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Annual ‘Paint the Capital’ event set for tomorrow, Aug. 27

Thundering Herd fans have just a day remaining to buy tickets for Marshall’s annual Paint the Capital City Green pep rally in Charleston Thursday, Aug. 27, at the Embassy Suites hotel.

Special guests, including Marshall University Head Football Coach Doc Holliday and his senior players, will speak about what is sure to be an exciting 2015 season. Marshall football players will also be seated at with sponsors at their tables.

“This event is the one pre-season opportunity for fans to hear directly from me and from our student-athletes,” Holliday said. “Don’t miss it. It’s one night in Charleston, and then it’s back to practice for us.”

Paint the Capital City Green is the nation’s largest indoor pep rally for the Herd. Fans will enjoy a tailgate spread, entertainment by mascot Marco, the cheerleading squad, dance team and members of the Marshall University Marching Thunder. The 18th annual event, presented by Friends of Coal and sponsored in part by Huntington Bank and WCHS, is hosted by the Big Green Scholarship Foundation.

To order tickets, call 304-696-7138 or e-mail biggreen@marshall.edu. Individual tickets are $60 and will not be sold at the door.

All ticket holders will be entered into a drawing to win hotel accommodations and free admission to a road game.

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Freshmen join the Herd, participate in convocation

Approximately 1,900 Marshall University freshmen, escorted by MU police, walked in one large group from the Huntington campus to the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center Friday morning via Fourth Avenue for the annual President’s Freshman Convocation.

The format of the convocation, the purpose of which is to formally celebrate the class’s official start as the class of 2019, was altered somewhat this year. One change is that there is a theme this year, which is “My Marshall Story,” and the theme serves three purposes:

1) to celebrate the diverse background of what each person brings to the Marshall family;
2) to celebrate the stories of those who studied at Marshall and how that changed their lives;
3) to tie the convocation theme into the UNI 100 curriculum.

Interim President Gary G. White shared his Marshall story with the students.

“I really enjoyed walking and talking with these 1,900 freshmen who make up the Class of 2019; many of whom are here from countries around the world,” White said. “What a proud time it is for all the parents, no matter if they’re from Logan County or Beijing, China, whose children suddenly are all grown up and can officially be referred to as Marshall University students.”

Other speakers included Kristeena Wright, a Biomedical Sciences Ph.D. candidate from Richmond, Virginia, who shared her Marshall story and talked about how Marshall made a difference for her. This summer, she was among 20 young scientists from colleges and universities across the United States who visited Capitol Hill to meet with senators and representatives about the value of biomedical research.

Carla Lapelle, dean of students, also shared her Marshall story.

The convocation was livestreamed at www.marshall.edu/it/livestream, where the archive may now be viewed.

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Reminder: public comments invited on Marshall accreditation

Marshall University is preparing for its 10-year comprehensive evaluation by its regional accrediting agency, The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

The university will host a site-visit team from HLC Oct. 12-13. The team will review the institution’s ongoing ability to meet the commission’s Criteria for Accreditation. Marshall has been accredited by HLC since 1928.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding Marshall University. Comments must be in writing and must address substantive matters related to the quality of instruction or academic programs.

Comments should be sent to:

Public Comment on Marshall University

The Higher Learning Commission

230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500

Chicago, IL 60604-1411

The public may also submit comments on the commission’s website at https://hlcommission.org/HLC-Institutions/third-party-comment.html. All comments must be received by Sept. 12, 2015.

Introductory sessions for PEIA Pathways to Wellness underway

The PEIA Pathways to Wellness program offers one series of onsite fitness classes per plan year to all PEIA insured above the age of 18. Marshall is an eligible work site for this benefit, which consists of 2 classes per week for 8 weeks. At least 8 eligible people must attend in order to take advantage of this opportunity. If you are interested in participating in these onsite exercise classes, register for an introductory session by clicking here. Registrants will be contacted by a PEIA representative to confirm eligibility to participate in this program.

The sessions are being offered until Thursday, Aug. 27. Those interested should sign up quickly, according to Pamela Alcala, Training and Development Specialist in Human Resource Services.
Marshall to host discussion of K-12 academic standards Sept. 3

Marshall’s Huntington campus will host one of a series of “town hall” meetings to discuss the West Virginia Next Generation Standards for grades K-12. The event will take place at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3, in the Shawkey Room in the Memorial Student Center.

Sarah Stewart, director of policy and government relations in the state superintendent’s office, said the purpose of the discussion is to evaluate the state’s K-12 academic standards, which were phased in from 2011 to 2014. The standards serve as benchmarks for what students in West Virginia should know at the end of each grade level.

“We are looking for actionable feedback on specific standards in English language arts and math,” Stewart said. She added that in addition to attending the Sept. 3 meeting, citizens can access www.wvacademicspotlight.statestandards.org on the Web to get more information and provide comments. Comments will be received through the website until Sept. 30. Comments received will serve as a basis for recommendations that will be made to the Board of Education at the end of the calendar year.

According to the West Virginia Department of Education, the Next Generation Standards are a set of high expectations in English language arts and mathematics that were developed by state leaders and teachers to ensure every student graduates from high school prepared for college and the 21st century world of work. Educational standards that set high, clear and consistent expectations, like the West Virginia Next Generation Standards, are essential to creating an education system that prepares our young people for success in school, work and life.

Additional community meetings are scheduled throughout September in Morgantown, South Charleston, Logan, Wheeling and Shepherdstown.
All group fitness classes are free for members of Marshall Recreation Center

The Marshall Recreation Center is offering all group fitness classes free to its members.

This fall the Rec Center will have 35 group fitness classes offered each week. Some of the classes that will now be free are Les Mills BODYPUMP®, PiYo and C.U.T. (Crosstraining Under Thirty Minutes).

“We are excited to now be offering some of our most popular classes, like C.U.T., free to our members,” said Heather Smith, senior assistant director of fitness. “We are also excited members can try out some of our new classes like BODYPUMP® and PiYo for free.”

BODYPUMP® is a low-to-moderate weight class that features high repetitions, is set to exciting music and taught by a certified Les Mills instructor. PiYo combines the benefits of Pilates with the flexibility of Yoga. This low-impact class has been gaining in popularity for some time.

“I love BODYPUMP® because it allows you to get a full body workout in just one hour,” Anna Blanchard, certified Les Mills BodyPump® instructor, said. “It brings a full-body element that’s different than other classes.”

Non-members may still participate in group fitness classes by paying a guest fee of $10. The guest must have an affiliation with Marshall University to participate.

In addition to group fitness classes, the Rec Center also offers premium classes for a fee. These classes are available for non-members as well. Swim lessons will be available for both children and adults, in both group and private lesson formats.

While many classes focus on children, adult swim lessons are also offered. Lessons are currently available and enrollment will run through Sept. 27.

Outdoor Pursuits will be offering introductory classes in Paddling and Climbing, as well as a Kayak Roll Clinic later in the semester. These classes are also premium, and both members and non-members can attend.

Outdoor Pursuits will also offer several trips this fall including white water rafting on the New River Gorge, backpacking the Smoky Mountains and skiing in Colorado.

For more information on group fitness classes, swim lessons, kayak roll clinics or Outdoor Pursuits’ adventures, check out the Recreation Center website at marshallcampusrec.com, or call the Welcome Desk at ext.6-4732.

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Marshall receives large federal grant to provide substance abuse prevention training for health care students

Marshall University has been awarded a nearly $1 million grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to provide substance abuse prevention and early intervention training to students in a number of health care-related programs.

Amy Saunders, director of student health education programs and principal investigator of the project, said she and others in her field are excited for the opportunity to develop and teach Marshall students the needed skills to deliver the Screening, Brief Interventions and Referral for Treatment (SBIRT) training.

“This training will increase the number of our students who will be able to provide screening, brief intervention and referral for treatment for individuals who are at risk of developing or who have already developed a substance use disorder,” Saunders said. “This project involves multiple campus departments and community agencies. It’s our hope that this effort will increase access to care for individuals with a substance use or mental health disorder.”

The grant, Saunders said, will be funded for three years and is approximately $315,000 each year—or about $945,000 in all. The program at Marshall will be a collaborative effort among six departments and two professional schools, including the departments of psychology, social work, counseling, public health, nursing and physical therapy, the School of Pharmacy and the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.

“This was a collaborative effort and all of the departments assisted in the development of this grant,” Saunders said. “We will also have several community partners who will be assisting—the Cabell-Huntington Health Department, Prema, Recovery Point, HER Place, the Mayor’s Office of Drug Control Policy and the Cabell County Substance Abuse Prevention Partnership. Our goal is to provide the training to Marshall students in all of the departments listed. SBIRT is a highly effective tool used to prevent and treat substance abuse and misuse.”

The project is set to begin at the end of September.

Marshall students within these fields are the population to be served by this program, which consists of developing and providing culturally sensitive training to teach students the necessary skills to provide evidence-based screening, brief intervention and knowledge to refer patients who are at risk of developing or who have already developed a substance use disorder for appropriate treatment.

“We are very encouraged to fully engage in this outstanding, federally funded, interdisciplinary project,” said Dr. Kevin W. Yingling, dean of the School of Pharmacy. “The team approach to health care is a very effective tool for better patient outcomes and improved quality of life. I want to congratulate our team of educators at Marshall for their outstanding effort on this grant.”
“This grant will greatly benefit not only students in a variety of health professions at Marshall University but indeed the entire state of West Virginia,” said Dr. Marianna Footo-Linz, chair of the psychology department. “Substance abuse is a serious health issue in our region. A very effective approach in addressing this problem is to have professionals across the spectrum of health care become comfortable addressing the issues with their patients. Having health care professionals in a variety of areas trained to recognize, treat and appropriately refer their patients will be a huge benefit to West Virginia residents.”

Amy Smith, B.S.N., M.Ed., assistant dean for student affairs at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, said, “The school of medicine is pleased and excited to engage with other health care professionals to build this new program that will have a huge impact on a community plagued by substance abuse.”

Appalachian Studies Association seeks interns

The Appalachian Studies Association has internship opportunities available for qualified graduate and undergraduate students.

The Appalachian Studies Association (ASA) is a national/international association with a regional focus and diverse membership of scholars, educators, practitioners, grassroots activists, students, individuals, groups and institutions. The ASA is headquartered at Marshall University and publishes the Journal of Appalachian Studies. Each year, the Association holds an annual conference that rotates throughout Appalachia and draws between 900 and 1,000 attendees. Students who work with the ASA will develop a broad skillset through hands-on professional experience. Interns may be asked to work with the Appalachian studies conference, the association website, a national, refereed journal, association newsletter, social media, silent auction/fundraising initiatives, and more! Responsibilities will vary dependent upon students’ fields of study and interests.

Students are expected to work with faculty advisors to identify available courses. Students will receive course credit and must be registered for a course by the end of the first week of classes. (For example: HST 680 or ENG 490). See the link below for additional information about this internship.

Please share the information with qualified students and direct all inquiries to Christopher Leadingham, ASA Office Manager, at leadingham6@marshall.edu.
Beginning Thursday, Aug. 27, collected prints from the University of Rio Grande’s Greer Museum will be available to view at the Birke Art Gallery in Smith Hall.

The works represent several projects conducted at the University of Rio Grande’s printmaking studio under the guidance of Rio Grande Professor of Art Benjy Davies, according to Megan Schultz, Visual Arts Center gallery director.

Among the works to be exhibited, “Identity Project” by Brooklyn-based artist Traci Molloy addresses issues of violence, suicide and trauma in adolescents. Working with young people across the U.S. and adolescent refugees from distressed parts of the world, Molloy created collaborative portraits of her young subjects using a variety of media.

Another project to be displayed is one initiated by Davies. In the Little River Print Project, Davies invited artists from around the region to work with his printmaking students to produce an edition.

Participating artists for this project include the Huntington Museum of Art’s Education Director Katherine Cox, Marshall alumnus Adrian Blackstock, Ohio-based artists Gerry Enrico and Laken Bridges, and others.

In addition, the exhibit will feature contemporary works donated to the Greer’s collection, showcasing artists from around the U.S. working in a range of printmaking techniques, including an offset lithograph by renowned multimedia artist Bruce Nauman and nationally recognized printmaker Donald Roberts.

Davies will give an informal gallery talk about his role in developing the Greer Museum’s print collection and the various printmaking projects taking place at the University of Rio Grande at 6 p.m. Aug. 27 at the Birke Art Gallery.

The Birke Art Gallery, located in Smith Hall, is open weekdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Photo: Sundown, by Traci Molloy, is among the works to be shown at the Birke Art Gallery.

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Established primary care practice joins Marshall Health

Thacker Family Physicians, a Milton-based practice, has joined Marshall Health, the faculty practice plan of the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.

Thacker Family Physicians provides primary care for infants through adults, including sick visits, well baby visits, immunizations, specialist referrals and minor procedures. Its practitioners include the husband-wife team of Teresa Y. Thacker, M.D., and A. Wayne Thacker, M.D., both 1990 graduates from the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.

**Teresa Y. Thacker, M.D.** has practiced family medicine for more than 20 years in the Huntington area. She completed her residency at Roanoke (Virginia) Memorial Hospital. She was named West Virginia Rural Physician of the Year by the School of Medicine in 2002 and West Virginia Rural Preceptor of the Year for 2014. She joins the School of Medicine as an assistant professor in the department of family and community health.

**Wayne Thacker, M.D.** has worked as a private practice physician for more than 20 years. He has traveled to the Dominican Republic more than a dozen times to provide health care to its underserved population. In addition to his new post as assistant professor in the department of family and community health at the School of Medicine, he also currently serves as the director of family practice at Mildred Mitchell-Bateman Hospital in Huntington.

Thacker Family Physicians has been renamed Marshall Family Medicine, but retains its current office location at 1155 Main St. in Milton. The phone number, 304-743-8833, remains the same as well.

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MURC fall 2015 Workshops announced for researchers, administrative staff

The Marshall University Research Corporation has announced its schedule of professional development opportunities in Grantsmanship, designed specifically for Marshall researchers and administrative staff.

All sessions are free and open to the university community. While lunch is not provided, participants may bring their own lunches to the workshops. Registration is strongly encouraged, and is available online at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BNKL827.

For more information about any of these sessions or to inquire about scheduling personalized Grantsmanship workshops for your department or school, call Lisa Daniels, at ext. 6-3368 or email adkins244@marshall.edu.

More information is available online at the MURC Professional Development Web page.

All workshops will be in Drinko Library 138 from 12:00 – 12:45 p.m. (Tuesday or Wednesday).

**Introduction to MURC/Research Process**

If you are interested in external funding, you need to become familiar with the Marshall University Research Corporation and how its services help you navigate the world of external funding. In addition to familiarizing you with the most common grants administration procedures, this session reviews the overall process–from proposal submission to award close-out.

*When:* Tuesday, Sep. 15, or Wednesday, Sep. 16, from noon to 12:45 p.m.

*Where:* Drinko Library 138

**Grantsmanship 101/Proposal Basics**

This session covers the basic components of a standard grant proposal. Also included are agency-specific requirements, timelines for planning and the proposal from the reviewers’ points of view.

*When:* Tuesday, Sep. 22, or Wednesday, Sept. 23, from noon to 12:45 p.m.

*Where:* Drinko Library 138
**Budgeting Basics**

The budget is often the backbone of the proposal. One of the services MURC offers is that of budgeting assistance. This workshop will familiarize you with the basic components of a proposal budget.

*When:* Tuesday, Sep. 29, or Wednesday, Sep. 30, from noon to 12:45 p.m.

*Where:* Drinko Library 138

**Post-Award Overview**

This workshop is an introduction to MURC’s post-award services and will feature a Q&A session with our post-award officers.

*When:* Tuesday, Oct. 6, or Wednesday, Oct. 7, from noon to 12:45 p.m.

*Where:* Drinko Library 138

**Finding Funding**

In this introduction to the basics of locating funding for grant proposals, participants will learn about the various databases available to assist in finding support, and how to utilize the Pivot system for funding, collaboration and planning. *College-specific sessions will be formed upon request. These sessions will allow for more targeted funding searches.*

*When:* Tuesday, Oct. 13 or Wednesday, Oct. 14, from noon to 12:45 p.m.

*Where:* Drinko Library 138

**Cost-Sharing (Matching) 101**

In this workshop, you will learn the basics of cost sharing for grant proposals and have a Q & A time with our cost share experts.

*When:* Tuesday, Oct. 20, or Wednesday, Oct. 21, from noon to 12:45 p.m.

*Where:* Drinko Library 138
Human Subject Research/IRB 101

Topics discussed will include the purpose of the university’s Human Research Protection Program, the Institutional Review Boards and the submission process.

When: Tuesday, Oct. 27, or Wednesday, October 28 from noon to 12:45 p.m.

Where: Drinko Library 138

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New faculty members join School of Pharmacy

The School of Pharmacy welcomed three new faculty members over the summer. The following individuals officially joined the school of pharmacy July 1:

Charles “C.K.” Babcock, Pharm. D., has been named an assistant professor in the department of pharmacy practice, administration and research. Babcock graduated from the West Virginia University School of Pharmacy with a doctor of pharmacy degree in 2002 and completed a community pharmacy practice residency at Fruth Pharmacy. He comes to Marshall after most recently serving as a clinical assistant professor at West Virginia University School of Pharmacy in Charleston.

Abigail S. Hay, Pharm. D., joins the school of pharmacy as a clinical associate professor in the department of pharmacy practice, administration and research. She will be a shared faculty member, practicing at St. Mary’s Medical Center. Hay is a 2011 University of Charleston School of Pharmacy graduate. She completed a PGY1 (post graduate year one) pharmacy residency at St. Claire Regional Medical Center in Morehead, Kentucky, where she has worked as a pharmacist for the past three years.
Cynthia B. Jones, Ph.D., has been named an assistant professor in the department of pharmaceutical science and research. Jones completed her doctoral work at Florida Agriculture and Mechanical University in pharmaceutical sciences with a concentration in biopharmaceutics. Her career includes serving as an instructor at Florida A & M for six years and then as an assistant professor. Her teaching interests include pharmaceutics and biopharmaceutics, biochemical pharmacology, immunology and drug metabolism.

The school of pharmacy has also added several new staff members in preparation for the fall term when the school will be at full capacity with four classes. The school’s inaugural class will graduate in spring 2016.

Choral Union rehearsals to begin Aug. 31; open to all

The Marshall University Choral Union will resume Monday rehearsals at 7 p.m. Aug. 31 in Room 150 of Smith Music Hall on the Huntington campus.

The Choral Union, open to students and community members alike, will be led by the new Director of Bands Brian Walden, who joined Marshall’s music faculty following his retirement as Commanding Officer of the United States Navy Band.

Walden said he is excited to continue the rich tradition of performances with the Choral Union.

“It is a fantastic means of bridging the wonderful surrounding communities with the Marshall family, plus we get to have fun making great music together in the process,” said Walden.

As the culmination of weekly rehearsals, the Choral Union will perform at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6. The location of the performance will be announced at a later date.

College credit for participation in the union is available but not required. For more information about the Choral Union, contact Walden by phone at 304-696-2317 or by sending an e-mail to waldenb@marshall.edu.

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