Presidentially Speaking

In honor of this edition’s focus on leadership and the impact it has on Fairmont State and Pierpont, we asked Fairmont State’s interim and incoming presidents and Pierpont’s president to share their thoughts on what leadership means to them.

President Krepel on leadership:
“I believe that leadership manifests itself in many ways within an institution and that all members of an organization have leadership potential. A high performance institution activates and encourages the leadership potential of all faculty, staff and students.”

President Montgomery on leadership:
“We all have the capacity to be leaders during different situations. Finding the courage to lead is what is important.”

President McClain on leadership:
“An effective leader must have the courage to select high achievers when the forces of mediocrity cry out to preserve the status quo. Often this means that a leader will select persons smarter than she/he is! It is a mark of true intelligence to do that.”
“Where in the world is maroon&white?”

We want to see the unusual places you take maroon&white. Send us a photo of yourself, a friend or family member holding a copy of maroon&white. Tell us where you are, including the location, date and names of who is in the picture with you. Get married, scuba dive or take a roller coaster ride with maroon&white. The possibilities are endless.

Please send your digital photos electronically to: maroonandwhite@fairmontstate.edu.

Amantha Cole ’03, Markapur, India.
Amantha Cole ’03 recently spent three weeks on a mission trip in various areas throughout India. One of her highlights was working with these children in Markapur. She hopes to return in a couple of years.

Sigma Sigma Sigma sisters, Mykie Wilson Reagan ’67, Minneapolis, MN; Lydia Layman McCue ’67, Charleston; Pinky DeLuca Morgan ’67, Clements, MD; Susan Hess Downing ’68, Charlotte, NC; Adella Luoto Brunner ’68, Alexandria, VA; and Karen Bitonti Larry ’68, Philippi, made a pact 25 years ago to stay in touch and meet yearly for a reunion. To celebrate their 25th year of gathering together, four of the six women gathered in the Provence region of southern France in September of 2008.

George Yost ’61, mountains of Jackson, WY.
George Yost ’61 recently took part in an 8-day elk hunting excursion in the rugged mountains of Jackson, WY. He explained, “The adventure of riding horseback 85 miles in the Tetons, south of Yellowstone Nation Park, was overwhelming. At 10,500 ft. we could see Yellowstone Lake from near our camp, wolves and elk over the mountains, riding horses with Grizzly bears in our camp, and drinking pure mountain water made it an experience I will never forget.” George is planning another trip in the fall.

Mark Carl ’06, Hilderbrand Lock and Dam.
Mark Carl ’06 Lock and Dam Operator, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Hilderbrand Lock and Dam, Monongahela River during a Repair Fleet visit in April 2008.
“These leaders agree that it is a great honor and privilege to serve and that their work provides them the opportunity to make an impact and to give back.”

Fairmont State and Pierpont Leadership SOARs

Are Leaders Born or Made?
Regardless of the side you take in this debate, the topic of leadership has inspired many heated discussions, lectures, programs and books.

At Fairmont State University and Pierpont Community & Technical College, we all benefit greatly from the volunteer leaders who serve our students, alumni, faculty, staff and friends.

When Rick Pitino wrote his book Lead to Succeed with Bill Reynolds, he did not interview our volunteer leaders mentioned below; however, it seems that the book is about them as these FSU and Pierpont leaders possess the ten traits of great leadership Pitino sees as essential and details in his writing.

These leaders include Kelley Bronson, Student Government, President; Gina Fantasia, Fairmont State Foundation, Inc., Board of Directors, President; Jim Griffin, Pierpont Community & Technical College Board of Governors, Chairman; Joe Jenkins, Fairmont State Alumni Association, Immediate Past President; Andy Kniceley, Fairmont State University Board of Governors, Chairman; Charlie Reese, Fairmont State Athletic Association, President; Brent Skidmore, Fairmont State Foundation, Inc., Board of Directors, Immediate Past President; and Mary Jo Thomas, Fairmont State Alumni Association, President.

Sharing a Vision
FSU and Pierpont leaders share a concrete vision while acting both selflessly and decisively with integrity. At the same time, they continue maintaining focus, being their own messengers, building “team ego” and valuing the past while living for the future.

All have strong ties to these two premier sister institutions. Kelley Bronson is a student. Gina Fantasia, Joe Jenkins, Charlie Reese, Brent Skidmore and Mary Jo Thomas are alumni. Jim Griffin and Andy Kniceley have family who are or have attended FSU and/or Pierpont. All say “you’re family here and we’re all in this together, moving forward.”

In addressing the greatest opportunities for Fairmont State and Pierpont this coming year, our panel of leaders observed that the two institutions benefit from economies of scale by sharing facilities.

The international partnership opportunities are also exciting and will help our students to thrive. Taking an even more active partnership role in the community is another opportunity for both FSU and Pierpont.

The group agrees that these
two institutions are critical to the economy and quality of life in North Central West Virginia. They are each dedicated to and tirelessly work to ensure West Virginia’s workforce is prepared for the challenges that lie ahead.

Education Is the Key

As these two institutions and their students prosper, so will the region.

Education is the key, and all these leaders are working to ensure that bright, energetic students are afforded the opportunity to obtain the education essential to achieve their dreams and ambitions...whether providing scholarships, networking, cultural and/or social events or merely a smile of encouragement or greeting, these leaders strive to “make it happen” for FSU and Pierpont.

Whether on the FSU Board of Governors, the Pierpont Board of Governors, Student Government, the Fairmont State Alumni Association, the Fairmont State Athletic Association or the Fairmont State Foundation, Inc., these leaders agree that it is a great honor and privilege to serve and that their work provides them the opportunity to make an impact and to give back.

Fairmont State and Pierpont leaders expressed their sincere gratitude to all alumni and friends who have helped support the missions of the institutions in the past. Much has been accomplished; much remains to do. Further, they urge you to get involved...whether it is sharing with a prospective student the benefits of an education at FSU or Pierpont, becoming more involved yourself or convincing others to become active in one of the many groups that work so hard to support these fine educational institutions.

You Can Make a Difference

All believe you can make a difference and enthusiastically encourage you to come back and see the changes. With no hesitation, we promise that you will be both pleased and proud.

So, are leaders born or made? Does it really matter? We’re just thankful they chose to be involved here and will continue to use their leadership skills, influence and enthusiasm as advocates for Fairmont State and Pierpont. Our future is bright.

10 Traits of Great Leadership

1) HAVE A CONCRETE VISION
2) BE YOUR OWN MESSENGER
3) BUILD A TEAM EGO
4) ACT WITH INTEGRITY
5) ACT DECISIVELY
6) BE ADAPTABLE
7) BE CONSISTENT
8) MAINTAIN FOCUS
9) LIVE FOR THE FUTURE, NOT IN THE PAST
10) ACT SELFLESSLY

“The excellent physical facilities and curriculum at both institutions should help address the challenges of preparing students for competition in an increasingly global economy, while continuing to provide leadership roles for educational, cultural, social and athletic opportunities for the region.”

from Lead to Succeed: 10 Traits of Great Leadership in Business and Life by Rick Pitino
SUMMER AND FALL ALUMNI EVENTS

Make plans today for the 2009 Falcon Home Football Games

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Crab Feast

August 22, 2009
Alexandria, VA
2 p.m.

Visit the Fairmont State University tent for a taste of Fairmont, a jump-house for the kids and more. Come and join fellow alumni and friends for an afternoon featuring famous Fairmont cuisine including pepperoni rolls and, of course, crabs!

Visit www.fairmontstate.edu or www.pierpont.edu and click on the alumni link for more information on these events.

Three simple steps to start an alumni chapter:

1. Build a full list of alumni in your area
2. Gauge interest from fellow Falcons
3. Set an event date and soar

Contact Devanna Corley, director of alumni relations and sponsorship activities, at (304) 367-4375 or Devanna.Corley@fairmontstate.edu, for more information on how to get started with a new alumni chapter!

Would you like to host an alumni event in your area?
For more information or to register for an event, please contact Devanna Corley at (304) 367-4375 or e-mail Devanna.Corley@fairmontstate.edu.
ENHANCING THE DIGITAL EXPERIENCE:...we’re changing our look and adding social networking

If you’ve visited us online lately, you probably noticed something new—we’ve changed our look and added references to “Find us on Facebook” and “Follow us on Twitter.”

Shane Jordan of the Information Technology Department and Bob Heffner of the Web and Graphic Communications Office are leading a project to update and enhance the online presence of FSU and Pierpont while incorporating the use of social media.

“Our goal is to make our web sites easier to navigate and more inviting with cleaner, more open space,” Jordan said.

Social Networking

Facebook, a free-access social networking web site, allows you to join networks organized by city, employer, school and region to connect and interact with other people. You can add friends and send them messages and update your personal profile to notify friends about yourself. FSU and Pierpont now have their own official Facebook fan pages which can be accessed from our home pages. The Fairmont State Alumni Association, which includes alumni from Pierpont, has also launched a group page to keep alumni informed about upcoming events and to view event photos.

“Our FSAA group page seems to be linking people together,” said Devanna Corley, Director of Alumni Relations and Sponsorship Activities. “It has taken on a life of its own. I receive hundreds of e-mails generated by activity on our page. We are trying to adapt to the changes in technology in keeping up with our alumni, and Facebook is definitely a great tool that is easy to use and inexpensive.”

Twitter, another free social networking and micro-blogging service, allows users to send and read short text-based updates called “tweets” from other users. After you sign up, updates are displayed on your profile page and delivered to other people who have signed up to receive them.

By joining Twitter, you can keep track of news stories from FSU and Pierpont.

Athletics

Adam Zundell, Director of Athletic Media Relations, has attracted the notice of the WVIAC with videos he has produced and posted on YouTube.com that allow viewers to go behind the scenes and find out what really happens pre-game and at half-time. The WVIAC has referred to Zundell’s efforts as a model for other schools in the conference.

“The goal for our videos is to connect more with our fans and bring them closer to the action,” Zundell said. “We are proud of our student-athletes and coaches, and we want to bring them to the fans.”

You can also follow Fighting Falcon Sports on USTREAM.TV, a site that broadcasts streaming video from athletic events. Since January 2009, more than 10,300 unique viewers have watched FSU on the site. The basketball games on February 14, 2009, against Seton Hill were featured as the main video on the front page of the site and attracted 7,100 unique viewers. Zundell hopes to expand offerings on the site to include football, basketball, volleyball and softball.

Blogs

Blogs are also a popular form of social media. You can read a blog by Laura Bonasso, the first FSU student to participate in an exchange program to the University of Calabria in Italy and learn about Pierpont’s Culinary Arts students at the Pierpont Palate blog.

Of course, the best way to stay connected to the latest information about upcoming alumni events is to update your alumni record, register for upcoming alumni events and make a donation to your favorite program through the alumni website. Just click the alumni link on our homepages.

“We are always in need of current e-mail addresses and cell phone numbers for those who don’t mind to share them,” Corley said. “We enjoy hearing your stories and catching up with you so check out our site and we will see you soon.”

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WHAT’S IN A NAME?

The name Pierpont Community & Technical College might be new to you, but it has roots that reach back to the creation of the state of West Virginia.

Fairmont State College established its community college component in 1974 through the leadership of Paul E. Edwards. During his 23 years at the reigns of the community college, 25 associate degrees and certificates were established and developmental education was expanded to better serve the needs of students. Over the years, the community college that became known as Fairmont State Community & Technical College continued to grow. Blair Montgomery was named FSC&TC’s first president in April 2004.

During the 2006 legislative session, Montgomery was asked to rename the community college. He wished to choose a distinctive name that would embody his desire for this college to be recognized as a national leader in community college education. The name “Pierpont” immediately sprang to his mind. Why? West Virginia history scholars know that Francis Harrison Pierpont, who lived in Fairmont, is considered the “father of West Virginia.”

“If proud we should all be to remember such a great man each time we say the name of our school, Pierpont Community & Technical College,” Montgomery said. “Like our namesake, we will move forward providing great leadership and opportunity to North Central West Virginia and our state.”

Pierpont Today

Today, FSU and Pierpont are separate institutions that continue to share a main campus. With an enrollment of more than 2,600, Pierpont offers more than 50 associate degree programs, skill sets and certificates, as well as a variety of courses at more than 15 sites in North Central West Virginia, including the Braxton County Center in Flatwoods. Through its Center for Workforce Education in downtown Fairmont, Pierpont provides workforce training and community education for its 13-county region. Pierpont operates the Robert C. Byrd National Aerospace Education Center in Bridgeport, which offers programs in flight and aviation maintenance.

Historical Pierpont

At Pierpont’s first independent commencement ceremony in December 2008, Jo Ann Lough, Professor Emerita, Speech and Theatre, dressed as Julia Augusta Robertson Pierpont and delivered a “living history” presentation about the Pierponts.

Lough compiled the following information about Francis H. Pierpont.

Francis H. Pierpont, known to friends and family as Frank, was born in Monongalia County to Francis and Catherine Weaver Pierpont on January 25, 1814. He and his family moved to Middletown (now Fairmont) in 1819 and in 1827 established a tannery. Pierpont lived and worked as a tanner in Middletown until age 21 when he walked to Meadville, PA, to attend Allegheny College from which he graduated in 1839. He spent his young adulthood teaching school in Weston and in Pontotoc and Aberdeen, MS. In 1842 he returned home to practice law in Marion County. In 1854 he married Julia Robertson, the governess of Judge Thomas Haymond.

Frank Pierpont was instrumental in the Railroad Convention of July 1845 that developed the strategy that brought the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad through Marion County and

“He founded a state whose people will love and bless his memory as the suns roll on.” — Stephen B. Elkins, former Secretary of War and U.S. Senator from West Virginia (1895-1911), at the dedication of the Pierpont statue.
Fairmont. He and James Otis Watson established American Coal Company, the first rail-shipping bituminous coal mine west of the Allegheny Mountains, in 1852 in the Washington Street area of town. He served as Commissioner of Schools for Marion County in 1856 and worked to improve the struggling system.

All of these accomplishments set him apart, but it was the events that unfolded in the spring of 1861 that would propel Pierpont to great leadership and would land him in the history books. On April 12, 1861, Confederate soldiers fired on Fort Sumter, SC, beginning the Civil War.

Virginia, which included at that time West Virginia and Fairmont, wished to join the Confederacy. Francis Pierpont joined with 1,200 Virginians in Clarksburg on April 22, 1861, to plan the Wheeling Convention. He served as a delegate to the first Wheeling Convention in May of that year. Forty thousand of the 44,000 votes cast by citizens in western Virginia were against succession from the Union, but the state of Virginia ratified the Ordinance of Succession on May 23, 1861. Pierpont was a delegate to the second Wheeling Convention held on June 20, 1861, and was elected unanimously by all 77 delegates as the Provisional Governor of the Restored Virginia. In May of 1862, Gov. Pierpont convened a special session of the General Assembly of the Restored Virginia to grant the northwestern counties permission to separate and become a new state to the Union – West Virginia. On June 20, 1863, West Virginia was admitted as the 35th State to the Union with Arthur I. Boreman serving as its first governor. After serving two terms as governor of Virginia, Pierpont returned to West Virginia, serving as a member of its legislature. He died on March 24, 1899, and was buried in the Woodlawn Cemetery beside his wife Julia, who died in 1886.

In April 1910, the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives accepted a statue of Pierpont for placement in Statuary Hall honoring him as the “Father of West Virginia.”

After all, it was the Pierpont plan that made it happen. Stephen B. Elkins, who was serving as a senator from West Virginia at the time of the dedication said of Pierpont: “He founded a state whose people will love and bless his memory as the suns roll on.”

Pierpont Community & Technical College was one of five community colleges nationwide selected to participate in the Vocational Education Leadership Training program co-sponsored by the American Association of Community College and the China Association for International Exchange.

Pierpont hosted a delegation of vice presidents from four model vocational and technical schools in China for two weeks in April 2009. Vocational and technical schools are China’s form of community colleges. Chinese administrators are interested in learning about American community colleges and plan to send 500 administrators for similar experiences in the years to come.

Pierpont President Blair Montgomery traveled to China in 2007 as part of an American Association of Community Colleges delegation to help Chinese vocational schools explore the concept of American community colleges. The delegation is pictured above.
Homecoming Schedule
October 5–10, 2009

Thursday, October 1
Celebration of Ideas Lecture Series: Alieu Demba ’89
Turley Center Ballroom
7 p.m.

Come and hear Demba, Head of Recruitment and Staffing for the International Monetary Fund and an FSU alumnus. He is a past Student Body President and international student. Kick-off Homecoming by attending this great event.

October 5–10
Alumni Welcome Center
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Erickson Alumni Center

The Alumni Center, located at 1300 Locust Avenue, will be open October 5–10, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Refreshments will be provided by the Fairmont State Alumni Association.

Tuesday, October 6
International Expo and “Cuisines and Customs” Contest
Falcon Center, Gym 1
5–7 p.m.
$5 contest entry fee per person

Thursday, October 8
“South of the Border” Pep Rally
Falcon Center, Gym 1
12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Friday, October 9
Emeritus Luncheon
Falcon Center, 3rd Floor, Conference Rooms
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Tickets: Advance–$15 Door–$20
Honor the golden anniversary of our 1959 graduates with their induction into the Emeritus Club.

Alumni Hall of Fame & Championship Team Social
Falcon Center, 3rd Floor, Conference Rooms
5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Anniversary Honoring of Championship Teams
Falcon Center, Gym 1
6:30 p.m.
Tickets: $25

A complete list of those being honored can be found on page 14.

Saturday, October 10
Alumni Awards Brunch
Falcon Center, Gym 1
10 a.m.
Tickets:
Advance–$15 Door–$20
Join us for our annual signature event honoring the six alumni award winners of 2009. See pages 12 and 13 for complete award-winner profiles.

Homecoming Parade
Downtown Fairmont
1 p.m.

Fairmont State University vs. UNC Pembroke
“All American” Homecoming Coronation at Halftime
Duvall-Rosier Field
3 p.m.
Tickets: Adults–$8 Children 14 and under–$2
Don’t forget to stop by the Alumni Association tent for free snacks, and register to win a basket of FSU and Pierpont items.

Post-game Reception
Erickson Alumni Center
Immediately following the game
Donations accepted

Hotel Accommodations
Please reserve your rooms early as space is limited and the North Central West Virginia area is heavily booked during October. Don’t forget to request the Fairmont State preferred room rate.
However long or short your journey, we look forward to seeing you again at Fairmont State University and Pierpont Community & Technical College: Expedition Around The World, Homecoming 2009, October 5-10. Fond memories and the chance to reconnect with classmates will top your list of reasons to join us, and we’ve worked hard to add other incentives as well. Take tours of the latest (and rather amazing) additions to the FSU/PC&TC campus, attend plenty of social activities and – of course – you won’t want to miss this year’s alumni brunch, homecoming parade, football game and post game reception on Saturday, October 10. Join us! We’ll be here, and we look forward to seeing you.
2008 Alumni Association Award Winners

Outstanding Alumna

Cecily McAteer Enos

Cecily McAteer Enos ’65, born and raised in Fairmont, attended Fairmont State College and West Virginia University. She began her career working at her family store, McAteer’s, and went on to work at Fairmont General Hospital and then later as an elected official on the Marion County Commission.

Elected to the Marion County Commission in 1989, she served for 12 consecutive years. Twice Enos served as the president of the Commission. Currently, she is the executive director of the YWCA of Marion County, where she has worked since 1985. In this position she has been responsible for the development and administration of a comprehensive system of programs, services and activities for women, girls and their families.

Enos has served and continues to serve on numerous boards. Currently, she is a member of the Rotary Club of South Fairmont, Red Cross Board of Directors serving as secretary, member of the Gamma Chi Chi Sorority Alumnae of Fairmont State, St. Peter’s High School Alumni Association, Women’s Club of Fairmont, Northwestern Area Agency on Aging serving as chairperson and is a member of the WV Fatality Review Team.

Enos has long been involved in the Fairmont musical community and has appeared in a number of plays and musicals at Fairmont State University and other local community events.

Enos resides in Fairmont with her husband Ken. They are proud parents of seven adult children and currently have eight grandchildren.

Outstanding Alumnus

Pete Pell

Pete Pell ’63 received his associate degree in education in 1963. He later completed his education and received a master’s degree from West Virginia University. Following the completion of his education, Pell returned to Fairmont where he served as the associate dean of student affairs. While at Fairmont State, Pell worked very closely with the athletic department and was instrumental in athletic recruiting for both the men’s basketball and football programs.

Pell retired from Fairmont State after 20 years of service in 1994. Following retirement, Pell returned to secondary education and currently serves as the principal of Rowlesburg Middle School.

Pell serves as the chairman of the Board of Control of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity where he is very active member. Pell recently served as the co-chairman for the 50th year anniversary of TKE which was held at Lakeview Resort on July 18, 2009.

Pell is very proud of his daughter Belinda and his grandson Michael.

Outstanding Alumna

Lorraine Foster Byrd

Lorraine Foster Byrd, D.O. ’66 received her bachelor’s degree in elementary education in 1966 and went on to obtain her master’s degree in education administration from West Virginia University. She then decided to fulfill a lifelong dream of becoming a physician and obtained her osteopathic medical degree in 1990. She practiced as a pediatrician and ran her own practice for 14 years before accepting a teaching position with the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine as the clinical skills coordinator. Byrd’s love of teaching and medicine has brought her career full circle.

Byrd’s professional activities include Child and Family Services Board of Directors for Roane County, WV; East TN Head Start Board of Directors; Child Fatality Review Committee, regional member; Partners in Pediatrics, PHO, Preventative Care Clinical Standards Committee; Mohave County, AZ, Board of Health Advisory Board; Clinical Professor, Midwestern University, College of Osteopathic Medicine, Glendale, AZ; WV American Academy of Pediatrics Quality Childhood Health Care Improvement Partnership Board member. Byrd also participates in Rotary Club and WNEA professional women’s networking group. She enjoys interior decorating, decorative furniture painting, reading, traveling and collecting.
Sam Ellis ‘66 began his educational journey at Fairmont State as a pre-dentistry major, but quickly got a taste of the arts and graduated with a bachelor’s degree in theatre. Ellis went on to receive his master’s in theatre from West Virginia University and, in 1968, moved to New York City. Ellis has lived there for the last 40 odd years working in the entertainment industry. He has worked in theatre on Broadway and off, sometimes way off and sometimes with Tony award winning shows.

Along the way, Ellis worked at local music clubs with up and coming acts like Bruce Springsteen, Barry Manilow and Melissa Manchester and with established artists like Miles Davis, Tony Bennett, Ray Charles and The Grateful Dead. He also toured the world with Meatloaf on the first Bat Out of Hell tour and worked with a fledgling organization on the annual event of Broadway on Broadway, which now entertains 50,000 fans in Times Square every September to celebrate the upcoming Broadway season.

Additionally, Ellis worked with antiques. She currently resides in Lewisburg with her husband Richard, where they own and operate Rose Hill bed and breakfast. She has one son and one daughter and four grandchildren, as well as one stepson and one stepdaughter and seven stepgrandchildren.

and has been on the board of directors of Jacque D’Amboise’s National Dance Institute and Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS. Ellis currently lives in New York City and works hand-in-hand with the Broadway elite. He would like to extend a special thank you to Dr. Ruth Ann Musick for her inspired perspective on the arts.

Ellis has one daughter Dr. Rosemary M. Thomas.

Heather Gallagher

Heather Gallagher ’99 graduated from Fairmont State in 1999 with a bachelor’s degree in sociology. Gallagher is a Licensed Social Worker through the State of West Virginia Board of Social Work Examiners. She worked in Youth Services for the WV Department of Health and Human Resources from 1999-2005.

In 2005, Gallagher became the executive director of Stepping Stone, Inc., a group home for teenage boys, in Fairmont. She currently serves as the secretary of the West Virginia Child Care Association and is a member of the Residential Commission’s Out of Home Care Service Delivery & Development Workgroup.

Gallagher has been a volunteer for the American Cancer Society since 1998, coordinating Daffodil Day events and the Road to Recovery Program, as well as participating in the Relay for Life.

She currently resides in Clarksburg and has one son, Jacob, who is 6 years old.

Matt Swain

Matt Swain ‘06 received his bachelor’s degree in criminal justice, with a minor in psychology, in December 2006. Upon graduation, he began working as a police officer for the Department of Public Safety at Fairmont State and went on to graduate from the West Virginia State Police Academy’s 133rd Basic Class in April 2008.

Since being employed at FSU, Swain has continued his law enforcement training and works hand-in-hand with other local departments.

While a student at Fairmont State, Swain was a four-year starter for the Fighting Falcons football team and was actively involved in the community. As a Falcon, Swain volunteered with Marion County Special Olympics and acted as a literacy partner to local elementary schools.

Swain currently volunteers with Relay for Life and Cops for Christ and is a member of the Fraternal Order of Police. He resides in Fairmont, where he and his wife Emily are awaiting the birth of their first child.

Nominate an alumnus or alumna by sending a letter of nomination, including a biography and details of the nominee’s accomplishments to: Director of Alumni Relations and Sponsorship Activities, 1201 Locust Ave., Fairmont, WV 26554. Deadline for nominations is February 15, 2010.
2009 Athletic Association
Hall of Fame Inductees

The Fairmont State University Athletic Association has announced this year’s Hall of Fame inductees. The Class of 2009 includes Vance Carr (basketball), Mary (Hervatin) Boswell (tennis), Earl Keener (football), John Veasey (supporter).

The Hall of Fame inductees will be enshrined on Friday, October 9, at 6:30 p.m. at a banquet generously sponsored by R&E Electric Company in the Falcon Center. The banquet will be preceded by a social starting at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are $25, and are available by contacting the athletic department at (304) 367-4220.

Vance Carr

Carr ‘78 lettered for Fairmont State from 1975–1978 and earned All-America honors during his senior season for the Falcons. He was a three-time, first team All-WVIAC selection scoring 1,700 career points and grabbing 1,114 rebounds. Carr also won six championships during his time at Fairmont State capturing conference regular season titles in each of his four seasons and adding tournament championships in 1975 and 1976. The Falcons averaged nearly 27 wins per season during his career and advanced to the NAIA national tournament in all four of his seasons.

Mary Boswell

Mary (Hervatin) Boswell ‘53 was a pioneer as the first female to earn a varsity letter at Fairmont State by playing on the men’s tennis teams in 1952 and 1953 at the encouragement of coach Charlie Lindley. After a career as a physical education teacher in Maryland, Boswell has since become one of the top ranked tennis players in the world in her age group. Among her accomplishments are winning the ITF Super-Seniors World Individual Championships in 2007 and twice sweeping the American Golden Slam which encompasses capturing all four USTA national titles.

Earl Keener

Keener ‘50 played for Fairmont State from 1946–50 and was a two-time, first team All-WVIAC selection in football and was later named to the conference’s 25th anniversary team. This year, the group will recognize the 1995 cheerleading team that, under the direction of Kristi Kieffer, won the school’s first national championship in that sport.

The Fairmont State Athletic Association (formerly the Lettermen’s Association) is a group designed to unite alumni, lettermen, friends, fans and corporate sponsors to help support the competitive success of Fairmont State athletics.

In addition to the inductees, the FSAA will continue its recent tradition of welcoming back and celebrating notable Fighting Falcon athletic teams. This year, the group will recognize the 1995 cheerleading team that, under the direction of Kristi Kieffer, won the school’s first national championship in that sport.
Veteran sportswriter John Veasey covered Fighting Falcon athletics for the Times-West Virginian during the 1960s and '70s – the school’s “Golden Era” in sports. In addition to covering the careers of coaching legends Deacon Duvall and Joe Retton, he relayed the exploits of Fairmont State athletic teams to the community as the Falcons competed on a national level. He traveled with the football team to locales such as Minneapolis for a NAIA playoff game and made 10 trips to Kansas City for the NAIA basketball championships. Serving as an editor since 1976, he still features FSU athletics in his columns.

Coleman '86 was a star wide receiver for the Falcons from 1982-1985 where he was one of the most decorated players in school history. In addition to being a three-time first team All-WVIAC selection, he was also a two-time NAIA All-American earning first team honors in 1984 and honorable mention recognition in 1985. In the 1984 season in which he caught 60 passes for 934 yards and seven touchdowns, he became the first Fairmont State football player to be named a Kodak All-American. Coleman finished his Fairmont State career with 169 receptions for 2,581 yards and 16 touchdowns.
Alumni Notes

Family
Matthew H. Davis ’07 welcomed his first child, a daughter, on November 8, 2008.

Mairyn Elizabeth Davis weighed 8 lbs. and was 23 ½ inches long.

Ricky ’88 and Rebecca ’88 Humphreys married after graduation with Ricky entering the U.S. Army and Rebecca teaching middle school for a couple of years in Germany. Upon returning to the U.S., they had their first child. After a 20-year career, promotion to Lieutenant Colonel and two more children, Ricky retired from military service in 2008. Rebecca is currently a substitute teacher, and Ricky serves as the HR Director for Marion County elected officials.

Career
Aaron Adkins ’06 applied for the U.S. Peace Corps in March 2007 and was deployed by the U.S. Government/Peace Corps in October 2008 to Africa. He will be teaching HIV/AIDS education, health and nutrition.

Brian Bicknell ’93 received his doctorate of education in Leadership in Education and is currently employed as an education administrator at Montserrat College of Art in Beverly, MA.

Nick Colberg ’06 received the 2008 Mary Lynn Fox award for New Teacher of the Year. He is currently teaching fifth grade at Warm Springs Intermediate School and resides in Morgan County.

Curtis Fleming ’90, host of the award winning television show “Fly Rod Chronicles with Curtis Fleming,” recently received the “Episode of the Year” award at the Fifth Annual Sportsman Channel Awards Banquet held at the SHOT Show in Orlando. The show is in its third season airing on the Sportsman Channel.

Marilyn “Murph” Fore ’71 is currently serving as the senior vice president for academic affairs at Horry-Georgetown Technical College in Conway, SC. Since graduating, Marilyn has earned two master’s degrees and an Ed.D. from the University of South Carolina and was bestowed an honorary degree last December by Coastal Carolina University in Myrtle Beach, SC.

Jason Gibson ’96 is currently the head coach and director of football operations for the Columbus Lions professional indoor football team in Columbus, GA.

Linda Anne Howell ’79 was appointed by President Bush as a federal administrative judge and was sworn in on March 24, 2008.

Judge Howell is married to Brian Siebel, a senior attorney with the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence, and has two children, Elizabeth and Ethan. They live in the Washington, DC, area.

Ashley Nicole Hudimac ’07 is currently a dental student at the West Virginia University School of Dentistry.

Rev. Ron Jones ’62 and wife, Lois (Nedrow), are currently serving as co-presidents of the Association of Retired Ministers and Spouses of the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church. The Joneses hosted over 500 members in Norfolk, VA, in mid-June at the group’s annual conference.

Linda McCray ’96 is currently taking classes to renew her teaching certification and is working toward starting a master’s degree. She currently resides in Zebulon, NC.

Amy Napierkowski ’08 designed two ads for country music artist Monty Lane Allen as part of an internship she completed with Moon & Stars Studio, LLC in Clarksburg under the direction of Lemeul B. Muniz. Her designs were featured in the June 2008 People Magazine Country Special.

Dr. Emil Nardone ’92, a doctor of chiropractic medicine at Nardone Chiropractic in Wheeling, is participating in the Alumni Mentors Network. This service allows students to meet one-on-one with a professional who already has a successful practice in chiropractic or acupuncture/oriental medicine.

Darrell Pendergraph ’04 graduated summa cum laude from Mountain State University School of Business and Technology with a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration and Concentration Business Law in 2008.

Janette Mead Engel Pitzer ’79 is the Managing Member/Owner of PBJ Engineering Design Development, LLC in Franklin, TN. She is also a licensed realtor helping her clients downsize without compromise and consulting with Middle Tennessee Realtors to ensure their listings are buyer-ready.

Derrick R. Rosenior, Ph.D. ’96 is an assistant professor of communication studies at Vanguard University of Southern California in Costa Mesa, CA. He earned his master’s degree from Central Michigan University in 2000 and completed his doctorate at Howard University in Washington, DC, in 2005.

Ulrike M. Schaupp ’06 is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in higher education administration through WVU. She was the first graduate of Fairmont State’s MBA program.

Alison Steele ’97 recently celebrated the one-year anniversary of A+S Design, a full-service interior firm located in Chapel Hill, SC. A+S Design belongs to the National Association of Professional Women, International Interior Design Association, Women in Architecture, and is a HUB-certified, woman-owned interior design firm that focuses on commercial and residential spaces.

Brent Winter ’90 has been named head coach of the Boise Burn, an arena football team in Boise, Idaho. He takes the position as a ten-year coaching veteran in the Arena Football League.

Lori Woodrum ’95 received her M.A. in Reading Education from Marshall University in August 2008.

Falcon Snapshots
Krista L. Hiner, RHIT ’04 recently returned to campus for a meeting of the West Virginia Health Information Management Association at the Falcon Center. Krista now lives in Petersburg.

Daniel Poe ’57 recently donated a teaching aid, used in one room schools, on behalf of Joyce Rogers. This item was used by Preston County teacher Archie Rogers in the early 1900s. The item will be displayed in the Education Building on main campus.

ARE YOU A TBI?
TBI Alumni Association is attempting to locate missing TBIs and update its membership records dating back to 1926. If you are a TBI or know a TBI who has not been receiving the TBIAN Newsletter published in January and June by the fraternity, please contact: Charles Hillberry at (304) 366-3903 or cth1972@aol.com.
“FLY ROD CHRONICLES WITH CURTIS FLEMING”

Left to right are FRC Producer Steve Hasty, PHW board member Rick Patterson, Executive Producer / Host Curtis Fleming ’90 and Country Music Song Writer of the Year and author of PHW theme song “The River Just Knows” Sam Tate.

“Fly Rod Chronicles with Curtis Fleming” was honored with the “Episode of the Year” award at the Fifth Annual Sportsman Channel Awards Banquet being held at the SHOT Show in Orlando on January 16. “Fly Rod Chronicles” was also nominated for “Fishing Show of the Year.”

“Fly Rod Chronicles” is currently in its third season on the Sportsman Channel, airing in approximately 30 million homes in the U.S. and quickly becoming one of the most watched fishing programs on television today. It chronicles the whimsical journey of host Curtis Fleming ’90 and his interactions with fly fishing enthusiasts as he travels throughout the country and the world.

“It’s truly an honor to be recognized by The Sportsman Channel for our hard work on the Project Healing Waters episode,” Fleming said. “However, the greatest honor was sharing the waters of the Rose River Farm with these American heroes as they relaxed and fished throughout the day!”

SAYE LECTURES IN SLOVENIA

Terri Orsini Saye ’75, daughter of Tony and Mary Louise Orsini of Worthington, recently lectured at the University of Ljubljana, Slovenia. Her lecture was presented to the second year class of the Department of Library and Information and Information Sciences and Book Studies. The lecture was about the cataloging classification of legal materials at the University of North Carolina Katherine R. Everett Law Library.

Terri graduated from FSU with a bachelor’s degree in Education and received her master’s of Library Science from the University of Pittsburgh. She is employed as a catalogue librarian, at the UNC Katherine R. Everett Law Library.

Saye is married to Dr. Jerry D. Saye, retired professor from UNC.

FAREWELL TO INTERIM PRESIDENT DR. CHARLES MCCLAIN

On behalf of alumni, faculty and staff, the Alumni Association wishes to thank Dr. Charles J. McClain for all that he has done as Fairmont State University’s Interim President.

Your impact has truly been felt by all of us, and we will never forget the leadership you have shown to us all during your short time here.
Two dedicated and passionate educators, Grace Oliverio Birmingham '57, Alpha Delta Chi, and Kenneth “Mike” Birmingham '56, TBI, have eased the path for future student-athletes in the Fairmont State University football program by establishing an endowed scholarship through the Fairmont State Foundation, Inc., in the amount of $200,000.

Throughout their lives, the Birminghams gave of themselves time after time to positively impact the lives of the many students they taught in western Pennsylvania. Grace Birmingham, termed “Forever Young” by her family due to her consistently upbeat attitude, served as a physical education and health teacher, librarian, field hockey coach and mentor to students and teachers. Mike Birmingham served as a teacher, coach and football trainer and was welcomed into the Penn Hills Hall of Fame in 1989. The experience, wisdom, energy and influence they offered their students were of immeasurable value, evidenced by the frequent visits of past students.

Wanting to continue the good they were able to accomplish in their lives, the Birminghams made provisions for philanthropic giving in their estate plan, including this endowed scholarship through the Fairmont State Foundation, Inc. Grace passed away in January 2008 and was soon followed by her husband in August 2008.

“We are fortunate to have donors like the Birminghams who give student-athletes the opportunity for a college education,”
– Rusty Elliott, FSU Athletic Director

In appreciation for their commitment to the advancement and success of student-athletes and their enduring support of higher education, Fairmont State University and the Fairmont State Foundation, Inc., honored the memory and legacy of Mike and Grace as posthumous recipients of the 2009 SOARing Award for scholarship. The SOARing Award is presented each year at the Annual Academic Awards Celebration and recognizes members of the Fairmont State community who, through substantial philanthropic contribution for student scholarships, have advanced Fairmont State’s core values of Scholarship, Opportunity, Advancement and Responsibility.

There are many ways to influence minds and change lives. One important way to have an impact is to make provisions for Fairmont State University or Pierpont Community & Technical College in your will or estate plan. For more information on creating an endowment in support of scholarships or programs, capital projects, or naming opportunities please contact Keith Foster, director of major gifts, at (304) 367-4014.
PIERPONT UNVEILS NEW LOGO

Pierpont Community & Technical College now has a new logo, an important element of efforts to establish a unique identity for the community college.

Unveiled during Spring Commencement on Friday, May 15, 2009, the new logo was designed by Eve Faulkes, Professor of Creative Arts, Division of Art, at West Virginia University. Faulkes earned a Master of Fine Arts degree in Graphic Design from the Rhode Island School of Design and a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Graphic Design from WVU. Faulkes also designed the current Fairmont State University logo. The same designer was chosen so that the new Pierpont logo would be related to logo of Pierpont’s partner institution, FSU, but would also be distinct and could stand alone.

The mission of Pierpont Community & Technical College is to provide opportunities for learning, training, and further education that enrich the lives of individuals and promote the economic growth of our service region and state.

The new Pierpont logo embodies the mission of the community college with its emphasis on flexibility, community, technology, diversity and action. By using thinner linear elements, smaller leaf shapes and more direction, the icon shows movement and growth. The presence of connecting branches references technology. Other key messages within the symbol include the presence of the leaves and trophy to indicate results; the different directions and orientations of the leaves to denote action; the interconnectedness of the branches to depict community; the organic nature of the tree to reflect life and living; the presence of both solid and bending objects to project flexibility; and the architectural references and construction to suggest crafts and trades.

The Pierpont Board of Governors has placed special emphasis on establishing a strong identity for Pierpont. The decision to officially unveil the logo as part of Commencement marries newly established traditions with the icon that will represent the institution.

“The Pierpont Community & Technical College is a special place and deserves a special insignia to represent it and all it does for the people of West Virginia,” said Pierpont President Blair Montgomery.

Pierpont’s roots reach back to the creation of a community college component at Fairmont State College in 1974. Fairmont State Community & Technical College was renamed Pierpont Community & Technical College in 2006. On July 1, 2007, the state Legislature required separate accreditation for Fairmont State University and Pierpont. Although FSU and Pierpont are now separate institutions with separate governing boards and separate missions, they continue to share a main campus and services.

With an enrollment of more than 2,600, Pierpont offers more than 50 associate degree programs, skill sets and certificates, as well as a variety of courses at more than 15 sites in North Central West Virginia, including the Braxton County Center in Flatwoods. Through its Center for Workforce Education in downtown Fairmont, Pierpont provides workforce training and community education for its 13-county region. Pierpont operates the Robert C. Byrd National Aerospace Education Center in Bridgeport, offering programs in flight and aviation maintenance.

SAVE THE DATE

Frank and Jane Gabor
WV Folklife Center Gala 2009
Saturday Evening, October 31
Colebank Auditorium, Fairmont State University
Adults: $25
Children 12 and under: $3

The Ghostly and Ghastly
An Evening with Storyteller Connie Regan-Blake

5:30 p.m. Doors Open
Light Buffet of savory and sweet hors d’oeuvres
Silent Auction
Exhibits/Sales
Musical Entertainment

6:30 p.m. Live Auction
8 p.m. Awards and Story Telling Presentation
B.B. Maurer WV Folklife Award – Connie Regan-Blake
Traditions Salute Award – West Virginia Storytelling Guild

Advance tickets may be purchased by calling Beth Martin at the Fairmont State Foundation, Inc., at (304) 367-4009.
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Please help us deliver mail to the right address. We’d like to send maroon & white and alumni event invitations directly to your graduate’s current residence. Call toll free at (866) 372-2586 to provide an address update.