Reminder: Marshall Day at the Capitol coming up Feb. 26

Marshall University faculty, staff, students and alumni are invited to help turn the upper rotunda of the State Capitol Kelly green Friday, Feb. 26, as the university celebrates the annual Marshall Day at the Capitol.

“We are grateful for this opportunity to showcase for our state leaders the programs and ongoing projects here at Marshall University that are delivering exceptional results and guiding us forward,” said Matt Hayes, executive director of alumni relations. “With Dr. Gilbert’s arrival and his presidency now in effect, we are poised to support his efforts in working with our legislators to continue the advancement of our goals and objectives.”

Representatives from Marshall should be at the Capitol from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to host exhibits, greet visitors, interact with legislators and emphasize that every Marshall degree earned is an investment in the future of West Virginia.

If your college or department would like to participate, please complete the online registration form to secure your exhibit space. For questions and additional event information please email the Office of Alumni Relations at alumni@marshall.edu or call 304-696-3134.

A passenger bus will be available for Marshall faculty and staff who will be participating. The bus will leave the West Lot at Joan C. Edwards Stadium at 7:30 a.m. and will return immediately following the event. Reservations for the bus are on a first-come, first-served basis and can be made by contacting the Office of Alumni Relations at alumni@marshall.edu or 304-696-3134.
AAA membership available to university employees

Marshall University has arranged with AAA to provide university employees with a discounted membership rate. Please see the full application describing the program and enrollment (due no later than February 19, 2016). If you are already enrolled in the AAA/Marshall Group Plan and making no changes to your membership, your renewal is automatic and you need not turn in an enrollment form. If you have any questions, please contact William “Tootie” Carter at carterw@marshall.edu or phone 62528. For those enrolled, payroll deduction will take place March 16 and enrollment begins April 30, 2016.

Reception for President Gilbert to take place in South Charleston Feb. 22

The Marshall University community in the South Charleston area will welcome President Jerome A. “Jerry” Gilbert with a reception Monday, Feb. 22, in the Library and Research Commons on the South Charleston campus. It will take place from 5 to 6 p.m. and is open to all Marshall students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends. A similar event took place at the Mid-Ohio Valley Center in Point Pleasant Monday, Feb. 8. A reception for Gilbert and his wife, Leigh, was held on the Huntington campus in early December.

Photos: Dr. Gilbert greets members of the Point Pleasant community during a reception at the Mid-Ohio Valley Center Feb. 8.
University Brand Ambassadors to meet Feb. 17

The market research has been done. The branding platform is finalized. Creative concepts are underway. Wondering what’s next with Marshall’s unified communications and marketing efforts?

The Office of University Communications invites the campus community to join the university’s Brand Ambassadors meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 17, from 8:30 a.m. to noon in Room BE5 of the Memorial Student Center. Staff and faculty who have marketing and communications-related duties in a variety of departments and colleges have been invited to attend, but everyone is welcome to participate.

Enhanced marketing of the university is one of President Jerry Gilbert’s signature initiatives. He will kick off the meeting by sharing his view of the role of marketing at Marshall and the importance of a strategic, integrated approach.

There also will be a quick review of the creative work being done in conjunction with higher education marketing partners TWG Plus. They were on the Huntington campus two weeks ago to do focus groups on their initial creative concepts in support of Marshall’s new branding platform, and will be further refining the concepts and plans in anticipation of a campaign roll-out in the coming months.

Other items on the agenda include the following:

- Updates on the status of recommendations from the Marshall20/20 work groups, including:
  - Consolidation of university marketing positions into the Office of University Communications
  - Proposed changes and policies affecting printing, advertising and promotional items
- Metrics and enhanced media monitoring capabilities
- New WordPress web design theme
- Management of Twitter accounts
- Revised Graphics Standards Manual and new Brand website

Refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact Rhonda Mullins at mullinsr@marshall.edu or (304) 696-3958.

Marshall to host Society of Composers regional conference Feb. 25-27

The Society of Composers Inc. Region III Conference will offer the public 10 concerts of new music by internationally recognized composers on Marshall University’s Huntington campus Thursday, Feb. 25 through Saturday, Feb. 27.

The conference features music that builds upon orchestral and chamber music traditions and will offer a host of guest performers, according to Dr. Mark Zanter, music theory and composition coordinator at Marshall.
“This event is a major occurrence in the world of New Music,” Dr. Richard Kravchak, director of the School of Music and Theatre at Marshall, said. “It is one of only two SCI conferences to be held anywhere in the world in 2016.”

Kravchak said the university was competitively chosen to host this year’s SCI Region III Conference. “A significant factor was the number of faculty who are experts in performing new music, and the willingness of our conducting faculty, especially Brian O. Walden and Adam Dalton, to program new works with their groups,” Kravchak said. “This is a major time commitment on their part, for which I am very thankful.”

Nightly concerts at 7:30 p.m. feature Marshall’s Percussion Ensemble conducted by Steven Hall; Trombone Ensemble, conducted by Dr. Michael Stroeher; the Wind Symphony, conducted by Walden and Dalton, and Marshall’s orchestra, conducted by Dr. Elizabeth Reed Smith. Friday, Feb. 26, Dr. Michael Stroeher, trombone, will perform Rosenhaus’ *Nine Feet of Brass* with the Wind Symphony. Saturday, Feb. 27, features Dr. Julio Alves, guitar, and Kristen Alves, violin, performing Richards’ *Concerto for Violin, Guitar, and Bear Mountain*.

Performance venues include Smith Recital Hall and Jomie Jazz Center Forum on Marshall’s Huntington campus and Marshall’s Visual Arts Center at 927 3rd Ave., as well as First Presbyterian Church at 1015 5th Ave.

For a conference schedule and further information, visit [www.marshall.edu/somt/music/sci](http://www.marshall.edu/somt/music/sci) or call 304-638-3481. Marshall University’s music program, the College of Arts and Media, and MUsic Alive! provided support for this festival.

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**Art, music lectures to take place tonight and Feb. 15**

Faculty members from Marshall’s College of Arts and Media will be presenting public lectures this evening and on Monday, Feb. 15.


The session will be led by Dr. Heather Stark, program director and assistant professor with the School of Art and Design. Art society patrons can also enjoy extended hours at the university’s Visual Arts Center Gallery, according to Reed. Gallery Director Megan Schultz will be available from 5 to 6 p.m. to discuss works in the 5th Annual National Juried Exhibition, which ends its run Friday, Feb. 12.

In addition, members of Marshall’s student clay club, Keramos, will present their work for purchase in the foyer of the Visual Arts Center, also until 6 p.m. The students are raising funds to travel to Kansas City, Missouri, in March to attend a conference of the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts.
Although community members are welcome to attend the extended hours and Keramos sale, the Huntington Area Art Society lecture series costs $10 per session, payable by check to MU School of Art and Design. Seating for the lectures is limited.

The School of Music and Theatre’s lecture series, MUsic Mondays, resumes at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 15, at the Cellar Door, 905 Third Ave. The lecture, “Schubert and The Wanderer: A Winter’s Journey,” focuses on Franz Schubert’s intriguing song cycle, “A Winter’s Journey.” Lead presenter Dr. Vicki Stroeher, professor of music history at Marshall, said Schubert, arguably the most important song composer of his generation, was a master at capturing images in the text and finding hidden meanings. The spring series, titled “Music for the Season,” will investigate music that reflects the season for which it was written. Johann Sebastian Bach’s “St. Matthew Passion” will be the focus of the lecture for Monday, March 14. On April 11, the series will explore Beethoven’s “Pastoral” Symphony, and on May 9, the series will present Benjamin Britten’s Spring Symphony, which concludes aptly with the medieval English round, “Sumer is icumen in” (“Summer is Coming In”). Seating is limited. Participants are invited to arrive early to enjoy conversation and refreshments. Each lecture costs $10, payable at the door. Checks should be made payable to Marshall University. All proceeds will go to support the music program.

For PEIA members: Healthy Tomorrows requirements due May 15

A reminder to all PEIA PPB members: In Plan Year 2016, members must visit their physicians prior to May 16, 2016, and fulfill the Healthy Tomorrows requirements in order to avoid the $500 penalty to their individual deductibles. The Healthy Tomorrows requirements only apply to the policyholder (active employee and non-Medicare retirees), not to any enrolled dependents. Also, if you have not named your primary care physician, you will need to do so before May 16, 2016. Details can be found on PEIA’s website: www.peia.wv.gov by searching for the Healthy Tomorrows three-year initiative. Information and links are provided below:

- Form: www.peia.wv.gov/Forms-Downloads/Documents/ppb_plans/members/Healthy-Tomorrows-Reporting-Form.pdf
- Link with information about the Health Tomorrow’s reporting form: www.peia.wv.gov/Forms-Downloads/Documents/other_documents_members/Healthy-Tomorrows-Beyond-Picking-a-PCP.pdf

The blood work can be done as a part of your covered annual physical anytime until May 15, 2016. There’s another form in your Shopper’s Guide that you can take to your physician. It explains what tests we cover in full, and gives the physician’s office instructions for billing the testing and office visit so that it’s covered at 100%. If billed properly, the blood work for Healthy Tomorrows will be covered in full.
Marshall’s Department of Mathematics awarded $170K grant from National Security Agency

A group of faculty in the Department of Mathematics has been awarded a $170,000 grant from the National Security Agency (NSA). The grant will be used to fund undergraduate research and develop a scientific workforce in Appalachia, according to Dr. Elizabeth Niese, principal investigator for the project.

“One of the things in math research that is distinctive is learning how to ask questions and work toward answers we don’t already know,” Niese said. “Our research will focus on combinatorics and algebra. These fields have applications in computer science and physics.”

Niese, an assistant professor of mathematics, said nine students from across Appalachia will be invited to attend sessions each summer for the next two years. Colleagues Dr. Carl Mummert and Dr. Michael Schroeder will assist in the supervision of the students’ research experiences throughout the project.

“We need more people focused on science and mathematics. We are focusing on students from the general Appalachian region to develop that workforce here in West Virginia,” Mummert, co-principal investigator for the grant, said. “We need students from other institutions to work toward these same goals of fostering a stronger mathematics culture in the whole state.”

The Department of Mathematics has been increasing research activities for the past decade and this grant is a reflection of this work and development, according to Schroeder, assistant professor in the department.

“When crafting this grant proposal, we knew it would benefit our students and help to advance our department’s research efforts,” Schroeder said. “When students graduate, many are applying for the same job in a competitive job market. It’s been shown that students who have undergraduate research experiences have a much greater chance of getting a job, so what we are doing here is twofold: we want to engage students in mathematics and we want to make sure our students are marketable and will get jobs once they graduate.”

The Department of Mathematics also recently received a three-year career development grant for applied mathematics.

Photo: Dr. Michael Schroeder (left), Dr. Elizabeth Niese (center) and Dr. Carl Mummert bring over twenty years of experience to Marshall’s mathematics research. They will work toward the development of West Virginia’s scientific workforce with the $170,000 grant they received from the National Security Agency.
Lunch and Learn to highlight opportunities in agriculture

The Robert C. Byrd Institute for Advanced Flexible Manufacturing (RCBI) will host a free Lunch and Learn from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, that focuses on “Growing Opportunity in Local Agriculture.”

Representatives of RCBI, Coalfield Development Corporation, The Wild Ramp and Refresh Appalachia will highlight the latest techniques in agricultural production, aggregation and distribution, as well as other practices to boost agribusiness operations and bottom lines.

Through its Agricultural Innovations initiative, RCBI works with area groups to help state farmers and agricultural entrepreneurs produce more food locally, expand markets and improve supply chains.

With a renewed emphasis on locally produced food, agriculture plays an increasingly important role in the economy of the Tri-State, one that has significant room for expansion.

The event, scheduled at RCBI Huntington, 1050 Fourth Ave., will provide an opportunity for local residents to learn how they can capitalize on this untapped potential in the agricultural sector.

Seating is limited, so participants need to register no later than noon Friday, Feb. 12, by calling 800-469-7224 or e-mailing frontdesk@rcbi.org.

Wilson family establishes endowed scholarship for medical students

David and Dr. Patricia Wilson and their daughter, Dr. Laura Wilson, who are all Marshall alumni, have established an endowed scholarship for medical students with the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. Although David, an engineer, and Patricia, a practicing dermatologist, now reside in Alabama and Laura is completing her residency in Atlanta, Marshall still remains an important part of this family’s life.

Patricia earned her medical degree in 1994 from the Marshall School of Medicine, where she graduated with honors and received national Alpha Omega Alpha Honorary distinction. David graduated with his bachelor’s degree from Marshall in 1989 and Laura graduated from the Marshall medical school in 2014.

“We feel we owe so much to the Marshall Med School. Without it, we would not be where we are today, and we feel so blessed to be in our current positions,” said Patricia Wilson. “Watching Laura attend and graduate from Marshall gave us the chance to reconnect and rekindle our bond with the school and relive the tough financial burden placed upon each of the students. We feel very strongly in financially supporting the future generations of our profession and our school and hope more of our colleagues feel the same.”

The scholarship, known as the Wilson Family Endowment, is designated for first-year medical students who are residents of the Huntington/Tri-State area. The award is renewable for three additional years pending normal academic progress.
“Any time a scholarship is endowed, it is so meaningful and appreciated,” said Linda S. Holmes, director of development and alumni affairs for the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. “The fact this was created by the Wilson family is particularly special because of the strong legacy connection to the school of medicine – with both mother and daughter as graduates. It shows how much the school has meant to them and their family.”

For more information on the scholarships or to make a gift to the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, please contact Holmes at 304-691-1711 or go to www.jcesom.marshall.edu/alumni.

MU Libraries to screen ‘The Barber of Birmingham’ next week

As a part of their ongoing Cultural Literacy Series, MU Libraries will be screening *The Barber of Birmingham*, an award-winning, Oscar-nominated documentary, from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17, in Drinko Library 402.

The film follows James Armstrong, a barber and longtime civil rights activist, as he reflects on the past and the 2008 election of President Barack Obama.

The public is invited to the screening, which will be followed by refreshments and a discussion about race and politics.

Marshall art workshop for 6-8th graders continues Feb. 20

The Collaborative, the School of Art and Design’s hands-on, student-centered art workshop at the Visual Arts Center for grades 6 through 8, is starting back Saturday, Feb. 20, and will continue for the next three Saturdays.

During the workshop, students can expect to collaboratively explore relevant real-world themes by responding to art and creating art under the guidance of an art education professor, upper level art education students and a visual arts major.

Participants will present their work in the final workshop session in the Visual Arts Center for parents, guardians and friends.
“Students will be introduced to digital photography and ways to combine printed and photocopied images with drawing,” Dr. Maribea Barnes, associate professor of art education, said. Barnes explained that, guided by preservice art educators and B.F.A. artists, students will first explore how light transforms cities. Then, using photographed city scenes, students will use colored oil pastels to depict light.

“The work of Impressionist artists will serve as an inspiration,” Barnes said. “These colored city scenes will serve as a backdrop for a developed character and a discussion on alter egos, super heroes and heroines. Students will have the opportunity to freely create their characters through drawing or use digital cameras to insert their image into their city scene.”

The workshop, which includes four two-hour sessions on consecutive Saturdays, costs $40. To register, or for more information or to obtain financial assistance, contact Barnes at barnesm@marshall.edu or ext.6-2895.

Photo: Workshop attendees from 2014 visit the painting studio to examine the work of a B.F.A. artist developing her senior exhibition.

Marshall Health physician John Jasko, M.D., named Castle Connolly ‘Top Doctor’

John J. Jasko, M.D., a fellowship-trained, board-certified orthopaedic surgeon and assistant professor at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, has been named to Castle Connolly’s list of America’s Top Doctors®.

Jasko has nearly 20 years of experience in orthopaedics and sports medicine. In addition to his academic and clinical appointments, he is the Head Orthopaedic Team Physician for Marshall University Athletics. He earned his medical degree from the University of Pittsburgh, followed by a residency at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee, and fellowships at Florida Orthopaedic Institute in Tampa, Florida, and the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He has also served as a consulting physician for the NFL’s Tennessee Titans and a team physician for multiple high schools. Each year, a physician-led research team at Castle Connolly reviews nominations and selects the year’s top doctors in their specialties.

Marshall Health is home to nine Castle Connolly Top Doctors.
Marshall’s Psy.D. in Clinical Psychology rated 38th best in the nation

Marshall’s Psy.D. program is ranked 38th nationally among 77 American Psychological Association (APA)-accredited Psy.D. programs, according to the Best Counseling Degrees website, Dr. Keith Beard, director, has announced.

“We are very pleased with our ranking,” Beard said. “Since the rankings were based on performance by our current students and alumni, it speaks to the impressive quality of students we have and have had in the Psy.D. program. We are also very proud of our faculty, supervisors and staff. They have played a significant part in training our students and this ranking speaks to their dedication to Marshall University and the doctoral program.”

The Psy.D. program admitted the first class in 2002 and was accredited by the American Psychological Association in 2006. “To be as ‘young’ of a program and to be ranked so well is a major accomplishment,” Beard said.

The ranking was based on the program’s pass rate on the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP), internship match rate, completion rate and cost of the program. The EPPP, the national licensing exam for the field, is overseen by The Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards. All psychologists must take and pass this exam as part of the licensing process, much like a lawyer must pass the bar exam.

Marshall has an EPPP pass rate of 67.74 percent. Its students who obtained APA/CPA Accredited Internship is 48.29 percent and its licensure rate is 84 percent.

The primary objective of Marshall’s program is to prepare doctoral-level professional psychologists to develop, provide, supervise and evaluate high quality mental health services for citizens of rural and other under-served communities. Through coursework, extensive field training and research experience, Marshall is preparing highly skilled generalists who are sensitive to the psychological and health-related issues confronting this area and are prepared to serve the communities in this region.

“It’s nice to be recognized,” Beard said. “Congrats to all current and past students, staff, supervisors, and faculty who have made the program the success it is.”

Deadline for women’s studies course designation is Feb. 17

Dr. Robin Conley, interim director of women’s studies, has a reminder for faculty: If you are teaching a course during the Summer or Fall 2016 and would like it to be cross-listed as a women’s studies course, you can fill out the application form at https://www.marshall.edu/womenstu/faculty-and-staff/course-proposals/ and send it and a copy of your syllabus to conleyr@marshall.edu.

The application deadline is Wednesday, Feb. 17.

Also, if you will be teaching a course that has already been approved as a women’s studies course, you can send her the course information including title and alpha-numeric indicator, instructor name, and meeting time and place (if known), along with a short description.

If there are questions about whether a course would be appropriate, contact Conley at conleyr@marshall.edu.
‘Thunder on the Stage’ to take place Feb. 29

The Third Annual Thunder on the Stage Talent Competition is less than a month away, according to Jim Clagg, residence director of Twin Towers West.

“Join us at 7 p.m. Monday Feb. 29, in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse to see our most entertaining and gifted students compete to win campus notoriety and prizes!” Clagg said. “This event is free for university staff as well as the community.”

Faculty and staff who know a talented student who may want to compete should have him or her visit www.marshall.edu/tots and apply to perform. Applications will be accepted until 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22.

School of Pharmacy receives grant from Walgreens for diversity initiatives

The School of Pharmacy has received a $10,000 grant from Walgreens to support diversity outreach and inclusion initiatives. This is the second year the school has received the funding.

The grant, to be disseminated as scholarships, funding for pipeline programs and other cultural initiatives, is part of Walgreens’ national effort to support increasing diversity among professional student programs.

“We are honored to have Walgreens’ support as we continue to promote cultural competence in our professional student pharmacists,” said Dr. Shelvy L. Campbell-Monroe, assistant dean for diversity at the schools of pharmacy and medicine. “The Walgreens award is so important in supporting our mission of embracing diversity and creating a diverse, welcoming and inclusive environment. The school of pharmacy consistently engages in seeking new ways to embrace diversity and to address the health care needs of West Virginia. This competitive gift will continue to support our Advisory Council on Diversity and Inclusion, diversity scholarships, diversity programs and inclusion curriculum efforts.”

“We are pleased to support the many diversity outreach programs that Marshall has in place,” said D. Rich Miller, R.Ph., health care supervisor with Walgreens. “Our company is committed to advancing diversity initiatives at schools and colleges of pharmacy nationwide. Since 2008, we’ve donated more than $1 million annually to support such programs.”

Marshall’s diversity initiatives include a week-long residential immersion program for high school students that introduces them to health care careers including pharmacy. The Health Care Pipeline Initiative offers a variety of hands-on activities and classes geared toward showcasing health care
opportunities. Other programs supported by the Walgreens grant include an annual geriatric symposium and a multi-institution diversity conference.

As part of the grant, Walgreens requires the school to report on how the annual funds were used to support diversity initiatives throughout the year.

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Photo: Christopher Keyfon (left) and D. Rich Miller, R.Ph. (second from left) with Walgreens present School of Pharmacy leaders with a $10,000 diversity grant. Pictured with Keyfon and Miller are (from center) Dr. Shelvy Campbell-Monroe, assistant dean for diversity; Dr. H. Glenn Anderson, associate dean of academic and curricular affairs and Dr. Kevin W. Yingling, dean of the school of pharmacy.

**Latest edition of Euscorpius featured on Marshall Digital Scholar**

*Euscorpius*, the first and only research publication completely devoted to scorpions (Arachnida: Scorpiones), is located online at [www.science.marshall.edu/fet/euscorpius](http://www.science.marshall.edu/fet/euscorpius) and on Marshall Digital Scholar (MDS) at [http://mds.marshall.edu/euscorpius/](http://mds.marshall.edu/euscorpius/).

A peer-reviewed publication, it is published only in electronic form. Since its inception in 2001, *Euscorpius* has published 217 issues authored by 137 zoologists from 31 countries. In 2002-2016, 182 new species and 13 new genera of scorpions from 52 countries have been described and published in this journal.

Dr. Victor Fet, professor of biological sciences, and Dr. Michael E. Soleglad of Winchester, California, are the editors of *Euscorpius*.

*Euscorpius* takes advantage of the evolving medium of rapid and continuous online publication, while at the same time maintaining high research standards for the burgeoning field of scorpion science (scorpiology).

According to Jingping Zhang, professor, university librarian and director of libraries operation, Marshall Digital Scholar (MDS: [http://mds.marshall.edu/](http://mds.marshall.edu/)) is Marshall’s institutional digital repository that supports open access or subscription-based journals. Journals can have their own customized design, and can include a variety of additional features such as access control and editorial management. This allows for workflows to be easily customized and editors to control their journal settings and policies. If any Marshall school/college/unit would like to publish an online journal with MDS, contact Zhang at zhangj@marshall.edu or the MDS team at mds@marshall.edu.

**Special Collections highlighted in software newsletter**

The Marshall Libraries’ Special Collections online exhibits are being featured this month in *PastPerfect News* in their online Collection Spotlight section.

According to the corporate website, PastPerfect museum software is the world’s leader in collection and contact software. Used by more than 9500 museums, over seven million online searches have been performed on PastPerfect over the past five years.

Marshall’s Special Collections department is on the Huntington campus in Morrow Library, and may be visited online at [www.marshall.edu/library/speccoll](http://www.marshall.edu/library/speccoll).
Faculty/Staff Achievement: Ian Hagarty

Ian Hagarty, associate professor in the School of Art and Design, will be presenting a solo art exhibition of his paintings at the gallery 2731 Prospect in Cleveland, Ohio, which will be on view from Friday, Feb. 12 through Saturday, March 19. There will be an opening reception event at the gallery for the artist from 5 to 8 p.m. Feb. 12 from. The following day, Hagarty will give a gallery talk, which is free and open to the public, about the works in the exhibition. For more details and event information visit the gallery website: https://www.2731prospect.com/exhibition/temperature-reset/

The next regular issue of We Are...Marshall will be distributed Feb. 17, 2016. Please send items for consideration to Pat Dickson by 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 15.