

ROAST & TOAST BANQUET -- MARCH 10

The Cabot Scholarship Foundation Roast & Toast Banquet will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 10 in the Cabot Freshman Academy Cafeteria. The event will honor students who are receiving scholarships from the foundation this year.

The Cabot Scholarship Foundation was formed in 1992 by the Cabot Centennial Committee to encourage and recognize academics in Cabot schools. The Roast & Toast Banquet is the Foundation's only fundraising event. Due to the tremendous growth at Cabot High School, community support is greatly appreciated. Donations are accepted throughout the year at Cabot Scholarship Foundation, 200 West Main Street, Cabot, Arkansas 72023. Last year, the Foundation awarded 101 scholarships totaling \$105,725.00.

This year's honoree for the Roast & Toast Banquet is Dr. Martha Ann Ray Marshall. She will be roasted by Doug Erwin, Steven Blackwood, and Jane Balgavy. John C. Thompson will be the master of ceremonies, and Dr. Alexandra Marshall will deliver the invocation.

Dr. Martha Ann Ray Marshall is celebrating her 46th year in education! A 1962 graduate of Cabot High School, Marshall was voted Miss Cabot High and Homecoming Queen. Upon graduation, she attended the University of Central Arkansas, Ouachita Baptist University, and the University of Arkansas, where she received her BSE in three years, graduating at the age of 21.

Marshall's first teaching assignment was as a first grade teacher in Fairbanks, Alaska. There, she was nominated as "Outstanding Young Educator." She also was active in her community serving as Director of the Miss Fairbanks Pageant, a preliminary to Miss Alaska. While in Alaska, she earned her MEd at the University of Alaska.

After teaching four years in Alaska, she returned to Cabot and taught fifth grade until 1973 when Superintendent Don Elliott asked her to join the high school faculty to be coordinator of the General Cooperative Education Program, a position she proudly holds today. During her tenure in this position, she earned her Ph.D. from the University of Mississippi, was recognized as GCE Teacher of the Year, and served as President of the Arkansas GCE Coordinators. Marshall was instrumental in building the work program into two distinct programs for students: Jobs for America's Graduates (Arkansas affiliate) and Internship. Her students consistently win state competitions and travel to Washington, D.C. to compete nationally. For her contributions, Marshall was named Outstanding JAG Specialist in 2013.

In addition to her teaching duties, Marshall is active philanthropically. She currently sponsors Cabot High School's Junior Civitan Club, which has grown from 10 members last fall to over 60 currently. She has also served as Director of the Miss Cabot Pageant and President of Cabot's Business and Professional Women. Dr. Marshall was listed in the Outstanding Young Women of American, served as co-chair of the Lonoke County Bicentennial Committee, and is a member of CTA, AEA, NEA, the Education Committee of Cabot's Chamber of Commerce, and is a proud member of the Cabot Panther Foundation.

Marshall's work ethic is impeccable. Not only does she continue to teach at Cabot High School, she is also the owner of two successful businesses--Miss Martha's Pine Hill Cottage Bed and Breakfast and Dr. Martha Marshall's Hypnotherapy Success--both of which have garnered state awards.

Marshall has been married over 50 years to her childhood sweetheart, Tommy. They have four children: Dr. Peter Marshall of Seattle, Susan Marshall of Memphis, Dr. Alexandra Marshall of Little Rock, and Stephen Ray Marshall of Dalian, China.

Individual tickets for the Roast & Toast are \$30.00 and a table for eight is \$240.00. Tickets are available for purchase at the Cabot High School Office (501-843-3562) or from the following board members: John C. Thompson, Nina Butler, Fred Campbell, Carole Jones, Stephen Tipton, Mike Verkler, and Angela Wallace.