalie Dunn Breedlove**, (B.A. '97, M.A. '00) a National Board Certified kindergarten teacher at Poca Elementary School, has been named the 2013-14 Putnam County (W.Va.) Teacher of the Year.

“Natalie is an outstanding teacher and teacher leader, and we are tremendously proud that she works in Putnam County,” County Superintendent of Schools Chuck Hatfield has been quoted as saying.

“Putnam County is a wonderful place in which to work and teach,” Breedlove said. “I am very honored and grateful to have been selected for this award.”

Nominated by her colleagues, she was first named the elementary teacher of the year before being awarded the county award. Breedlove, who is certified to teach Pre-K through high school, began her teaching career in 1997 and has been

with Putnam County Schools since 2004. She has been at Poca Elementary since 2008.

She is active in numerous professional groups, including membership in the West Virginia Education Association and the International Reading Association. In addition, she is a member of the Classroom Assessment Network and the Putnam County Teacher Leaders and frequently makes presentations at local conferences.

## 2000s

**Mazuki Takahashi** (M.S. '02) is now an assistant professor of biology and animal behavior at Bucknell University. Marshall was the first American university he attended, since he was a native of Japan. His master's thesis was published in an international peer-reviewed journal with his mentor, Dr. Thomas Pauley, a professor of biological sciences. In 2008, Takahashi earned a Ph.D from the University of Memphis. He has conducted various research projects focusing on ecology, evolution, and conservation of amphibians, which have resulted in a number of publications. He has been a reviewer for the National Science Foundation and a number of scientific journals. He also is an assistant editor for an international peer-reviewed journal, Herpetological Conservation and Biology, and is a member of several professional societies, including the Animal Behavior Society, the Ecological Society of America and the Society for the Study of Amphibians and Reptiles. He recently served as a

graduate committee member for a master's student in Marshall's department of biological sciences.

**Benjamin Owens**, (M.A. '07) a math and science teacher at Tri-County Early College High School in Murphy, N.C., has been selected as a Hope Street Group 2014 National Teacher Fellow. He is one of only 13 educators nationwide to be invited to participate in this fellowship program and is this year's representative from North Carolina.

The fellowship program provides classroom teachers or instructional coaches with rigorous training, opportunities to network with teachers across the country and participation in national conversations.

Hope Street Group, a national nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to expanding economic opportunity and prosperity for all Americans, sponsors the fellowship as part of its larger education program, which seeks to transform the teaching profession to improve outcomes for students.

In addition to his work at the high school, Owens belongs to the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. He also has been named Teacher of the Year for the Cherokee County School District. Owens earned bachelor's degrees in physics and mechanical engineering from North Georgia College and State University and the Georgia Institute of Technology, respectively, and his master's degree in teaching from Marshall.

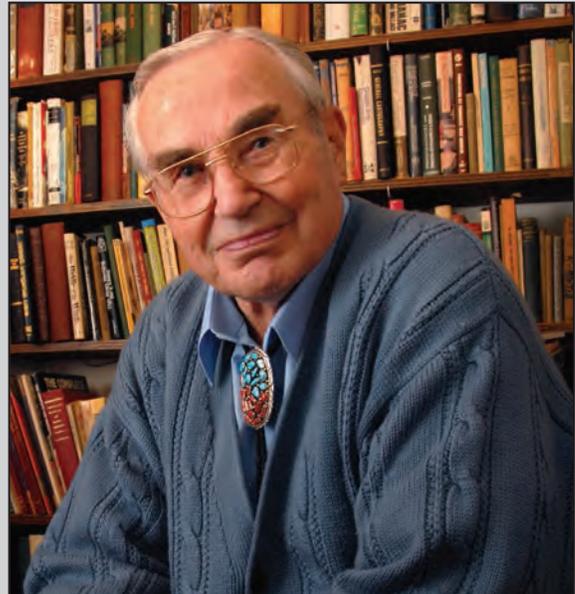
# IN MEMORIAM

**Dr. Sam E. Clagg**, a true son of Marshall, died Jan. 9 in Huntington. A memorial service was held Jan. 12 in the Memorial Student Center on Marshall's Huntington campus.

Clagg had an impact on Marshall's academics and athletics, beginning with both football and wrestling. He first was a student athlete and later a coach. With B.A. and M.A. degrees from Marshall and a doctorate from the University of Kentucky, he joined Marshall's geography faculty in 1948, serving as chair of the department from 1961-1986. He was tapped to become the university's acting president from 1983 to 1985. In addition, he was a former chairman and member of the MU Athletic Hall of Fame. He was a retired Lieutenant Colonel with the U.S. Marine Corps.

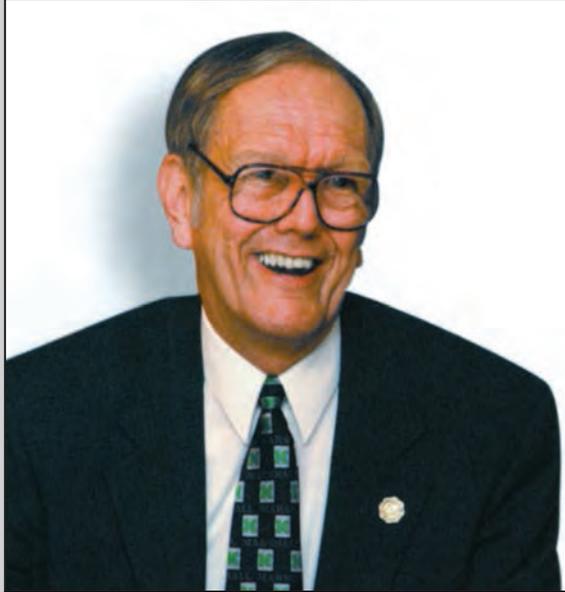
Clagg, the inaugural recipient of Marshall's Distinguished Service Award, published 12 books, including atlases of Ohio, Virginia and West Virginia, along with numerous journal articles and maps. A Geographical Information Systems lab in the Department of Geography was named for him in 2003. He had spearheaded efforts to bring the lab to the campus by donating his time and money. Upon his retirement in 1986 Marshall awarded him an honorary Doctor of Pedagogy degree.

Contributions in his memory can be made to the Sam E. Clagg Endowed Scholarship (athletics) or the Sam E. Clagg Geography Scholarship (academics) through the Marshall University Foundation.



**Wayne Scott Peavler** (BA '61) died Jan. 8 at his home in San Jose, Calif. After receiving a degree in psychology from Marshall, he took officers' training at the Quantico Marine Corps base and then served four years in the Marine Corps, attaining the rank of captain. He went on to earn an M.A. and Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Delaware. While working on his Ph.D., he studied at the Center for Cognitive Study at Harvard University with 2002 Nobel Laureate Daniel Kahneman. He produced numerous papers with Kahneman that were published in publications such as *Journal of Psychology*, *American Psychologist* and *Psychology Today*. Peavler spent the next 30 years as a research psychologist at Bell Laboratories, Texas Instruments and Pacific Bell. In addition, for five years he taught psychology courses at UC Berkeley's extension program. After his retirement he volunteered as a clinical psychologist at the Lifelong Clinic at Herrick Hospital in Berkeley, Calif., a program staffed by professionals who assist uninsured and low-income clients. He also served on the Yeager Scholars Program's Board of Directors at Marshall. With a lifelong love of music, in particular country and bluegrass, he played the pedal steel and organ and was a staff writer at the music magazine, *Elmore*.

Donations in his memory can be made to the Greater San Francisco Habitat for Humanity, Greater Bay Area Chapter of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society or another charity of choice.



**Jim Harless** (M.A.), who was Marshall University's Director of Admissions for 32 years, died Nov. 7. After earning a B.A. degree from Morris Harvey College (now the University of Charleston) and an Ed.D degree from WVU/Nova University, he worked as a counselor at Man High School and was the first director of Southern Community College in Logan. Honored as the Outstanding Young Teacher in Logan County in 1960, he later received the Outstanding Service Award in Higher Education in West Virginia from the American College Test (ACT) program and, in 1986, served on the ACT Board of Trustees, traveling extensively throughout the U.S. Throughout the years Harless continued to serve on numerous state counseling boards and committees. As Director of Admissions at Marshall he visited more than 400 high schools and contacted more than 300,000 students while traveling more than 570,000 miles.

Upon his retirement from Marshall, Harless became a Presbyterian Commissioned Lay Pastor preaching around the state and serving the Kenova Presbyterian Church for 10 years. In addition, he was Moderator of the Presbytery of W.Va. and served in various leadership roles in the Presbytery. An active volunteer, he served as president of the Huntington Optimist Club, was a Sunday School teacher, elder and choir member at Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church, and gave his time to many other musical and community organizations. He was a supporter of the Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition and worked to preserve ancestral family property and cemeteries in Boone County.

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**Mary Jean Harrold** (B.A. '70, M.S. '75), a renowned computer scientist noted for her research in software engineering, died in September. She also was known for her leadership in broadening participation in computing. She served on the boards of both CRA and CRA-W and was co-chair of CRA-W from 2003-06.

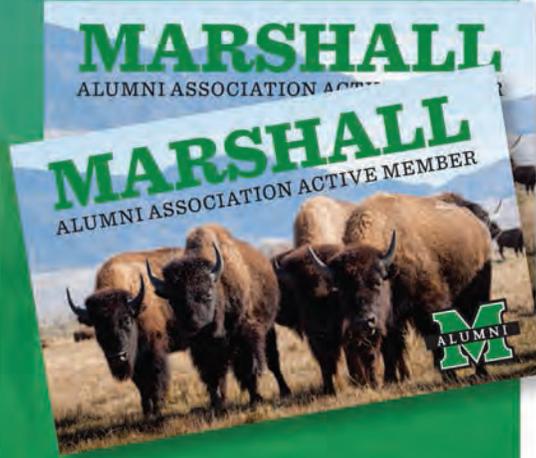
Harrold taught secondary mathematics in West Virginia, South Carolina and Ohio, before entering graduate school at the University of Pittsburgh, where she received an M.S. in computer science in 1985 and a Ph.D. in computer science in 1988. She remained at the University of Pittsburgh as a faculty member before taking faculty positions, first at Clemson University and later at The Ohio State University before moving to Georgia Institute of Technology, where she was promoted to professor in 2003.

Harrold was involved with the SIGSOFT community and served as general chair of the conference SIGSOFT in 2008. In 2004, she was one of the recipients of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring on behalf of CRA-W and was cited for "significant achievements in mentoring women across educational levels." In addition, in 2011, she was named an IEEE Fellow for "contributions to software systems," and in 2007 ACM named her the top ranking software engineering researcher in the world. She is currently listed as the third top software engineering author of all time.



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## SPOTLIGHT

# Richard Slater

**R**ichard R. Slater, a Marshall graduate and the managing partner of Dixon Hughes Goodman in West Virginia and a member of the firm's Executive Committee, has been elected chairman of the West Virginia Roundtable, succeeding Marshall President Stephen J. Kopp.

The West Virginia Roundtable, created in 1984, is an independent, nonprofit and nonpartisan organization composed of the state's leading chief executive officers, which is dedicated to creating a viable business climate in the state.

"I am very honored to be elected by the outstanding business leaders of West Virginia as the chairman of the Roundtable," Slater said. "Our group of CEOs and private-sector entrepreneurs truly understand what it takes to build equity in our state, while creating good-paying jobs. As we move forward, I am excited about the opportunities before us to continue to improve the economic vitality of our State and our citizens."

Slater, who graduated from Marshall with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting degree magna cum laude, is a member of the Marshall University Foundation Inc. Board of Trustees and is a past chairman of the College of Business Advisory Board. Among his many honors, in 2011 he received Marshall University's Distinguished Service Award and was named the 2009 Business Professional of the year by Marshall's Beta Alpha Psi Honor Society.

Slater will be joined by newly elected vice chairman, Thomas A. Heywood, a Charleston attorney and managing partner of Bowles Rice L.L.P.

"The Roundtable has a legacy of distinguished leaders serving as its chair," said Paul Arbogast, president of the West Virginia Roundtable. "Rick's vision and focus on the important issues facing West Virginia posi-

tion him to lead us successfully. I look forward to working with him as our new chairman."

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## Marshall Swimmer

# Dr. Scott Richards

### Completes Open Water Swimming's "Triple Crown"

As a youngster growing up in Florida, Dr. Scott Richards read a book about great American athletes and was enthralled by the chapter outlining the exploits of the legendary swimmer Florence Chadwick, who had, among other feats, set records crossing the English Channel. Already a nationally ranked champion swimmer himself by the time he was 12, he set several regional and state age group records, swimming 8,000-10,000 yards a day, six days a week. The thought of making a 20-mile swim himself someday was tantalizing, something a young boy could dream about and reach for.

He not only dreamed about that 20-mile swim, he surpassed it and today Richards – (B.A. Psychology, summa cum laude, 1982) – is one of a very elite group of swimmers who have successfully completed the “Triple Crown” of open water swimming. To attain that honor, Richards completed three famous marathon swims – 21 miles across the English Channel between England and France; 20.2 miles in the Catalina Channel in Southern California; and 28.5 miles around Manhattan Island in New York. Since making those swims in 2006 and 2007, he added the Tampa Bay Marathon swim of 24 miles on April 23, 2011.



He began his quest of the triple crown with the Manhattan Island Marathon Swim on June 24, 2006, and just three months later completed the Catalina Channel crossing on Sept. 20. Then it was on to what has been characterized as the “Mount Everest” of open water

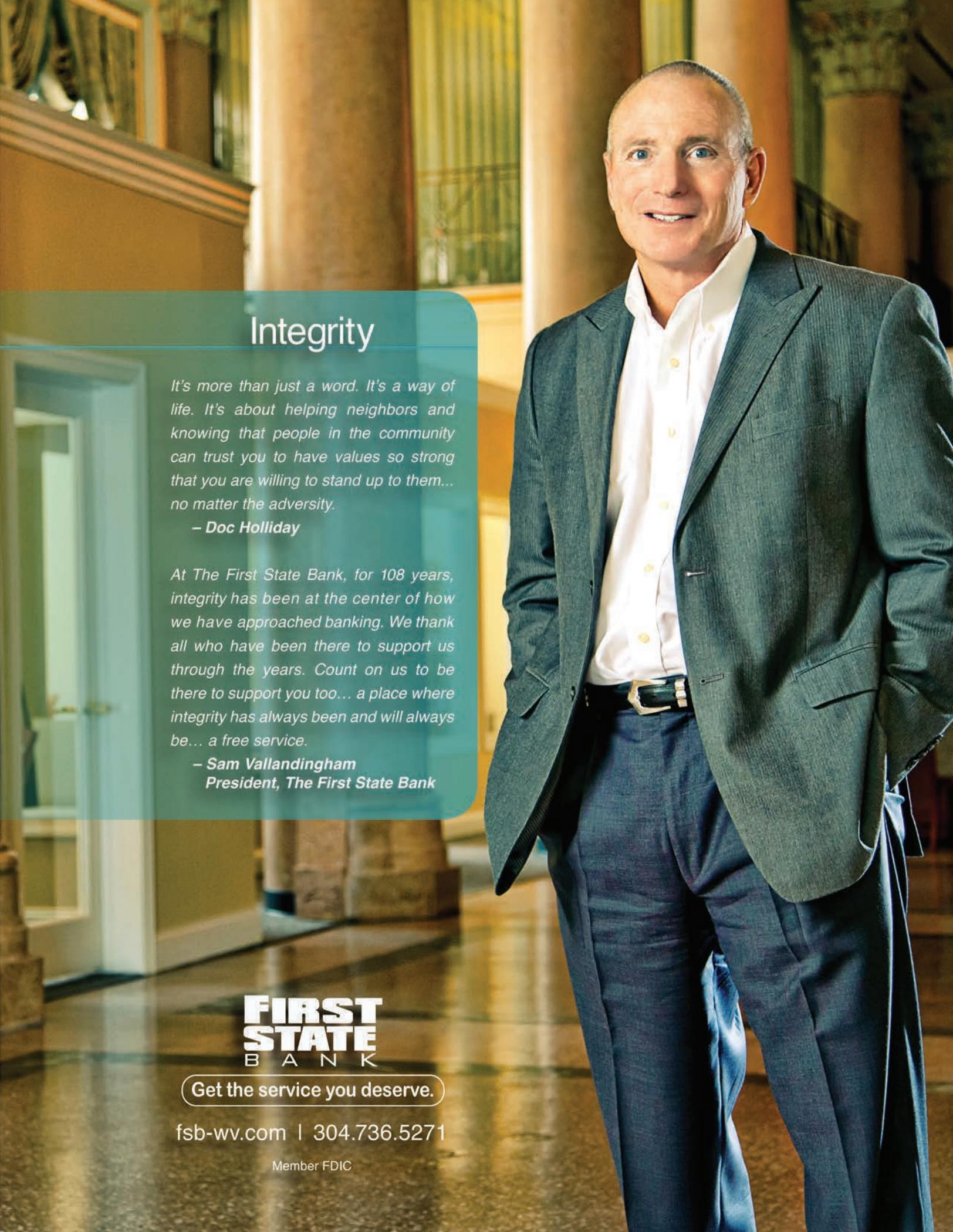


swimming, where he swam the English Channel from Dover, England to Wissant Bay, France, in 13 hours, 20 minutes. When he stepped ashore, he had become only the 18th person in history to complete the triple crown of open water swimming. At the same time he established a record for the shortest period of time to complete the three swims, completing them all in 12 months, 17 days.

Later he and his brother, Dan Richards, set another record when Dan, whom Scott coached and mentored, also completed the triple crown, making them the only siblings in history to achieve that feat.

During his years at Marshall, summers were spent working as a lifeguard in Southern Florida, swimming two miles a day in open water just for the sheer pleasure of it. He made his mark as a member of the Marshall swim team as well, earning All-Conference honors as a senior.

Today Richards lives in San Marcos, Calif., and is the father of two sons, Thomas and Dylan. A cum laude graduate of Pine Crest School in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where he was an All-State high school swimmer for four years, he received medical school training at Temple University after graduating from Marshall. He followed that with a residency in psychiatry and a fellowship in mood and eating disorders, both done at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, S.C. Richards served in the U.S. Air Force as a staff psychiatrist from 1990-92 and practices psychiatry with a specialty in eating disorders in Vista, Calif. □

A man with short hair, wearing a dark grey suit jacket over a white button-down shirt and dark blue trousers, stands in a grand, well-lit hallway with large columns and a polished floor. He is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera.

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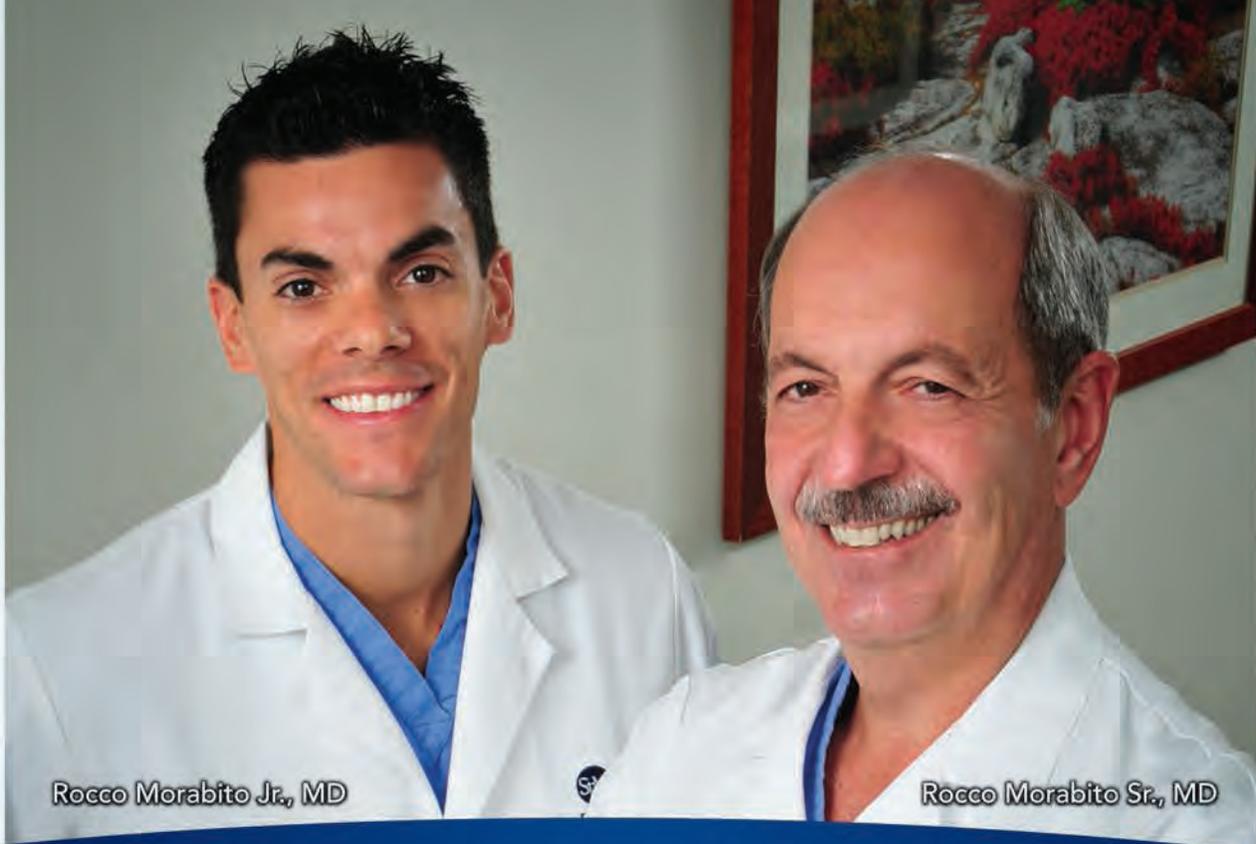
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