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Martin King Jr.

Following the awards ceremony, music will be provided by the Marshall University Musical Lecture Series Ensemble, the Marshall University Wind Ensemble and the Directing ESL.”

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An advocate for education as well, as for closing the achievement gap and many other initiatives. Sanders implemented Project STAR as a way of helping low performing schools improve. He also opened an all boys elementary academy and an all-girls elementary academy as well as three district-sponsored charter schools to meet the needs of pregnant girls, troubled students and those with learning disabilities. His accomplishments have earned Sanders national acclaim and numerous awards. He is the author of many articles and a book, “Urban School Leadership: Issues and Strategies.”

At 8 p.m. following Sanders’ address, a reception will take place in the church’s fellowship hall.

The final event of the symposium, “African American Folktales,” will be presented from 10 a.m. to noon Friday, Jan. 20 by Rene Evans, Artistic Director/Storyteller of Voices from the Earth, Inc. in the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center at 1658 5th Ave. The event is free to the public.

Dr. Rainey Duke and Moore are co-chairs of this year’s symposium planning committee. Members include Philip W. C. Beebe, professor of music at Clark Edwards, Rebecca Glass, Loretta Hagler, Stephen Hensley, David Johnson, Dolores Johnson, Charles O. Lloyd, Michael Misiut, Chris Rayman, Jannis, Sylvia Ridgeway, William Smith, Paul Willis, Sr. and Barbara Winter.

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Remaining tickets for the doubleheader may be purchased by calling the Marshall ticket office at 1-800-4MARSH or visiting the Men’s and Women’s Ticket Office located in the Charleston Civic Center box office at 345-7469.

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Jan Parker Named Employee of the Month

Jan Parker, Records Officer in the Dean of the Graduate College’s Office, has been named the Marshall University Employee of the Month for December, according to Jim Stephens, chair of the Employee of the Month Committee.

A Marshall employee for over 10 years, Parker was nominated by Leonard J. Deutsch, Betty Cook, Carol Furula, Sherrie Knapp, Denise Lawhorn, Sherri Noble, and Susan Stewart.

In a letter of nomination Deutsch said, “She has become an invaluable asset to the Graduate College Office on the Huntington campus. Ms. Parker … is responsible for evaluating the several hundred files of students who apply for graduation every year; she processes the hundreds of Graduate Assistantships that go through our...
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The Marshall Alumni Association is collecting photos of alumni, faculty, staff and friends showing off Marshall apparel at recognizable spots throughout the world, and we welcome your submissions.

So far, Marshall green has shown up in snapshots from all over the world, for example at St. Andrews Old Golf Course in Scotland; at Cardiff Castle in Wales; on top of Haleakula Volcano in Hawaii; under the St. Louis Arch, at Edgar Allen Poe’s grave and in Bordeaux; in front of the Eiffel Tower in Paris; in Hattiesburg, Miss., where volunteers helped with rescued animals following Hurricane Katrina; at the Colosseum in Rome, and in southern Florida. Lola Thompson scored a photographed taken with Jeff Gordon at a Daytona, FL, restaurant while another Marshall fan showed off Marshall apparel at the mountains in Madonna’s home state of Wayne Gretzky and “Desperate Housewives” actor Mark Sloan in San Diego, Calif.

Photos can be submitted to drvdsrtr@mca/marshall.edu or yphrey@mca/marshall.edu.

Profile: Carolyn Suppa
A series on interesting Marshall University people.

Dr. Carolyn Suppa can understand the pressure faced by the survivors of the West Virginia miners killed in the recent Sago mine disaster. Suppa is a forensic psychologist and counselor and psychologist is in the area of grief counseling. She’s taught classes about grief and dying for the past several years at the Graduate College in South Charleston. "Promise of a better future is/of 'If we would have... If I would have...When something traumatic happens, it is human nature to seek understanding, yet also, it is a part of that understanding that we as a society have to come together... When I think about the Sago mine disaster, behavior must be assessed and the blame must be put to the side so that we can have an accurate understanding of this horrific accident. Unfortunately, however, many survivors will accept and place guilt on themselves and others..." The miracle I am praying for now is that the survivors-not only the family and friends but also the service personnel-could both live in the present as well as think of the past in a productive manner that helps them to move in the future- a future that holds hope.

Suppa also adds, “I am deeply concerned that all of us who are in contact with survivors of any relation to the disaster diligently assess for suicidal warning signs, no matter how impossible suicide may seem for a particular individual. There are helpful websites available by searching the key words ‘suicide assessment’. Since WV ranks 8th in the nation for completed suicides according to the Surgeon General, the possibility that a survivor might be considering suicide is not that remote.”

Suppa also believes that it is necessary in today’s world to educate and to prepare people to help others deal with difficult issues such as the Sago mine disaster. One of her specializations as a counselor psychologist is in the area of grief counseling. She’s taught classes about grief and dying for the past several years at the Graduate College in South Charleston.

According to Carol Hurula, “Jan has a ready smile and a willing attitude no matter what is asked of her. She’s not one to send another area for an answer. Even if the question isn’t one for the Graduate College, she willingly assists the student in seeing that his or her questions or concerns are taken care of.” Sherri Knapp added, “Jan is always helpful and friendly. She works very hard to keep up with the large amount of graduate waivers.”

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