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Approximately 1,900 Marshall University freshmen, escorted by MU police and President Jerome Gilbert, walked in one large group via Fourth Avenue from the Huntington campus to the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center Friday morning, Aug. 19, for the annual President’s Freshman Convocation.

The purpose of the convocation was to formally celebrate the class’s official start as the class of 2020. Fall classes began Monday, Aug. 22.

Gilbert said in a way he felt like one of the freshmen because nearly everything is new to him just as it is to the students. This was his first experience with WOW (Week of Welcome) and all the activities associated with it, including the convocation. He has been MU’s president since January.

A slide show featuring photographs of students displaying their goals for the first year was shown during convocation.

The convocation is archived at www.marshall.edu/it/livestream.

Photo: President Gilbert (left) and Journalism and Mass Communications Professor Dan Hollis lead the Class of 2020 to the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center for the annual freshman convocation, a part of Week of Welcome.
Marshall rolls out active shooter training for faculty, staff and students

Marshall has developed a training module for faculty, staff and students to learn how to best handle an active shooter situation on the Huntington campus.

Tracy Smith, director of health and safety at Marshall, said the goal of this training is to better prepare the campus for an active shooter situation and to raise awareness of behaviors that represent pre-incident indicators and characteristics of active shooters.

“An active shooter is an individual actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined and populated area; in most cases, active shooters use firearm(s) and there is no pattern or method to their selection of victims,” Smith said. “Because active shooter situations are often over within 10 to 15 minutes, before law enforcement arrives on the scene and standard evacuation procedures and lock-down protocols may not apply, individuals must be prepared both mentally and physically to deal with an active shooter situation.

Jim Terry, chief of the university’s police department, said active shooter situations are unpredictable and happen quickly. He noted that reports generated by the Gun Violence Archive, which compiles data from shooting incidents, indicate the U.S. has seen 248 mass shootings so far in 2016.

“Mass shootings are becoming more prominent and as scary as this may be, we must be prepared. Our concern for the safety and well-being of our students, faculty and staff is always a top priority,” Terry said. “To ensure that we maintain a safe working and learning environment, we strongly encourage all campus members to complete the training.”

The training module is a collaborative effort of the Office of Environmental Health and Safety and the Marshall University Police Department. The module is based on training and responsible protocols developed by U.S. Homeland Security and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

To complete the training, visit the Environmental Health and Safety BlackBoard training site at www.marshall.edu/safety/accessing-online-training.

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Marshall Campus Recreation announces dates for Kids’ Night Out

The first Kids’ Night Out after summer break will be from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 26, at the Marshall Recreation Center.

Children will spend the evening at the Rec playing great games, creating awesome crafts, swimming, and rock climbing. An evening snack also will be provided.

Potty-trained children ages 4-12 will be able to interact with other kids during a fun, safe night at the Marshall Recreation Center. All they need to bring is a swimsuit, towel, change of clothes, and closed-toed shoes.

For children whose families are members, the event is free. The cost for non-members is $35.

Parents can register their children at the welcome desk or on the recreation center website. Advance registration is encouraged, but not required.

Kids’ Night Out will also be occurring on the following dates: Sept. 30, Oct. 14, Nov. 18, Dec. 16, Jan. 27, Feb. 17, March 31, April 28, and May 19.

In addition to Kids’ Night Out, Marshall Campus Recreation will be offering day- and week-long camps throughout the year. Please check the schedule and any updates at www.marshallcampusrec.com and click on Youth Programs.

For more information, please call the Recreation Center ProShop at 304-696-4REC (4732) or e-mail Chad Steen, Assistant Director of Adventure Recreation and Youth Programs, at steenc@marshall.edu.

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MU to host Southern Regional Council on Educational Administration

Marshall University’s College of Education and Professional Development will serve as host to the 57th annual conference of the Southern Regional Council on Educational Administration Friday, Oct. 7, and Saturday, Oct. 8, at the Embassy Suites by Hilton in Charleston.

The conference is themed “Balanced Leadership: Focus on the Leader’s Wellness.”

Dr. Tom Hisiro, professor of leadership studies at Marshall who is also SRCEA’s interim president and the events coordinator for this conference, said he hopes the event will strengthen the link between Marshall and the Charleston community to help benefit the interests of all.

“The aim is to provide a forum for presentation and discussion of research and ideas among individuals with a professional interest in the field of educational administration and leadership at all levels of the education system,” Hisiro said.

While anyone is welcome to submit a proposal, Hisiro said the committee particularly seeks those for organized sessions, forums and special events, and welcomes papers and round table presentations that show processes of educational and leadership topics at all levels that affect students and educators.

Submission and registration information for the conference can be found at http://www.marshall.edu/srcea/.

The Southern Regional Council on Educational Administration organization members include higher education faculty in educational administration and related fields, community college faculty and administrators, doctoral students in educational administration and leadership, and Pre K-12 practitioners who wish to grow professionally and share research experiences with colleagues. In essence, SRCEA encourages participation by members of all groups as a means of fostering professional growth and establishing collective efforts in the improvement of educational administration and leadership.
Kevin W. Yingling, R.Ph., M.D., dean of the Marshall University School of Pharmacy, has announced establishment of the Mary H. and J. Churchill Hodges School of Pharmacy Scholarship.

“Mrs. Mary Hodges is a special friend of the university, our community and to me personally,” Yingling said. “Both Mary and the late Churchill Hodges are known as community leaders. Their love for Marshall University is unparalleled as is evidenced by their generous gifts to both academic and athletic scholarship programs.”

Churchill Hodges was a two-time graduate of Marshall, earning an associate degree in chemistry in 1948 and a master’s in geography in 1953. He then received a National Science Foundation Academic Year Institute Scholarship at The Ohio State University in 1957-58. He spent 35 years as an educator in Cabell County, including classroom teaching and administrative roles as Supervisor of Science and Director of Purchasing. He passed away in 2011.

Mary Hodges attended Marshall beginning in 1950. Her professional career included working for AAA Travel Services for 21 years, serving as director of domestic travel for many of those years.

Both Mary and Churchill Hodges received honorary doctoral degrees during Marshall University’s 2009 Winter Commencement.

Mary Hodges said she created the scholarship at the School of Pharmacy in honor of Yingling for his outstanding professionalism, quality of care and genuine kindness.

The scholarship will be given to students who have a financial need and are residents of Cabell and Wayne Counties in West Virginia, Boyd County, Kentucky and Lawrence County, Ohio.

The first $2,000 scholarship was awarded last week at the school’s annual White Coat Ceremony to Ashton McMackin, a resident of Ironton, Ohio.

Cutline: Ashton McMackin, an incoming first-year pharmacy student and first recipient of the Mary H. and J. Churchill Hodges School of Pharmacy Scholarship, is pictured with benefactor Mary H. Hodges.
Cooperative respiratory care program with St. Mary’s earns national recognition

St. Mary’s/Marshall University’s cooperative respiratory care program received the Registered Respiratory Therapist Credentialing Success Award from CoARC, the Committee of Accreditation for Respiratory Care. St. Mary’s respiratory care faculty members Christopher Trotter and Keith Terry accepted the award during the American Association for Respiratory Care Summer Forum, held June 26, 2016, in Jacksonville, Florida.

Seventy-eight programs received the award this year. St. Mary’s respiratory care program is the only program in West Virginia to receive this award.

“St. Mary’s/Marshall University’s dedication to high-quality education and our outstanding respiratory care faculty and students made this award possible,” said Chuck Zuhars, program director. “Additionally, the real winners are the patients who will benefit from our graduates’ excellent care.”

“Our primary goal is to educate students so they can serve as outstanding clinicians when they graduate,” Terry, who is director of clinical education, said. “That’s what our program is all about.”

To learn more about St. Mary’s/Marshall University respiratory care program, please contact Keith Terry at kterry@st-marys.org or 304-399-7145.

St. Mary’s/Marshall University also offers a Bachelor of Science completion program in respiratory care for RRT’s wishing to earn a bachelor’s degree. If interested in learning more about the completion program, please contact Chris Trotter at ctrotter@st-marys.org or 304-399-7144.

Photo: School of Respiratory Care faculty include, from left, Christopher Trotter, Keith Terry, Courtney Hieronimus, Chuck Zuhars and Christopher Henderson.

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New primary care physicians join Marshall Health, School of Medicine

Six primary care physicians recently joined the clinical faculty of the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine and Marshall Health. The new faculty additions all recently completed residencies at the Marshall School of Medicine.

“Establishing with a primary care physician is important for your overall health,” said Stephen M. Petrany, M.D., professor and chair of the department of family and community health at the School of Medicine. “Your primary care physician knows you and your medical history when diagnosing and treating acute and chronic illnesses and injuries as well as performing preventive check-ups and immunizations. The addition of these new physicians to the Marshall Health network ensures continued access to quality primary care across our region.”

The new physicians are:

Matthew Q. Christiansen, M.D., has been appointed assistant professor in the department of family and community health. Christiansen earned his medical degree from Marshall University. He is accepting new patients at Cabell Huntington Hospital’s Women’s and Family Medical Center at 1115 20th St., Huntington. For appointments, call 304-697-7000.

Matthew B. Curry, M.D., has been appointed assistant professor in the department of family and community health. Curry earned his medical degree from Marshall University. He is accepting new patients at Cabell Huntington Hospital’s Family Medical Center at 100 Meadow Pointe, Barboursville. For appointments, call 304-399-2990.

Carolyn A. Curtis, M.D., has been appointed assistant professor in the department of family and community health. Curtis earned her medical degree from the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta, Georgia. She is accepting new patients at Marshall Family Medicine’s Village Medical Center at 659 Central Ave., Barboursville. For appointments, call 304-736-5247.

Katherine J. Steele, M.D., has been appointed assistant professor in the department of family and community health. Steele earned her medical degree from Marshall University. She is accepting new patients at the Coalfield Health Center at 386 Airport Road, Chapmanville, West Virginia, and Cabell Huntington Hospital’s Family Medical Center at 750 Oak Street, Kenova. For appointments, call 304-855-1200 for the Chapmanville office or 304-453-6136 for the Kenova office.

Stephen Roy, M.D., has been appointed assistant professor in the department of internal medicine. Roy is a Huntington native and earned his medical degree from Marshall University. He is accepting new patients at Marshall Internal Medicine, an outpatient department of Cabell Huntington Hospital, at 1249 15th St., Huntington. For appointments, call 304-691-1000.
Ashley Zawodniak, D.O., has been appointed assistant professor in the department of internal medicine. A Huntington native, Zawodniak earned her medical degree from the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine in Lewisburg, West Virginia. She is accepting new patients at Marshall Internal Medicine, an outpatient department of Cabell Huntington Hospital, at 1249 15th St., Huntington. For appointments, call 304-691-1000.
School of Medicine students selected for national committees

Two Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine students have been selected to serve in committee positions with the American Medical Association-Medical Student Section (AMA-MSS).

J. Wesley Urian, Medical school-second year, was selected to serve on the Committee for Medical Education. Urian and 11 others were chosen from a pool of more than 50 applicants. He is a Cabell County native and earned a bachelor’s degree from the University of Kentucky.

Brandon S. Merritt, Medical school-third year, was selected to serve on the Committee on Global and Public Health. The committee focuses on current global and domestic public health issues and their impact on medical students. Merritt received his undergraduate degree from West Virginia University and a graduate degree from Tulane University. He is from South Charleston.

Amy Smith, M.Ed., assistant dean for student affairs at the School of Medicine, congratulated both students on their selections.

“These two students are outstanding ambassadors for our school of medicine and will serve medical students across the country through these roles,” Smith said. “We couldn’t be more pleased that they’ve been selected for the positions.”

Several Marshall School of Medicine students have served on AMA-MSS committees over the years, including then-medical student Jay R. Bronder, M.D., Class of 2015, who was elected to the AMA’s House of Delegates.

Photos: Brandon S. Merritt and J. Wesley Urian have been selected for committees in the American Medical Association-Medical Student Section.
Rachel E. Edwards, M.D., has been selected as the August 2016 Resident of the Month, announced Paulette S. Wehner, M.D., vice dean for graduate medical education at the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.

“This is an exciting moment in the recognition of Marshall’s residents,” Wehner said. “One of our volunteer clinical faculty members took the time to nominate a resident who assisted with a very difficult delivery. His nomination spoke of the invaluable service that Dr. Edwards and the resident team provide. It is moments like this that we can be extremely proud of the quality of our residents.”

Kevin J. Conaway, M.D., obstetrics and gynecology residency director, said that the role of community faculty members is critical to resident training.

“Our residents receive extensive procedural experience with volunteer community faculty members during dedicated community obstetrical and gynecology rotations,” Conaway said. “We are extremely grateful for physicians who take the time to provide one-on-one teaching and give us feedback on our residents. Dr. Edwards is a most deserving recipient of the award, the first of its kind from a nomination by a volunteer faculty member.”

Edwards graduated from the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine and is completing her third year as an obstetrics/gynecology resident. Before medical school, Edwards received her undergraduate degree in biology from West Virginia University and graduated with honors from Cabell Midland High School.

As part of her recognition as the August Resident of the Month, Edwards will receive items including a Certificate of Recognition and a designated parking spot.

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*Photo:* Rachel Edwards, M.D., (right) accepts the August Resident of the Month award from Kevin J. Conaway, M.D., obstetrics/gynecology residency program director.
Appalachian Studies, Clio internships available for students this fall

The Appalachian Studies Association has internship opportunities available to qualified graduate and undergraduate students for the Fall 2016 term. Please share this with any interested students.

Appalachian Studies Association Internship:
Students who work with the ASA will develop a broad skillset through hands-on professional experience. Interns for the fall term will work with ASA staff to plan and organize the ASA’s annual Loving Appalachia event—held each fall on Marshall’s Huntington campus to connect the Huntington and Marshall communities with the field of Appalachian studies and the Appalachian Studies Association. Responsibilities will vary dependent upon students’ field of study and interests. Interns will receive three hours of undergraduate or graduate credit.

Clio Internship:
ASA interns will create walking tours that guide visitors and residents to historic and cultural sites throughout our region. Interns may work from any location and will enjoy the freedom to choose the places and topics that most interest them. Students will write concise summaries of each historic and cultural site and share them via Clio (www.theclio.com), a website and mobile app built by Marshall faculty that is free for everyone and being used throughout the country. Interns will receive three hours of undergraduate or graduate credit while building their professional network and resumes.

Please direct all inquiries to Christopher Leadingham, ASA office manager, at 304-696-2904 or leadingham6@marshall.edu.

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Reminder: online information release available to students

Students now have the online ability to give their parents or other parties permission to view certain educational records. Once they log into myMU and go to their student page, they can click “Information Release” and allow records access to those they choose. Faculty and staff will know, by looking at the student’s dashboard in MUBERT, what records may be released and to whom.

While this process does not completely replace FERPA forms, it does serve to grant permission to release information to specified parties and will offer campus-wide documentation of the permission.

A link to the full explanation of the process along with instructions can be found at www.marshall.edu/student-affairs

The URL for information and instructions is www.marshall.edu/student-affairs/ferpa/.

For more information, call Carla Lapelle at 304-696-2269 or Sherri Stepp at 304-696-7038.

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