I Teach Your Student . . .

Did you know that 64 professors at West Virginia University have earned Fulbright grants?

What is a Fulbright grant exactly? Well, it’s one of the most prestigious awards a professor can receive at the collegiate level. Depending on the type of grant, it can send a professor overseas to a myriad of different countries to continue or enhance research or teaching they’ve done at WVU. Then, they bring all of that knowledge back to campus with them.

Four professors this year had the chance to do just that. Psychology Professor Andy Lattal spent time in France after taking a sabbatical for research. Physics Associate Professor James P. Lewis, Political Science Associate Professor Philip Michelbach, and Geology and Geography Professor Tim Warner are currently overseas. All are professors are in the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences.

“I’m very much engaged in this idea of the international student experience,” said Lewis, who is in the Czech Republic on a research grant at the Czech Academy of Sciences. “Science is global. You have to expose them to the idea that there’s a lot of different things going on outside of the United States. I like to provide those opportunities to students.”

Michelbach is in Germany this semester teaching at the University of Potsdam on a unique Fulbright Junior Lectureship in American Studies. He first went abroad to Germany when he was 17 and was excited to return in hopes his 13-year-old son and 10-year-old daughter would receive the same eye-opening experience that he did.

“I look back to my first experience that summer when I was 17, and I think it really matured me. It was a big step forward for me, and I expect the same type of thing for my kids. I’d be surprised if they came back as the same people,” he said.

Warner has actually received two Fulbright grants in his career, a distinction that puts him in an elite class. He is currently in Chile to teach a class on satellite imagery while researching Chilean geography using a new satellite called Landsat 8.

“When I first looked for a career, I thought working for NASA was a dream job. But, really, teaching was the best for me, because you have the best of all possible worlds. Working with young people is so rewarding,” he said. “WVU has a very strong Geographic Information Sciences Program, so that’s what really attracted me to the University. Now that I’m here, I really love living in West Virginia.”

Students begin college seeking rewarding academic experiences. Some first-year students enter with undeclared majors, wanting to explore a variety of disciplines. Others just want to learn it all.

To help, WVU created the University College, a centralized support college to assist students who don’t have an academic major.

This new unit is an “academic hub” for exploratory students, general studies students, nontraditional students, the First-Year Experience, McNair Scholars, and undergraduate research opportunities. It will also serve as a “landing place” for incoming transfer students.

About 7,800 WVU students will be served by the University College.

According to Dr. Elizabeth Dooley, dean of the University College and associate provost for Undergraduate Academic Affairs, “These students span the gamut. Some might come here wanting to be a teacher, but then they’re not sure anymore. In partnership with the other WVU colleges and schools, the University College helps them refocus and identify a new pathway.” She added, “We want to create a culture of care.”

Academic and career advising are central components, and the College works with the Career Services Center, which offers career counseling and career development programs. Additional full-time advisors also are being hired.
Dear Mountaineer Parents Club members,

Welcome families to West Virginia University! A new academic semester often means a fresh start. Some of you are just beginning the adventure of parenting your college-age student while some of you might consider yourselves “pros.” No matter what stage you are at in your journey, your support and guidance as a parent are needed.

Over the summer I had the pleasure of meeting thousands of new families at New Student Orientation. In addition, I met lots of you at Summer Send-offs. The question that I get asked the most from parents is how they can help their children be successful. That is what we all want!

Your support now and over the next few years is critical. Students want to be on their own, but they also look to you for guidance. Remember this …

- Listen to your children.
- Encourage them.
- Discuss realistic expectations.
- Let them solve problems on their own.

I know that many of you already do this, but sometimes, this can be a challenge. Parents always want to help their children. Some of you may want to pick up the phone and resolve the issue for them. You know who you are! Instead, try to coach them through the situation.

There are many ways for you to learn what resources we have available for your students.

- Mountaineer Parents Club website parentsclub.wvu.edu/
- Parents Club on Facebook: “WVU Mountaineer Parents Club”
- Mountaineer Parents Club helpline, 800-WVU-0096
- Parent Electronic News messages
- Mountaineer Parents Club Newsletter
- Local Club and State Chairs
- Parent Handbook and Planner

As you embark on this new phase of parenthood, enjoy! Watch as your children grow, learn new things, and become responsible adults.

Remember parents, there are lots of resources to help you support your student. If you can’t find something, just ask! Take advantage of all that WVU offers.

Happy fall to you and your family!

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Sabrina M. Cave, Executive Director
New Fall Break, October 14-15

This year's fall semester includes a short break—classes will not be held on Monday, October 14 and Tuesday, October 15. This break was requested by WVU's students (and faculty) as a way to recharge and relax after midterms.

All WVU residence halls will remain open.

Here are some things you can suggest your student use this time to do:

- get caught up on reading assignments and start planning for finals
- spend a long weekend at home with you
- visit nearby Coopers Rock to enjoy the spectacular views
- work on upcoming class projects and papers
- rent a bicycle, kayak, climbing shoes, canoe, tent, or sleeping bag from the Outdoor Rec Center and go enjoy the wonder of West Virginia in the fall
- start holiday shopping early at downtown's unique shops, or ride the free Mountain Line bus to local shopping areas
- walk on the rail trail and enjoy the Arboretum
- do the laundry that's been piling up
- visit the libraries to find a new place to study
- hang out and people-watch at the Lair, go bowling or play pool
- work out and/or enjoy the pool and whirlpool at the Rec Center
- go to a local restaurant they haven't had time to check out yet
- attend the WVU men's soccer game on Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

The Illinois Mountaineer Parents Club at their Summer Send-off this year. Parents and students had a wonderful time getting together and sharing stories, food and Mountaineer spirit!
With more than two years still to go, donors have moved the WVU Foundation 89 percent of the way to reaching its $750 million goal for A State of Minds: The Campaign for West Virginia’s University.

Fundraising focuses on six University-wide campaign priority areas that align with the University’s 2020 Strategic Plan for the Future:

- Enhance the undergraduate student experience and global education
- Advance the research initiative of the University
- Enable WVU to improve West Virginia’s health, economy, and quality of life
- Foster faculty excellence
- Enhance WVU through professional and graduate education
- Support healthcare through research, education, and patient care

Visit www.astateofminds.com for information on how you can help support the campaign.

Donors contributed $668.7 million to the campaign through June 30. The campaign runs through December 2015.

“Thanks to the tremendous generosity of our alumni and friends, we are on track to exceed our goal,” said Wayne King, Foundation president and CEO. “We’ve had a very positive response since we launched the public phase of the campaign a year ago, and fully expect that to continue through the end of the campaign.”

Donations to the campaign include endowed scholarships and fellowships for students, professorships, financial support for new learning facilities, and enhancements for academic and athletic programs.

“I am continuously overwhelmed by the pride and passion people have for our University, and I thank them from the bottom of my heart,” said WVU President Jim Clements. “This campaign means so much to the future of WVU, and the support we have received thus far has been incredible. We have excellent faculty, staff, and students, and each gift helps us in some way pursue our goals as a flagship land-grant university.”

A State of Minds is the largest private fund-raising campaign in WVU’s history. The $750 million goal is three times larger than the previous Building Greatness campaign from 1998-2003.

WVU grad Chattaway donates Star Trek music

For almost 20 years on Star Trek, the starship Enterprise soared through the galaxies to the musical motifs of composer Jay Chattaway, a graduate of WVU’s College of Creative Arts.

Now, as part of a new enterprise, Chattaway has presented his entire Star Trek music collection to the WVU School of Music.

“Jay Chattaway is one of our most cherished graduates, and his work as one of America’s premier composers for film and television makes him a tremendous role model for our students,” said WVU President Jim Clements.

“I am deeply grateful for his extraordinary gift of his musical scores and materials, and I join the College of Creative Arts in our heartfelt thanks,” Clements said. “This gift will help our current and future music students learn the art of arranging and composing from one of the greatest in the field. We are just blown away by this unique and valuable gift.”

Huggins family donates $100,000 to WVU’s College of Physical Activity and Sport Sciences

Bob and June Huggins have donated $100,000 to WVU’s College of Physical Activity and Sport Sciences. These funds will be used to create an endowment for undergraduate athletic coaching education students and to provide support for CPASS’ new building, which is currently under construction.

The Bob and June Huggins Academic Endowment for Athletic Coaching Education will provide scholarships for qualified undergraduate students in the College’s department of coaching and teaching studies. The funds will be used to support scholarship awards for two undergraduate students each academic year majoring in athletic coaching education.

“We are most appreciative of Bob and June’s leadership efforts. Their gift will have a long-lasting impact within the College. As an alumnus, Bob Huggins has chosen to make an investment in our College to support athletic coaching education scholarships and the new CPASS building. I hope Bob and June’s decision to support the College will encourage others from within the University to give,” said Dean Dana Brooks.

Huggins, a native of Morgantown, is a two-time Academic All-American and graduated from the College of Physical Activity and Sport Sciences, magna cum laude, in 1977. He received his master’s in health administration from WVU in 1978. Huggins was a three-year letterman for the Mountaineers from 1975-77 and was named MVP, helping the basketball team to an 18-11 record, the team’s highest win total in nine seasons. Huggins was introduced as WVU’s 21st men’s basketball coach in April of 2007.

For more information on construction all across campus, you can visit construction.wvu.edu/.
Did you know?

**DA Online**—If you want to keep up with what’s happening on campus, there is no better way than visiting the *Daily Athenaeum* online at [www.thedaonline.com](http://www.thedaonline.com/). This award-winning newspaper is one of the nation’s premiere student newspapers providing the latest campus news, sports and opinions to students, faculty, alumni, and the surrounding community. The newspaper publishes Monday through Friday during the fall and spring semesters, with a Saturday edition on home football game days, and weekly during the summer session.

**Tobacco Free campus**—On July 1, 2013, WVU went tobacco-free. The policy applies to employees, students, and visitors on the Morgantown campus. The WVU Board of Governors approved the policy in June 2012 after the Health Sciences campus enacted its own policy in 2010. The ban will prohibit tobacco use on any premises owned, operated, leased, or occupied by WVU. This includes any outdoor areas on campus, parking lots, and previously designated smoking areas.

The **WVU Foundation’s Pride Travel Fund** campaign is under way to help the WVU Marching Band travel this fall. Make your contribution today by visiting [www.pridetravelfund.com](http://www.pridetravelfund.com).

Donors who give $500 or more become members of the prestigious 100 Mile Club. Those who contribute $100 or more receive a band CD, and all donors receive a Pride Travel Fund magnet.

**Student LOT**—If your student is looking for a place to tailgate prior to a WVU football game, direct them to the Student LOT, the official alcohol-free student pregame tailgating event at WVU. As students make their way to the stadium to cheer on the Mountaineers at the home football games, they are invited to hang out at the Student LOT, located on Oakland Street across from the Ronald McDonald House. Offering many fun events, activities, live entertainment, giveaways, and free food, the Student LOT opens three hours before kickoff and closes 30 minutes before kickoff.

WVU will have a **Fall Break** on October 14 and 15, and WVU will not hold classes on these days. Residence and dining halls will remain open. All other WVU units (i.e., Mountainlair, Rec Center, Libraries) will be open, but may be operating on reduced schedules. Students are encouraged to check their websites ahead of time for specific hours.

Interested in knowing when **WVU sports teams** have their next game? Visit [www.wvusports.com](http://www.wvusports.com/) to access schedules, rosters, press releases, and more. It’s a great resource for WVU fans.

With the new Fall Break WVU has added this year, the **Final Exam schedule** will be different than in previous years. This year, finals exams will begin on Thursday, December 12 and run through Wednesday, December 18. Students should pay close attention to the syllabus for each class to verify when their specific exam is being held. For a general listing, please visit the website at [registrar.wvu.edu/current_students-finals](http://registrar.wvu.edu/current_students-finals).
WVUP All Night—Since 1998, WVUp All Night has been providing WVU students with safe, fun, and free alternative weekend activities. Every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights a variety of late-night activities, including movies, comedy clubs, student-run programs, and free food, are available to students in the Mountainlair. WVUp All Night is open to WVU students and their guests who are 17 years of age and older. A schedule of events can be found at mountainlair.wvu.edu/wvupallnight.

2013 Calendar of Events

October 6, 2013 — Fall Ring Day Ceremony
October 14–15, 2013 — Fall Break - Residence Halls remain open
November 22, 2013 — Residence Break - Residence Halls remain open
November 25–29, 2013 — Thanksgiving Break
December 1, 2013 — Residence Halls reopen at noon
December 12–18, 2013 — Final Exams
December 20, 2013 — December Convocation
December 19, 2013 — Residence Halls close at noon
January 6, 2014 — Residence Halls reopen at 8:00 a.m.

If your student is looking for a good place to get a little extra academic help, send them to the Academic Resource Center. Students can receive free, walk-in tutoring for many subjects offered at West Virginia University. This extra help can sometimes turn a “C” into a “B” or even an “A”! For more information, including a list of locations and subjects, visit their website at retention.wvu.edu/academic_resource_centers.

The WVU Foundation has announced the recipients of its 2013 Outstanding Philanthropy awards. The awards, first presented in 2005, were established to honor donors who display exceptional generosity, commitment, leadership, and proven records of outstanding civic and charitable devotion to WVU. This year’s recipients are: Robert and Laura Reynolds, Milan Puskar Outstanding Philanthropists; Douglas Van Scoy, Outstanding Volunteer Philanthropist; Carl DelSignore Foundation, Hazel Ruby McQuain Outstanding Philanthropic Foundation; and BrickStreet Mutual Insurance Company, Outstanding Philanthropic Corporation.

WVU Arts Series/FOI—WVU Arts and Entertainment brings Broadway to Morgantown with the University Arts Series at the Creative Arts Center. This year’s performances include Whoopi Goldberg, B.B. King, Kenny Rogers, Moscow Ballet’s Great Russian Nutcracker, Godspell, Man of La Mancha, Cirque Dreams Rocks, among many others. For more information on the University Arts Series 2013-2014, visit www.events.wvu.edu/series.shtml.
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If you have ever eaten a West Virginia staple, the pepperoni roll, you know how good they are! So it was no surprise that the pepperoni roll won a national competition of state foods in an online contest. The Taste of America contest was launched in May and allowed participants to vote online for their state’s signature food. The winning baked bread, oozing with pepperoni and cheese, went up against 64 other foods. The pepperoni roll won during the Elite Eight round—the fourth and final week—with more than 52,000 votes.

The WVU Division of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion has moved to a new location across from the Mountaineer Station transportation center. This office, which includes the Office of Accessibility Services, works to recruit diverse faculty, staff, and students, measure the campus’ climate in terms of diversity, as well as celebrate the many cultures and experiences currently part of the WVU community. Learn more about their services at diversity.wvu.edu/.

David Fryson,
Chief Diversity Officer
WVU grad honors family on the Ware Family Alumni Walk

Bobbie Godbey celebrated many milestones at West Virginia University. She completed her undergrad and graduate degrees from the University in 2004 and 2005, respectively. She then went on to work for her alma mater, helping to recruit the next generation of Mountaineers through her work at the Office of Undergraduate Recruitment.

And, she is not the only one in her family to hold the University near and dear to her heart. Her mom, Dr. Jami Myers ('06) and younger sister, Samantha ('08, '10), also earned degrees from WVU.

To celebrate their accomplishments and their love for the University, Godbey purchased a brick at the Erickson Alumni Center.

Showing her mother and sister their brick for the first time was a wonderful experience for Godbey. “It’s also neat that now I live 3,000 miles away from Morgantown, and I’m still a part of the University,” said Godbey, who now lives in Portland, Oregon, with her husband and fellow grad Ryan Lewis ('05, '10).

Their brick was one of the first to be placed in the Ware Family Alumni Walk, and they have visited the center many times, attending weddings alumni events, and other special events.

Being a tour guide and sharing her experiences with students and parents was Godbey’s favorite memory about WVU. It introduced her to higher education as a career field and ultimately shaped her profession.

Even though she and Ryan now live on the West Coast, they remain actively involved in the life of WVU by participating in the Pacific Northwest Chapter of the WVU Alumni Association.

For more information about the bricks/pavers on the Ware Family Alumni Walk, visit alumni.wvu.edu and click on the “Brick Campaign” icon on the main page or e-mail nicole.riggleman@mail.wvu.edu.