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# WE ARE...MARSHALL®

The Newsletter for Marshall University

October 7, 2015

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## Presidential finalists named; to visit South Charleston, Huntington campuses next week



Dear Faculty, Staff, Students and Alumni:

I'm pleased to announce that following a national search, the presidential search committee has identified three finalists.

These finalists were selected following a very competitive search process. The quality of these candidates is testament to Marshall's reputation and the opportunities our presidency affords.

The presidential finalists are, in alphabetical order: **Dr. Jerome A. Gilbert**, provost and executive vice president of Mississippi State University; **Dr. Christopher G. Maples**, president of Oregon Institute of Technology; and **Dr. Denis A. Wiesenburg**, professor of marine science and former provost/vice president for academic affairs of the University of Southern Mississippi.

Each finalist will visit the South Charleston and Huntington campuses next week to meet with members of the university community. The schedule of candidate visits is as follows:

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| • Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 13-14:  | Dr. Denis A. Wiesenburg   |
| • Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 14-15: | Dr. Jerome A. Gilbert     |
| • Thursday and Friday, Oct. 15-16:    | Dr. Christopher G. Maples |

CVs for each finalist and a schedule for the campus visits are available at [www.marshall.edu/presidential-search](http://www.marshall.edu/presidential-search).

Please mark your calendar and take advantage of the opportunities you will have to meet and talk with these finalists, and to provide feedback to the search committee. The open meetings will be broadcast online at <http://livestream.com/marshallu> for the convenience of those unable to attend in person.

The following links to submit feedback about the candidate visits will be available on the website:

Wiesenburg: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TD3GJVQ> (Survey open from 8 a.m. to midnight on Wednesday, Oct. 14.)

Gilbert: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TY26L9L> (Survey open from 8 a.m. to midnight on Thursday, Oct. 15.)

Maples: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TYFWYYK> (Survey open from 8 a.m. to midnight on Friday, Oct. 16.)

All comments received will be given to the members of the search committee. Questions and comments also can be e-mailed to [president@marshall.edu](mailto:president@marshall.edu).

After the campus visits are complete and the feedback has been reviewed, the search committee will present its recommendations to the Board of Governors for the final selection. The name of the selected candidate will then be forwarded to the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission for final approval.

We continue to anticipate the new president could be on board in time for the start of the spring semester.

Thank you to everyone who has been part of this process to date. Your input and continued participation will continue to be vital as we move from the search to welcoming the 37<sup>th</sup> president of Marshall University.

I particularly salute members of the search committee, each of whom has committed a great deal of time and energy to finding Marshall's next leader.

You can continue to contact us with your comments and suggestions through the website feedback form or at [president@marshall.edu](mailto:president@marshall.edu).

Best wishes,

Michael G. Sellards Chairman, Presidential Search Committee Chairman, Board of Governors

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Reminder: next presidential open house is today, Oct. 7

## Monthly Open House for the University Community

Wednesday, Oct. 7 • 3-4 p.m.  
Old Main 213

Special Guest: **INTO Marshall**

Stop by for a snack, chat with senior university leadership, and learn more about this program that brings hundreds of international students to Marshall and Huntington!

Hosted by Interim President Gary White.



Interim President Gary White and members of the university's senior management team will host the next in a series of informal monthly open houses for members of the Marshall University

community today, Wednesday, Oct. 7. It will take place from 3 to 4 p.m. in the reception area of the Office of University Communications, 213 Old Main.

White has invited representatives of INTO Marshall to be on hand to talk about their program and answer any questions those in attendance may have.

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## Music faculty hope to bring music to life with ‘Flute Stories’

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Three faculty members with the School of Music and Theatre will perform a program of “Flute Stories” at 7:30 p.m. tonight (Wednesday, Oct. 7) in Smith Recital Hall.

Dr. Wendell Dobbs, flute, will perform alongside colleagues Dr. Elizabeth Reed Smith, violin, and Dr. Johan Botes, piano.

“In a general sense, music, especially instrumental music, falls into two categories: program music, music that recounts a story, and absolute music, that which has no extramusical reference,” Dobbs said. “We’re proposing a program of ‘Flute Stories,’ flute

music that recounts, with a little help from friends, a story, or at least an image.”

The program will begin with Paul Taffanel’s “Fantasy on ‘Der Freischutz.’ ” Taffanel was the central figure in the development of modern flute technique in late 19th century Paris. In his Fantasy, Taffanel composed a virtuoso concert piece that became one of his favorites, “Chevaux de Bataille,” making use of the well-known themes from von Weber’s enormously popular opera.

In Philippe Gilbert’s “Medailles Antiques,” ancient Greek medallions inspire the music. The first medallion depicts nymphs by a fountain and the second, dancing. Smith joins Dobbs and Botes in interpreting the impressionist work.

The program concludes with Katherine Hoover’s “Medieval Suite,” a work inspired by Barbara Tuchman’s “A Distant Mirror,” a book about the history of 14th century France. Hoover uses a medieval French verse, known as a virelai, as a melodic basis for the work’s first movement. Following movements feature another folksong from the era, “Sumer Is Icumen In;” musical depictions of the Black Knight, who suffers from a wasting disease; and the betrothal of six-year-old Princess Isabelle and the Drunken Friar. All precede the final Demon’s Dance, invoked to rid one of the plague. Hoover’s music skillfully underscores Tuchman’s story of this tumultuous era of famine, pestilence and excess.

“Flute Stories” is free and open to the public.

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## Free activities scheduled until Oct. 9 for “Exercise is Medicine” on the Huntington campus



As the first registered Exercise is Medicine® campus in West Virginia, Marshall is hosting a series of events this week to promote the message that exercise is both fun and important for everyone's health and wellness.

**Exercise is Medicine® on Campus (EIM-OC)** is a program endorsed by the American College of Sports Medicine that calls upon universities and colleges to engage in the promotion of physical activity as a vital sign of health.

Sponsors for these events include the College of Health Professions and its School of Kinesiology, the Recreation Center, the Student Health Education Program, Marshall Health and Cabell Huntington Hospital. Prizes will be awarded to participants who attend the most activities. Community members in the Huntington and surrounding Tri-state areas can also participate in these events.

This week's remaining activities include:

### **Wednesday, Oct. 7: “Wellness Wednesday”**

- 12 – 2 p.m., try climbs at the Recreation Center's climbing wall
- 12 – 1 p.m., “Trail Break” at Ritter Park hosted by the Center, then join a guided trail run/hike
- Rain date scheduled for EIM Health and Wellness Fair

### **Thursday, Oct. 8: “Thirsty Thursday”**

- 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., The Student Health Education Program will distribute fruit-infused water, recipe cards and water bottles in Memorial Student Center plaza to promote water consumption
- 1 – 2 p.m., H2O Go session in Drinko Library Room 402. In this six-week challenge by PEIA Pathways to Wellness, you will be challenged to increase your water intake.
- 5 – 9 p.m., fitness classes offered to non-members at the Recreation Center. See full list of free classes at [marshall.edu/EIM](http://marshall.edu/EIM).
- 6 p.m., a group run hosted by PATH will begin at the Marshall Recreation Center. All different paces will be welcome including walkers. For more information, contact Bethany Williams at [williams237@marshall.edu](mailto:williams237@marshall.edu).

### **Friday, Oct. 9: “Fitness Friday”**

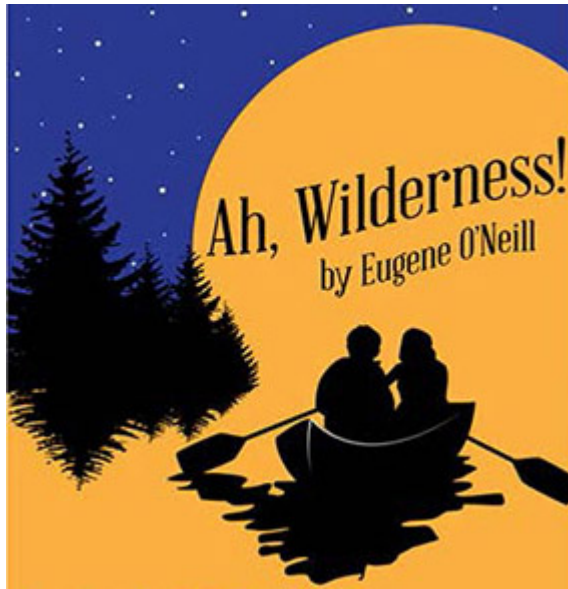
- 9 – 9:45 a.m., aqua fitness class at the Recreation Center
- 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., “Net Day” with an open gym for non-members wishing to play volleyball, racquetball and basketball at Marshall Recreation Center.

All scheduled activities are free for members of the Huntington community.



## Marshall production of “Ah, Wilderness!” continues this week

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The School of Music and Theatre is presenting “Ah, Wilderness!” by Eugene O’Neill running nightly Thursday, Oct. 8, through Saturday, Oct. 10. All performances will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Francis-Booth Experimental Theatre in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center.

The production is directed by guest artist Terry Layman, whose Broadway credits include “Cat On A Hot Tin Roof” (with Scarlett Johansson), “Twelve Angry Men,” “Proof” (with Anne Heche) and “The Ride Down Mount Morgan” (with Patrick Stewart). Layman is also an adjunct professor and director at the Hartt School in Connecticut.

“Ah, Wilderness!” is a departure from the gritty reality of the author’s renowned dramas. Taking place over the July Fourth weekend of 1906 in an idyllic Connecticut town, it offers a retrospective portrait of small-town family values, teenage growing pains and young love.

Tickets are available by calling the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center box office at ext. 6-2787. Faculty/staff tickets are \$15. MU students are admitted with a valid I.D.

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## Higher Learning Commission representatives to visit Oct. 12-13

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The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools is conducting a periodic (10-year) comprehensive evaluation of Marshall University for the purpose of reaffirming Marshall’s continuous accreditation with the HLC.

The HLC accreditation site visit will take place Monday, Oct. 12, and Tuesday, Oct. 13. A full schedule of the visit may be viewed at [www.marshall.edu/hlcaccreditationreview/files/Marshall-University-Open-Pathways-Visit\\_Schedule12.pdf](http://www.marshall.edu/hlcaccreditationreview/files/Marshall-University-Open-Pathways-Visit_Schedule12.pdf).

Drop-in sessions for students, faculty and staff during the site visit are scheduled as follows:

- Students: 1:30-2:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 12, Memorial Student Center, room 2W37
- Faculty: 5-6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 12, in the Memorial Student Center, Shawkey Dining Room.
- Staff (classified and non-classified): 8:30-9:30 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 13, in the Memorial Student Center, Shawkey Dining Room.

The assurance argument and the site-visit team schedule, along with other related HLC information, can be found at [www.marshall.edu/hlcaccreditationreview/](http://www.marshall.edu/hlcaccreditationreview/).

Marshall has been accredited with the HLC since 1928. Its last comprehensive evaluation was in 2005-06.

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## Marshall University Forensic Identification Association to host Women's Expo at Pullman Square



The Marshall University Forensic Identification Association (MUFIA) will be hosting a Women's Expo from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at Pullman Square.

A fashion show sponsored by Goodwill Industries of KYOVA and Dress for Success River Cities will be at 1 p.m. More than 20 local vendors and non-profit organizations will participate.

Exhibitors will include Beachbody®, Jamberry, Thirty-One, Younique, Zumba, Two Trees Jewelry, Le Vita Sana, The Crafty Warrior, Miss Priss Designs, Handmade Baubles, Branches Domestic Violence Shelter of Huntington, Contact of Huntington, Damsel in Defense, New Testament Freewill Baptist Church, Mission West Virginia, Dress for Success River Cities, MUFIA and the Marshall University Forensic Science Delta Delta Epsilon National Honor Society.

Door prizes from exhibitors as well as from Mary Kay® Cosmetics will be given away throughout the day.

MUFIA is a student organization composed of forensic science graduate students in Marshall's nationally recognized master's degree program.

Delta Delta Epsilon is a national honor society dedicated to recognizing and encouraging excellence in scholarship in the forensic sciences. The purpose of Delta Delta Epsilon is to



advance academic achievement, advance the fields of forensic science and foster community understanding of forensic science.

For more information, contact Amber Payne by e-mail at [hay26@marshall.edu](mailto:hay26@marshall.edu) or by phone at 304-691-8963 or Isabella Schember by phone at 989-551-4480.

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## Women Connect to focus on sex workers with events, request for donations

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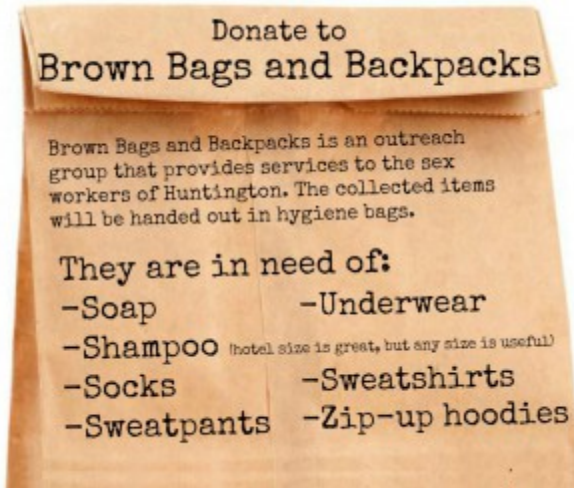
The screening of the film “Very Young Girls” next Wednesday is one of series of events this fall on the Huntington campus that highlights sex work, including sex work in the Huntington area.

“Very Young Girls,” which will be shown at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, documents the work of Rachael Lloyd, founder of Girls Educational and Mentoring Services (GEMS). A former sex worker herself, Lloyd helps girls of New York City escape the sex industry. Dr. Maggie Stone, a Marshall sociology faculty member whose research is in sex trafficking, will lead a discussion following the movie.

A book club discussion of Lloyd’s book, *Girls Like Us*, is scheduled for Oct. 21 in the Women’s Center and a panel discussion on sex work in the Huntington area, “Invisible Women,” will take place Nov. 11 in Memorial Student Center BE5.

These events are brought to the Huntington campus by MU Women Connect, which is part of Marshall’s Women’s Studies and is made up of students, faculty and staff. They focus their efforts on issues that affect women and children locally and in the state, including substance abuse and incarceration’s effects on women and children. This year, the focus is on sex trafficking.

Co-sponsors include the Women’s Center, Women’s Studies, the Student Health Education Program, the sociology department and the political science department.



In addition, donations are being solicited for Brown Bags and Backpacks, an outreach group that provides services to the sex workers of Huntington. The collected items will be handed out in hygiene bags. Items needed include soap, shampoo, socks, sweatpants, sweatshirts, underwear and zip-up hoodies. Donations can be dropped off at the Women's Center, 107 Harris Hall, or the Recreation Center, until Wednesday, Nov. 11.

*Click on graphic at left for more information on the "Brown Bags and Backpacks" drive.*

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## Quinones to give presentation on sale of drugs Oct. 15

Sam Quinones, author of *Dreamland: The True Tale of America's Opiate Epidemic*, will give a presentation, followed by a question-and-answer session, at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, in Memorial Student Center BE5.

*Dreamland* explores how the relentless marketing of pain pills, coupled with crews from a small town on the West coast of Mexico who sell heroin freely in America's heartland, has resulted in a collision that has led to America's greatest drug scourge.

The program is sponsored by HIMG, Create Huntington, the Adam Johnson Scholarship, the history department, Student Health Programs, Military and Veterans Affairs, and the social work department.

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## Master's in health care administration program recognized

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Marshall University's M.S. degree in health care administration has been named as one of the most affordable in the U.S. by Healthcare Administration Degree Programs.

The no. 18 ranking for affordability was calculated using information from the National Center for Education Statistics' College Navigator database, which is published by the National Center for Education Statistics. The editors made note of the AACSB-accredited College of Business at Marshall, highlighting the South Charleston campus, where the health care administration program is administratively housed. The program is offered on both the South Charleston and Huntington campuses.

The article can be found here: <http://www.healthcare-administration-degree.net/best/affordable-masters-healthcare-administration-degree-programs/>.

In citing Marshall's program, the article said, "Our search in the College Navigator returned 287 institutions in America offering these types of degrees. The schools were evaluated based on the total cost of attendance, including yearly tuition and fees. In-state tuition rates were used where applicable."

Marshall was also named as having one of the Best Master's in Health Administration Degrees of 2015-2016 by Public Health Online, ranking at 39th.

The complete ranking and method of calculation can be found here: <http://www.publichealthonline.org/healthcare-administration/masters-degree-programs/>.

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## Marshall expands Drinko Library's hours

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Library hours for the first floor of Drinko Library have been extended, allowing for more study space.

Beginning this week, the first floor has been staying open until 2 a.m. The upper floors will still close at 11 p.m., but the available space for studying has been doubled.

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## White receives award at Miners' Celebration

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Interim President Gary White received a “Because of You” award in the category of Management Professional at the 2015 Miners’ Celebration, which took place at Tamarack in Beckley Thursday, Oct. 1. The event is sponsored in part by Marshall University’s Center for Environmental, Geotechnical and Applied Sciences (CEGAS).

The annual reception and dinner recognized some of those who play a role in the success of the state’s mining industry.

Also at the event, Logan native Landau Eugene Murphy Jr., the winner of the 2011 “America’s Got Talent” TV show and a successful performing and recording artist, was honored with a Spirit of the Coalfields award, which is presented to individuals who have overcome events to succeed. Jasper Sugg of Man received the Homer Hickam Collier Award, which goes to a coal miner who epitomizes the spirit, dedication and skills of the mining profession.

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*Photo:* President White (center) received an award at the 2015 Miner’s Celebration Oct. 1. He is shown with author Homer Hickam (left) and singer Landau Eugene Murphy Jr.

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## Next ‘Lunch for a Buck’ to take place Oct. 13

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The Campus Christian Center’s popular ‘Lunch for a Buck’ series will take place next Tuesday, Oct. 13. Future lunches in the series are planned for Oct. 27, Nov. 10 and Dec. 8.

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## Student Support Services Program at Marshall University awarded \$1.4 million in US Department of Education Funding

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The federal Student Support Services (SSS) TRiO Program housed within Marshall University – one of the oldest such programs in the nation – has received a grant award totaling \$1.4 million from the U.S. Department of Education.

The SSS program, a retention and graduation program, has been operating at Marshall since 1971 and serves first-generation and low-income students, as well as those with disabilities. Services are designed to help them persist and graduate with their degrees.

The program offers the following services to the SSS participants: academic advising; financial literacy; assistance with financial aid process and concerns; access to computer labs with free printing; individual support and counseling; cultural events; learning community courses and living-learning community experiences; credit courses to orient students with campus, improve study skills, assist with career selection and prepare for graduate school; and leadership opportunities. It also provides \$42,000 of grant aid every year to Pell-eligible students for summer tuition and housing expenses.

Securing funding for SSS programs was intensely competitive, said Bonnie Bailey, a counselor with the Student Support Services Program since July 2005. The funding, which will be awarded in annual increments of \$284,754, will allow the program to serve its 200 annual students for the next five years. Through this grant, students will have the opportunity to continue their goals and reach success.

In this year's report to the U.S. Department of Education, Marshall's SSS Program marked a retention rate of 90 percent and 98 percent of students were in good academic standing. The program was funded with a 70 percent goal for persistence and an 82 percent goal for good academic standing.

Prior to being the director and counselor of the SSS Program, Bailey worked as a residential, outpatient, and school-based therapist. Bailey is a graduate of Marshall, having received her B.A. in counseling and M.A. in mental health counseling. She will graduate in December 2015 with an Ed.S. in counseling curriculum. She is a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) and Approved Licensed Professional Supervisor (ALPS) for the State of West Virginia.

“Being a first-generation college student and TRiO participant, I feel honored to have the opportunity to help students utilize their potential to reach their goals and succeed in their future endeavors,” she said. “Making the numbers and meeting the grant's objectives are important; however, the impact of working with our students produces far more than just high retention and graduation rates.”



## Faculty/Staff Achievement: Dr. Slav Gratchev

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Dr. Slav N. Gratchev, assistant professor of Spanish, has published a scholarly article, “Prince Myshkin as a Tragic Interpretation of Don Quixote,” in *Cervantes* 35.1 (2015). *Cervantes* is one of the most influential scholarly journals in the field of Hispanic Studies and publishes scholarly articles concerned with Miguel de Cervantes’ works and life.

In his article, Gratchev argues that while Don Quixote can be considered a primary model for Prince Myshkin, the protagonist of the famous Dostoevsky novel *The Idiot*, Jesus Christ has always been the primary philosophical agent of his literary appearance. By exploring the phenomenon of Myshkin’s double orientation, toward Don Quixote and Jesus Christ, Gratchev suggests that the tragic interpretation of Don Quixote’s literary twin was inevitable, as the character’s “answerability” (Bakhtin) was artificially hampered by the will of the author.

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## Marshall movie shown to educational counselors in Thailand

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INTO Marshall representatives in Thailand showed the “We Are Marshall” movie to educational counselors last month.

Participants were were ferried to the event on a *tuk-tuk* adorned with Marshall pennants and flags, said Tom Keenan, INTO’s recruitment director for east Asia.

“We ran a short presentation, put on a light dinner and then got down to the business of watching the movie,” Keenan reported. “They loved the movie and maybe even a few of them cried.”

He added that after the movie, they gave a quiz on the movie and Marshall. The following day, participants received a thank you by e-mail with a short PowerPoint presentation attached.

“Hopefully, we have created a great impression regarding Marshall and INTO that will translate into students,” Keenan concluded.






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Photos: (Above) Group picture of those in attendance at the showing of the “We Are Marshall” movie in Thailand. (Below left): A tuk-tuk is a small motorized version of a rickshaw. This one was used to transport participants to the event. (Below right) Counselors watch “We Are Marshall.”

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## Marshall to help bring Science Olympiad to West Virginia for students grades 6-12

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for the national tournament in May.

The College of Science is bringing the Science Olympiad to West Virginia for its second year. The opportunity is for students in grades 6 through 12.

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, 2016, on the Huntington campus. Winners of the West Virginia competition will travel to the University of Wisconsin-Stout,

Teams will compete in a series of 23 challenges, including those in life and social sciences; earth and space science, physical science and chemistry; technology and engineering; and scientific inquiry. Topics include entomology, fossils, crime science, bridge building and experimental design. A complete list is available online at [www.soinc.org/short\\_event\\_descriptions](http://www.soinc.org/short_event_descriptions).

Dr. Jennifer Mosher, assistant professor of biological sciences, who, along with co-director Melissa Fox, is coordinating the West Virginia event, said that in most cases, individual schools will form teams of 15 students for the competition. However, in the case of more rural locations, a team of students may represent several schools. There are also opportunities for home-schooled students.

Teams may register until Jan. 29, with registration fees due no later than Feb. 5. Cost per team is \$250 and additional teams from the same school are \$150 each.

“Last year’s event was a great experience for the West Virginia students who participated,” Mosher said. “This year, we hope even more students will compete in our state.”

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

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## Proposals sought for anthropological conference next spring

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The 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southern Anthropological Society will be held in Huntington from April 7-9, 2016, according to Dr. Brian A. Hoey from the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, who is serving as conference and program chair.

The orienting theme of the conference is publicly engaged, locally committed applications of social and allied sciences. Hoey is seeking proposals for organized sessions, forums and special events, as well as individually volunteered papers and posters, that bring together a variety of inter-disciplinary as well as non-academic interpretations, document processes of change at the local level, and imagine possible resilient futures for the places where people both live and work.

Beyond what might be considered “traditional” academic conference fare such as papers and posters, Hoey would like to consider proposals for a broad range of offerings that engage participants with the conference theme in informative and compelling ways, such as short films, poetry readings, art exhibits and interpretive dance, among others. Hoey says he would like us to “reimagine the ways that we may each express our work and findings in light of what matters for people at the local context.” Hoey says he envisions a dynamic meeting space that will connect a wide range of academics and non-academics in an exchange of experiences, ideas, and plans that can lead to more positive impact together in communities.

The conference will be hosted by the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at the Big Sandy Conference Center in downtown Huntington. **Proposal submissions are due Monday, Feb. 1, 2016.** Information and instructions regarding registration and proposal submission are available at the conference portal: [http://mds.marshall.edu/sas\\_conference/](http://mds.marshall.edu/sas_conference/). The organized sessions (and other organized event proposals) must be submitted in full (all titles, participants, and abstracts) *by the organizer* before the deadline.

For more information, contact Hoey by e-mail at [hoey@marshall.edu](mailto:hoey@marshall.edu). Find the SAS on Twitter: [@southernanthro](#) and [#SAS2016WV](#).

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The next regular issue of *We Are...Marshall* will be distributed Oct. 14, 2015. Please send any materials for consideration to [Pat Dickson](#) by 5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 12.