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More than 1,700 to graduate May 7

More than 1,700 students will graduate from Marshall Saturday, May 7. Most will be recognized in a pair of commencement ceremonies that day at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena in downtown Huntington.

For the fifth consecutive year, Marshall will conduct two commencement ceremonies on the same day. The 9 a.m. ceremony is for bachelor’s and associate degree candidates, and a 2 p.m. ceremony the same day is for master’ and doctoral degree candidates.

Among the 1,703 students receiving degrees are 1,032 undergraduates, 500 graduate students, 75 from the School of Pharmacy, 60 students from the School of Medicine, and 36 from the School of Physical Therapy.

Marshall Registrar Roberta Ferguson said 471 undergraduate students will graduate with honors. Ninety-three will graduate summa cum laude (3.85 to 4.0 GPA), 153 magna cum laude (3.6 to 3.84 GPA) and 223 cum laude (3.3 to 3.59 GPA). Two students receiving associate degrees will graduate with honors.

Marshall President Jerome Gilbert will preside at both ceremonies.

Menis E. Ketchum II, the West Virginia Supreme Court Chief Justice, will be the guest speaker during the morning ceremony. Ketchum is a native of Wayne County, having graduated from Vinson High School in 1960, then from Ohio University and next from law school at West Virginia University.

Separate ceremonies will take place for pharmacy and medical school graduates. The inaugural graduation ceremony for the School of Pharmacy is at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 5, and the medical school ceremony is set for 5 p.m. Friday, May 6, both at the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center. The official graduation date on medical and pharmacy diplomas is May 7.

Commencement notes

- Each commencement ceremony will be streamed live on the Web. The link will be available on the MU website at www.marshall.edu/it/livestream. As a way of recognizing each
graduate’s achievement, a downloadable copy of the commencement ceremony will be available, free of charge, courtesy of the Marshall University Alumni Association. Visit www.herdalum.com to download a free copy of the ceremony.

- Marshall will provide shuttle buses to transport graduates and guests to the arena. Graduates and guests are encouraged to park on university lots at the 6th Avenue Parking Facility, the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center, Joan C. Edwards Stadium or across from Smith Hall (Lot F). Shuttle service will begin at 7:45 a.m. for the 9 a.m. ceremony and at noon for the 2 p.m. ceremony. After commencement, buses will transport passengers back to campus.
- Legacy Photographics will take photographs of the graduates, then send proof information to graduates using e-mail addresses a few days after the ceremony. Purchase of photographs is optional.
- Parking is available in the garage on Third Avenue across from the Big Sandy Superstore Arena. Parking in this garage is available on weekends at no charge. Additional parking is available in the Pullman Square garages for a minimal fee.

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**Student diagnosed with meningitis; university following CDC protocol**

Marshall University officials yesterday were notified that one of its students has been diagnosed with bacterial meningitis, an inflammation of the membranes that cover the brain and spinal cord. The student became ill over the weekend and has been hospitalized since yesterday.

University health officials are responding immediately to help ensure the safety of the university community per guidelines established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and in consultation with the Cabell-Huntington Health Department.

According to the CDC, although bacterial meningitis is contagious, it is not spread by casual contact or by simply breathing the air where an infected individual has been. The disease is usually transmitted through direct exchange of respiratory secretions such as when coughing, sharing drinks, kissing or being in close proximity to someone affected for an extended period of time. A course of antibiotics is normally recommended for those who have had such contact with an individual with a confirmed diagnosis. Antibiotics are not recommended for casual classroom contact.

People who may have been in sustained, close contact with the Marshall student are being identified, screened and advised if they should begin a dosage of preventative antibiotics.

Bacterial meningitis is treatable but requires immediate medical attention. According to the CDC, symptoms typically develop within three to seven days after exposure and include fever, headache, stiff neck, nausea, vomiting, rash, sleepiness, increased sensitivity to light and altered
mental state. Anyone exhibiting these symptoms should contact their medical care provider immediately.

Amy Saunders of Marshall’s Student Health Education Program said the risk of contracting meningitis is low and additional cases are unlikely. She added that the risk is even lower for people who have received the vaccination, which is recommended but not required for Marshall students.

Health department officials will be on hand tomorrow, Wednesday, May 4, to answer questions from students, faculty and staff from noon to 3 p.m. in the Counseling Center located on the first floor of Pritchard Hall.

Students with questions or concerns can also contact Student Health Services. For information about the hours and location of Student Health, visit www.marshall.edu/studenthealth.

For more information about bacterial meningitis, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at www.cdc.gov/meningitis/bacterial.html.

Reminder: Final open house of the academic year to take place today

The final open house of the academic year, hosted by President Gilbert and members of the university’s senior management team, takes place today from 3-4 p.m. in the reception area of the Office of University Communications, 213 Old Main.

Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome to come and talk with administrators about topics of their choice.
School of Pharmacy plans inaugural graduation tomorrow

Thomas E. Menighan, R. Ph., M.B.A., executive vice president and chief executive officer of the American Pharmacists Association, will give the commencement address at the inaugural School of Pharmacy graduation scheduled for 7 p.m., Thursday, May 5, at the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center.

Menighan, a Sistersville, West Virginia, native, graduated from West Virginia University School of Pharmacy in 1974 and earned a master’s degree in business from Averett College in 1990. A successful entrepreneur who has developed several pharmacy-related national companies, Menighan’s name is also well-known in Huntington as the founder and 20-year owner of the Medicine Shoppe.

A longtime advocate of a health care system that includes pharmacists as part of the treatment team, Menighan was a top choice for speaker.

“We are so pleased that Tom accepted our invitation for this inaugural graduation. More than four years ago as we looked ahead, I envisioned this first commencement and its significance,” said Kevin W. Yingling, R.Ph., M.D., dean of the School of Pharmacy. “As we prepare for graduation, I can say without hesitation, the school’s impact has been even greater than we first imagined and I couldn’t be more proud of our students, faculty and staff for their amazing contributions to our school, community and state.”

Seventy-six students will graduate with their Doctor of Pharmacy degrees. A dozen class members will move forward with their training in residencies across the nation, while others will go directly into the workforce including positions at retail pharmacies, hospitals and research.

Attendance at the School of Pharmacy commencement is by invitation only, but it will be streamed live at https://livestream.com/marshallu.

Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine marks annual investiture ceremony

The Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine will award 61 Doctor of Medicine degrees at the school’s annual investiture ceremony at 5 p.m. Friday, May 6, at the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center. Admission is by invitation only.
The doctoral investiture and medical school commencement ceremony is a time-honored tradition in academia that honors scholarly achievement. The School of Medicine ceremony features the conferring of the students’ degrees by President Jerome A. Gilbert, Ph.D.; the hooding of new graduates; and recitation of The Oath of Hippocrates.

This year’s special guest speaker for the investiture is Myron E. “Max” Essex, D.V.M., Ph.D., chair of the Harvard AIDS Initiative (HAI), the Mary Woodard Lasker Professor of Health Sciences at Harvard University, and chair of the Botswana Harvard AIDS Institute Partnership (BHP).

As one of the world’s leading AIDS researchers, Essex has published more than 600 scholarly papers, edited 12 books and trained 35 doctoral research students and 80 postdoctoral fellows. Essex has received nine honorary degrees and countless awards. He will be awarded an honorary Doctor of Science degree at the ceremony.

Graduates of the Class of 2016 include five students who have maintained perfect 4.0 GPAs during their medical school years. This class features students who have matched into highly competitive residency specialties, like orthopaedics, emergency medicine, radiology, ophthalmology, urology, as well as students paired into prestigious primary care programs across the country.

The investiture will be streamed live at www.marshall.edu/it/livestream. The ceremony also includes recognition of graduates from the Biomedical Sciences program and the announcement of the School of Medicine Alumni Association’s Honorary Alumnus for 2016.

*Alum gives Department of Communications Disorders $101,000*

Dan Garrett, a 1972 alumnus of the Department of Communications Disorders, and wife, Jo Ann, presented a $101,000 ceremonial check to the Marshall University Foundation, Inc., last Friday to establish a scholarship and program fund to benefit Communications Disorders.

At a ceremony outside the Brad D. Smith Foundation Hall, Garrett spoke about his sister, Sally, and how speech therapists had impacted her quality of life while she struggled with a progressive neurological disorder that eventually robbed her of the ability to breathe.
The money donated will be allocated with $75,000 for the Sally Garrett Walters Memorial Scholarship program and $25,000 for support of student educational experiences including future study abroad trips.

Photo: Pictured from left are President Jerome Gilbert; Dr. Karen McNealy, chair of the Communications Disorders Department; Dr. Michael Prewitt, dean of the College of Health Professions; Dr. Ron Area, chief executive officer for the Marshall University Foundation; and Jo Ann and Dan Garrett. Photo by Rick Haye.

Marshall University receives 2016 Environmental Partnership Award for stormwater program

Marshall University has received the 2016 Environmental Partnership Award from the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP).

Under the leadership of environmental specialist Travis Bailey, the university has made serious strides to improve the region’s water quality through its stormwater program, according to Matt Collier, environmental inspector for the WVDEP.

“Through Travis’ efforts, Marshall has installed green roofs throughout campus and continues to comply with the MS4 permit requirement of capturing the first one inch of rainfall from new development with the building of their new athletics complex and engineering building,” Collier said. “Marshall’s timely response and attention to detail helped to keep sediment out of the storm sewer system, which ultimately flows to Huntington Sanitary Board’s Combined Sewer System (CSO). This helps to prevent pollutants from reaching the Ohio River and any blockages within the aging CSO system.”

Bailey was hired over four years ago to implement the university’s Stormwater Management Program. He said the disposition of stormwater is limited to three ways: evaporation, absorption or going down the drain.

“If stormwater goes down the drain, then there is a good chance it will enter the Ohio River. Stormwater is known to carry pollutants (bacteria, nutrients, metals, etc.) into the receiving streams,” Bailey said. “These pollutants can impact aquatic life, recreational use, and probably most importantly our drinking water. Marshall’s team can’t clean up the river all by
ourselves, we can only do our part, but we can show others what does and does not work based on our own trials of new technology."

Bailey noted the university has been able to install two green roofs, which act as sponges to absorb water and allow plants to use the pollutants. He said the soil acts as a filter and will delay the discharge of the water, help insulate the building to lower energy use and increase the longevity of the roof.

“We have two rain gardens, rain barrels, a permeable paver pad—all of these are experimental projects being used to see how technology is going to hold up in our climate. Since the installation of these technologies is new to our area, most people are afraid to use them due to the unknown,” Bailey said. “We want to help educate and show people that they don’t have to be an engineer or have a lot of money to implement most of these practices in their homes. Stormwater is not a Marshall issue or a Huntington issue, but a community issue that could be greatly improved if we all join together.”

The Environmental Collaboration Committee who helped Bailey implement the project included representatives from the university’s College of Science, College of Liberal Arts, Housing and Residence Life, Career Services and the Physical Plant.

An award ceremony will take place Monday, May 16, at the WVDEP Headquarters in Charleston.

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Photos: (Above) Dr. Charles Somerville, dean of the university’s College of Science, is shown installing new trays to complete the green roof last spring. (Below) Dr. Jeff Kovatch, a professor in the Department of Biological Sciences, assisted in installing new trays as well as removing dividers to allow the plants to create their own ecosystem.

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13th annual Empty Bowls raises $17,000

With $17,000 raised, Huntington’s 13th annual Empty Bowls has provided Facing Hunger Foodbank with the power to purchase 127,500 meals for those in need in the Tri-State.

“With this year’s earnings, we can now say Huntington Empty Bowls has given Facing Hunger Foodbank the purchasing power of more than 1.3 million meals since it began in 2003,” said Don
Van Horn, dean of the College of Arts and Media. “The incredible impact is the result of many, and that starts with our students, who contribute the vast majority of the bowls sold to generate the funding to support the Foodbank.”

Between Marshall ceramics students, Huntington Museum of Art contributions and local potters, more than 1,000 handcrafted bowls were sold April 15 during this year’s Empty Bowls. Each Empty Bowl sold for $15 and included a modest lunch. Each purchase also represented a 112.5-meal buying power (7.5 meals per dollar) to Facing Hunger Foodbank, according to Bethany Freeman, director of communications for Facing Hunger Foodbank.

“We have seen growth in our ability to stretch a dollar,” said Freeman. “Our conversion rate this year allows us to supply 7.5 meals for every $1 raised. Last year the buying power was only 6 meals for every $1.”

Speaking at the check presentation were Van Horn; Dr. Jerome Gilbert, president of the university; Diana Van Horn, director of the Cridlin Food and Clothing Pantry and Christian Associates representative; Frederick Bartolovic, assistant professor of Marshall’s ceramics program; and Cynthia Kirkhart, executive director of Facing Hunger Foodbank.

This year marked the first Huntington Empty Bowls for Gilbert. He volunteered for three hours at the event and purchased a bowl.

“I picked out a very beautiful green bowl, which I have on my desk at home,” Gilbert said. “Every time I see the bowl, I think of the Empty Bowls project and what a meaningful and valuable service it was to raise for our food pantry here in town.

“I want to commend the students at Marshall for utilizing such a creative way to give service to our community and help people in need and give them one of the necessities in life—nutrients and food. I think it's a great tribute to the spirit of Marshall.”

Also on hand were students from the ceramics class, Monty Fulton of First Presbyterian Church, Sam Kincaid of B’nai Sholom Congregation and Beth Caruthers with Marshall’s University Communications.

Huntington’s Empty Bowls is made possible by Marshall University, Christian Associates, First Presbyterian Church, B’nai Sholom Congregation and the Huntington Museum of Art, as well as the donations received from local potters, restaurants, bakeries, churches, organizations and individuals.

A video of the event can be seen online at bit.ly/13thAnnualEmptyBowlsVideo

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Photos: (Above) Assistant Professor of Ceramics Frederick Bartolovic unveiled the $17,000 ceremonial check from the 13th annual Empty Bowls event. (Below) Students, organizers and volunteers from the 13th annual Empty Bowls event presented a ceremonial check for the $17,000 proceeds to Cynthia Kirkhart, executive director of the Facing Hunger Foodbank (third from right).

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CITE dean receives Outstanding Civil Engineering Educator of the Year for 2015

Dr. Wael Zatar, professor and dean of the College of Information Technology and Engineering, has been named recipient of the 2015 West Virginia Outstanding Civil Engineering Educator of the Year award by the West Virginia section of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

This award is a prestigious one, given to an individual who is a distinguished Civil Engineering educator, tenured faculty in a West Virginia Engineering School, a resident of the state of West Virginia at the time of nomination and a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE).

Only two awards have been given in West Virginia, and both recipients were faculty members at Marshall University. Zatar was nominated by Shelley W. Porter, P.E., project manager of West Virginia American Water Company and a member of the WVASCE.

Zatar also is a past president of the West Virginia section of the ASCE.

Zatar serves as the director for the Multi-Modal Transportation and Infrastructure Consortium, Marshall’s Transportation Center, Innovations and Asset Management of Sustainable Transportation Infrastructure Systems Program, and associate director of the Mid-Atlantic Transportation Sustainability Center.

He also has taught 12 undergraduate courses, four undergraduate laboratory classes, 11 graduate classes and two graduate laboratory classes, all of which were centered on analysis, behavior and design of concrete materials and structure.

He has received recognition from the American Society of Civil Engineers, PreCast/Prestressed Concrete Institute, American Concrete Institute, Japan Society of Civil Engineers, Japan Society for the Promotion of Sciences, the Transportation Research Board, Structural Engineering Institute, International Institute for FRP in Construction, and the National Computational Science Institute.
Previously employed at the University of Kentucky and West Virginia University Tech, Zatar has been at Marshall for the past 10 years. After serving as the interim dean of the College of Information Technology and Engineering (CITE) for nine months, he later became the permanent dean in May, 2012. He has over 25 years of research and experience in the field of pre-stressed concrete structures, seismic design and retrofit of bridge structures which gained him national and international acclaim as well as awards from the United States, Japan, Canada and Mexico.

Zatar has more than 100 technical publications in book chapters, international journals, peer-reviewed conferences and technical reports. He currently is serving as a member of 31 national engineering/education committees.
Marshall offers free Lunch and Learn workshop to promote green cleaning for businesses

The Lewis College of Business has partnered with Aetna Integrated Services to host a free Lunch and Learn workshop dedicated to educating the regions’ business owners about the power of green cleaning.

The “Green Cleaning for Your Business” Lunch and Learn workshop will begin 11:30 a.m., Thursday, May 19 at the Brad D. Smith Foundation Hall. Registration is free for all community members. Space is limited and those interested in attending are encouraged to sign up immediately. Lunch will be provided.

Green cleaning is considered effective cleaning which protects health without harming the environment, according to Margie Phillips, energy management coordinator.

“Green cleaning is catching on quickly and it is increasingly being recognized as a no-brainer strategy for facilities concentrating on environmental goals,” Phillips said. “Through our workshop, we want businesses to understand the science behind cleaning, and how the chemicals in products can affect human health. Properly selecting and using green cleaning products can help safeguard the health and safety of not only our workforce, but our planet as well.”

Phillips said utilizing green cleaning methods in a business is the best way to become environmentally friendly.

“Many cleaning products contain toxic chemicals, which are harmful to your employee’s health,” Phillips said. “Green cleaning products improve indoor air quality, reduce risk from exposure, and protect the environment, while maintaining a healthy level of cleanliness and disinfection.”

Presentations by Doug Chapman, vice president of development for Aetna Integrated Services, and Dan McSweeney, global strategic account manager for the Tennant Company, will dispel myths behind green cleaning and discuss how businesses and individuals can be good stewards of the environment through the use of nonhazardous chemicals, proper equipment, processes, consumables, materials and recycling.

For more information, contact Glen Midkiff, director of stakeholder development for the Lewis College of Business at midkiff@marshall.edu or contact Phillips by calling ext. 6-2324 or e-mailing philli10@marshall.edu. Register online at http://cleaninggreen.eventbrite.com.

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The Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine has created a new department of dentistry, oral and maxillofacial surgery, Joseph I. Shapiro, M.D., dean of the school of medicine, announced last week.

This announcement coincides with another recent announcement that the School of Medicine will partner with Cabell Huntington Hospital on a new one-year, general practice dental residency program beginning July 1.

“In order to maximize success of the new residency program, the School of Medicine and Marshall Health have created dedicated departments for dental residency training and the practice of dentistry,” Shapiro said. “This new structure will allow us to address oral health disparities in our region and the serious health problems that may come as a result.”

Shapiro also announced that Raj K. Khanna, D.M.D., M.D., will serve as department chairman. Khanna is a professor and board-certified oral and maxillofacial surgeon who has served as the division chief of oral and maxillofacial surgery under the department of surgery since 2002. Khanna earned his Doctor of Medicine from MCP Hahnemann School of Medicine in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and his Doctor of Dental Medicine from the University of Pittsburgh, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He completed residencies at Mt. Sinai Medical Center in Cleveland, Ohio, and Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh.

“I am honored to lead this new initiative at the School of Medicine,” Khanna said. “Oral health is my passion and such a critical component of health care, especially in our region. By combining oral and maxillofacial surgery with general dentistry, we are now able to provide the comprehensive oral care that so many patients need.”

In addition to providing continued services in oral and maxillofacial surgery, the new department, under the name Marshall Dentistry & Oral Surgery, will begin offering comprehensive general dental services for adults and children, including adults and children with special needs, with the addition of several dentists in late summer 2016.

Khanna will continue seeing patients at his current Marshall University Medical Center office until the new Marshall Dentistry & Oral Surgery office opens Aug. 1. The newly renovated dental clinic will be housed in the Fairfield Building, adjacent to Cabell Huntington Hospital. Clinic hours will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Photo: Dr. Raj K. Khanna will lead the School of Medicines new department of dentistry, oral and maxillofacial surgery
The 2016 winners of the Maier Awards, sponsored annually by the Maier Foundation Inc., and hosted by Marshall University’s College of Liberal Arts, were announced last month during a ceremony at the Brad D. Smith Foundation Hall.

Outstanding high school students and Marshall students in both Latin and writing competitions were recognized during the awards ceremony.

The Maier Latin Cup Awards were established in 1979 by William J. Maier Jr., father of former Maier Foundation President Ed Maier, to repay in some way the special attention his high school Latin teacher at Huntington High School showed him.

A high school graduate at the age of 16, William Maier received an award then given by West Virginia University, which named him the top Latin student in the state. He credited the extra devotion to Latin and Latin students by his teacher as having helped him secure a scholarship to Harvard College.

The Maier Latin Cup Awards celebrate publicly the best high school Latin students in West Virginia. They are administered by the Department of Classics.

Also, the Department of Classics sponsors the Maier Latin Scholarship, which is underwritten by the Maier Foundation. This $2,000 scholarship is intended to support the work of a student presently pursuing a Latin major at Marshall and who is enrolled in advanced Latin classes.

The William J. Maier Writing Awards were established in 1972 by William J. Maier Jr., in honor of his father. These awards, for excellence in writing, are presented annually to students enrolled in English classes at Marshall.

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Photo: Abigail Pullen, right, receives the 2016 Maier Latin Scholarship from Dr. Del Chrol.
Retiring CITE faculty member to be honored; reception planned for grads

The College of Information Technology and Engineering has two events planned this week in conjunction with commencement.

First, at 3 p.m. Friday, May 6, Jonathan Thompson, associate professor in computer science, will be honored at a farewell reception as he enters retirement.

Next, at about 3:30 p.m., the College of Information Technology and Engineering graduation reception for both undergrads and graduate students will take place. Both events will be held in the Churchill Hodges Atrium in the Arthur Weisberg Family Applied Engineering Complex.

The university community is encouraged to attend.

Renewable Energy in West Virginia: Projects and Prospects subject of 2016 conference in Huntington

The West Virginia Division of Energy (WVDOE) and the Center for Business and Economic Research (CBER) at Marshall have partnered to host the Renewable Energy in West Virginia: Projects and Prospects in 2016 conference Thursday, May 12, at the Brad D. Smith Foundation Hall in Huntington.

The conference will bring together organizations and individuals with experience implementing and managing renewable energy projects in West Virginia.

This event will feature presentations from West Virginia-based business, research and project development leaders in the realm of renewable energy. Attendees will learn about a wide variety of projects underway in the areas of hydropower, solar, enhanced geothermal, biomass, CO2 uptake by forests and production of CO2 offsets through reforestation. Projects include current production and development efforts as well as ideas to expand future resource utilization.
The conference will feature speakers representing organizations including Advanced Hydro Solutions, Appalachian Power, CEGAS/WVBAC, Geostellar, Hamer Pellet Fuels, the MU Chemistry Department, STF Group, Inc., Virginia Conservation Legacy Fund Inc., West Virginia University, and West Virginia State University’s Energy and Environmental Science Institute.

The event is free and open to the public; however all participants must register for the event in order to attend. Additional conference details, including presentation topics, speakers, and registration are available on the event registration page. Visit marshall.edu/cber for more information.

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Marshall Health expands pediatric office on Route 60

Marshall Pediatrics has expanded its 5170 Route 60 East office in Huntington, just off the 29th Street exit.

Renovations to the existing Marshall Pediatrics clinic include an expanded waiting room, which still features general and well-child areas, and the addition of the three new exam rooms.

Marshall Pediatrics, a department of Marshall Health, also added an additional physician at this site for both scheduled appointments and walk-ins. Aaron McGuffin, M.D., a board-certified pediatrician and associate professor of pediatrics with the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, is now accepting new patients at this location. McGuffin is no longer scheduling patients at Marshall Pediatrics’ Marshall University Medical Center office.

“Based on the volume of patients utilizing this location and our walk-in clinic, we needed to adjust the existing footprint in order to create a space that allows patients to wait comfortably while reducing the amount of wait time,” said Joseph Evans, M.D., chair of the department of pediatrics.

This site also houses Marshall Pediatric NowCare, which provides pediatric walk-in services Monday through Friday, 1 to 8:30 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Shutdown Week at Recreation Center scheduled May 9-13

Monday, May 9, will mark the beginning of the eighth annual Shutdown Week for the Recreation Center. The facility will reopen at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 14.

Recreation Center staff will have various tasks, such as deep cleaning of fitness and exercise equipment and tile and floor cleaning. There will also be some painting, window cleaning, lighting upgrades, climbing wall maintenance, and much more. The locker room/restroom areas will see some upgrades and will also be cleaned and disinfected.

Beginning May 14, the building will follow the summer break hours of 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Friday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday; and, 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday.

Gerber, Hartley, Hoops, Lanham join Business Hall of Fame

The Lewis College of Business Advisory Board has voted four highly successful business leaders into the LCOB’s Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony took place last Thursday.

The 2016 Hall of Fame inductees are Michael W. Gerber, Carol Hartley, Jeff Hoops and Charles C. Lanham (1928-2015). Following is information about each of them.

Michael W. Gerber
Certified Public Accountant

Michael Gerber began his career with Hayflich & Steinberg, CPAs (now Hayflich CPAs) in 1961 as an intern while an undergraduate at Marshall University. He became a full-time staff member after graduating with his B.B.A. in Accounting from Marshall in 1963 and became a Certified Public Accountant in 1967.

Three years later, in 1970, he became a partner in the firm. From 1970 through 2004, he served as the Accounting and Audit Partner and subsequently the Managing Partner. From 2005 through 2007, he served as Chief Operating Officer. Although he retired as a partner in 2005, he continued to serve in a consulting capacity through 2009. Gerber has been a member of the Lewis College of Business Advisory board since 2004 as well being a member of the LCOB Division of Accountancy and Legal Environment Advisory Board.
Gerber has been involved in the United Way, which he has served as a member of citizen review panels, personnel and finance committees, as well as chair of the allocation committees; the Huntington Pediatric Clinic and its foundation, both of which he has served as president several times, and the Cabell Huntington Foundation Board, of which he is a past chair.

He has been recognized with the Public Service Award of the West Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants, as a Kentucky Colonel by the Commonwealth of Kentucky and as a member of the Cabell Huntington Hospital Medallion Society.

His association memberships include, among others, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants; the West Virginia and Ohio societies of Certified Public Accountants; Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity; the City Club of Huntington, which he served as secretary and treasurer; and the Rotary Club.

Gerber’s hobbies include flying, photography, fishing, hiking, traveling, driving and music. He and his wife, Elizabeth Daniel Gerber, have been married for over 50 years. He is the son of Floyd David and Georgia Wingate Gerber, and has one sister, Lucinda Jane Gerber.

Carol Hartley  
Vice President, Wealth Management  
Morgan Stanley

Carol Hartley grew up in Ravenswood, West Virginia, and graduated from Ohio University in 1967 with an A.B. in English. Hartley is proud of her Ohio University legacy, as her great-grandfather graduated from that university in 1876. After graduation, she married, had one daughter and soon divorced. In 1975, at the age of 30, she explained to her 6-year-old daughter that they both would be starting in school, her daughter in first grade at Ceredo-Kenova and Mom in the “seventeenth grade” at Marshall University.

As a nontraditional student, Hartley was able to work during the day and take most of the required classes in the evening. It was the late seventies and the business workforce, particularly in the financial services industry, was overwhelmingly male. Acquiring the Marshall M.B.A. in 1977 meant more serious and productive interviews.

Hartley worked two years as associate marketing director for Kanawha Banking and Trust (now United National Bank). In 1980, at a friend’s urging, she became a stockbroker with what is now Morgan Stanley. In an effort to give back to Marshall, she has served on the Marshall College of Business Advisory Board since 1992. She was the first woman president of that board from 1998 to 1999.
She has been a speaker for the College’s Executive in Residence Program and a guest lecturer for two years for the Senior Economic Capstone experience. In 2001, she was appointed to the Marshall University Board of Governors. She is also a board member emeritus of the Marshall University Foundation.

Hartley is happily married to Dave Chenoweth and they live in Charleston with their cat, Lola. Her daughter, Heather, lives in Europe and Carnegie Mellon University Press has just published her second book.

Jeff Hoops
President and CEO
Revelation Mining

Jeff Hoops is founder, president and CEO of Revelation Energy LLC, one of the largest independent coal producers in the U.S., with over 700 employees and approximately $200 million per year in revenue. He began his career in the coal industry 42 years ago at age 17 with Consol Energy, then joined United Coal in Bristol, Virginia, as corporate chief engineer. He then relocated to Madison, West Virginia, as vice president of operations in 1984.

United Coal was acquired by Arch Coal in 1992 and Hoops became vice president of operations for that company, managing operations in Utah, Colorado, Wyoming, Illinois, Virginia, Kentucky and West Virginia until his departure in 1999. He then formed his own company, Trinity Coal Company, which became the largest independent producer in Central Appalachia until acquired by Essar Mineral, a steel company based in India in 2008, which allowed him to form Revelation Energy LLC.

In addition to his ventures in coal, Hoops also founded Black Diamond Insurance Agency in Allen, Kentucky, and owns and operates J.B. Long Sampling Company and Shamrock Scales in Knoxville, Tennessee; Active Medical LLC in Hurricane, West Virginia; Lexington Coal Company, with more than 1 billion tons of coal reserves in 6 states; Republic Industries, Wayland, Kentucky; and Triple H Real Estate. He also founded the Hoops Family Foundation.

The foundation has been involved in many projects around the world, such as an orphanage in India that provides a home and Christian education to over 2,200 children; a facility in the Dominican Republic that allows about 4,000 young people to do short term mission trips each year; a 63-unit dormitory for students at Appalachian Bible College in Beckley, West Virginia; an all-sport indoor athletic facility at the University of Pikeville in Kentucky; the new basketball practice facility at West Virginia University; the Hoops Family Field Soccer Stadium at the Veterans Memorial Soccer Complex at Marshall University, and the Hoops Family Children’s Hospital at Cabell Huntington Hospital.
He is a former board member at Appalachian Bible College and a member of SCORE International, Encounter Revival Ministries and Mount Vernon Baptist Church in Hurricane, West Virginia, where he serves on the finance committee.

Hoops has an A.S. in mining engineering from Bluefield State College, a B.A. in economics from Davis and Elkins College, and an Executive M.B.A. from Syracuse University. He resides in Milton, West Virginia, with his wife of 42 years, Trish, and has 3 sons and 4 grandchildren.

Charles C. Lanham (1928-2015)
President – Citizens National Bank of Point Pleasant

Mr. Charles C. Lanham, the son of Stanton and Westa (Jones) Lanham, was born Sept. 12, 1928 in Kanawha County and later graduated from Ripley High School in 1946. Lanham then went on to serve his country in the United States Army from 1946 to 1948. Upon his return, he enrolled at Marshall University and graduated in 1952. He also graduated from the West Virginia School of Banking in 1956, the Graduate School of Consumer Banking of the University of Virginia in 1958, Graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin in 1962 and the Senior Bank Officer at Harvard University in 1968.

While developing his banking career, he served his alma mater on numerous high levels for decades. In the mid-1950s, a young Lanham served on the Charter Board of Directors at Marshall College while he resided in Ripley, West Virginia. He continued to be active for many years with the Alumni Association in Huntington, and later became actively involved with the Mason/Gallia/Meigs Chapter located in Point Pleasant. He nurtured that chapter, which provided thousands of dollars for scholarships for the Big Green. In 1977, Lanham was honored by the Alumni Association with the Alumnus Community Achievement Award.

Lanham began his banking career in 1952 at the First National Bank of Ripley. In 1963 he became executive vice president, then president, of Citizens National Bank in Point Pleasant, until Citizens National Bank became a division of the First Huntington National Bank, where he remained president until 1993. Between 1993 and 1997, he was senior vice president, president and chairman of Bank One West Virginia in Point Pleasant. Between 1997 and 1999, Lanham was executive vice president of Ohio Valley Bank, senior vice president of Ohio Valley Banc Corp. and a director of Ohio Valley Banc Corp.

Lanham was named “West Virginia Banker of the Year” in 1997, and was a member of the American Bankers’ Association in 1978, serving as state vice president, and on the government relations council and BankPac committees. He was a lifetime member of the West Virginia Bankers’ Association, having served as president in 1977 and 1978, and as a member of the board of directors. He also served on many task forces and was a member of the President’s Club.
Lanham served for 12 years on the Marshall University’s President’s Advisory Board, the forerunner to the current Board of Governors. He also served on three presidential search committees. He served for more than 30 years on the board of directors of the Marshall University Foundation and on the Lewis College of Business Advisory Board from 1998 until his death in 2015, a total of 17 years. For his active and productive work in supporting the MU library, Lanham was honored in 2005 with the John Drinko Distinguished Service Award. In 2014, Lanham was honored with the Distinguished Service Award at the 77th annual Alumni Awards Banquet for his career in banking and his faithful service to his alma mater.

Lanham was a member and trustee at Trinity United Methodist Church in Point Pleasant, West Virginia, and was the chairman of the investment committee of United Methodist Charities. He is survived by his wife Lilly Faye (Staats) Lanham and four children, Terry Higgins, Joyce Berryman, Edgar Lanham and Bert Lanham. There are 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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School of Physical Therapy cloaks students during White Coat Ceremony

Nearly 40 Doctor of Physical Therapy students were presented white coats during the School of Physical Therapy’s 4th annual White Coat Ceremony Friday at the St. Mary’s Center for Education.

The ceremony marks the students’ transition from didactic work to the clinic, according to Dr. Penny Kroll, chair of the School of Physical Therapy.

“They’ve had a little taste of the clinic all along, but this begins full time clinical-internships where they really are spending hours and hours of several weeks with the patients,” Dr. Kroll said.

Kroll, who is retiring this summer, said she considers herself fortunate to have been able to help form the Physical Therapy program.

“It’s been such a wonderful journey,” Kroll said. “It’s not often that you get a chance to have a vision of what you’d like to have a program look like and what you’d like the students to look like. Building a program from scratch gives you that opportunity.
“In this area, the clinicians have been begging for a program. This is an opportunity for folks who are local in the Appalachian region, as well as students from across the country, to gain work in the area after graduation.”

Yeager program welcomes 30th class of scholars; class is namesake of Gillette family

Eight students, from West Virginia, Ohio, Italy, and Japan, are the members of the Yeager program’s Joseph and Pamela Gillette Class of 2020, and will begin their studies at Marshall this fall. The class size remains at eight students for the third year, following several years of just six scholars per class.

Rex Johnson, president of the Society of Yeager Scholars Board of Directors, said the board is committed to expanding the program, which covers room and board in addition to tuition.

“In the face of growing budget constraints confronting the university and tight financial situations for students and families, we are proud of the fact that we have increased our number of scholars from 24 in the fall of 2014 to a total of 30 this fall,” Johnson said. “We intend to expand to 32 scholars by the fall of 2017 and continue to grow the program thereafter.”

The scholarship program provides summer study in Oxford, England, as well as enrollment in rigorous Honors seminars and various leadership opportunities. This is the 30th class of students to receive the Yeager scholarship since the program’s initiation in 1986.

“Each year Marshall University looks forward to selecting and welcoming the incoming class of Yeager Scholars,” said Dr. Nicki LoCascio, Honors College dean. “All are bright, ambitious and have remarkable potential. I am exceedingly pleased they have chosen to attend Marshall.”

The Yeager class of 2020 was named for Joe and Pam Gillette in recognition of their remarkable support of the program. Joe Gillette served as a president of the Yeager board and he has pledged $100,000 to the program. Gillette is also the 2015 William E. Willis Leadership Award recipient, presented by the Society of Yeager Scholars.

The Joseph and Pamela Gillette Class of 2020 members are as follows:
Luca Brambilla, from Missaglia, Italy, plans to major in biology with an emphasis in pre-med. Though an international student, Brambilla is familiar with Marshall due to an exchange year at Wirt County High School. During his year in the United States, he earned first place in both Biotechnology and Digital Forensics and Information Security at Marshall’s SCORES festival. Brambilla was also a top biology and chemistry student, and a top scorer at Math Field Day. He was also active in the theater program and ran on the track team.

Alex Canfield, from Charleston, West Virginia, will graduate from Charleston Catholic High School. Canfield is an Eagle Scout and continues to be involved in the Boy Scout organization as an assistant troop master. He was the captain of the Charleston Catholic quiz bowl team, and director of the school’s theater stage crew. Canfield plans to major in computer science.

Faith Hensley, of Williamson, West Virginia, is the student body president at Mingo Central High School. She plans to major in mathematics. Hensley is a National Merit Semifinalist, an AP Scholar, and has earned first place in the Mingo County Math Field Day for several consecutive years. Hensley also is a writer for the Williamson Daily News.

Paige Looney, of South Point, Ohio, will enter Marshall as a political science major. The Fairland High School student is the president of her school’s National Honor Society, and serves as secretary for the student council. She is the co-editor in chief of Fairland’s yearbook and online newspaper. Looney is also an AP scholar and received National Merit commendation.

Tatiana Schrader, of Chesapeake, Ohio, attends Huntington’s St. Joseph Catholic School. She plans to enter Marshall in biology or public health as a pre-med student. Among her many activities, Schrader is president of the Key Club, captain of the volleyball and tennis teams, and is a published poet.

Will Sheils, of Barboursville, West Virginia, will graduate from Cabell Midland High School. He plans to major in accounting. Sheils is a Math Field Day winner and a state champion in track. He is a member of the Mu Alpha Theta math honorary and National Honor Society. Sheils is also a National Merit semifinalist.
Kennedy Snavely of Hurricane, West Virginia, is a senior at Hurricane High School. She plans to double major in accounting and international business. Snavely is an AP Scholar with Distinction, and has earned the Challenge Program Academic Excellence Award and first place in the DECA state competition. She is the National Honor Society president, on student council, and was chosen to be the Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership ambassador for Hurricane High School at the West Virginia leadership seminar.

Langley Sonnenberg will graduate from Yokota High School in Yokota, Japan. She plans to double major in economics and international business. Sonnenberg is an AP scholar and attended the Oxford Spires Summer School. She is also an all-star debater and captain of the varsity debate team. Among several leadership awards, Sonnenberg earned the Air Force Association Award for excelling in responsibility, positive attitude, exemplary personal attributes and growth potential.

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