

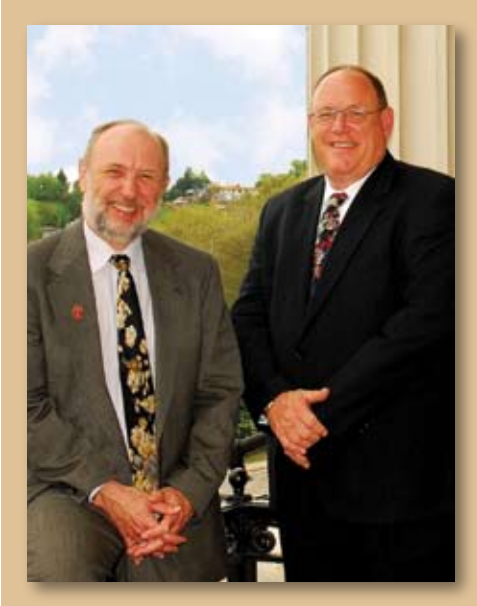


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2008
PRESIDENTS' REPORT



TO OUR FACULTY, STAFF,
STUDENTS, ALUMNI,
COMMUNITY AND FRIENDS,

A feasibility study in 2003 predicted that Fairmont State couldn't raise \$1 million. Because of the commitment of Fairmont State University and Pierpont Community & Technical College to our students, we launched our first ever capital campaign anyway. Well, we're glad to report we didn't raise \$1 million. We raised more than \$10 million.

Today, we are proud to announce the great success of *influencing minds changing lives: The Fairmont State Campaign*. It is your belief in what we do and your support of this campaign that made the impossible possible. For that, we thank you, and more importantly, our students thank you.

The \$10 million will be used for academic, athletic and need-based scholarship initiatives for our students; a capital building initiative for our students; and faculty excellence and program enrichment for our students.

We would like to thank our faculty and staff who have contributed to this effort with their time, talent and treasure. We would also like to extend special thanks to the members of our leadership boards who have 100 percent participation in the campaign: the Fairmont State University Board of Governors, the Pierpont Community & Technical College Board of Advisors, the Fairmont State Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors, the Presidents' Leadership Council, the Fairmont State Alumni Association and the Fairmont State Athletic Association.

Thank you for your commitment to our students' future. We want to express our heartfelt thanks to all who work each day to help Fairmont State University and Pierpont Community & Technical College "SOAR." Together, we will continue to work toward *influencing minds changing lives*.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Bradley
President
Fairmont State University

Blair Montgomery
President
Pierpont Community &
Technical College of FSU

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a spirit of partnership

between Fairmont State University and Pierpont Community & Technical College allows us to better serve our 7,450 students.

Partnership provides students with the opportunity to find their future from more than 145 skill sets, certificates, associate degrees, bachelor's degrees and graduate degrees.

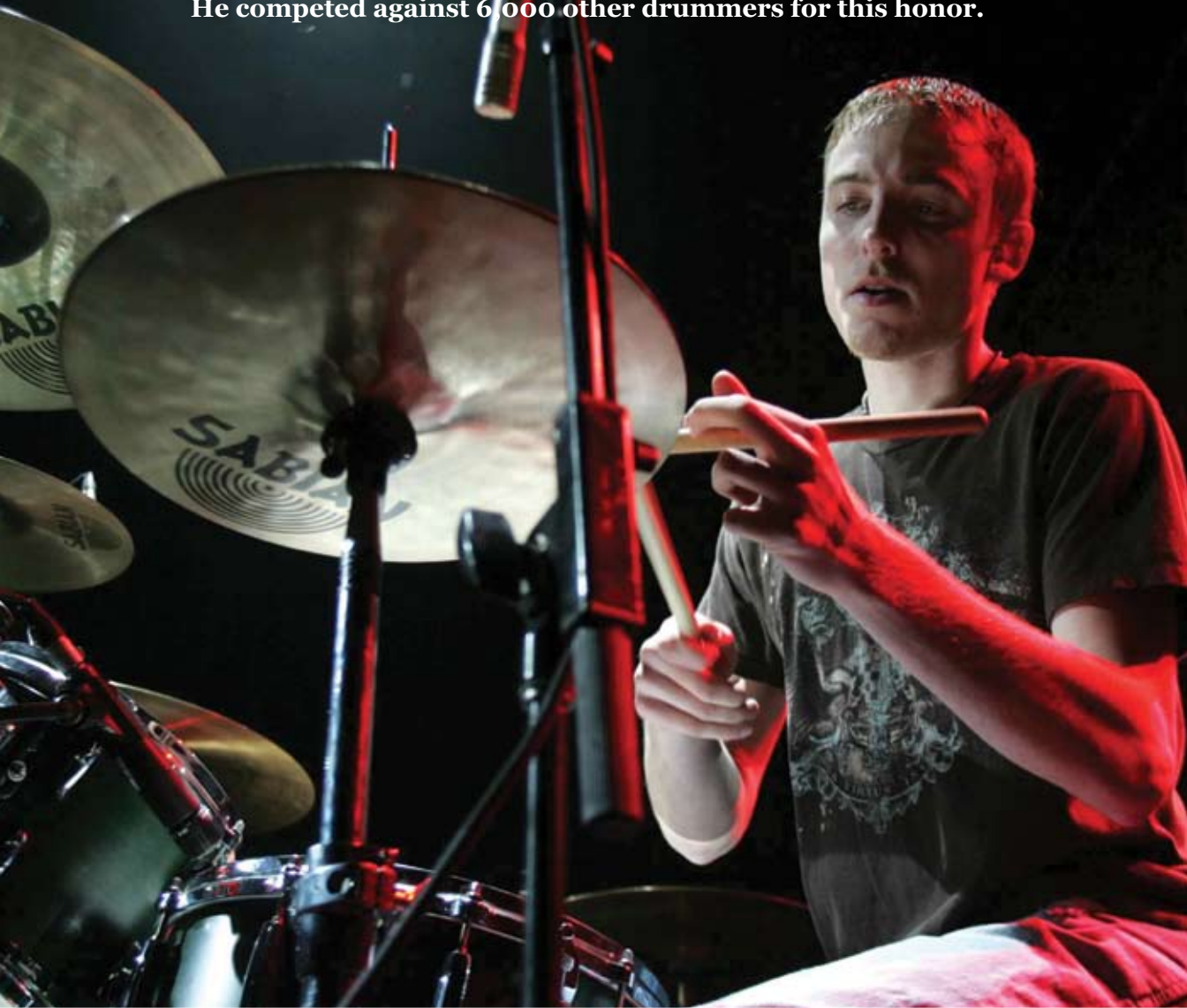
Partnership gives students the flexibility to take classes on our shared main campus in Fairmont or throughout Pierpont C&TC's 13-county service region. Partnership means we retain shared core values of scholarship, achievement, opportunity and responsibility. Partnership

results in two strong institutions moving together toward a bright future of

influencing minds changing lives



Playing in front of a packed house in Hollywood, Donald Marple, a 20-year-old Music Education major from Keyser, W.Va., proved he had the skills to be the nation's greatest undiscovered drummer in January 2008 by winning the Guitar Center Drum-Off Championship. He competed against 6 000 other drummers for this honor.





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Influencing. It's what we do. Pierpont C&TC President Blair Montgomery travelled to China as part of a national delegation to work with their vocational schools and universities in creating community colleges. With the support of 40 public schools in six counties, FSU's Professional Development Schools Partnership prepares new teachers for real school contexts. The GEAR UP Partnership continues to raise awareness among students and families about the importance of higher education. Wade Carpenter, an alumnus of our Robert C. Byrd National Aerospace Education Center works on Air Force One. Coached by Steve McDonald, FSU's women's basketball team took the WVIAC Tournament title and advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the second time in school history. Over spring break, a group of Honors students had the opportunity to study and explore London. Through their commitment to service, our staff members take the time to help students with issues both great and small. Through their dedication to teaching excellence, our faculty influence students who have the power to change the world.



ACHIEVEMENT

The Leadership Fairmont State Class of 2007-2008 participants, the program's first class, graduated in May 2008. While the program is modeled after the Leadership West Virginia and Leadership Marion cohort programs, Leadership Fairmont State addresses and focuses on leadership in a higher education environment. Specifically, Leadership Fairmont State is committed to the development of a knowledgeable and dedicated corps of faculty, staff and administrators in service to the student body by providing leadership, training

and vision-broadening experiences to all participants and in doing so, provide a pool of present and future campus leaders. Dr. Fred Fidura serves as director of the program and Mary Stewart serves as assistant director. The following participants graduated as part of the Class of 2007-2008: Dale Bradley, Amy Cunningham, J.J. Davis, Jim Decker, Kimberly DeMeester, Carolyn Fletcher, Donna Long, Jim Matthews, Richard Pagan, John Piscitelli, Sharon Smith, Deborah Stiles, Jennifer Weist, Alissa Wilmoth and Robin Yeager.



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Minds. They are why we do what we do. Working hard to build strong programs, we give our students the knowledge and skills they need to succeed. Pierpont C&TC's Culinary Arts Program received renewed accreditation from the American Culinary Federation, and our Pastry and Baking Arts certificate program received initial accreditation. Our faculty continue to excel in their fields: the West Virginia Council of Teachers of Mathematics named Susan Goodwin the 2008 College Mathematics Teacher of the Year. Dr. Francene Kirk spearheaded the creation of the Mountain State Storytelling Institute, hosted by FSU. The Celebration of Student Scholarship in April 2008 showcased the creative work of students working with faculty mentors in a broad range of disciplines. At the Winter 2007 Commencement, Pierpont C&TC's first class of respiratory therapists walked across the Feaster Center stage to receive congratulations and diplomas. In any year, our top accomplishment is the successful graduation of our students – the achievement of their goals and their launch to the next stage of their education or career. In any year, all other accomplishments point to and contribute to this one.





SCHOLARSHIP

FSU senior biology majors Amanda Reed and Alyssa Childers presented research projects during the 10th annual Undergraduate Research Symposium in the Chemical and Biological Sciences, at the University of Maryland. Both Reed, who is from Bridgeport, and Childers, who is from Johnstown, Ohio, have continued their research on cardiovascular disease. Both are recipients of an FSU College of Science and Technology/NASA Student Fellowship. Reed, who graduated in December 2007, is planning to continue her education by enrolling in a physical therapy program. Reed said the research experience gave her great opportunities to interact with many professionals in science and that it was a lot of fun. Childers, who graduated in May 2008, plans to continue her education by enrolling in optometry school. She said that research was a really great experience because it allowed her to utilize the tools she acquired while at FSU and apply them to real-life situations. During the symposium, Childers placed second in her poster session in the category of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

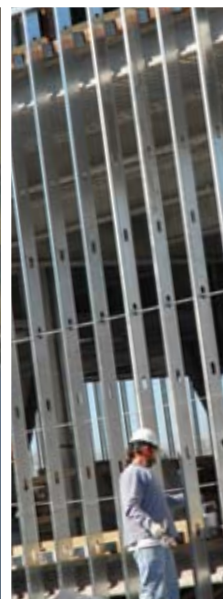




Engineering Technology Building



Students in one of Pierpont C&TC's "wrap-around" programs



OPPORTUNITY

Our shared Strategic Plan creates opportunity to avoid competition and to continue a healthy partnership between FSU and Pierpont C&TC. More than just words on paper, the Strategic Plan is a "living and breathing" guide to move us forward. Teams have been hard at work to implement our goals of empowering faculty and students to achieve high levels of teaching and learning; cultivating and strengthening the educational, economic and cultural well-being of our region; expanding and promoting

community education; developing select graduate programs with a focus on regional needs; creating a student life environment that enhances participation in campus events; providing a comprehensive, integrated approach to the First Year Experience that encourages students success; and developing, retaining and recruiting high-quality people who contribute to a satisfying and productive work environment. For more information, visit www.fairmontstate.edu/strategicplanning. Check out our new FSU Wiki and drill down for the details of our successes and next steps.



Groundbreaking for the Frank and Jane Gabor WV Folklife Center



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Changing. It means growth and increasing opportunities.

Our physical space and our academic offerings continue to expand. Our new Engineering Technology Building opened for classes in January 2008. New artificial turf for Duvall-Rosier Field will allow us to make better use of that space for multiple sports and for intramurals. Major ADA improvements to inner campus have made the sidewalks and areas between buildings more accessible for all of us. A ceremony in 2007 marked the groundbreaking for the Frank and Jane Gabor West Virginia Folklife Center. FSU's graduate programs are experiencing healthy growth in enrollment, up more than 8 percent in headcount. Pierpont C&TC is becoming a statewide leader in the Earn a Degree, Graduate Early (EDGE) program and has developed completely online skill set certificates through the Center for Workforce Education. New "wrap-around" programs for students enrolled in vocational technical programs within Pierpont C&TC's service region allow students to earn college credit toward an associate degree while in high school. Moving forward as separate institutions means change. Moving forward in collaboration, we'll build a stronger FSU and a stronger Pierpont C&TC.





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Lives. They are what really matters. FSU and Pierpont C&TC are dedicated to cultivating and strengthening the educational, economic and cultural well-being of our region. The heart of this goal is enhancing lives. Our students, faculty and staff stage quality music, theatre, visual arts and literary events. The Celebration of Ideas Lecture Series brings nationally prominent speakers to Fairmont. The Women of Color Luncheon honors those who have shown a commitment to treating everyone equally. Student Government places emphasis on community service, creating events such as a Family Health Fair & Carnival and hosting voter registration and blood drives. Students associated with the Wesley Foundation spent their spring break in New York City, boxing bulk food for pantries and attending a seminar on homelessness. About 2,000 people have embraced lifelong learning through Pierpont C&TC's Community Education program, a growth of about 50 percent from 2006. The Center for Workforce Education strives to meet the needs of employers in our area. Our culture values students and employees as individuals. Our caring stretches beyond our bricks and mortar throughout the communities of our region.





RESPONSIBILITY

Directed by Dr. Francene Kirk, a student cast spent their spring break on the road presenting a children's show titled "Wiley and the Hairy Man." Based on a Southern folktale, the story centers on a boy named Wiley who must face his nemesis, the Hairy Man, to be free of fear. For the production, sign language interpreters shadowed the actors, making the performance more accessible. The tour included a performance at the West Virginia School of the Deaf and Blind in Romney before moving on to Nicholas County, where the cast performed for Craigsville Elementary, Richwood Middle School and Mt. Nebo Elementary School. Zachary Masters of Fairmont played the part of Wiley; Thomas Cosner of Terra Alta signed the part. Mummy

was played by Samantha Huffman of Fairmont and signed by Laura Evert of Romney. Michael Vozniak of Fairmont was the voice of the Hairy Man and he also manipulated the Hairy Man puppet. Jeana M. Barnes of Romney signed for the Hairy Man. Ruth Knapp of Gerrardstown was also a puppeteer for the Hairy Man. Anthony Marchese of Bunker Hill played Wiley's faithful dog. The chorus served as Wiley's imagination and was made up of Adam McHenry of Clarksburg, Demian Money Penny of Salem, Mela Stewart of Morgantown, Jennifer Rinker of Fairmont and Celi Oliveto of Fairmont. Tour manager was Dylan Callery of Morgantown. Sarah Rowan, Patrick Sibbett, Kimberly Higgenbotham and Jason Young also contributed to the show.

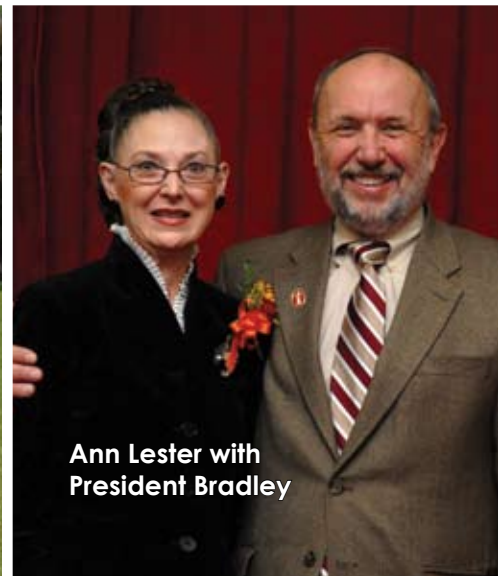


CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE

Established through the estate of Abelina Suarez in 2002 through the Fairmont State Foundation, Inc., the Abelina Suarez Professorship supports faculty development and excellence in teaching. Abelina Suarez was a math and science teacher and school counselor in Harrison County. Her bequest created the first, privately funded professorship in FSU history. Connie S. Moore, Associate Professor/Senior of Nursing, was awarded the second professorship in May 2007. Abelina Suarez Professors carry the title in perpetuity, but a new award will be given every five years. Dr. Judy P. Byers, 2002 Abelina Suarez Professorship recipient, is Senior Professor of English, Supervisor of English Education and Director of the Frank and Jane Gabor West Virginia Folklife Center at FSU. During the five-year active period of the award, honorees have the opportunity to develop and present a special course in their discipline. Recipients receive a \$3,000 yearly stipend for five years to support their work. Nominations for this award are accepted from school chairs and faculty members. Other nominees for the 2007 professorship were Mary "Dede" Burnell, Dr. Carolyn Crislip-Tacy, Dr. Debra Hemler and Dr. Deanna Shields.



Leadership Fairmont State



Ann Lester with
President Bradley



Fran Kirk



Connie Moore



Rosemarie Romesburg

Faculty members were honored with awards for their efforts during the 2007-2008 academic year.

DR. FRANCENE KIRK

FSU William A. Boram Award for Teaching Excellence

DR. ROSEMARIE ROMESBURG

Pierpont C&TC Paul E. Edwards Award for Teaching Excellence

DR. J. ROBERT BAKER

FSU's Harold & Roselyn Williamson Straight Award

RICHARD WADE

FSU Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Award

DONNA LONG

FSU Excellence in Academic Advising Award

DR. JOHN O'CONNOR

Faculty Recognition Award.

ANN LESTER

Classified Employee of the Year in 2007.

DR. DEANNA SHIELDS

New Dean of the College of Liberal Arts

The Fairmont State Alumni Association honored the following alumni during Homecoming 2007:

CAROLE WADE

MARVIN STEWART

Outstanding Alumni

PATTY VANDERGRIFT TOMPKINS

GARY BENNETT

Alumni of Achievement

CARRIE SMITH-SWIGER

WILLIAM "BILL" PHILLIPS

Outstanding Young Alumni

The Fairmont State Athletic Association Hall of Fame inducted the following as its Class of 2007:

BRUCE HINKLE

LISA (MONTELEONE) BARONE

JEFF NAU

DON OVERTON

MIKE ROSCOE

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Following is an excerpt from a proclamation approved by the Fairmont State Foundation, Inc., Board of Directors and presented on Oct. 25, 2007:

Whereas, the Fairmont State Foundation, Inc., anticipates exceeding the goal for its charter capital campaign, *influencing minds, changing lives: The Fairmont State Campaign*, and

Whereas, the Fairmont State Foundation, Inc., Board of Directors desires to inform the public of this historic accomplishment, and

Whereas, the Board of Directors desires to build upon the success and momentum of the quiet phase of *influencing minds, changing lives: The Fairmont State Campaign* and move toward its next successful campaign in partnership with the Board of Governors, the Presidents' Leadership Council, and the Fairmont State Athletic and Alumni Associations.

Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Fairmont State Foundation, Inc., Board of Directors hereby outlines and approves the following courses of action to recognize the accomplishments of the quiet phase of *influencing minds, changing lives: The Fairmont State Campaign* and to plan a course of action for the next two years.

On May 10, 2008, at the Fairmont State University commencement ceremony, a joint announcement of the success of *influencing minds, changing lives: The Fairmont State Campaign* will be made by the Fairmont State Foundation, Inc., the Fairmont State Board of Governors, the Presidents' Leadership Council and the Fairmont State Athletic and Alumni Associations, and

The announcement of May 10, 2008, will proclaim the results of the campaign, which is expected to exceed the \$10 million goal, and

To capture the momentum garnered during the quiet phase of the campaign, *influencing minds, changing lives: The Fairmont State Campaign*, will be extended by two years, and \$5 million supporting athletics, scholarships and the Frank and Jane Gabor West Virginia Folklife Center will be added to the original \$10 million goal

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