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Red Dawson to serve as grand marshal in homecoming parade

Red Dawson, who was an assistant football coach at Marshall University at the time of the tragic plane crash that claimed 75 lives in 1970, will be the grand marshal in this year’s Marshall homecoming parade.

The parade will take place at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, beginning at 12th Street and 4th Avenue in downtown Huntington. The homecoming football game will feature the Thundering Herd taking on Florida Atlantic University, and kickoff is set for 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15.

Dawson missed the flight back to Huntington from Greenville, North Carolina, due to a recruiting trip.

“I’ve never left Huntington, West Virginia,” Dawson said. “I have been here since January 1968. I am a part of the Marshall family and I know that in my heart. That is an honor for me as part of this Marshall family.”

Dawson said he was “very excited” – and surprised – when Marshall President Jerome Gilbert asked him to be the grand marshal.

“I am very excited because I have continued to follow the football program and I know all of the coaches, and I will always love Marshall football,” he said. “When Dr. Gilbert called me and asked me to be the grand marshal, I kept asking him, ‘are you sure? Did you clear this with everybody?’ He assured me that they wanted me and it’s unbelievable.

“I didn’t think we would get another leader like President Kopp but by golly, we did. I think the world of the new president. I assured him I would do anything they want me to do for the university and the homecoming parade. I always feel very welcome when I come back to Marshall.”

Here is a list of events scheduled for homecoming week (Oct. 10-15), the theme of which is Thundering 20s:
MONDAY, OCT. 10

OFFICE DECORATION
WHEN: All week
WHERE: Marshall University’s Huntington campus
WHAT: All campus offices are asked to decorate using the Thundering 20s theme. The offices will be judged on Thursday and prizes will be awarded at the Friday, Oct. 14, Picnic on the Plaza. Prizes will be awarded in multiple categories.

THUNDERING POMP COMPETITION
WHEN: All week
WHERE: Marshall University’s Huntington campus
WHAT: Student organizations will be asked to create a “pomp” piece to be used in the homecoming parade. Judging will take place on Thursday, Oct. 13.

PENNY WARS
WHEN: All week
WHERE: Marshall University’s Huntington campus
WHAT: Student organizations with the most pennies in their jars will win their respective categories. The winning organization will receive half of the money collected, and the other half will be donated to the philanthropy of their choosing.

TUESDAY, OCT. 11

CANNED FOOD ART
WHEN: Noon
WHERE: Marshall University’s Huntington campus
WHAT: Student organizations will be tasked with building a self-sustaining structure out of canned food related to the Thundering 20s theme. All food items collected will be donated to the Huntington City Mission.

UNITY WALK
WHEN: 5 p.m.
WHERE: Marshall University’s Huntington campus
WHAT: All students, teams, organizations, residence halls, faculty, staff and community members are invited to walk the campus perimeter and show their Marshall pride.

MEET THE COURT
WHEN: 6:30 p.m.
WHERE: Memorial Student Center Plaza on the Huntington campus
WHAT: Meet the candidates for Mr. and Miss Marshall. Voting begins immediately following the Unity Walk.
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 12

SO MU THINK YOU CAN DANCE?
WHEN: Noon
WHERE: Memorial Student Center Plaza on the Huntington campus
WHAT: Show off your sweet 1920s dance moves on the Memorial Student Center Plaza.

THURSDAY, OCT. 13

HOMECOMING PARADE
WHEN: 6:30 p.m.
WHERE: Downtown Huntington
WHAT: Join us in a celebration of Marshall University during the annual homecoming parade. Floats, marching bands and everything you love about parades will fill the air, this time under the lights on a Thursday evening.

YELL LIKE HELL
WHEN: 6:30 p.m.
WHERE: Huntington
WHAT: Student organizations participating in the parade show their pride and see which group has the most spirit.

PEP RALLY AND BONFIRE
WHEN: 8 p.m.
WHERE: Harless Field
WHAT: For the second consecutive year, students and alums can enjoy a massive bonfire with plenty of entertainment and activities featuring university coaches and team members!

ROCK THE REC
WHEN: 9:30 p.m.
WHERE: Rec Center
WHAT: Join Marshall as we fill the Rec Center following the pep rally for the first night of Thundering Herd basketball practice.

FRIDAY, OCT. 14

PICNIC ON THE PLAZA
WHEN: 11:30 a.m.
WHERE: Memorial Student Center Plaza on the Huntington campus
WHAT: Marshall’s largest and most exciting on-campus homecoming party returns. The Marshall University Alumni Association will be throwing a party with free food, drinks, music, games and lots of fun.
WEISBERG ENGINEERING COMPLEX TOURS
WHEN: 1 p.m.
WHERE: Weisberg Engineering Complex on the Huntington campus
WHAT: Take a tour of the new Arthur Weisberg Family Applied Engineering Complex at 1 p.m., 2 p.m. or 3 p.m.

PARENTS AND FAMILY WEEKEND WINE RECEPTION
WHEN: 4 p.m.
WHERE: Brad D. Smith Foundation Hall on the Huntington campus
WHAT: Post-registration wine reception and family photos in the rotunda of the Brad D. Smith Foundation Hall, home of the Erickson Alumni Center.

BLACK ALUMNI ASSOCIATION RECEPTION
WHEN: 6:30 p.m.
WHERE: Pullman Plaza Hotel in downtown Huntington
WHAT: Meet and greet reception at the Pullman Plaza Hotel followed by a comedy show and dance party.

SATURDAY, OCT. 15

ALUM RUN
WHEN: 8 a.m.
WHERE: Pullman Square in downtown Huntington
WHAT: Join your fellow alums on a run from Pullman Square to campus with multiple age groups and prizes

SIGMA SIGMA SIGMA HOMECOMING BREAKFAST
WHEN: 8 a.m.
WHERE: Sigma Sigma Sigma House on the Huntington campus
WHAT: The Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority will be hosting a breakfast and silent auction in the Sigma house for alumni and friends of the sorority.

MU ALUMNI TAILGATE
WHEN: Noon
WHERE: Harless Field on MU’s Huntington campus
WHAT: Tailgate with the Marshall University Alumni Association. Food, drinks, music and fun on the field beside Harless Dining Hall with a number of special guests all leading up to the big game.
Tickets to the 2016 Marshall University Alumni Tailgate are only $10.

HOMECOMING GAME VS. FAU
WHEN: 7 p.m.
WHERE: Joan C. Edwards Stadium
WHAT: Watch as the Thundering Herd battles FAU in a crucial Conference USA showdown.
HALFTIME ACTIVITIES
WHEN: Halftime
WHERE: Joan C. Edwards Stadium
WHAT: Watch as we crown Mr. and Miss Marshall and award student organizations following a busy week of activities.

BLACK ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CASINO NIGHT
WHEN: 9:30 p.m.
WHERE: Pullman Plaza Hotel in downtown Huntington
WHAT: Casino Night with dinner and dancing at the Pullman Plaza Hotel.

Homecoming parade has new route; bonfire and pep rally return

This year, the parade will have a more simplified route. It will begin at 12th Street and take 5th Avenue straight through campus to 17th Street at Harless dining Hall. A bonfire and pep rally is once again scheduled to take place immediately following the parade on Harless Field.

“Last year’s parade was definitely a success!” said Ryan Taylor, Student Government Association chief of staff. “By moving the parade to Thursday we reduced the traffic nightmare we had been experiencing on game day due to the parade.”

The Student Government Association is encouraging any organization or local business who would like to have a float in the parade to visit www.marshall.edu/homecoming to register.
“Line up starts at 5 p.m. and the parade starts at 6:30 p.m. All participants must be registered by Friday, October 7 to be included in the parade,” Taylor said.

The bonfire will take place on the Harless Field immediately following the parade and will feature coach Doc Holliday, members of the 2016 Thundering Herd football team, the Marching Thunder, cheerleaders, dance team and everyone’s favorite bison, Marco.

“Homecoming week is always a fun-filled week for Marshall Athletics and the entire campus community. Thursday night’s trio of events starting with the parade, followed by the bonfire, and wrapping up the evening with Thundering Herd Basketball’s Rock The Rec opening night of hoops is a bigtime evening for our students and all of our campus visitors,” said Aaron Goebbel associate director of athletics.

The theme of homecoming this year is the “Thundering 20s.” View a full schedule of events at www.marshall.edu/homecoming.

The Marshall community is encouraged to share photos on social media throughout homecoming week using #HerdHomecoming.

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Fifth annual Unity Walk to be part of Homecoming Week

Marshall’s 5th annual Unity Walk is set to take place at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11, beginning at the Marshall Recreation Center on the Huntington campus.

The purpose of the walk is to bring students and student groups, residence halls, athletic teams, community citizens and faculty together to celebrate being a part of the same “family,” according to Maurice Cooley, associate vice president for intercultural affairs and organizer of the event.

“We encourage our students, staff, faculty and alumni, along with our entire university and Huntington community, to attend this year’s Unity Walk which demonstrates our commitment to inclusiveness here at Marshall,” Cooley said.

Organizers plan to make a statement for the Huntington community with an anticipated attendance of more than 2,000 students and alumni enhanced by group banners, cheers, chants and music. Those traveling 3rd and 5th Avenues during the 5 p.m. drive will witness these people walking in unity around campus.
The walk will begin at the Recreation Center where groups will split in half, march around the perimeter of campus then meet at Old Main to continue the march through campus to the main celebration at the Memorial Student Center plaza.

Each participating student group will introduce their organizations to the crowd and Marshall University President Jerry Gilbert will share a brief message before the announcement of the 2016 homecoming court.

Cooley said all participants are invited to take part in activities preceding the event which include the creation of Unity Tree on campus where “leaves” will be created using handprints by students that state how Marshall matters to them. Participants are also encouraged to bring signs and banners to show their support for the school, their organizations and the homecoming theme. A banner contest will take place with Mayor Steve Williams serving on the panel of judges.

The Unity Walk is sponsored by the Intercultural Affairs, Student Affairs, Sodexo Marshall Athletics, Housing and Residence Life, International Programs and INTO. The event will take place rain or shine and will include a picnic on the plaza for everyone.

To learn more about this year’s Unity Walk, contact Cooley at cooley@marshall.edu or by calling 304-696-5430.

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**Monthly Open House**

for the University Community

Wednesday, Oct. 5, 3 to 4 p.m.

Old Main 213

**Stop by for a snack and chat with President Gilbert and other university leaders**

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Students to host ‘Candlelight Vigil for Justice’; leaders say they hope to unify community on social justice issues

Several student organizations on campus will host a candlelight vigil at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5, on the Huntington campus to bring the community together regarding social injustices.

Derek Rankin, president of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, said awareness is important because cases flee the public’s memory after a few days.

“This is basically the space in the interim in which we stay aware of what’s going on in the community,” Rankin said. “This is a topic that is very delicate; therefore, we always push it to the side and just avoid it. It’s finally bringing up the conversation of what goes on outside of this campus and what goes on around this community and this nation, essentially.”

Dr. Cedric Gathings, vice president for student affairs at Marshall, said the university community “supports every student and/or student organization’s right to express their thoughts, feelings and beliefs in a peaceful and respectful manner.”

“My message to students is that, despite all the things that are going on, as long as we stick together, we can overcome it,” Rankin said. “At the end of the day, no matter what, if we have a problem, we can address the problem and get the problem solved by a safe, nonviolent, effective means.”

“I know that there are great police out there, but I know there are bad ones, and I don’t want the bad ones to influence the great ones or I don’t want the great ones to be afraid to confront the bad ones,” Rankin said.

“I want people like me to be able to go outside and drive down the street and not be scared that this will be the last time I ever get pulled over.”

Athletic Department offers free tickets to Octoberfest concert this Friday

All Marshall faculty and staff are cordially invited to this Friday’s OCTOBERFEST concert at Joan C. Edwards Stadium. All Faculty and Staff members can stop by the Athletic Ticket Office
located in the Cam Henderson Center this week prior to 4:00 p.m. on Friday to pick up one free ticket per MU ID. All other tickets are $10. The lineup is made up of two local bands, Of The Dell and Ona. Following the local talent will be national acts Justine Skye and CASH CASH. Gates open at 4:00 p.m. and the music will start at 5:00 p.m.

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'Levels' fundraiser for United Way to take place Oct. 8

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Levels 2016
A Gala on the Next Level

Join us for an unforgettable night of art, cuisine, and dancing to benefit the life-changing work of United Way of the River Cities.

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304.523.8929

Marshall University Visual Arts Center in Downtown Huntington
575 per person | 7 PM | Cocktail Attire

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Department of Mathematics to present distinguished researcher Richard Ehrenborg

The Advanced Research Initiative of the Department of Mathematics and College of Science invites distinguished researchers to Marshall to speak with both general and specialized audiences and interact with graduate and undergraduate students. The speaker for Fall 2016 is Dr. Richard Ehrenborg from the University of Kentucky. As well as being a distinguished mathematician in the area of combinatorics, coalgebras, geometry, invariant theory, probability, and stochastic processes, Ehrenborg is also an avid juggler and magician.

He will give two presentations:

**Title: Mathematical Magic**  
*Time and Date:* Monday, October 10, 2016 at 4 p.m. in Corbly Hall 104

*Abstract:* We will demonstrate a few “magic” tricks, all based upon mathematics. We will reveal the tricks including the mathematics behind them. Among other topics this will include parity, recursions and Hall’s Marriage Theorem.

**Title: Counting Permutations with Calculus**  
*Time and Date:* Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 4 p.m. in Smith Hall 516

*Abstract:* A permutation \( \pi = \pi_1 \pi_2 \ldots \pi_n \) is a list of the elements 1 through \( n \) in some order. A permutation is alternating if the elements zig-zag, that is, \( \pi_1 < \pi_2 > \pi_3 < \ldots \).

We prove a classic formula for the number of alternating permutations using the interplay of geometry and calculus. Using the same techniques we also study the number permutations with no double ascents, that is, there is no index \( i \) such that \( \pi_i < \pi_{i+1} < \pi_{i+2} \). Unfortunately, this last case becomes messy and leads to open questions as to where else these techniques can be applied.

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Math faculty to teach ACT math camp Oct. 15 and 16

Marshall math faculty will be teaching a special 2-day “Cram Session” for students 19 years old and above Saturday, Oct. 15, and Sunday, Oct. 16, prior to the ACT test date of Oct. 22. Each day’s sessions will take place from 1 to 4:30 p.m.
For a registration fee of $120, students can identify their math strengths and weaknesses, build on existing skills, play fun and challenging math games, and practice an average pacing of one question per minute. The session includes a reassessment at the end so students are prepared to continue to study independently.

The session is presented by West Virginia Science Adventures.

There is a 10% discount for children/grandchildren of all Marshall full-time employees, and financial need-based scholarships are also available. For registration and further information, visit www.ssawv.com/act-test-prep.

INTO Marshall opens prayer room

INTO Marshall University’s multi-faith prayer and meditation room is now open. The room, located on the second floor of the INTO Center in East Hall, is open to students of all faiths and beliefs.

The prayer room can be utilized by students for independent prayer or meditation Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. and is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

This space further represents Marshall University and INTO Marshall University’s efforts to provide safe spaces for all students on campus. For questions, please contact the INTO Marshall Center at 304-696-4686.

Marshall research team publishes study on cell signaling mechanism

Researchers at Marshall, the University of Toledo and New York Medical College, continuing their investigative work into the recently discovered signaling function of the sodium-potassium pump, have identified an important application of this discovery that could potentially lead to new treatment options for patients with kidney disease.
The study, “Attenuation of Na/K-ATPase Mediated Oxidant Amplification with pNaKtide Ameliorates Experimental Uremic Cardiomyopathy,” was published today in Scientific Reports, an online journal from the publishers of Nature.

The study can be found at: http://www.nature.com/articles/srep34592.epdf?author_access_token=AmDHReMGvVyzIfjfo4Re0tRgN0jAjWeli9jnR3ZoTv0MV87qzWKCE4AFvndn69vMExuKLs1-aRD1Q-iJ33JOFhEseXCR9dnCCw2p9zXNUiJxtjQn8bqzGhIVGSH896JATO

The findings of the study suggest that reduction of oxidant stress by introduction of the peptide, pNaKtide, can ameliorate experimental uremic cardiomyopathy, the cardiac disease which almost always complicates advanced renal failure. Although advanced renal failure requiring dialysis or transplantation affects only about one to two individuals per 1000 people in the United States, milder degrees of chronic renal disease are very common (25% of the adult population) and also appear to be associated with increased cardiovascular morbidity and mortality.

“Our data clearly showed that the peptide dramatically both prevented and reversed the development of experimental uremic cardiomyopathy in mice,” said Joseph I. Shapiro, M.D., dean of the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine and the study’s senior author. “These findings suggest the possibility of our developing effective therapy for what has previously been untreatable. I would emphasize that the current study clearly establishes the signaling function of the sodium pump which was discovered by Zijian Xie, Ph.D. in the late 1990s as an important therapeutic target.”

Dr. Zijian Xie is the director of the Marshall University Institute for Interdisciplinary Research and a professor of biomedical sciences at the School of Medicine.

“It is especially gratifying for me, a basic scientist, to see that our discovery about the signaling function of the sodium pump could have a real impact on human health and clinical medicine,” Xie said. “Needless to say, there is still a long way to go to develop an effective drug against this new therapeutic target. Nevertheless, we are very excited about this new opportunity.”


**Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine**

The Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine is a community-based, Veterans Affairs-affiliated medical school dedicated to providing high-quality medical education and postgraduate training programs to foster a skilled physician workforce to meet the unique health care needs of West Virginia and Central Appalachia. The school seeks to develop centers of excellence in clinical care, including primary care in rural underserved areas, focused and responsive programs of
biomedical science graduate study, biomedical and clinical science research, academic scholarship and public service outreach. For more information, visit [www.jcesom.marshall.edu](http://www.jcesom.marshall.edu).

**Marshall Institute for Interdisciplinary Research**

MIIR is Marshall University’s key vehicle for advancing regional economic development. The institute’s scientists are developing a focused program of biotechnology research dedicated to exploring new treatments for cancer and heart and kidney disease, producing patentable scientific breakthroughs and creating new businesses based on those discoveries. Learn more at [www.marshall.edu/miir](http://www.marshall.edu/miir).

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### ‘Loving Appalachia: Celebrating West Virginia Heritage’ planned for Oct. 17

Marshall University Housing and Residence Life, INTO Marshall University, and the Appalachian Studies Association have partnered to host the third annual Loving Appalachia Monday, Oct. 17. Departments and organizations have an opportunity to join in the festival by making contributions and staffing information tables on the day of the event.

“West Virginia is the only state located entirely in the Appalachian region,” said Christopher Leadingham, office manager for the Appalachian Studies Association, which is based on Marshall’s Huntington campus. “This year we have added the sub-theme ‘celebrating West Virginia heritage’ to showcase West Virginia and its people. Please join us on Monday, Oct. 17, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the field in front of the INTO Marshall University building.”

Leadingham said the goals of the event are to:

- Provide domestic and international students the opportunity to explore the history of West Virginia, its people, and its traditions.
- Highlight the important contributions of local artisans, crafters, musicians, community organizations, and more to our community, state, region, nation, and world.
- Connect students with local campus and community members engaged in the study and appreciation of Appalachian experiences, regionally, nationally and internationally.

“We anticipate reaching between two hundred and four hundred students through this festival,” Leadingham added. “This is an excellent opportunity to connect with Marshall University students and share your own passions, interests, and perspectives about West Virginia and the
larger Appalachian region. We need your help to make this event a success and would appreciate donations of foods and services (storytelling, music, demonstrations, etc.) that reflect your unique contribution to the area. Please also consider staffing a complimentary exhibit table to share the work that you and/or members of your organization do in the region.”

The event will take place in the Memorial Student Center in the event of inclement weather. Notice will be given before setup.

Contact Hannah Smith at smith1861@marshall.edu or Christopher Leadingham at leadingham6@marshall.edu if you would like to contribute to or participate in the event.

Click on the graphic above to view in larger size.
RBA, Outreach and Continuing Studies offices move to Smith Hall

Smith Hall 223 is now the office space for:

Pat Campbell from College Courses in the High School and Continuing Education; Jerri Clagg, Academic Advisor for the R.B.A. program; Andrew Gooding, Director of the R.B.A. program; Rita Spears, Academic Advisor for the R.B.A. program; and Marie Willis, Administrative Secretary Senior for Outreach and Continuing Studies.

Once the dust settles, feel free to come visit us at our new place!

If you go in the main door to the 2nd floor of Smith on the side by Old Main our office suite is halfway down on the right across from Communication Studies.

Reminder: ‘Tribute to the Disappeared’ opens today

“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 project, created in 2014, is curated by Andrea 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.

Reminder: Special Collections to be closed tomorrow, Friday

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.
Reminder: West Virginia Makes Festival is Friday, Oct. 7

Join the fun Friday, Oct. 7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., as the Robert C. Byrd Institute (RCBI) presents the West Virginia Makes Festival on the Memorial Student Center Plaza on the Huntington campus.

The annual festival celebrates making and ingenuity in all their forms. This year’s event will be bigger than ever and feature live music, games, performance art, as well as students of all ages, makers and entrepreneurs teeming with creativity.

A Design Challenge will showcase entrants demonstrating their inventions and reward their creative inspirations. Find out who will win cash prizes, including a $1,000 “Best of Show” grand prize.

Who knows … the next great invention might be discovered right in Huntington, West Virginia!

This year’s sponsors of RCBI’s festival, which coincides with National Manufacturing Day, include the West Virginia Department of Education and 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

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

School of Pharmacy marks pharmacy month with outreach activities

Marshall’s School of Pharmacy will recognize American Pharmacists Month in October with dozens of activities including immunization clinics, diabetes education outreach, a special luncheon and a career fair, among other events.

The school will also celebrate its first alumni tailgate Saturday, Oct. 22, as the Marshall Thundering Herd takes on the Charlotte 49ers in Huntington. The event will honor the Class of 2016, as well as the school’s community preceptors.

“Pharmacy month instills a sense of pride in our profession for our students, “ said Kim Broedel-Zaugg, R.Ph., M.B.A., Ph.D., chair of the department of pharmacy practice, administration and research. “We celebrate what pharmacists have always done, caring for patients while we build the future practice of health-care teams serving patients holistically.”

Activities for the month include a partnership with Walgreens and the school’s Office of Diversity and Inclusion for immunization clinics, a diabetes clinic at the Huntington Medicine Shoppe and a health screening event at West Virginia’s “Bridge Day,” which is a collaborative event with groups from the University of Charleston and West Virginia University Schools of Pharmacy.

On Friday, Oct. 21, Diana Courtney, R.Ph., director of student and professional affairs committees at the National Community Pharmacists Association, will serve as guest speaker for the school’s annual Pharmacy Luncheon.

Courtney has been recognized by several pharmacy associations for her work in retail pharmacy and was named the 2007 Distinguished Young Pharmacist by the Oregon State Pharmacy Association.

The day also includes a career fair for students. Both activities will be in the Memorial Student Center.
As part of the month-long awareness, two Marshall School of Pharmacy faculty members will be recognized for their achievements by the West Virginia Pharmacists Association.

Robert Stanton, Pharm.D., M.B.A., assistant dean for experiential learning, will be recognized with the Bowl of Hygeia Award for his outstanding record of community service. Stanton volunteers for several organizations including Marshall Medical Outreach, a student-led group that provides health care to the area’s homeless and underserved.

Charles “C.K.” Babcock, Pharm.D., clinical assistant professor in the department of pharmacy practice, will also be awarded the Generation Rx Champion Award for his training of pharmacists and other health care professionals about the benefits and use of naloxone for drug abuse.

The Marshall University School of Pharmacy opened in 2012 and graduated its inaugural class last year.

Alumni association to sponsor awareness event for the homeless Nov. 5

The Marshall University Alumni Association has issued a call for Marshall University alumni, faculty and students, as well as Huntington community members, to join in “Herd for the Homeless,” a community volunteer event to be hosted by the MUAA. It will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, at Trinity Episcopal Church in Huntington.

“We hope to educate the MU community and raise awareness about homelessness in the Huntington area, and have this serve as a launch event for our alumni clubs around the U.S. so they can begin incorporating community service in their annual activity plans,” said Matt Hayes, executive director of the association. “We intend to lead by example.”

The event will include breakfast and lunch served to the homeless as well as distribution of coats, socks and other winter items.

Missy Clagg Browning, an employee of Marshall’s Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine who is assisting with the planning, said that volunteers will be needed Nov. 5 as follows:

- From 9 to 11 a.m. to help with setting up, sorting coat donations, and serving breakfast with the River Cities Street Ministry;
• From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to assist with serving a tailgate-style luncheon to Huntington’s homeless community and distributing coats and winter items;
• From 1 to 2 p.m. for preparing any excess coats for transport to the partnering agencies and cleaning up the dining hall.

“‘Herd for the Homeless’ is a wonderful opportunity for individuals and groups to make an impact on the local homeless community and experience the rewarding feeling that comes from helping others,” Browning said.

In addition to Trinity Episcopal serving as host, donations have already been received from Woodmen Life, as well as INTO Marshall, Marshall Health, Source4 and private donations.

There are other ways to help in advance of the event, she added. Churches and other groups can sponsor a coat drive and/or drop off new or gently used coats for men, women and children. Groups or individuals can collect or donate gloves, socks and peanut butter or an item to give away at the event.

The coats and winter items that aren’t distributed the day of the event will be divided among the event’s partnering agencies, which include the Huntington City Mission, Harmony House and Cridlin Food and Clothing Pantry. The peanut butter will be donated to stock the Facing Hunger Foodbank.

“As alumni of Marshall University we have been given much,” Hayes said, “and we have an outstanding opportunity to give back to our gracious alma mater and respective communities by engaging with local agencies to meet the basic human needs of those around us.”

For more information and for a listing of local drop-off locations for coats and other donations, visit the event page on Facebook by searching for “Herd for the Homeless” or contact Browning via Facebook or at clagg11@marshall.edu.

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