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**BUDGET AND ACADEMIC POLICY  
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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Recommends approval of allowing highly qualified West Virginia high school students who have been selected for the BS/MD program the opportunity to participate in early registration in order to complete their requirements for their Bachelor of Science and medical school at Marshall University and The Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine in seven years. The program is very structured and the timely nature of the curriculum and the entire program depends on the student being able to complete undergraduate courses in a predictable way in three years. This approval would involve no more than 30 students in any given year; only 10 will be accepted into the program each academic year.

**RATIONALE:** The goal of this program is to provide highly qualified West Virginia high school students an opportunity to participate in an accelerated BS/MD program. This program is designed to encourage and support highly motivated students to complete their medical education in a timely way with the anticipation of ultimately recruiting and retaining these students as health care providers in West Virginia. Students will have the option to participate in the honors programs should they select to do so.

- This is an accelerated seven year program for West Virginia high school seniors who are accepted into and attend Marshall University.
- Students must have a minimum ACT of 30/equivalent SAT and a math score of 27.
- Students must have cumulative GPA of 3.75 (on a 4.00 scale) at time of application during senior year of high school.
- Students must be a West Virginia resident per the rules and regulations of the admissions process at Marshall University at the time of application to the BS/MD program.
- Students will also be required to participate in at least 85% of the enrichment programs offered during the three years of the undergraduate program.

NOTE: This program is limited to students attending both Marshall University for their undergraduate work and the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine for their medical school studies.

**FACULTY SENATE CHAIR:**

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FACULTY SENATE:



DATE: 2/27/2014

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**UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT:**

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**COMMENTS:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## **BS/MD Program Overview**

The goal of this program is to provide highly qualified West Virginia high school students an opportunity to participate in an accelerated BS/MD program. This program is designed to encourage and support highly motivated students to complete their medical education in a timely way with the anticipation of recruiting and retaining these students in West Virginia.

- An accelerated seven year program for West Virginia high school seniors who are accepted into and attend Marshall University and subsequently Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine
- Small with 8-10 students each year
- Students would have the option of participating in the Honors College programs; however this would not be a requirement

### **Admissions requirements for the program:**

- Students must have a minimum ACT of 30/equivalent SAT and a math score of 27. Students must have cumulative GPA of 3.75 (on a 4.00 scale) at time of application during senior year of high school. Students must be a West Virginia resident per the rules and regulations of the admissions process at Marshall University at the time of application to the BS/MD program.
- Three letters of recommendation are required to complete the application into the BS/MD program – two must be from high school faculty members who have taught the student in class and one may be from another nonrelative who is very familiar with the applicant's work ethic, integrity, sense of mission etc.
- Students will be required to participate in an interview process

### **Continuing requirements:**

Maintain a GPA of 3.5 and complete all requirements of the program; which include semester and annual reviews. Annual reviews will include at least one faculty member from the undergraduate science program and one faculty member from the medical school.

### **Medical School Admissions requirements:**

- Must apply to the JCESOM through the American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS) between June 1 and August 30 after the second year of their undergraduate program.
- No MCAT required
- Must interview with two members of JCESOM Admissions Committee.
- Must have completed required premedical courses and be in good academic and institutional standing (minimum 3.5 overall GPA required)
- Must have satisfactorily completed an AMCAS initiated Criminal Background Check (CBC) prior to matriculation
- Must meet all admissions requirements established by the medical school.
- Having met all of the requirements will be guaranteed admission into the medical school class.

### **Tuition**

Students successfully completing all of the requirements of the BS/MD program will be provided a tuition waiver to attend JCESOM medical school.

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