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Monthly open house to take place today

Interim President Gary White and members of the university’s senior management team are hosting another of the informal monthly open houses today for members of the Marshall community from 3 to 4 p.m.

The event will take place in the reception area of the Office of University Communications, 213 Old Main. Refreshments will be served.

Faculty, staff and students are welcome and encouraged to attend to meet and talk with administrators about topics of their choice.

Higher Learning Commission reaffirms Marshall University’s accreditation

The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools has continued Marshall University’s accredited status.

The re-affirmation of Marshall’s accreditation follows submission of an extensive assurance argument and an October campus visit from peer reviewers. University officials were notified of the commission’s action in late December.

Interim President Gary G. White said, “We are pleased with this recognition of Marshall’s educational excellence and appreciate the efforts of all the faculty, staff and students who participated in the accreditation process. The assurance argument and the site visit not only ensure the quality of our university, but also provide opportunities for continuous improvement. We learned a great deal that will strengthen our future efforts.”

Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Gayle L. Ormiston added, “Our outstanding faculty was the key to this successful endeavor. In particular, the members of the Assurance Argument Steering Committee and the five workgroups devoted countless hours and enormous energy to the
Dietetics program to be featured at Business After Hours Jan. 14

The College of Health Professions and the Department of Dietetics, in partnership with Cabell Huntington Hospital, will present the Huntington Regional Chamber of Commerce’s Business After Hours from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, at Huntington’s Kitchen, 911 Third Ave. The event will celebrate the upcoming move of Dietetics to the 3rd Avenue location this month.

Business After Hours is designed as a premier networking event for members of the business community. The cost is $15 per member if registered in advance and $20 for non-members and walk-ins. Since Marshall is a member of the chamber, faculty and staff can attend at the lower rate. To register, call 304-525 5131.

Since 2013, Cabell Huntington Hospital has operated Huntington’s Kitchen as a community outreach initiative with the goals of positively affecting the health of the community through the prevention and reduction of diet-related disease through healthy food and cooking education.

Beginning this month, Marshall is partnering with the hospital to expand the kitchen and strengthen the commitment to the Tri-State community’s nutritional health and wellness by moving the Department of Dietetics to Huntington’s Kitchen location. The department was previously located in Prichard Hall, which did not have enough space or appropriate equipment to meet the department’s needs, Interim President Gary G. White said when he made the announcement of the move in December.

With more than 120 students, faculty and staff, the Department of Dietetics’ new partnership will “advance the missions of both Huntington’s Kitchen and Marshall University’s dietetics program, as both seek to enhance, promote and improve healthy eating, education and quality of life for residents of Huntington and surrounding areas,” White said.
BrickStreet Insurance gives Marshall $1 million to fund scholarships

BrickStreet Insurance has presented Marshall University with a gift of $1 million that will be used to fund scholarships. The gift was announced last month by Greg Burton, chief executive officer of BrickStreet.

Earlier last fall, Interim President Gary White announced a “Strategic Scholarship Growth Initiative” to secure private support to help students of need in pursuing a degree in higher education. This endowed gift from the BrickStreet Foundation supports this initiative and will provide scholarships for medical students in the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine and general students at Marshall University.

“With this gift, BrickStreet is helping our students achieve their potential and change their lives,” White said. “We are truly grateful to this generous community partner. BrickStreet Insurance continues to support Marshall University in so many magnificent ways.”

Joseph I. Shapiro, M.D., dean of the school of medicine, said medical school debt “is a concern for all of us.”

“Generous gifts, like this one from BrickStreet, have a direct impact on our students which allow us to train compassionate, competent doctors who ensure grateful patient experiences,” Shapiro said. “Our program is so appreciative that Greg Burton and BrickStreet directed this important gift to scholarships.”

The scholarships will fall into two groups. In the first group, preference will be given to students from families of a parent who is either permanently, totally disabled or has unfortunately died from a workplace injury. In the second group, the scholarships will be available to the general student population based on financial need and grades.

“We are honored to help support tomorrow’s workforce, helping the next generation succeed in West Virginia and across the region,” said Burton. “There’s no substitute for education; it’s our hope this gift will create opportunities for students to develop skill sets that are vital to be competitive in today’s job market.”

BrickStreet will be involved in the selection process through a scholarship committee composed of employees of BrickStreet Insurance and representatives of Marshall University and/or the Marshall University Foundation.

“This endowed gift from the BrickStreet Foundation lives forever,” said Dr. Ron Area, CEO of the MU Foundation. “The income generated from this fund helps students from families with need. It gives students an opportunity to pursue higher education and their dreams. We commend BrickStreet for its foresight in this area.”
Photo: From left, Greg Burton, CEO of BrickStreet Insurance; Gary White, interim president of Marshall University; Dr. Joseph Shapiro, dean of the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine; Dr. Ron Area, CEO of the Marshall University Foundation; and T. J. Obrokta, president of BrickStreet Insurance, participate in a ceremonial check presentation Dec. 17.

One-man show by artist Larry Wolfe on display at South Charleston campus

Growing up, artist Larry Wolfe loved the classics told by authors of their time—Treasure Island, Kidnapped and James Fenimore Cooper’s Leatherstocking Tales like The Last of the Mohicans. But as much as he enjoyed reading the books, it was the illustrations that really caught his eye and influenced his work to this day, he said.

Now the Charleston artist’s work can be seen in a one-man show on display at the South Charleston campus Library and Research Commons through the spring semester. It is part of the library’s rotating exhibits of works by area artists. A reception for Wolfe will take place Friday, Jan. 15, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the library. Light refreshments will be served.

As fond as he was of books, Wolfe also spent a lot of time outdoors, enjoying his Boy Scout troop’s annual camping trips each summer on the Elk River near Clendenin. “I can’t think of a more wonderful way to grow up than this. I love creeks, rivers, ponds, and lakes. I think that can be found in my paintings,” he said.

Wolfe was also influenced by the artists who illustrated Walt Disney’s movies and cartoons to the point where, he said, “I wanted to be a Disney cartoonist.” Disney’s version of Treasure Island spurred his interest in sailing ships and he sketched them by the hundreds. His father was a carver and skillful with his hands so he tried carving for a while, but returned to his true loves of sketching and painting. “I decided I wanted to be an artist when I grew up,” he said, a wish he believes has been fulfilled.

New research funding database coming in March

The Marshall University Research Corporation is going to replace Pivot, its current funding database for researchers, with a new system called Grant Forward.
Grant Forward is an easy-to-use, comprehensive database of funding opportunities that enables researchers to easily find funding opportunities. One click produces a list of funding opportunities and application deadlines.

If you have a marshall.edu domain name, you can access the database from any computer, on campus or at home.

Special features include an interactive graphic word cloud, expired listings tagged visually for quick sorting and profile automation.

Look for more information in the coming weeks about this important service for faculty researchers.

For a preview peek, visit [www.grantforward.com](http://www.grantforward.com). For more information, contact Martha S. Mozingo at 304-696-1998 or spalding@marshall.edu.

**Old Main featured in 2016 State Historic Preservation Office calendar**

A Marshall University landmark is featured in the newest edition of the West Virginia State Historic Preservation Office calendar.

“Old Main,” which has been beloved by generations of Marshall students and Huntington residents, is featured in the 2016 calendar for the month of September. Interim President Gary G. White and Huntington Mayor Steve Williams helped West Virginia Division of Culture and History Commissioner Randall Reid-Smith unveil the calendar last month at a media event in Old Main.

An outreach program of the State Historic Preservation Office, the annual calendar features photographs of historic resources in West Virginia and information about the programs that protect and preserve them. The 2016 calendar celebrates the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

Old Main is Marshall’s oldest structure. Actually a series of five distinct sections built at various times and joined together between the years 1868 and 1908. The building’s distinctive Tudor-Gothic tower and turrets are among the university’s most-recognized symbols.

Over its history, Old Main also has been referred to as Main Hall, Administration Building and Woman’s Hall. The name Old Main appears to have been adopted during Marshall’s centennial in 1937. At various times over the years, the building has been home to the chapel/commencement hall, women’s dormitories, library, classrooms and gymnasium. It now houses student services and administrative offices, including the Office of the President.
Old Main was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1973.

In addition to Old Main, another Marshall building is listed in the register. The President’s Home, located at 1040 13th Ave., is listed in the National Register as part of the Ritter Park Historic District. The house was built in 1923 for Charles W. Campbell, a prominent attorney and mayor of Huntington. In addition to serving as the home of the president’s family, the house and lawn are used for official university events.

The Office of University Communications has a limited number of the calendars available on a first-come, first-served basis. To request one, e-mail ucomm@marshall.edu.

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Photo: West Virginia Division of Culture and History Commissioner Randall Reid-Smith, left, Interim President Gary G. White and Huntington Mayor Steve Williams, right, pose next to a picture of Old Main in White’s office during the unveiling of the West Virginia State Historic Preservation Office calendar. Photo by Rick Haye.

**Marshall social work department partners with Concord and West Virginia State for $10K substance abuse grant**

Marshall has joined with Concord University and West Virginia State University to advance the profession of social work and improve the well-being of West Virginia’s children and their families.

A $10,000 Conrad N. Hilton Foundation Adolescent Screening Brief Intervention Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) grant will fund this collaborative partnership among these West Virginia universities. The SBIRT grant will allow the schools of social work to prepare students to screen, provide brief interventions and conduct referrals to treatment for substance abuse issues with adolescents, according to Marshall’s undergraduate social work director, Jo Dee Gottlieb.

“Beginning in spring 2016, this grant will give us access to curriculum materials embedded with valuable research that can provide educational resources for our social workers when assisting and assessing those at risk for substance abuse,” Gottlieb said.

West Virginia has been identified as having the highest percentage per capita of substance abuse-related issues in the United States with the highest number of drug overdose deaths, as noted by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration in its 2014 National Survey on Drug Use and Health.

Gottlieb added, “We have a history of collaborating with the other social work programs in the state through the child welfare grant as well as collaborating on the development of curriculum materials for the geriatric population and those with developmental disabilities, We are very pleased to work with West Virginia State and Concord to address the substance abuse issues in southern West Virginia.”

The Adolescent SBIRT grant began this month and will continue for 18 months.
Aaron M. Brownfield, M.D., chosen as December Resident of the Month

Second-year pediatrics resident Aaron M. Brownfield, M.D., has been selected as the December 2015 Resident of the Month at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.

In announcing the selection, Paulette S. Wehner, M.D., vice dean for graduate medical education, praised Brownfield for his ability to work with others.

“One of the nicest things about this Resident of the Month program is that it gives us an opportunity to recognize residents for something they do every day,” Wehner said. “This month’s recipient, Dr. Brownfield, is a prime example. He is recognized for being a successful peer mentor – an everyday activity. Yet, the role of being a peer mentor during residency is critical since that person guides others in professional development throughout the year.”

Brownfield was nominated by Casey Patick, M.D., a first-year pediatrics resident, who wrote, “Dr. Brownfield is a resident I really look up to. He goes above and beyond for his patients to give them the best care they can receive. He puts a lot of thought and consideration into everything he does. I really respect him and his outlook as a physician.”

Brownfield earned his medical degree from Marshall in 2014 where he received Commendation for Exceptional Ability in Attitude, Enthusiasm, and Professionalism in child and adolescent psychiatry. He also received the Community Leadership Scholarship awarded to one incoming medical student and renewable based upon demonstrated leadership in character and compassion towards others through community service projects. Brownfield’s commitment to service ranges from mentoring at-risk youth in the Huntington area to working at an orphanage in Haiti for six weeks.

A native of Huntington, he graduated from Marshall University with a bachelor’s degree in biology.

As part of his recognition as the December Resident of the Month, Brownfield will receive items including a Certificate of Recognition and a designated parking spot.

Photo: Dr. Aaron M. Brownfield (right), December’s Resident of the Month, is pictured with Dr. Susan Flesher, department of pediatrics.
Marshall’s 5th Annual National Juried Exhibition opens Jan. 11; School of Art and Design to award $200+ Juror’s Choice Award

The Visual Arts Center Gallery will open the spring semester Monday, Jan. 11, with the 5th Annual National Juried Exhibition, featuring 30 artists from 17 states.

As this year’s juror, Huntington Museum of Art Executive Director Geoffrey Fleming will decide who receives the Juror’s Choice Award, which boasts a $200 minimum cash award.

“I think this year’s show encompasses a variety of different media and forms that will allow any viewer to discover something that will pique their interest,” Fleming said.

Artists from the exhibition utilized media ranging from the classic oil on canvas to unconventional conglomerates, such as Benjy Davies’ “Nagasaki Nest Requiem,” which incorporates Poly-fil, chicken wire, ostrich egg, aluminum, paper and wood.

“We actually received 191 entries from 70 artists across the United States and whittled it down to just 30 who will exhibit,” Megan Schultz, Visual Arts Center Gallery director, said. “It’s safe to say the juror has his work cut out for him in order to pick just one winner.”

The show will be displayed at the home of the School of Art and Design until Friday, Feb. 12, but the Juror’s Choice Award will be presented at an artist reception, from 4 to 6 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 21. The reception is open to the public and free to attend.

The Visual Arts Center Gallery at 927 Third Ave. in downtown Huntington is open weekdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Photos: “The Unknown Lives Around Us (III),” oil on canvas by Sam Boder; (Below) “Water & Glass 9,” photograph; archival print by David Pittenger.
CoolSculpting® now available at Marshall Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery

The physicians at Marshall Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery are now offering CoolSculpting, the world’s leading non-invasive fat removal treatment.

CoolSculpting is an FDA-cleared medical procedure that freezes away unwanted fat for good without surgery or downtime. Treated, or crystallized, fat cells are naturally eliminated from the body using controlled, cold technology. Patients should start to see results in as early as three weeks and will experience the most dramatic results between one and three months.

“CoolSculpting is clinically proven, safe and effective,” said Farid B. Mozaffari, M.D., FACS of Marshall Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery and an associate professor with the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. “It allows our patients, both male and female, to experience the benefits of fat removal without needles, knives or anesthesia.”

The CoolSculpting process is based on the science of Cryolipolysis®. A specially designed cooling applicator cup uses vacuum pressure to draw the tissue between the cooling panels. The procedure can be used to treat the abdomen, flanks (love handles), inner and outer thighs and submentum (double chin).

For more information or to schedule a free consultation, call Marshall Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery, located at 5185 U.S. 60 E., Suite 26 in Huntington, at 304-691-8910.

Faculty/Staff Achievement: Jason Chute

Jason Chute, Forensic Science Center DNA technical leader, recently presented information about the successful pilot project to review and expedite sexual assault kit cases for the Michigan State Police (MSP) at the Bode Mid-Atlantic: DNA and Investigators Conference in Old Town Alexandria, Virginia.

Individuals from crime laboratories and law enforcement, as well as attorneys, attended the event to receive training regarding policy, impact, and technology that affect the law enforcement and legal communities.
Marshall Rec Center to be host to 2016 Pump and Run

The Recreation Center will be host to the 2016 Pump and Run at 9 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 30.

The Pump and Run is a fun combination of weight lifting and a 5k run. It combines strength and endurance by allowing participants to take up to 15 minutes off their 5k times by losing 30 seconds with each bench press rep.

The “pump” portion of the race will take place before the 5k in the recreation center. Each participant will be weighed in to determine the amount of weight they will need to bench press.

Participants can do up to thirty reps at a designated weight. One max attempt is allowed. The age and weight percent are broken down as follows:

Men

- Ages 16-39: 100 percent of body weight.
- Ages 50 and over: 80 percent of body weight.

Women

- Ages 50 and over: 50 percent of body weight.

Prizes will be awarded to the overall top male and female and the first-place finisher of each age division, both male and female. Scores will be determined by: (5k time) – (# of reps x 30 seconds).

Participants can sign up for Pump and Run at the Recreation Center, by mail or at www.tristateracer.com for on-line registration or to print the registration form. The entry fee for the Pump and Run is $20.

Participants will be able to sign up the day of the event, but the entry fee for the Pump and Run increases to $25 that day.

For more information or to sponsor the race, contact Amanda Reesman, race director, at 6-2943 or e-mail reesman@marshall.edu.
Birke Art Gallery to open spring semester with mixed media experience

The Birke Art Gallery will open the spring semester Jan. 11 with *Façade*, a mixed media English garden brought to life from a collaboration of artist Jordan Tate and the artist duo Future Retrieval.

Tate, with Future Retrieval’s Katie Parker and Guy Davis, employed 21st-century technology to produce 2D scans of 3D images. The flattened images are combined with sculptures, collaging typically divergent elements.

“These sculptures continue to play with function in the face of façade, referencing ideas of process vs. product,” according to the group’s artist statement. “The topiary forest moves back and forth – a cardboard cutout made from a three-dimensional object photographed, flattened, and duplicated. An 8-bit Minecraft-esque hedge conceals a 2D plastic neoclassical fountain that continually pours water into a very real Greek attic-style urn. An altered mold of Michelangelo’s David sits in front of sampled wallpaper by Zuber.”

The three Cincinnati, Ohio artists will describe their works during an opening reception, from 4 to 6 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 12, at the Birke Art Gallery, located in Smith Hall. The event is free and open to the public. *Façade* will be up until Feb. 19, and can be viewed in the gallery weekdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

School of Pharmacy receives gift from anonymous donor through Foundation for the Tri-State Community

The School of Pharmacy has received a $10,000 gift to use for the school’s most pressing needs, including student support.

The donors, who wish to remain anonymous, chose to support the growth of the school by making a charitable contribution through the Foundation for the Tri-State Community.

“Our foundation was pleased to make this gift through a donor-advised fund, which is a mechanism that allows donors to select over time their gift recipients while receiving an immediate tax benefit,” said Mary Witten Wiseman, president of the Foundation for the Tri-State Community. “Supporting the Tri-State community at large, including Marshall University, is our mission specific and we are thrilled to help the school of pharmacy.”
The School of Pharmacy will use the gift to support its greatest needs, according to Dean Kevin Yingling, R.Ph., M.D., who says the unrestricted support is particularly important because of the school’s infancy. “This gift allows us flexibility to meet needs as they are identified,” Yingling said. “As a new school, we are just beginning to receive philanthropic support, something that is extremely important to our growing school. We are so grateful to our anonymous donors and the Foundation for the Tri-State Community for their generosity.”

The next regular issue of *We Are...Marshall* will be distributed Jan. 13, 2016. Please send any materials for consideration to Pat Dickson by 5 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11.