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Gary G. White of Logan has been appointed and three others reappointed by Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin to Marshall University’s Board of Governors.

White succeeds Huntington physician Dr. Joseph B. Touma on the board.

White is former president and chief executive officer of International Industries Inc. He served as interim president of Marshall in 2015-16, is a past member and vice president of the West Virginia Board of Education, and a former member of the University of Pikeville Board of Trustees. He also has served on the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission.

The reappointments include James R. Bailes of Huntington, Timothy J. Dagostine of Charleston and Christie Kinsey of Lavalette. Bailes is a member of the law firm of Bailes, Craig & Yon PLLC in Huntington, Dagostine is a division manager with Champion Industries and Kinsey is a financial advisor with Northwestern Mutual.

The terms of all four end June 30, 2020.
President Gilbert invested Sept. 22

Dr. Jerome A. “Jerry” Gilbert, the 37th president in the 179-year history of Marshall University, was invested Thursday, Sept. 22, in an outdoor ceremony in the John Marshall Circle on the Huntington campus.

Gilbert was accompanied to the ceremony by his family, including his nearly 95-year-old mother, Elizabeth, as well as former coworkers from Mississippi State University, Dr. William Fox and President Dr. Mark Keenum. Fox is dean emeritus of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Mississippi State. Gilbert served as provost and executive vice president at Mississippi State for six years, prior to his appointment at Marshall.

Both Fox and Keenum, speaking from years of experience, praised Marshall for selecting a president who is so student-oriented and cares a lot about the faculty. Fox, who served as a mentor early in Gilbert’s college career, mentioned three four-letter words that come to mind when talking about Gilbert – love, work and fair.

“I am honored to stand before you as the 37th president of Marshall University and humbled by this occasion,” Gilbert said. “It is not so much an occasion for me but for the office of the president of Marshall. I am appreciative to the Board of Governors for having faith in me.”

The ceremony took place on a warm, sun-drenched early autumn day. Among the speakers were Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin, a 1975 Marshall graduate; Dr. Paul Hill, chancellor of the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission and a 1976 and 1978 MU alum; and immediate past interim president Gary White, who graduated from Marshall in 1997.

“I’ve gotten to know Jerry very well over the past 11 months,” White said, “and I can assure you that his leadership and vision are just what are needed to propel us forward to become an even greater university. He has incredible energy and a way of really connecting with people.

“Jerry, we are incredibly proud to have you as our new president.”

Bernie Coston, a 1979 MU graduate and former president of the MU Alumni Association, served as host of the ceremony. He recalled having had “the true privilege to meet President Gilbert at a foundation board meeting back in March at the Greenbrier.

“We sat together at breakfast one morning and visited for about 30 minutes or so,” he said. “I found him to be so down-to-earth and easy to talk to. I love what he has planned for Marshall.”

Hill, Tomblin, and Wyatt Scaggs – chairman of the Marshall Board of Governors – took part in the installation of Gilbert. It ended with Gilbert saying “that I will faithfully discharge the duties
of president of Marshall University to the best of my skill and judgment and in accordance with
the Marshall University Creed and the example set by Chief Justice John Marshall.”

Photo: President Gilbert delivers his investiture address in the shadow of the John Marshall
statue Sept. 22. View additional pictures at muphotos.marshall.edu/President-Gilbert-Investiture.

Office of Career Education works to showcase connection
between academic majors and career paths for students

Many on the Huntington campus are familiar with the Student Resource Center as well as Career Services. Now these two student services are housed under the new Office of Career Education.

The merger helps students align their career goals with the pursuit of a best-fit academic major, according to Sherri Smith, associate vice president for academic affairs.

“Students often don’t realize that more than one major can lead to a particular cluster of careers. The expanded mission of the Office of Career Education is aimed at revealing these opportunities for students, either through career exploration, or discovery of applicable academic programs, or both,” Smith said.

Although the Office of Career Education was formed to facilitate more proactive interventions with students, both the Student Resource Center (SRC) and Career Services remain committed to helping the population of students each has historically served.

Located in the Memorial Student Center, the SRC offers consultations primarily for freshmen and sophomores through two new initiatives: First Year Discovery and Sophomore Focus. First Year Discovery includes major exploration, job shadowing placement, experiential learning exploration, values and beliefs consultation, and more. Sophomore Focus assists students with skill assessment and development, study abroad planning, and internship planning. The goal is to help sophomores locate experiences and tools that will amplify and enrich the academic path they are pursuing.

Career Services, located on 5th Avenue, continues to assist juniors and seniors with professional development by preparing them for professional positions after graduation and helping employers to connect with students for employment.

Staff at both locations are cross-trained to work with every student, according to Denise Hogsett, director of the Office of Career Education. All students are invited to walk in to get assistance with any career education needs they may have.
“Our team is trained to consider the students’ strengths and weaknesses, gather information and explore possibilities for majors within their chosen calling and help them make decisions so they know how to engage employers and develop a proper resume,” Hogsett said. “This year we will be researching the concept of having career consultants for each college, working closely with those colleges’ faculty and staff to focus on the needs of those students transitioning to their respective workplaces.”

Hogsett said the Office of Career Education has expanded to the South Charleston campus with the opening of an SRC location. There the focus is on student engagement, career guidance and helping students develop a toolkit for success as they transition to the Huntington campus.

“Employers today are looking for the graduate who has it all: communication skills, leadership skills, problem-solving skills, technical skills, and lots of relevant and varied experiences,” Hogsett said. “So we ask ourselves, ‘How can we get these students on a path to finish their degrees and succeed in the workplace, no matter the industry or institution? What is the best way to get them there?’ We feel strongly that the collaboration between academics and career guidance is the key.”

Hogsett said she strongly encourages the university’s faculty and staff to refer students to the Office of Career Education in order to help them to establish a strong link between their academic pursuits and their chosen career aspirations.

Faculty, staff, advisers and students can also call 304-696-2370 or e-mail careereducation@marshall.edu to schedule appointments and refer students for career education services.

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School of Theatre to present ‘Picnic’ starting tonight

Marshall University’s School of Theatre will present *Picnic* by William Inge Wednesday, Sept. 28 through Saturday, Oct. 1 and Thursday, Oct. 6 through Saturday, Oct. 8. All performances will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Francis-Booth Experimental Theatre in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center.

Tickets are $20 for general admission and $15 for Marshall University faculty and staff. Marshall University students are admitted with a valid I.D.

A Labor Day weekend in a small Kansas town is the backdrop for William Inge’s most beloved and produced play about dreams and disillusionment. The late season picnic promises to be the perfect sendoff of a long hot summer, but the small community is turned upside down when a charismatic drifter catches the eye of Madge Owens—the prettiest girl in town. Winner of the 1953 Pulitzer Prize and the Critics Circle Award, *Picnic* is one the great plays of the American theatre.

For more information, please contact the box office of the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center at 304-696-2787.

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Alan I. Abramowitz to speak at Marshall Amicus Curiae Lecture Series

Dr. Alan I. Abramowitz of Emory University will be the first guest lecturer in the Amicus Curiae Lecture Series, sponsored by the Simon Perry Center for Constitutional Democracy at Marshall. Abramowitz will speak Thursday, Sept. 29, on the topic “Donald Trump, Hillary Clinton and the Polarized American Electorate: What to Expect in November.”
Abramowitz, the Alben W. Barkley chair and professor of political science at Emory, is an expert on national politics, polling and elections. He has correctly predicted the popular vote winner within two percentage points in every U.S. Presidential election since 1988 and is a senior contributor to Sabato’s Crystal Ball, published by the University of Virginia Center for Politics. Abramowitz is the author or co-author of seven books and has published extensively in scholarly journals and national popular media, including The Washington Post and the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

Patricia Proctor, director of the Simon Perry Center for Constitutional Democracy, said, “Dr. Abramowitz’s lecture could not be more timely. He is coming to talk about the issues on most people’s minds right now, and he has the expertise necessary to do so in an informed and relevant way. This should be an interesting and informative night, and promises to be a lot of fun as well.”

The lecture, which is free and open to the public, will begin at 7 p.m. in the Brad D. Smith Foundation Hall, home of the Erickson Alumni Center, on Marshall’s Huntington campus. The Amicus Curiae Lecture Series is supported by a grant from the West Virginia Humanities Council.

There will be two additional lectures in the Fall 2016 Amicus Curiae Lecture Series.

On Tuesday, Oct. 18, Dr. James C. Cobb, the Spalding Distinguished Professor of History Emeritus at the University of Georgia, will present “From Truman to Trump: The South and America since World War II.” Cobb is past president of the Southern Historical Association and the award-winning author of several books focused on Southern culture and history.

On Wednesday, Nov. 9, Dr. Jean Edward Smith – called “America’s greatest living biographer” by George Will and “America’s premier political biographer” by others – will discuss the topic of his latest book, BUSH, focusing on the career of President George W. Bush.

Department of Communication Disorders to honor former faculty member for $100K contribution

Kathryn Chezik, former chair and longtime faculty member in Marshall’s Department of Communication Disorders, will be honored in a donor recognition ceremony at 10 a.m., Friday, Sept. 30, at the Birke Art Gallery.

After 40 years of service to the university, Chezik contributed $100,000 to the communication disorders program with the majority of her donation earmarked for the Speech and Hearing
Center’s adult neurogenics program, according to Kelly Rutherford, an assistant professor in the department.

“Kathy’s contribution is remarkable because it demonstrates her belief in the work she did with our clinic over the many decades she served Marshall University. Her gift will allow for better resources and opportunities for the clients we serve now and for years to come,” Rutherford said.

“The public often thinks about a university as the education of students, but the legacy Kathy has created illustrates her belief in community outreach and the active role our university has in the Tri-State area.”

Rutherford said it is important for other potential donors to recognize Marshall University’s far reaching arm in bettering the region.

“These monies will be used to help fund community reintegration activities for our clients, fund supplies for advancement in education, and many other potential endeavors to better serve those with acquired communication disorders in our region,” Rutherford said. “This is one more example of how together we can accomplish great things.”

During this donor recognition event, attendees will have the opportunity to see an art exhibit by the late Dick Langham – a stroke survivor with aphasia who learned to paint with his non-dominant hand. Langham was a longtime member of Marshall University’s aphasia group who touched the lives of dozens of students and other stroke survivors throughout his life.

“In addition to recognizing Kathy for her contribution to our aphasia group, she will read an essay written by Katie Damron. Katie is one of our first-year graduate students who wrote about her personal experience with aphasia when her father had a stroke,” Rutherford said. “In some way or another, Kathy has touched the lives of many and we want to take this time to thank her for everything she’s done and continues to do.”

The donor recognition ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. with remarks by Rutherford, Dr. Ron Area of the Marshall University Foundation and Dr. Karen McNealy, chair of the department. A reception will follow the ceremony with light refreshments served in Smith Hall, room 311.

To learn more about the ceremony, contact Rutherford at 304-696-2982. For more information on the programs and services in the Department of Communication Disorders and its Speech and Hearing Clinic, visit www.marshall.edu/cohp.

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Marshall’s Leper of Pickens documentary film to be featured in WV FILMmakers Festival Oct. 1

Last spring, Marshall University faculty member Dr. Peggy Harman and her husband, Jason, spent nine months filming and editing the documentary “George Rashid: The Leper of Pickens.”

Now, the story of George Rashid, a young Lebanese/Syrian man who was ostracized for the lesions on his skin, will be told at the West Virginia FILMmakers Festival on Saturday, Oct. 1. The film is in the Short Documentary Category.

Harman said the documentary was aired for the first time in Smith Recital Hall on Marshall’s Huntington campus last April with grant funding from the West Virginia Humanities Council. She said more audiences will be given the chance to watch the film at Saturday’s festival and consider how uneducated assumptions can lead to tragic consequences.

“George was only 17 years old when he arrived in America in 1901 with a group of Maronite Catholics, full of hope for his future. He was in essence a missionary – someone who could be the son of any modern-day religious youth group who travels abroad. George’s English was not perfect and most people could not understand him,” Harman said. “He went from seeking medical attention to becoming an international sensation, much like the Ebola outbreak of today. I hope this film will appeal to that portion of all of us that is sometimes quick to judge people and situations without benefit of the facts.”

The documentary will begin at 4:40 p.m., at the Elk Theatre in Sutton, W.Va., this Saturday. The West Virginia FILMmakers Festival schedule can be viewed at http://wvfilmmakersfestival.org/schedule.

The film will also be shown at 7:30 p.m., in Halliehurst Dining Room on Oct. 20 at Davis and Elkins College in Elkins – the very place where Rashid’s nightmare began. Harman said this screening is particularly symbolic as it falls on what would be the 110th anniversary of Rashid’s death.

To learn more about the Leper of Pickens, contact Harman at proudfoothar@marshall.edu or call 304-696-3146. For more information on the West Virginia Humanities Council, visit their website at http://wvhumanities.org. To learn more about Harman and her work in Marshall’s Department of Social Work, visit www.marshall.edu/social-work.

Photo: “George Rashid: The Leper of Pickens” is the story of a young Syrian/Lebanese Maronite Catholic man who arrived in America in 1901. Most Lebanese immigrants were seeking religious freedom and escape from Ottoman rule and it is believed that Rashid was part of that movement. Rashid initially went to Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania and eventually traveled to
Waterville, Maine, as part of the Maronite Catholics who were colonizing the area. He worked in a paper mill, developed skin lesions and later died at age 39 from his condition.

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Marshall to host activities for National Community Policing Week

Marshall will host a series of activities Oct. 4 through 6 in honor of National Community Policing Week to help promote engagement with local law enforcement officials.

Dr. Cedric Gathings, vice president for student affairs, said these events aim to educate students and the community at large about many prevalent issues facing society today.

“We want to give our campus community and other local citizens the opportunity to engage in a dialogue regarding race relations, privilege and economic inequality to improve the understanding of how our differences can intersect,” Gathings said.

Jim Terry, director of public safety and chief of the Marshall University Police Department, said this experience will empower students to know their rights while understanding the perspective of law enforcement officers.

“Our department works to achieve common goals within our community and to create a dialogue,” Terry said. “Everyone has the right to safety and we want to invite everyone to learn more about what we as police officers do to keep our community members safe.”

The following events are scheduled for next week:

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### CyberAware

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www.marshall.edu/it/it_news/2016

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• **Just Us Social Mixers**
  *Tuesday, Oct. 4, at 6 p.m., Shawkey Dining Room, Memorial Student Center*
  Campus and community members will have the opportunity to interact with the university’s police department at a mixer. Following the mixer and formal greetings from university leaders, participants will be assigned to groups to discuss a variety of issues at stations around the room. Each station will focus on a topic such as driving under the influence, hazing, police brutality, underage drinking and community responsibility. This event is sponsored by the Office of Student Affairs, Marshall University Police Department, Student Government Association, Office of Intercultural Affairs and Housing and Residence Life.

• **Use of Force Virtual Reality Experience**
  *Wednesday, Oct. 5, from 10 a.m. to noon and from 2 to 4 p.m., Huntington Police Department, 675 10th Street*
  Participants will receive an overview of use-of-force tactics used by law enforcement officers, followed by a scenario-based virtual reality experience in the Huntington Police Department’s training facility. Each session is limited to 20 participants who must register in advance. Requests for reservations should be sent to Renee Denney at denney@marshall.edu by Monday, Oct. 3. This event is sponsored by the Office of Student Affairs, Marshall University Police Department and the Huntington Police Department.

• **Ask the Chiefs Luncheon**
  *Thursday, Oct. 6, at noon, Room BE5, Memorial Student Center*
  Students and the public are invited to participate in open dialogue with local police chiefs, Huntington Mayor Steve Williams, sheriff’s deputies and state troopers in an effort to enhance relationships between students and community authorities. A traditional town hall setting will allow students to ask questions related to issues surrounding social justice, firearms and weapons on college campuses, and civic engagement. This event is sponsored by the Office of Student Affairs, Marshall University Police Department, Huntington Police Department, Student Government Association and Black United Students.

• **Community Affair: Understanding and Respecting Our Differences**
  *Thursday, Oct. 6, at 7 p.m., Room BE5, Memorial Student Center*
  This program will be moderated by Marshall University faculty and will encourage participants to share their interests and concerns, broaden their understanding of other racial and ethnic groups, and be empowered to act together to achieve common goals. Participants will be encouraged to ask questions and reevaluate some of their assumptions. Through this process of open dialogue, the community can begin learning to work together to improve race relations. This event is sponsored by the Office of Student Affairs.

To learn more about National Community Policing Week Activities at Marshall University, contact Gathings at gathings@marshall.edu or call 304-696-6422. For more information about future community outreach events sponsored by Marshall University’s Office of Student Affairs, visit www.marshall.edu/student-affairs. To learn more about Marshall University’s Police Department, visit www.marshall.edu/mupd.

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‘Tribute to the Disappeared’ exhibition to open at Marshall; collaborative experience curated by Andrea Arroyo

“Tribute to the Disappeared,” an exhibition to honor victims of injustice around the world, will open at Marshall University’s Birke Art Gallery Wednesday, Oct. 5, with an opening reception at 4:30 p.m. The same day, an art workshop will be conducted by curator Andrea Arroyo at 1 p.m. in Marshall’s Memorial Student Center, room 2W22, and a presentation by Arroyo will take place at 7 p.m. in the Shawkey Room of the MSC.

The project, created in 2014, is curated by Arroyo, a visual artist who has gathered images from over 300 international artists and collectives so far. The project has three components: an online exhibition, including a Facebook page; a series of gallery exhibitions; and a series of community workshops.

Arroyo said the exhibition will commemorate the two-year anniversary of the disappearance of the 43 students from the Teachers College in Ayotzinapa, Mexico, on Sept. 26, 2014, as well as the more than 26,000 women and men who have disappeared in Mexico in recent years.

“For the project, the concept of disappearance comprises forced disappearances, as well as non-literal disappearances carried out though injustice, invisibility and discrimination,” said Arroyo. “‘Tribute to the Disappeared’ aims to create awareness about human rights abuses around the world, including disappearances in Juarez and Ayotzinapa in Mexico; police brutality toward
communities of color in the United States; the kidnapping of almost 300 girls in Baga, Nigeria, among other cases; and to generate international solidarity.”

Participants, ranging from 16 to 89 years old, include established and emerging artists from the Americas, Europe, Africa, Asia and Australia. They work in a variety of media, including painting, drawing, collage, embroidery, video, installation, poetry and performance. Participants also include “non-artist” members of diverse communities.

Arroyo is an award-winning visual artist with an extensive trajectory, with collections of work in the Smithsonian and the Library of Congress and publications in The New Yorker and The New York Times. She has been the subject of over 150 features in the international media. Arroyo’s curatorial projects focus on socially relevant issues. For additional information on Arroyo, visit: www.andreaarroyo.com.

The event is nested in Marshall’s Department of Modern Languages and sponsored by College of Liberal Arts, College of Arts and Media School of Art and Design, Information Technology: Online Learning and Libraries, Office of Intercultural Affairs, Department of Political Science and Department of Modern Languages.

For more information on “Tribute to the Disappeared,” visit www.tributetothedisappeared.com or visit them on Facebook.

Special Collections Department in Morrow Library to be closed October 6 and 7

The Special Collections Department and Morrow Stacks in the James E. Morrow Library on the Huntington campus will be closed Thursday, Oct. 6, and Friday, Oct. 7, for staff development training.

During this period, all other departments will remain open during their regular hours. For assistance obtaining materials from the Morrow Stacks, please contact the Information Delivery Service (IDS) Office in Drinko Library at 304-696-2321. For additional information, please contact the Special Collections Department at 304-696-2343.
Classified Staff Council special election set for Oct. 7

The Classified Staff Council will hold an election on October 7th-11th to fill current vacancies. The staff members elected to these positions will finish the remainder of the current term which will end on June 30th, 2017. Vacancies to be filled include the following:

- One vacancy in EEO 10 – Executive, Administrative and Managerial
  - Nominees are: Write-in Candidates Only

- One vacancy in EEO 60/70 – Service and Maintenance
  - Nominees are: David Childers – Biotechnology Center O&M

Electronic voting will be available from Friday, Oct. 7, at 6 a.m. through Tuesday, Oct. 11, at 11:59 p.m. All voting will be electronic. There will be no paper ballot voting. In order to vote, you will need to be able to log into your myMU account at www.marshall.edu/mymu and proceed to the voting portal.

If you should have any questions regarding the election please contact Becky Lusher, Election Committee Chair at lusher30@marshall.edu or ext. 6-6415; or the Staff Council Office by means of Katie Counts at easter@marshall.edu or ext. 6-2222.

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![ATHLETIC CALENDAR](HERDzone.com)

### VOLLEYBALL
- 10/7 FRI @ 7:30PM VS. TTU
- 10/9 SUN @ 2PM VS. UTSA

### WSOCER
- 10/7 FRI @ 5PM VS. FSS
- 10/9 SUN @ 2PM VS. MT

### MSOCER
- 10/8 SAT @ 1PM VS. LU

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Creative community prepares for West Virginia Makes Festival

Makers, innovators and students of all ages are readying their creative designs and exhibits for the third-annual West Virginia Makes Festival. Presented Friday, Oct. 7, by the Robert C. Byrd Institute (RCBI) on Marshall University’s Memorial Student Center Plaza, the event serves as a celebration of ingenuity and creativity to inspire designing and making.

The free festival, which will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., will feature 3D Printing and other technology, special exhibits and attractions, artisans and live music. A Design Challenge will provide makers the opportunity to demonstrate their new ideas and skills, and reward their creative inspirations.

This year’s sponsors of RCBI’s festival, which coincides with national Manufacturing Day, include the W.Va. Department of Education & the Arts, Bulldog Creative Services, Dutch Miller Auto Group, Edward Tucker Architects, Epilog Laser, HADCO, Marshall University, and Moses Auto Group. For information, go to www.rcbi.org/online/wvmakes.

Comedian Lewis Black comes to Joan C. Edwards Playhouse

Comedian and social critic Lewis Black will take the stage at the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8. This Grammy Award winner is coming to Huntington as part of his “The Emperor’s New Clothes – The Naked Truth Tour” to give us belly-aching laughs and entertain us with his wit and grumpy optimism.

Being colicky as an infant, it was no surprise when Black grew up being angry and easily irritated. Although these may not seem like positive qualities to others, these attributes led to making Black one of the most successful comedians of our generation.

After falling in love with the theatre at age 12, Lewis Black pursued a career in drama. Degrees followed from the University of North Carolina and Yale Drama School, with a stint in Colorado owning a theatre with a group of friends in the interim. During his tenure at UNC, Black ventured into stand-up, performing at Cat’s Cradle in Chapel Hill. Stand-up was a steady presence as he pursued his career in theatre.
After residing in New York City, Black became the playwright-in-residence at the West Bank Café’s Downstairs Theatre Bar. He oversaw the development of more than 1,000 plays, including works by “West Wing” creator Aaron Sorkin and “American Beauty” writer Alan Ball, as well as his own original works. In addition to overseeing the works on stage, Black emceed every show. As the West Bank grew, so did Black’s stand-up skills and his love for it. He left the West Bank in the late 1980s to pursue stand-up full time, kick-starting his career.

In 2001, Lewis Black was awarded Best Male Stand-Up at the American Comedy Awards for his several appearances on Comedy Central, which included his segments on “The Daily Show,” dealing with rants on whatever was agitating for him that day. Black’s grumpy charm, and his ongoing development on Comedy Central, led him to a record deal with Stand Up! Records. “The White Album,” was released in 2000 to critical acclaim. Black followed with eight more—six under the Comedy Central Records label. He has received five Grammy® nominations and two wins for his work. The first nomination came in 2006 for “Luther Burbank Performing Arts Center Blues,” the second in 2009 for “Anticipation.” In 2007 he won the Grammy for Best Comedy Album for “The Carnegie Hall Performance,” and again in 2011 for “Stark Raving Black.” His 2012 release, “In God We Rust” (Comedy Central Records) was also nominated for a Grammy.

On top of having numerous record deals, Lewis Black has had appearances on “Larry King Live,” “Piers Morgan Tonight,” “Late Night with Jimmy Fallon,” and many more. With Black’s vigorous schedule and touring for standup, he regularly makes appearances on TV shows and partakes in movie roles.


Tickets for Lewis Black are $66.06. To see this Grammy Award winning standup comedian contact the Marshall Artists Series Box Office at 304-696-6656, or order tickets online at Ticketmaster.com. You may also visit our box office located in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse on the Marshall University campus. Box office hours are Monday through Friday 12 p.m.-5 p.m.

Lewis Black is sponsored by CSX, Steptoe & Johnson, Nelson Mullins and AEP.
The A.E. Stringer Visiting Writers Series will host a reading and cultural discussion panel to observe Hispanic Heritage Month and to celebrate and promote diversity within and around the university and greater Huntington communities. Award-winning authors Joe Jiménez and Emmy Pérez will be featured in the panel and in a featured author reading and book signing the following day.

“Cultura Panel Discussion: Living and Writing Latin” will take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12, and the featured author reading and book signing will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13. Both events will take place at the John Deaver Drinko Library Atrium and will be free and open to public, with light refreshments served.

Pérez, originally from Santa Ana, California, has lived on the Texas-Mexico border for the past 16 years. She is the author of the poetry collections “With the River on Our Face” and “Solstice.” A graduate of Columbia University and the University of Southern California, she has received poetry fellowships from the New York Foundation for the Arts, the Fine Arts Work Center in Provincetown, the Alfredo Cisneros Del Moral Foundation, the MacDowell Colony, the Ucross Foundation and the Atlantic Center for the Arts. She also received the James D. Phelan Award for her prose writing.

A member of the inaugural cohort of CantoMundo poetry fellows from 2010 to 2012, she also has been a member of the Macondo Writers’ Workshop founded by Sandra Cisneros for socially engaged writers since 2008. She has served as a creative writing mentor and workshop facilitator at detention centers in New Mexico and the Texas borderlands. Currently, she is an associate professor of creative writing and teaches in the M.F.A. program at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley. She is also interim director for the Center for Mexican American Studies. In 2012, she received a UT Regents’ Outstanding Teaching Award, and in 2016, a Faculty Excellence Award for Student Mentoring.

Jiménez is the author of “The Possibilities of Mud” (Kórima 2014) and “Bloodline,” a young adult novel (Arte Público 2016). Jiménez is the recipient of the 2016 Letras Latinas/ Red Hen Press Poetry Prize and holds an M.F.A. in Creative Writing from Antioch University Los Angeles. The short film “El Abuelo,” based on Jiménez’s poem, has been screened in Belgium, the Netherlands, Mexico, France, Argentina, Ireland, England and the US. He lives in San Antonio, Texas, and is a member of the Macondo Workshops.

For more information, contact Dr. Sarah A. Chavez at chavezs@marshall.edu.

Photos: Emmy Pérez (left) and Joe Jiménez will be featured by the A.E. Stringer Visiting Writers Series Oct. 12 and 13.
MU Alumni Association announces plans for Homecoming week

Sign up today to participate in annual Homecoming Office Decorating contest

All campus offices are invited to participate in the annual Office Decorating contest taking place throughout Homecoming Week 2016. Offices are asked to decorate using the “Thundering 20s” theme. Judging will take place on Thursday, Oct. 13, and prizes will be awarded in multiple categories on Friday, Oct. 14, during the Picnic on the Plaza. For more information on the Office Decoration contest contact the MU Office of Alumni Relations at 304-696-3134 or CLICK HERE to register online.

MUAA to host massive tailgating party on Saturday, Oct. 15

The annual Marshall University Alumni Association Alumni Tailgate is back and bigger than ever! This year, the MUAA is inviting various colleges and campus organizations to join in the fun to create a massive tailgating party on Saturday, October 15 prior to the Homecoming game. Any colleges or organizations that wish to join the Alumni Tailgate can contact the MU Office of Alumni Relations at 304-696-3134 or e-mail crum17@marshall.edu.

Picnic on the Plaza set for Friday, Oct. 14

Marshall’s most exciting on-campus Homecoming party returns on Friday, Oct. 14 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. with the annual Picnic on the Plaza on the Memorial Student Center Plaza. Celebrate with free food and drinks, party with BRAVO Live DJ and enjoy appearances by Thundering Herd coaches, players, cheerleaders and more. If you wish to register for a table for this year’s Picnic on the Plaza, CLICK HERE or contact the MU Office of Alumni Relations at 304-696-3134.

Spots still available for 21st annual MUAA Alum Run

The 21st annual Marshall University Alumni Association Alum Run returns on Saturday, October 15 beginning at 8 a.m. beginning and ending at Pullman Square. There are multiple age groups and awards for top finishers in each group. For more information or to sign-up for this year’s Alum Run CLICK HERE.
The Buzz: A digital resource for you and your students

For years Marshall University has been a part of the Collegiate Readership Program, providing a selection of print newspapers for our students. However, the consumption of print news is on the decline and reaching the most connected and tech-savvy generation with reliable news and information is a real challenge. So as an additional resource, Marshall has partnered with USA TODAY to provide you with another way to connect your students to the world around them.

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Omicron Delta Kappa accepting nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for Omicron Delta Kappa, the national leadership honor society. To be eligible, a student must be a junior, senior or graduate student; have high academic standing; and must show strong leadership ability.

As a member of the Marshall community, faculty and staff have the opportunity to work with students on a daily basis, said Elizabeth Appell Sheets, ODK adviser and director of the Office of Community Engagement.
“Undoubtedly, you know students deserving of this recognition, as evidenced by the accomplishments and contributions these students make to the Marshall community,” Sheets said. “Please provide names, ID numbers, email addresses and telephone numbers of students you would like to see considered for this honor.”

Nominations may be e-mailed to Appell1@marshall.edu, no later than Monday, Oct. 31

Questions may be directed to Sheets at 304-696-2285.

Marshall psychology doctoral degree ranked No. 2 in the U.S.; ranking based on cost, accreditation and degree options

The Doctor of Psychology program at Marshall has been ranked the No. 2 program in the nation by www.online-psychology-degrees.org.

The website reviewed Doctor of Psychology (Psy.D.) programs in clinical psychology accredited by the American Psychological Association. Programs were evaluated based on cost, how the universities ranked on other national ranking lists and other degrees offered at the universities.

“It is nice to be recognized, especially so high on the list,” said Dr. Keith Beard, director of the Psy.D. program at Marshall. Beard stated that the students, alumni, faculty, and staff, “should be proud of the work that they have done to help make this program what it is.”

He added that the Marshall community should also take pride in this ranking. “The quality and affordability of Marshall helped to push us to the top,” Beard said.

More than 65 students have obtained the doctorate in psychology from Marshall, with more than 50 students actively enrolled today.

“With the new academic year beginning just a month ago, being ranked No. 2 in the nation is a nice reminder over the next year to appreciate the environment, people and opportunities that Marshall brings to the students and community,” said Beard.

Accredited by the American Psychological Association since 2006, Marshall’s Psy.D. program is housed in the Department of Psychology at Marshall. The program includes an emphasis on understanding the needs of rural and underserved populations. Students receive training in psychological services both on and off campus, with one of those placements being in a rural/underserved area.
Moody’s affirms Marshall University’s ‘A1’ bond rating

Marshall University officials have announced Moody’s Investors Service has affirmed the “A1” rating on $84 million of Marshall University’s series 2010 and 2011 revenue bonds. The outlook is stable.

In the affirmation document, Moody’s said the rating reflects the university’s “important role as the second largest provider of public higher education in the state of West Virginia…with steady student demand, growing financial reserves, manageable debt levels, and sound financial management to mitigate recent years of state funding reductions.”

A solid bond rating makes debt issued by Marshall more attractive to investors.

A subsidiary of Moody’s Corporation, Moody’s Investors Service is a leading provider of credit ratings, research and risk analysis.

College of Science to offer students trip to Ecuador through KIIS

Faculty members are urged to pass the word along to their students regarding the study abroad trip in Ecuador through KIIS, the Kentucky Institute for International Studies. Deadline is Dec. 1. For further information, please contact Dr. Suzanne Strait by e-mail at straitho@marshall.edu.

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Applications for Faces of Appalachia Fellowship Award accepted until Dec. 16

The Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Gender in Appalachia is accepting applications for the Sarah Denman Faces of Appalachia Fellowship Award until Friday, Dec. 16.

The fellowship is awarded annually to a full-time Marshall faculty member.

Marshall faculty members interested in being considered for the fellowship award should submit a professional vita along with a 1-2 page abstract of the proposed project. The research, which must emphasize ethnicity and/or gender in Appalachia, may be a new project or a continuation of a project already underway.

Application materials should be sent by e-mail to Mary Thomas at mthomas@marshall.edu by Friday, Dec. 16. The award winner, as well as other applicants, will be notified early in the Spring 2017 semester.

For further information, contact Dr. Monica Brooks, associate vice president for online learning and libraries (brooks@marshall.edu; 304-696-6474) or Dr. David Trowbridge, associate professor of history (peavlerd@marshall.edu).

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