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Marshall’s 47th Annual Jazz Festival to sound off Feb. 18-20

The School of Music and Theatre will present the 47th Annual Winter Jazz Festival, Feb. 18-20, in Smith Recital Hall.

Special guests to the festival include Jim Snidero, an alto saxophonist who revolutionized jazz education by penning the first Jazz Conception books. Snidero is currently an adjunct faculty member at The New York School and has been a visiting professor at music institutions such as Indiana University and Princeton University.

“Jim Snidero is one of the leading jazz alto saxophonists in the world,” said Dr. Martin Saunders, director of jazz studies at Marshall and organizer of the festival.

Additional guests are West Virginia-born trombonist Reggie Watkins, jazz performer and educator Steven Heffner and Jesse Nolan, an assistant professor of music at Marshall, who spent the past five years as music director, drummer and percussionist for the Blue Man Group.

The festival opener will be Thursday, Feb. 18, and begins at 7 p.m. with the Bridgeport High School Honor Band, followed by Marshall’s Jazz Combo I at 7:30 p.m. and Marshall’s Jazz II Ensemble at 8:15 p.m. Festivities continue Friday, Feb. 19, at 7 p.m. with the university’s Alumni Band and Marshall’s Jazz Combo I with special guests begins at 7:45 p.m. To conclude, the Thundering Herd All-Star Band performs at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, and Jazz I with Snidero and guests will close the festival at 8 p.m.

Saunders said 16 regional middle school and high school bands will be present for adjudication Feb. 19 and 20.

Admission is free to all Winter Jazz Festival concerts, but donations for the jazz program will be accepted. For additional information, contact Saunders at ext.6-4316 or saunders35@marshall.edu.

Photo: Alto saxophonist Jim Snidero will appear with the 47th Annual Winter Jazz Festival this weekend.
Recruitment events assist prospective students at all phases of decision making

The Office of Recruitment is conducting a series of events this month with the remaining two scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 20 and Saturday, Feb. 27. One is for students determining whether to apply to Marshall, and the other is for students who have already been admitted.

For students who are considering Marshall, the February Green and White Day can help them determine if Marshall would be their Best. Decision. Ever. On Feb. 27, undergraduate programs will be on display for interested students and parents. The half-day open house program will provide attendees with an overview of Marshall’s enrollment process, time with the academic program of the student’s interest, a campus tour and lunch in a campus dining hall. A sample itinerary and online registration are available at www.marshall.edu/recruitment/tour-our-campus/.

Students who have been admitted for the Fall 2016 semester are invited to attend “Marshall 2020: Looking Into Your Future,” from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Feb. 20. Representatives from each of the academic colleges will attend the reception to allow incoming students to make personal connection with the faculty and staff from their major. Following the reception, students can attend a variety of campus events to experience a slice of student life.

“Each of these events is specially designed for the specific audience who is invited to attend,” said Dr. Beth Wolfe, director of recruitment. “We always look forward to meeting potential new students, and showing them the amazing benefits of a Marshall education.”
Reminder: 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.

University Libraries invites you on a ‘blind date with a book’ this week

Marshall Libraries invites you to stop by the Drinko Library Lobby, Government Documents, Special Collections or the Graduate College Library to go on a “Blind Date with a Book” this week, said Kat Phillips, graduate and government documents librarian.

“Pick up a wrapped book, take it home, and unwrap it,” Phillips said. “Show it your favorite spots to read. Get to know each other. If you hit it off, introduce it to your friends.

There won’t be any awkward feelings if you don’t like your date, but you might find the match of your literary dreams!”

The event started yesterday and will continue this week while supplies of books are available.
Three from Marshall to be honored for achievements in area of social action

Sandra Clements, Maurice Cooley and Beth Hammers of Marshall University will be among individuals honored for their achievements in the area of social action throughout West Virginia. The recognition will take place Saturday, Feb. 20, at West Virginia State University in Institute.

At Marshall, Clements is director of the office of disability services, Cooley is associate vice president for intercultural affairs and Hammers is executive director of Marshall Health.

The Charleston-Institute Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., will sponsor the event, “Changing the Conversation,” to celebrate social action. The program, which is being held in commemoration of the sorority’s founders, will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the James C. Wilson Student Union on the campus of WVSU.

The Honorable Terri B. Jamison, Welch native and a judge on the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas Domestic Relations/Juvenile Division in Columbus, Ohio, will serve as the keynote speaker for the event.

The 2016 recipients of the Charleston-Institute Alumnae Chapter “Changing the Conversation” Awards include: Michael Arbogast; Frank Beach; The Honorable Irene Berger; R. Charles Byers; BrooAlexa LLS (Frances Foster Brooks and Gene T. Brooks); Joan Browning; Hazo W. Carter Jr. (posthumously); Phyllis Carter, Esq. (posthumously); Barbara Cary; Frederick Chiles; City of Charleston Police Department (Errol Randall and Eddie Whitehead); Clements; Cooley; the Rev. Homer Davis; Michelle Foster; David Fryson, Esq.; Hammers; Brian Hemphill, Cheryl Henderson, Esq.; Jada Hunter; Ivin Lee; Charles Patton; Carolyn Stuart and Karen Price Williams.

“The sorority is privileged to honor these individuals from all over the state of West Virginia who have actively engaged themselves, their professions and their families to promote the progress of social action in our local communities,” said Terri Berkley, chapter president. “This will be a day to remember for years to come.”

Tickets are available for $35 each by contacting Betty Cardwell-Spencer at 304-541-2386.
Over 100 West Virginia students to participate in Marshall’s 2nd annual Science Olympiad Feb. 20

For the second year, Marshall University’s College of Science is bringing the Science Olympiad to West Virginia.

The Science Olympiad, which organizers say is the “nation’s most exciting K-12 science competition,” will take place in West Virginia, Saturday, Feb. 20, on Marshall University’s Huntington campus. Winners of the West Virginia competition will travel to the University of Wisconsin-Stout for the national tournament in May.

Dr. Jennifer Mosher, assistant professor of biological sciences, and Melissa Fox, co-director, have served as coordinators of the West Virginia event. Mosher said 11 teams, grades 6 through 12, have signed up for this year’s event.

“We are expecting over 100 bright middle and high school students on campus who are excited about STEM and competing in the events which cover life sciences, chemistry, geology, engineering, astronomy and physics,” Mosher said. “We have doubled our team numbers this year with over eight different schools from across West Virginia participating in the 2016 Science Olympiad at Marshall.”

Last academic year, approximately 7,300 teams competed in the competition nationwide.

“We hope to expand next year and have regional events throughout the state, with Marshall hosting the State Finals,” Mosher said.

Teams will compete in a series of 23 challenges, with topics including entomology, fossils, crime science, bridge building and experimental design. Mosher said with the exception of the opening ceremony and the awards presentation, the events are not open to the public. However, media personnel will be provided guest passes to cover the event. For a full list of events open to the public, visit www.marshall.edu/so/schedule.php.

For further information, visit the Science Olympiad website at www.soinc.org, contact Mosher by e-mail at mosher@marshall.edu or by phone at 304-696-3637, or contact Fox by e-mail at melissa.a.fox@k12.wv.us. To learn more about programs and services in the College of Science, visit www.marshall.edu/cos.

Photo: Students had fun with the Glider Construction challenge during the 2015 Science Olympiad at Marshall University.
Marshall to host College Goal Sunday event Feb. 21

The Huntington campus will be among the hosts of the College Goal Sunday event in West Virginia from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21, in Corbly Hall. Workshops also will be offered at other locations across the state, including the Mid-Ohio Valley Center in Point Pleasant.

Anyone who plans to attend college in the next 12 months can (and should) attend a College Goal Sunday workshop, said Angela L. Holley, director of Marshall’s Heart of Appalachia Talent Search Program and site coordinator for the event. The workshops are open to everyone, regardless of age or income. High school seniors, current college students and adults who want to go to college may attend. Registration is not required, but is encouraged to help alleviate wait times for those attending. Individuals who complete a FAFSA on the day of the event will be entered to win a Samsung tablet.

College Goal Sunday is an opportunity for students and families to get free help completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Local financial aid professionals will offer one-on-one, confidential support to anyone planning to attend college. In addition, volunteers from the VITA Tax Assistance program will also be on site to offer free tax preparation.

Visit [www.cfwv.com](http://www.cfwv.com) to register and review a list of what to bring.

College Goal Sunday is staffed by professionals who will maintain the confidentiality and security of families’ financial records, Holley said. College Goal Sunday is coordinated by the College Foundation of West Virginia, the West Virginia Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, GEAR UP and TRiO.

Amicus Curiae series for spring starts Feb. 25

The *Amicus Curiae* Lecture Series for Spring 2016 kicks off at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, in the Brad D. Smith Foundation Hall, home of the Erickson Alumni Center. Guest speaker Dr. Jonathan W. White will deliver the lecture, “Abraham Lincoln and Civil Liberties During the Civil War.”

President Lincoln’s record of suspending habeas corpus and imprisoning disloyal citizens is well known and controversial. White will discuss several key cases from the time period, shedding light on a number of
perennially controversial legal and constitutional issues in American history, including the nature and extent of presidential war powers, the development of national policies for dealing with disloyalty and treason and the protection of civil liberties in wartime.

White is the author of several highly regarded books about Lincoln, including *Abraham Lincoln and Treason in the Civil War: The Trials of John Merryman* and *Emancipation, the Union Army and the Reelection of Abraham Lincoln*, which was selected by *The Civil War Monitor* as one of the best books of 2014. He writes extensively, including for such popular publications as *The New York Times* Civil War “Disunion” blog.

White is an assistant professor of American studies and a fellow in the Center for American Studies at Christopher Newport University.

The lecture is free and open to the public. The *Amicus Curiae* Lecture Series is sponsored by the Simon Perry Center for Constitutional Democracy with support from the West Virginia Humanities Council.

**Spring International Film Festival set to start Friday, Feb. 26**

The week-long 2016 Spring International Film Festival will take place at the Keith Albee Performing Arts Center Friday, Feb. 26, through Thursday, March 3, with films from around the globe.

*A Hard Day* (South Korea) kicks off the festival. Homicide detective Ko Gun-su’s mother has just died, and he and his colleagues are being investigated by the internal affairs over bribery charges. On his way to his mother’s funeral he commits a fatal hit and run and tries to cover it up in an unorthodox manner, which leads to some unwanted consequences.

*A Hard Day* shows on Friday, Feb. 26, at 5:30 p.m.; Monday, Feb. 29, at 5:30 p.m.; and Thursday, March 3, at 7:30 p.m.

*On the Other Side of the Tracks* (France) is an action comedy about mismatched cops. Ousmane is a risk-taking, rule-breaking plain-clothes detective working in the rough Paris suburbs. When a wealthy woman winds up dead in the ‘hood, Ousmane has to partner with city cop Francois to track down the killers.

*On the Other Side of the Tracks* shows on Friday, Feb. 26, at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, Feb. 28 at 5:30 p.m.; and Thursday, March 3, at 5:30 p.m..
The Farewell Party (Israel) is a dramatic comedy about friendship and saying goodbye. The film follows Yehezkel, an elderly amateur inventor who tries to meet the needs of his suffering friend Max by building a euthanasia machine, only to be inundated by suicide requests from senior citizens.

The Farewell Party shows on Saturday, Feb. 27 at 12:30 p.m.; Sunday, Feb. 28 at 7:30 p.m.; and Wednesday, March 2 at 7:30 p.m.

Timbuktu (Mauritania): Not far from Timbuktu, now ruled by religious fundamentalists, cattle herder Kidane lives peacefully in the dunes with his wife, daughter, and their 12-year-old shepherd. In town, the people suffer, powerless, from the regime of terror imposed by the Jihadists. Music, laughter, cigarettes and even soccer have been banned. Every day, the new improvised courts issue tragic and absurd sentences. Kidane and his family are being spared the chaos that prevails in Timbuktu, but their destiny changes abruptly.

Timbuktu shows on Saturday, Feb. 27, at 2:30 p.m.; Monday, Feb. 29, at 7:30 p.m.; and Wednesday, March 2 at 5:30 p.m.

Marshland (Spain) is set in the Spanish deep South, 1980. A series of brutal murders of adolescent girls in a remote and forgotten town bring together two disparate characters—both detectives in the homicide division—to investigate the cases. With deep divisions in their ideologies, detectives Juan and Pedro have to put aside their differences to successfully hunt down a killer who for years has terrorized a community in the shadow of a general disregard for women rooted in a misogynistic past.

Marshland shows on Saturday, Feb. 27, at 5:30 p.m.; Sunday, Feb. 28, at 12:30 p.m.; and Tuesday, March 1 at 5:30 p.m.

Labyrinth of Lies (Germany) takes place in Frankfurt, Germany, in 1958. A young prosecutor in postwar West Germany investigates a massive conspiracy to cover up the Nazi pasts of prominent public figures. It is nearly impossible for him to find his way through this maze as everybody seems to have been involved.

Labyrinth of Lies shows on Saturday, Feb. 27, at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, Feb. 28, at 2:30 p.m.; and Tuesday, March 1, at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets for the Spring International Film Festival are $8 per film. Tickets may be purchased at the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center; advance tickets are not necessary. Tickets go on sale 15 minutes prior to each film. For more information call ext. 6-6656 or visit www.marshallartistsseries.org.

The festival is sponsored by Cabell Huntington Convention and Visitors Bureau, KEE 100, B97, WVHU, WSAZ, The Herald Dispatch, Marshall University and the Marshall Artists Series.

Photo: The South Korean film “A Hard Day” is among the offerings in the Spring International Film Festival, which begins Feb. 26.
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.

Mose July, M.D., recognized as February Fellow of the Month

Mose July, M.D., has been selected as the February 2016 Resident/Fellow of the Month at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.

July is in his second and final year as an endocrinology fellow. The endocrinology fellowship, which is completed after three years of an internal medicine residency, trains physicians in the care of patients with a variety of endocrine problems such as diabetes. Marshall’s endocrinology fellowship is the only one in West Virginia.
Paulette S. Wehner, M.D., vice dean for graduate medical education, says July was nominated for the award by the endocrinology faculty members.

“It is rewarding to receive a nomination like Dr. July’s that indicates the fellow’s clinical performance has been phenomenal and that he has shown rapid growth in his acquisition of medical knowledge in his specialty field of endocrinology,” Wehner said.

Omolola B. Olajide, M.D., who serves as program director for the endocrinology fellowship, noted on behalf of the faculty that this month’s recipient “demonstrates a high level of initiative and goes above and beyond in the management of his patients ... he is very hardworking, efficient, humble and is always ready to help and go the extra mile.”

July completed his internal medicine residency at New York Medical College – Metropolitan Hospital in New York. He received his medical degree from the University of the West Indies Faculty of Medical Sciences in Jamaica and was awarded a pre-med/Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Botswana.

As part of his recognition, July will receive items including a certificate of recognition and a designated parking spot.

*Photo: Mose July, M.D., (left) is pictured with Omolola B. Olajide, M.D., program director for the endocrinology fellowship, after receiving the February 2016 Resident/Fellow of the Month award.*

**Reminder: AAA membership available for faculty and staff, deadline is Friday, Feb. 19**

Marshall University has arranged with AAA to provide university employees with a discounted membership rate. Please click to 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.
Fondren to conduct book signings this weekend, Feb. 19-20

Dr. Kristi Fondren, associate professor of sociology and director of the service learning program, will be at Empire News and Books in Pullman Square on Friday, Feb. 19, from 4 to 6 p.m., to sign copies of her book, *Walking on the Wild Side: Long-Distance Hiking on the Appalachian Trail*.

The following day, Saturday, Feb. 20, she will sign copies in the Memorial Student Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Click to view graphic above in larger size.

Appreciation lunch for faculty set for Feb. 24

Marshall’s Baptist Campus Ministry wants to thank faculty by offering a free lunch delivered to them on Wednesday, Feb. 24, on the Huntington campus. The menu consists of pepperoni rolls, a bag of chips, bottled water and homemade dessert. Faculty interested in the lunch are encouraged to R.S.V.P. at wvbcm.com and click on “Professors’ Luncheon” by Monday, Feb. 22. Lunch will be delivered on Wednesday, Feb. 24, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Just for faculty and staff

The Marshall Athletic Department would like to cordially invite you and a guest to the Thundering Herd Basketball game on Thursday, March 3, at 7 p.m.

Staff and faculty members may visit the Cam Henderson Center Athletic Ticket Office starting on Monday, Feb. 22, to pick up their two complimentary tickets for the game. Additional tickets can be purchased for $5. Tickets will be located in the general admission area. A valid Marshall ID must be
presented when picking up the tickets. A person can bring more than one ID to pick up tickets for others in his or her department. Complimentary tickets must be picked up by 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 26.

Before every home Thursday men’s basketball game, the athletic department runs a special promotion on concessions known as “Herd Happy Hour.” The happy hour lasts from 6 to 7 p.m. Make sure you arrive early to enjoy discounted concession prices, including $1 hot dogs.

Please contact us at herdtickets@marshall.edu or by calling 800-THE-HERD with any questions regarding tickets.

Marshall Athletics would like to thank you for your continued support.

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