

*A New Journey Begins*



LEWIS COLLEGE  
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## Monday Morning Memo from the desk of Dean Don Capener

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### Recognizing Prentiss Lee Faulconer Jr. & Diane Ramy Faulconer

**Prentiss Lee Faulconer Jr** was a graduate of Marshall University's Lewis College of Business, Class of 1968. Raised in Alexandria, Virginia, Lee attended the Fork Union Military Academy. Upon his High School Graduation, he followed in the footsteps of his grandmother and enrolled at Marshall University.

Lee obtained a bachelor's of Business Administration in Accounting, with a minor in Economics and Mathematics. Upon his college graduation, he accepted a position with Ernst and Whinney as a C.P.A in Miami, Florida. During this time, he also served as a Staff Sergeant for the U.S. Army National Guard. He was employed at Ernst and Whinney for two years before being recruited by Mt. Sinai Medical Center of Greater Miami to fulfill the role as the Director of Fiscal Services.

During his twelve years at Mt. Sinai Medical Center, Lee was responsible to the internal development of a hospital information system, which was marketed by the hospital and Burroughs Corporation. Additionally, he implemented a Patient Financial Representative System that created a substantial increase in productivity and cash flow. Lee also created one of the first hospital malpractice self-insurance trust funds in the state of Florida. This allowed the organization to save over \$1 Million during the first three years of operations.

Lee served as the Chief Financial Officer of North Broward Hospital District in Lakeland,



Florida; Formed a software company called Omega Health Care Systems, which provided 40 financial programs for healthcare facilities; and served on numerous national, state and local committees. He was voted "Outstanding Speaker" by Florida Institute of C.P.A.'s. Lee passed in November 2013.

**Diane Ramy Faulconer** is a graduate of New Britain General Hospital School of Nursing, Central Connecticut State College. She went on to obtain her Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences and Master of Science in Management, both from Florida International University.

Diane has served as the Director of Nursing for Operating Rooms, Post Anesthesia Care Coordinator for Emergency Medicine and Ambulatory Services at Mt. Sinai Hospital Center for Greater Miami. She also served as the Director of Surgical Services at Boca Raton Community Hospital before becoming a Senior Executive Consultant at Ernst and Young. She is a certified Nurse Administrator (CNA) and a Certified Operating Room Nurse (CNOR).

In an effort to commemorate and honor Lee and his accomplished life, Diane Ramy Faulconer gave a generous seven-figure gift donation in his name, endowing graduate scholarships and naming the Department of Accountancy and Legal Environment for Prentiss Lee Faulconer, Jr. in the Brad D. Smith Center for Business & Innovation. She is pictured above with the plaque dedicated to Lee and his contributions to society.

## Recap of the Business Leadership Symposium

On April 11<sup>th</sup>, The Truist Center for Leadership organized a colloquium of speakers who are leaders in their respective fields of work. These speakers were comprised of local individuals who serve as great role models for our students. Their insights and experiences proved invaluable for anyone aspiring to excel in their chosen careers. The event included excellent networking opportunities and valuable industry insights to our students.

Below are the Student Prize Winners:

First Place Isabella Schrader



Second Place Zack Kincaid



Third Place Jamison Lewis



## Student Center for Public Trust Holds Final Meeting of Academic Year

The Marshall University Chapter of the Student Center for Public Trust held its final meeting of the academic year on Monday, April 15, where several members of the chapter received awards. Each school year, the Student Center for Public Trust will honor one student and one faculty member on each chapter's campus who positively impact the school by displaying strong, ethical leadership.

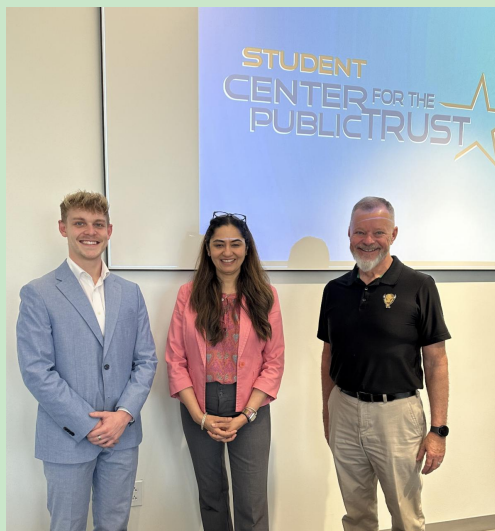
Faculty Being a Difference award winner Dr. Alan Letton, pictured with SCPT Officers (Pictured L-R) Secretary Sela Mickey, Cyrah Moore, Vice President Dr. Letton, Treasurer James Buskirk, and Vice President Evan Francis.



Student Being a Difference award winner Evan Francis, with officers Sela Mickey, Cyrah Moore, and James Buskirk.



Guest speaker for the meeting, Dr. Monisha Gupta, with Vice President Evan Francis and Faculty Advisor Dr. Timothy Bryan.



## DBA Cohorts Visit Campus

The second and third cohorts of the Marshall DBA program came to campus this past Friday and Saturday for their residency. The highlight of the visit was a panel on job prospects during lunch on Friday, which was presented by Dr. Avinandan Mukherjee, Provost and Senior VP of Academic Affairs here at Marshall, and Dr. Whiteny Peake, Vitale Professor of Entrepreneurship from Western Kentucky University. Provost Avi discussed non-academic job prospects such as business consulting and data analyst careers that students can pursue. Dr. Peake discussed items such as what to expect in an academic interview. The DBA candidates had a lot of questions and a great discussion ensued. Along with attending classes, the third cohort presented their research ideas and the second cohort got to meet with their dissertation committees during the residency. We look forward to the summer residency.

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