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Dear Marshall University community:

As part of our ongoing efforts to keep you informed about the progress of the search for the next president of Marshall University, I am writing to you today with an update.

As you know, we recently wrapped up the first phase of the search—the application phase. We had nearly 60 applicants and conducted off-site interviews with six semi-finalists. Although we had several very good prospects, we have decided not to name any finalists yet. You can read more about that here.

The search committee met in executive session on Monday to move the search into its next phase. This phase will involve active recruitment of well-suited individuals who may not have responded to the previous advertisements, to help ensure we are exploring every possibility.

Our consultants AGB Search Inc. will use their network of contacts in higher education to identify people who might be a good fit for our presidency and will contact them regarding their potential interest in the Marshall presidency.

We do not, at this point, have a firm timeframe. When we identify additional suitable candidates in the next few weeks, we may bring them to our campuses for public interviews this summer. We anticipate this recruitment phase of the process will continue into the fall semester, with the expectation that we would select a new president to join us next year, if not sooner.

As we have said since the beginning, we are conducting an open search and it will end only when we find the right person to lead Marshall University into the future. We remain extremely positive and are confident we will come out of this process with that person.

Information about the search process continues to be made available at www.marshall.edu/presidential-search. We encourage you to use the online feedback form or e-mail us at president@marshall.edu to provide input.

Best wishes,

Michael G. Sellards
Chairman, Presidential Search Committee
Chairman, Board of Governors
Longtime Marshall Pediatrics physician named West Virginia’s Pediatrician of the Year

Norman C. Cottrill, D.O., a board-certified pediatrician with the department of pediatrics at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine has been named the 2015 Pediatrician of the Year by the West Virginia Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Cottrill is an assistant professor of pediatrics and has been with Marshall Pediatrics since 1998.

“We are so pleased that Dr. Cottrill has been recognized with this honor,” said Dr. Joseph Evans, chairman of the department of pediatrics. “He is loved by his patients and their families and truly represents what a pediatrician should be. “

A 1987 graduate of the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine, Cottrill completed a residency in pediatrics at West Virginia University and has a clinical interest in ambulatory pediatrics. He practices at the Marshall Pediatrics Teays Valley office.

In addition, he and Dr. Mary. S. “Mitzi” Payne, a pediatric neurologist with Marshall Neuroscience, evaluate and treat pediatric concussion patients at the Marshall University Medical Center.

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Food Service Summer Hours of Operation

The following hours have been announced for the summer food service operations.

MSC Food Court
(Panini Grille, Ultimate Baja, Chick-fil-A, SubConnection)
May 11th – June 5th: 10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Pizza Hut
June 8th – August 19th 10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Starbucks
May 12th – June 5th:  8 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

June 8th – August 18th:  8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

August 19th:  8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

August 20th:  8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

August 21st:  8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

August 24th:  Resume Regular Hours

Towers Marketplace

May 8th – June 3rd:  Closed

June 4th:  5:15 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

June 5th:

  Breakfast  7 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
  Lunch  11 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
  Dinner  4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

June 6th

  Breakfast  7:15 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.
  Brunch  11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
  Dinner  4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

June 7th

  Breakfast  8:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.
  Brunch  11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
  Dinner  4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

June 8th – August 14th:  Regular Summer Hours
Science Adventure Camps for students K-12 return this summer

For the second year, the College of Science is hosting the Summer Science Adventure camps for grades K-12 beginning June 15. Camp offerings, which emphasize Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math, have tripled this year. All camps are hands-on with science and include creativity and art.

With camps spanning several fields including forensic science, microscopy, anatomy, microbiology, and computer programming, campers will explore and learn through both hands-on and activity-based learning. The organizers say the camps offer the opportunity for children to enrich their science education while learning what real science is all about.

The camps are staffed by Marshall faculty members, graduate students and local professionals to ensure that campers are being taught by people whose careers
are science based. The staff/camper ratios for the camps will range from 2:6 to 2:20, permitting very individualized instruction.

These camps take place in MU laboratories, allowing students to explore careers in the sciences while getting a peek at what college has to offer. Camps are available in four grade categories: K-2, 3-6, middle school and high school. Two full scholarships are available for every camp session based on financial need.

For additional information go to http://www.sawv.com or call 304-412-2757.

Basketball camps to take place beginning June 18

The Marshall men’s basketball program will host four camps this summer at Cam Henderson Center, Coach Dan D’Antoni has announced.

Varsity and junior varsity high school boys’ teams will be able to attend Marshall’s Team Camp on June 18-19, and middle school boys’ teams are welcome at the Middle School Shootout on June 20. The Herd’s Individual Camp for boys ages 7 to 17 will be held June 29-July 2, and the Little Herd Camp for boys and girls ages 7 to entering 7th grade is set for July 6-9.

At each camp, participants will be able to learn and play alongside Marshall’s very own, as players will serve as counselors to develop the skills of each individual. The camps will be led by Coach D’Antoni and his staff, who have amassed decades of coaching experience at both the collegiate and professional levels.

For additional information on the camps, such as ages, costs and dates/times, see the camp brochure.

To register, please return the registration form with a check/money order for payment and a copy of an insurance card to: Marshall Men’s Basketball Camp, PO BOX 1360, Huntington, WV 25715. Please make checks available to Marshall Men’s Basketball Camp.

For all the latest information about Marshall men’s basketball, follow @HerdMBB on Twitter.
Success of Marshall’s Center for Wellness in the Arts prompts program expansion

Since August 2014, the Marshall University Center for Wellness in the Arts (CWA) has provided health and wellness education to the university’s performing arts students through a collaboration between the College of Arts and Media and the College of Health Professions. Due to the positive response from participants and the impact on student success, the CWA will expand the services offered in years to come, according to college deans Don Van Horn and Dr. Michael Prewitt.

“Over 150 performing arts students utilized the training provided by the Center for Wellness in the Arts and each of them said they saw improvements in their craft, whether it was more agility on stage or less anxiety when performing,” Van Horn said. “We could see a difference on stage during the performance of ‘Cabaret’ this past spring after our theatre students went through the CWA’s conditioning program. Just after three weeks, we were able to see a difference in their hip flexor mobility, upper body strength and overall physical activity. Thanks to the work done by both colleges, we now have measurable outcomes that show us exactly how successful this project has been.”

This is just the beginning of what the CWA has to offer its students, according to Prewitt.

“Marshall University will continue to offer this destination program for students interested in improving health and wellness within their given professions,” Prewitt said. “We believe that by incorporating health and wellness training as a necessary element into our degree programs, we convey the idea that this type of training isn’t optional. It remains an integral part of a process, which makes it possible for dancers, actors, musicians and all artists to reach and maintain their highest levels of performance.”

In the upcoming academic year, the CWA will offer the following services:
- Injury prevention sessions with certified athletic trainers
- Performance anxiety workshops with health scientists
- Nutrition and weight management training with registered dietitians
- Agility and mobility training with exercise scientists
- Baseline hearing assessments, vocal education and treatment with speech-language pathologists
- Vision training to improve reaction times in performances with exercise physiologists

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*Photos: Over 150 performing arts students worked with the Center for Wellness in the Arts to improve their overall health and wellness this past year. (Above) Elliot Smithson (far left) is shown leading warm-ups for theatre students in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse before they began rehearsals for their fall semester play, “Tom Sawyer.” (Below) Kate Colclough, a local high school senior, worked with the hurdles to improve her hip flexor mobility, in preparation for the spring production of “Cabaret.”*
The Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine will host “Outstanding in Our Field 2,” co-sponsored by Cabell Huntington Hospital and St. Mary’s Medical Center, June 6.

The scholarship fundraiser will take place on a large farm in Proctorville, Ohio, at the home of Dr. Bobby Miller (Class of 1997) and Eric Hardin-Miller. This year’s event will feature a traditional Brazilian feast, beginning with a reception at 6 p.m. and followed by dinner and dancing from 7 to 11 p.m.

This dining experience will feature Chef Kevin Fowler, president and CEO of Cabell Huntington Hospital; Sous Chef Dr. Joseph Shapiro, dean of the School of Medicine; Executive Chef Don Sallada of Cabell Huntington Hospital; and Sommelier Judge Dan O’Hanlon. Dinner will be served by current medical school students.

Music will be provided by “The Jillettes” with Dr. Donnah Wolodkin Whitaker (Class of 1984). Attire is “country casual.”

In addition to event co-sponsors Cabell Huntington Hospital and St. Mary’s Medical Center, other sponsors to date include Valley Health; Maxor National Pharmacy Services Company; Radiology Inc.; Retina Consultants; Thomas Health System; Galaxy Distributing of West Virginia; King’s Daughters Medical Center; Pleasant Valley Hospital; Edward Tucker Architects Inc.; Marshall OB/GYN; Dr. and Mrs. Maurice A. Mufson; Joseph P. Assaley, M.D.; Farrell, White & Legg PLLC; Highmark West Virginia; and Marshall Health.
Tickets are $125 per person. Additional sponsorships are available. For additional information or to make a reservation, please contact Tami Fletcher by phone at 304-691-1701 or by e-mail at fletcher@marshall.edu.

This is the second year MU JCESOM has hosted the event. All proceeds go to support medical student scholarships.

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**Marshall alumnus, family make gift to College Program for Students with ASD**

The Delahaye family has donated $20,000 to the College Program for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder in the West Virginia Autism Training Center.

Bradley Delahaye, a Marshall University and College Program alumnus, and his family contributed $20,000 to the program earlier this year. To date, the Delahaye family has donated over $35,000 to the program but this contribution was endowed to establish a fund known as the Delahaye Family Scholarship, according to Dr. Rebecca Hansen, coordinator of CPSASD. “The Delahaye family is invested in providing opportunities for college students with AS to receive the specialized supports they need to be successful at Marshall University,” she said.

Additional gifts to benefit the program can be made by visiting https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/mufoundation.

Although April was designated Autism Awareness Month, the Autism Center is urging everyone to join them in continuing to observe autism awareness by appreciating and accepting individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) all year.

Staff at the Autism Center point out that Marshall is home to many college students who have ASD. Symptoms of ASD are highly individualized, but commonly affect social communication. Many individuals with ASD strongly desire to make social connections, but are challenged with understanding how to initiate and maintain relationships. The staff encourages everyone to take time out all year long to invest in learning more about ASD and the many ways in which people with ASD make significant contributions to society.

To learn more about the College Program and how it works to support college students with ASD, visit www.marshall.edu/collegeprogram.
‘Euscorpius’ publication reaches 200th issue milestone

The 200th issue of Euscorpius, the only existing research journal completely devoted to scorpions, is now available.

Edited by Dr. Victor Fet, professor of biological sciences at Marshall and Michael E. Soleglad from Winchester, California, the journal is based at Marshall and is located online at www.science.marshall.edu/fet/euscorpius. Euscorpius is also hosted on Marshall Digital Scholar at http://mds.marshall.edu/euscorpius.

The issue may be downloaded at www.science.marshall.edu/fet/euscorpius/p2015_200.pdf.

This 200th issue is accompanied by a separate Bicentennial booklet (15 pages), which can be downloaded at www.science.marshall.edu/fet/euscorpius/Euscorpius%20Bicentennial%20Booklet.pdf.

Marshall faculty to guide undergrads in conducting biomedical research

Eighteen undergraduate students from nine institutions are spending the summer conducting biomedical research in Marshall University’s laboratories.

The students are participating in nine-week programs offered through the West Virginia IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence (WV-INBRE), Marshall’s school of medicine Summer Research Internship for Minority Students (SRIMS), and the American Heart Association Undergraduate Summer Internship Research (AHA-USIR) program.

Dr. Elsa I. Mangiarua, a professor in the Department of Pharmacology, Physiology and Toxicology at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine directs the WV-INBRE summer program. She said the programs
allow participants to gain valuable, hands-on experience doing graduate-level research in the labs of some of Marshall’s top scientists.

“We are providing in-depth, mentored research opportunities for very talented undergraduates,” she said. “The programs also promote awareness of Marshall’s graduate degree programs and available careers in biomedical research.”

Kelly Carothers, who coordinates the SRIMS program, agreed, adding, “This is a chance for these students to do meaningful laboratory research, network with others in their field and enhance their academic competitiveness for graduate school.”

Dr. Nalini Santanam, a professor in the Department of Pharmacology, Physiology and Toxicology will direct the newly funded AHA-USIR program. This program provides an opportunity specifically for Marshall undergraduate students to participate in research related to cardiovascular diseases.

While at Marshall, the interns are working in the university’s state-of-the-art facilities on research projects related to cancer, cardiovascular disease, obesity and diabetes, neuroscience, toxicology, immunological diseases and bioinformatics.

The students will present their research results at a symposium at the end of the summer.

In addition to the formal research training each student receives from his or her Marshall faculty mentors, the interns are taking part in workshops and seminars about a variety of topics in research and graduate education. Students in the programs attend the same seminars and interact socially through a bowling outing, hiking and other special events outside of the laboratory environment.

Students participating in the WV-INBRE summer program include:

- Ana Maria Peña, University of Charleston (Dr. Philippe Georgel, mentor)
- Megan Boone, West Virginia Wesleyan College (Dr. Monica Valentovic, mentor)
- Ankita Khunt, University of Charleston (Dr. Richard Egleton, mentor)
- Seth Deskins, University of Charleston (Dr. Vincent Sollars, mentor)
- Madison Crank, Concord University (Dr. Travis Salisbury, mentor)
- Alexandria Carter, University of Charleston (Dr. Hongwei Yu, mentor)
- Natalia Skilioutovskaya-Lopez, University of Charleston (Dr. Monica Valentovic, mentor)
- Christiana Hess, Shepherd University (Dr. Lawrence Grover, mentor)
- Jordan Tate, West Virginia Wesleyan College (Dr. Gary Rankin, mentor)
- Sarah Marshall, Davis and Elkins College (Dr. Nalini Santanam, mentor)

The WV-INBRE program also sponsors summer fellowships for instructors. This year’s fellowship recipient is Dr. Gary Morris, associate professor of biology at Glenville State College, who is working with Dr. Travis Salisbury.

WV-INBRE is funded through a $16 million grant from the National Institutes of Health. Marshall—in partnership with researchers at West Virginia University—received the award to help build expertise in biomedical research.

Students in this year’s SRIMS program are:
• Jonique George, University of the Virgin Islands (Dr. Nalini Santanam, mentor)
• Sofia Romero, University of California-Santa Cruz (Dr. Jung Han Kim, mentor)
• Leslie Fogwe, Delaware State University (Dr. Jiang Liu, mentor)

Support for the SRIMS program comes from the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program and the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission’s Division of Science and Research.

Students selected from Marshall for the AHA-USIR program include:

• Janae Jackson (Dr. Nalini Santanam, mentor)
• Ibrahim Mohammed (Dr. Subha Arthur, mentor)
• Reagan Stafford (Dr. Monica Valentovic, mentor)
• Akhil Gudivada (Dr. Jung Han Kim, mentor)
• Amber Bryant (Dr. Sandrine Pierre, mentor)

The next issue of *We Are...Marshall* will be distributed May 27, 2015. Please send any materials for consideration to Pat Dickson by 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 26.