

Season's Greetings

Dr. Mirta M. Martin Named Next President of Fairmont State



Dr. Mirta Martin, President

Dr. Martin, who was present for the meeting, is scheduled to officially begin her presidency on Jan. 1, 2018, taking over duties from interim President Stephen B. Jones.

"The Board of Governors of Fairmont State University is extremely pleased to welcome Dr. Martin to campus and eager to begin working with her on January 1, 2018," said BOG Chair Dixie Yann. "She comes with a variety of financial and educational experiences, but is extremely student-focused and will continue to build Fairmont State University's reputation for student success."

Dr. Martin has more than 30 years of experience in higher education, banking, advisory and consulting. Dr. Martin's career involves work in both the public and private sectors as well as work with public-private partnerships. Her higher education experi-

The Fairmont State University Board of Governors announces Dr. Mirta M. Martin as president-elect of the university, pending approval from the Higher Education Policy Commission.

ence is diverse – she has served in various faculty, administrative, executive and trustee positions. She has earned respect as a strong advocate and a transformative leader for education.

"I am grateful to the board, the search committee, faculty, staff, our wonderful students and to the community at large for affording me the privilege to lead this incredible institution," Dr. Martin said. "There are boundless opportunities here -- opportunities we can maximize by engaging alumni and friends and by working together with other senior institutions, community colleges, and with industry. I am here because I believe in you, in this institution and in its enormous potential.

"I know that together, we will establish and achieve bold, inspirational goals. We will dream big and deliver transformational programs that will make a positive impact in our community, in our state, and in the world," Martin said.

Dr. Martin holds a bachelor's degree in psychology and political science from Duke University; a master of business administration from the University of Richmond; and a doctorate with an emphasis in strategic management and leadership from Virginia Commonwealth University. Her full CV can be found at <https://www.fairmontstate.edu/files/u1/martin-mirta-m-cv.pdf>

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CHECKS

Date your check on or before Dec. 31, 2017, Mail via U.S. Postal Service with postmark on or before Dec. 31, 2017.

CREDIT CARD gifts by phone or mail

Gifts must be received by 2 p.m., Dec. 29, 2017, in order to be processed.

CREDIT CARD gifts online

Deadline is 11:59 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time) on Dec. 31, 2017.

GIFTS OF SECURITIES

Gifts of securities require planning. Please contact the Foundation office at (304) 534-8786 to notify us of your intentions.

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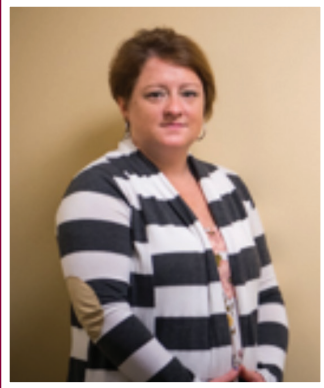
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Alumni Spotlight

Jennifer Knight, MD and 1998 Fairmont State Graduate



Jennifer Knight, MD

Jennifer Knight, MD, graduated Magna Cum Laude from Fairmont State University in December 1998. While at FSU, she was a Freshman Counselor and the Vice President of Student Government.

She has many fond memories of the hours she spent in Hunt Haught Hall in the Biology and Chemistry labs. Since graduating, Dr. Knight was honored as an Outstanding Young Alumna in 2011 and she served for a term on the FSU Alumni Association Board.

After graduation from FSU, Dr. Knight went to medical school at West Virginia University and graduated in 2003. She completed her General Surgery Residency in 2008 and a Surgical Critical Care Fellowship from the R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center in Baltimore, MD in 2009.

At this time, Dr. Knight returned to WVU and joined the Department of Surgery as a Trauma and ICU Surgeon. While currently the Associate Trauma Director for the Jon Michael Moore Trauma Center at WVU, she has had a dedicated career which has focused on excellence in education and patient care.

She is an active member in national surgical and trauma organizations and is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

Dr. Knight resides in Morgantown, WV with her husband and two children. When not at the hospital, she enjoys running half marathons, traveling, and spending time with friends and family.

Donation supports student veteran lounge



Student veterans at Fairmont State University now have access to a larger, fully furnished lounge thanks to an anonymous donation and the efforts made by Sandra Corwin.

Corwin is the veterans certifying official and financial aid counselor at Fairmont State University. In her role as advocate for veteran students, she saw the need to create more space for a lounge.

"Before, it became so busy in the lounge that sometimes I couldn't open the door. So I started reaching out on campus about getting another office or another area for the lounge," Corwin said. "I knew that by giving up my office, it would open up the door to more veterans."

After a new office for Corwin was approved, she contacted George Davis from the VFW Post 629 and DAV Post 45. Davis previously helped to find resources to provide snacks and other comforts for the lounge and reached out to his fellow veterans.

A Vietnam Green Beret veteran donated money to purchase furniture, creating a more welcome and inviting space for student veterans to spend time together.

"People in the military are like a family, and they link together and they support each other," Corwin said. "I'll go into the lounge and one veteran's trying to help another find an apartment. That's what they do, they network together and help each other."

The new space has already made an impact, according to the vice president of the Student Veterans Organization, Nathan Nelson.

"If a Veteran gets overwhelmed or stressed out, they can come to the lounge and talk to others who have been on campus for a few years," he said. "Faculty members who are veterans will also come and hang out here so if a student has an issue, they can even talk to them about it. They can help point you in the right direction. It's a wonderful place to get help."

"FSU has a very special place in our hearts and lives."



Ralph & Judy Stewart, 1964 Fairmont State Graduates and members of the 1865 Heritage Society, have made a bequest in their wills to establish an endowed scholarship at Fairmont State so that future students will have the same opportunities to learn and grow.

"FSU has a very special place in our hearts and lives. We met there, graduated in 1964, and married the next week. What an action packed 4 years! Playing 3 varsity sports, active in TKE, Gamma Chi Chi, and carrying heavy class loads

has us tired just thinking about it. But, with all of those and the solid education given at Fairmont State, we were prepared for a successful life journey.

In later years, we were blessed to serve on President's Advisory Board, and Ralph was honored as Alumni of the Year in 2003. It was at this time, that we really witnessed the continued growth and impact the university was making. We felt FSU needed to be part of our giving, now and future. Since soccer has been such an integral part of our life we prayed about creating a Scholarship Fund for the Women's Team, and the FSU Foundation staff have been excellent supporters in working with us to do just that.

May God continue to Bless the University and all it does in the development of America's future leaders!" -Ralph & Judy Stewart

Contact the Foundation for more information on planned gifts.

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Homecoming 2017 Celebration



Fairmont State University's 1967 NAIA National Championship Football team was celebrated during Homecoming 2017 with the theme "Fairmont Flashback 1967." Homecoming was held Sept. 25 - 30, with a variety of events for students, alumni, faculty, staff and the Falcon community.

"I am extremely proud that we had the opportunity to honor the 1967 National Championship football team during this year's homecoming celebration. This group of men exemplify the meaning of discipline,

hard work and commitment to academics – all key characteristics for collegiate student-athletes," said Dr. Stephen B. Jones, Interim President of Fairmont State.

The focus of Thursday, Sept. 28, was the annual Homecoming Parade, sponsored by ACE Hardware, in downtown Fairmont. Following the parade was an Alumni Gathering at Joe N' Throw on Adams Street, downtown.

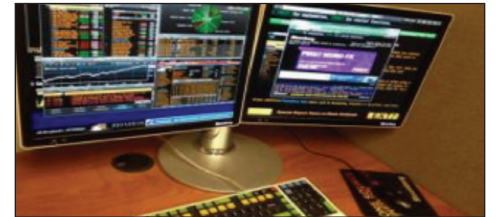
Friday, Sept. 29, featured the Emeritus Induction Luncheon to welcome the Class of 1967 into the Emeritus Club. The event was sponsored by the Civil and Environmental Consultants, CEC.

One of the highlights of Homecoming was induction of the 1967 NAIA National Championship Football team into the Fairmont State Athletics Hall of Fame. The team enjoyed a reception sponsored by the FSU Foundation. All coaches and players from the 1967 Fairmont State football team were invited to this event and select individuals reflected on the team's run to the championship.

"The annual Hall of Fame ceremony is a yearly celebration of the great history of Fairmont State Athletics and it was a privilege to all members of the Athletic Department, FSAA and selection committee to welcome the 1967 Football Team as the first team to be inducted into the Fairmont State Athletics Hall of Fame," said Director of Athletics, Tim McNeely.

Saturday morning was kicked off with the annual Fairmont State Alumni Association Alumni Awards Brunch, sponsored by The Thrasher Group, Inc. Nine alumni were honored during this special event.

School of Business establishes student investment fund



The Fairmont State Foundation board recently approved a \$100,000 gift from the estate of Wendell Hardway to establish a student investment fund that will give students in the School of Business marketable skills they could use long after graduation.

And the gift is one that the school hopes will continue to give year after year.

The Hardway Student Investment Fund will allow School of Business students to manage a portfolio in real time, as opposed to a simulation, under the close supervision of faculty member Dr. Joe Kremer.

"Learning is reinforced when a student has the opportunity to put into actual practice the models and theories they are being taught in the classroom," said Dr. Rick Harvey, dean of the School of Business. "We will use the Hardway Fund to facilitate the active learning students require to understand investment portfolio management principles."

In addition to having an active fund managed by students, a lab will be established in Jaynes Hall that will have a few Bloomberg terminals featuring the computer software system considered to be the "gold standard" when it comes to analyzing data and completing electronic trades. Kremer said the lab should be established by fall 2018.

The investment in the Bloomberg terminals and the active portfolio to manage will mean that students graduating from Fairmont State University will already have key experience they can bring with them into the workplace, Kremer said.

"It certainly gives graduates a head start," Kremer said. "When you're using 'real' money, instead of a simulation, there's a greater seriousness and a greater sense of pride for the students because we're entrusting this portfolio with them, with some oversight."

Kremer said the hopes are the fund will grow to the point where profits can be invested into scholarships and other educational opportunities for students in the School of Business.

"It is a tribute to Dr. Wendell Hardway and his years of service to Fairmont State that this gift will create an immediate impact by providing students with hands on real world investment experience while learning about various analytical techniques in the laboratory," said RJ Gimbl, president and CEO of the Fairmont State Foundation.

MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DEC 30 | 4 PM | LE MOYNE
 JAN 4 | 7:30 PM | UVA-WISE
 JAN 6 | 4 PM | CONCORD
 JAN 11 | 7:30 PM | AT URBANA
 JAN 13 | 4 PM | AT NOTRE DAME (OHIO)
 JAN 17 | 7:30 PM | GLENNVILLE STATE
 JAN 20 | 4 PM | SHEPHERD
 JAN 24 | 7:30 PM | AT WHEELING JESUIT
 JAN 27 | 4 PM | WEST LIBERTY
 FEB 1 | 7:30 PM | URBANA
 FEB 3 | 4 PM | NOTRE DAME (OHIO)
 FEB 8 | 7:30 PM | AT UVA-WISE
 FEB 10 | 4 PM | AT CONCORD
 FEB 15 | 7:30 PM | CHARLESTON
 FEB 17 | 4 PM | WV STATE
 FEB 21 | 7:30 PM | AT WV WESLEYAN
 FEB 24 | 4 PM | AT SHEPHERD
 FEB 28-MAR 4 | AT MEC TOURNAMENT

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

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CLASS OF 2018'S SENIOR CAMPAIGN

The Student Government Association and Fairmont State Foundation, on behalf of the Class of 2018, are working together to continue the Senior Class Gift tradition, encouraging seniors to leave a lasting mark on the campus that they love. This year's project is #Time2Give with the placement of a clock tower on campus.

Please support the Senior Campaign for the Class of 2018 by making a donation. Donors who support the campaign with gifts of \$250 or more will be recognized on a plaque at the base of the clock.

To give, or to track the success of this year's Senior Class Gift Campaign, please visit <http://fsufoundation.org/time2give.php>

Thank you for your support of the Class of 2018's Senior Campaign

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