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For Dennis Foley, a compounding injury suffered while playing linebacker for Marshall University was the saving grace that kept him off of the DC-9 jetliner that careened into a hillside just hundreds of feet from its destination in Kenova, West Virginia, on Nov. 14, 1970.

The tragedy would kill his roommate, kicker Marcelo Lajterman, and 74 others—teammates, coaches, staff, supporters and the flight crew.

In the 46 years since the tragedy, Marshall University’s Student Government Association has worked to remember those lost during
the annual memorial service on the date of the crash, this year on Monday, Nov. 14, at noon.

“This ceremony and keeping this memory alive is so important to us,” said Emily Kinner, SGA vice president. “We hope to honor teammates, family, friends and the Marshall and Huntington communities as much as ever, 46 years later.”

Foley will be the keynote speaker at the Memorial Student Center plaza.

“It’s one of the greatest honors of my whole life,” Foley said.

“I think that there’s a lot of students and people who are interested in what happened,” Foley said. “It’s a responsibility I have to Marshall to help show everyone and especially current students what the true story is around the plane crash.”

A New Jersey native, Foley is now retired and living near Columbus, Ohio, where he lives with his wife, Deborah Foley. They have three sons—Jason, 40, Brent, 36, and Derek, 32.

For those who cannot attend, the service will be livestreamed at www.livestream.com/marshallu beginning at noon on Monday, Nov. 14.

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In Memoriam: Dr. Jeff Kovatch

Dr. Jeffrey Kovatch, associate professor of biological sciences, died Saturday, Nov. 5.

A graduate of the University of Pittsburgh (B.S. 1995) and Syracuse University (Ph.D. 2008), he specialized in aquatic ecology and was active as an executive committee member for the Ohio River Basin Consortium for Research and Education and the West Virginia Chapter of the American Fisheries Society. He first came to Marshall as a postdoctoral fellow in 2006, and then started his faculty appointment in 2009.

He is survived by his wife, Dr. Paige Muellerleile, also a faculty member at Marshall in the psychology department, and their two daughters.

“Jeff was an accomplished researcher and a teacher, friend, mentor and colleague, and will truly be missed,” said Marshall President Jerome Gilbert in a message to the Marshall faculty and staff. “Words fail at a time like this. Jeff was not only an outstanding faculty member but also a
treasured father and husband … The courage, compassion and love Paige has demonstrated through her blog updates has been inspiring. By all accounts, they had a wonderful life together.”

A memorial service will take place this Friday, Nov. 11, at the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse on the Huntington campus. Doors open at 3 p.m. and the service will begin at 4 p.m.

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Information session on severance package to take place tomorrow

Employees who believe they may be eligible for the severance package being offered by the university are invited to take part in an information session tomorrow, Thursday, Nov. 10, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. in room BE-5 in the Memorial Student Center.

Bruce Felder, Marshall’s director of human resource services, said that this is just the first of several sessions that will be scheduled through January of next year. Employees should watch future issues of We Are…Marshall and the Human Resources training website for information on future sessions.

The severance plan is part of the university’s ongoing effort to be fiscally responsible and will be funded through university reserves, which will be replenished with savings realized from retirements and resignations. The net result will be additional, ongoing funds that will be available to help balance our budget.

The program was drafted over the summer and the Board of Governors approved the proposed plan in executive session at its Aug. 24 meeting. The legislative committee approved it several weeks ago.

To be eligible to participate in the plan, faculty and classified employees must meet the following criteria:

- Be at least sixty-five (65) years of age;
- Have completed ten (10) years of service at Marshall University; and
- Be a participant in an eligible retirement plan (TIAA or Empower Retirement Services).

The plan provides for a lump sum payment of fifty percent (50%) of an employee’s base salary upon retirement or resignation. Faculty of the School of Medicine are not eligible.

Eligible employees must indicate their intention to take advantage of the severance plan between Nov. 1, 2016, and Jan. 30, 2017, and must retire or resign between May 17, 2017, and Aug. 16,
2017. This is an offer beneficial to select current employees and it is not expected to become a regular or recurring program.

The plan is available online here and the contract regarding the severance is available here. For more information, e-mail human-resources@marshall.edu, call 304-696-6455 or stop by Old Main 207.

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9
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Sponsored by MU Native American Student Organization, Student Affairs, the Student Government Association, and the Office of Intercultural Affairs. For more information, contact johnson28@marshall.edu.
Smith to lecture on Bush publication tonight

Dr. Jean Edward Smith will discuss the topic of his latest book, BUSH, focusing on the career of President George W. Bush, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9, in the Brad D. Smith Foundation Hall. The lecture is the last in the fall series of the Amicus Curiae series, sponsored by the Simon Perry Center for Constitutional Democracy.

Smith has been called “America’s greatest living biographer” by George Will and “America’s premier political biographer” by others.

The New York Times has called BUSH “a comprehensive and compelling narrative punctuated by searing verdicts” of President George W. Bush’s foreign and domestic policies including the aftermath of 9/11, the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, Guantanamo, stem cell research and Hurricane Katrina.

According to event organizers, Smith will aim to show how, contrary to popular belief, Bush often ignored his principal advisers and made key decisions himself, fortified by his deep religious faith. He will discuss both positive and negative aspects of Bush’s presidency, including the fact that Bush’s actions in the wake of the financial collapse of 2008 actually helped save the nation’s economy, while his decision to invade Iraq created problems that still haunt us today.

“It is an honor to have such an accomplished author and scholar as Professor Smith speak in the lecture series,” said Patricia Proctor, director of the Simon Perry Center for Constitutional Democracy. “This is also a fabulous opportunity to learn from someone who spent years studying this subject. This book has received national and international attention, and it will be fascinating to hear professor Smith expound on what he learned in the course of writing it.”

Smith served as the John Marshall Professor of Political Science at Marshall from 1999 to 2012, and is professor emeritus at the University of Toronto, where he taught for more than 30 years. In addition to BUSH, he is the author of Eisenhower in War and Peace; FDR, winner of the Francis Parkman Prize of the Society of American Historians; Grant, a Pulitzer Prize finalist; John Marshall: Definer of a Nation; and Lucius D. Clay: An American Life. Smith received his A.B. Magna Cum Laude from Princeton University and his Ph.D. from the Department of Public Law and Government at Columbia University.

The lecture is free and open to the public and will take place in the Brad D. Smith Foundation Hall, home of the Erickson Alumni Center. A book signing will follow the lecture.

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Board gets fall enrollment update, approves selection of firm for potential development project

At a meeting last week on the South Charleston campus, the Marshall Board of Governors received a fall enrollment update and approved the selection of Signet Enterprises of Akron, Ohio, for a potential campus development project.

Dr. Gayle Ormiston, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs, reported total enrollment is essentially steady, with 13,324 students this year compared to 13,321 at the same point in the fall 2015 semester. Approximately 300 late registrations are expected to be added before the end of this semester. Last year’s final student enrollment was 13,631.

Ormiston added that the university’s retention rate, or the percentage of students who returned to Marshall, is up about two percent. This marks the third straight year of retention gains.

The board’s approval of a development firm is the first step in exploring the possibility of a public-private partnership that would provide new housing, parking and academic facilities near the university’s health sciences campus in Huntington’s Fairfield community.

According to university officials, the recent opening of the School of Pharmacy, the growth of the School of Medicine, and the development and expansion of several new post-graduate training programs has attracted more than 1,000 graduate, professional and post-graduate students, giving urgency to the need for expanded facilities. Also under consideration is the possible relocation of the School of Pharmacy from the VA Medical Center in Spring Valley to the main health sciences campus.

At today’s meeting, university officials emphasized that selection of a development team does not obligate the university to undertake any specific project and that the first order of business will be to conduct a study to determine the need for housing and additional parking. If the university and developer decide to move ahead with the project, the university will work with community members and other stakeholders to ensure they are part of the development process.

In other business, the board approved revisions to university policies related to discrimination and harassment and student rights and responsibilities. They also approved an intent to plan a new degree program—a master’s of pharmaceutical sciences, and accepted a report on tuition waivers and an investment earnings update.

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Anniversary showing of ‘We Are Marshall’ to take place Friday

A special showing of the Warner Bros. movie “We Are Marshall,” which premiered 10 years ago, is set for Friday, Nov. 11, at the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center.

Tickets, which went on sale Oct. 31, are available at the Marshall Artists Series box office or via Ticketmaster.

“This is a great opportunity for members of the Marshall family to have the unique opportunity of experiencing the movie in the historic Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center,” said Matt Hayes, executive director of alumni relations at Marshall University. “Our sponsors have ensured we will be able to make a sizable contribution toward student scholarships here at Marshall.”

The evening will begin with a reception at 5:30 p.m., with the showing of the movie at 7 p.m. Tickets are $25 per person and may be purchased at the box office in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center, which is open from noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, or online at www.ticketmaster.com. Ticketmaster charges may apply. All proceeds are dedicated to student scholarships.

“Many of our students have shared that they have not yet seen the movie and this event provides the perfect opportunity to share our story and extend the Marshall legacy,” Hayes added. To assist in this effort, the alumni association will accept donations in order to make tickets available to students. Donations for student tickets are tax deductible and may be made payable to the MUAA in increments of $25.

“We are hopeful for a sellout,” Hayes said.

Attendees at the event are encouraged to use the hashtag #WeAreMarshall10 to post on social media any pictures or comments they make that day.

The movie is the story of the 1970 plane crash that took the lives of 75 football players, coaches, administrators and boosters and especially the efforts made to save the football program and compete once more.

The Marshall University Alumni Association and gold, silver and bronze-level sponsors are making the event possible.

For information on tickets, contact the box office at 304-696-6656. For further information on the event, e-mail the MUAA at alumni@marshall.edu.
Masquerade Ball to benefit SAFE domestic violence shelter

The Marshall University Women’s Studies program is hosting the third annual Masquerade Ball Friday, Nov. 11, in the Don Morris Room in the Memorial Student Center. The theme of the event is “A Masquerade in Venice,” and guests are invited to dress in costume or as formally or informally as they choose.

The Marshall Jazz Combo (2), DJ Ray-Dub host of “Soulful Sessions” on Charleston’s WTSQ 88 and Marco will provide entertainment.

Ticket prices include Italian refreshments and an open wine bar for those over 21. There will be a silent auction taking place throughout the night, featuring items from President Gilbert, the Marshall Artists Series, David and Denise Pittenger, Birds of a Feather, Sip Wine and Whiskey Bar, The Wild Ramp, Greenside Indoor Golf, Stella and Dot, Nurtured Body and Massage, Brand Yourself, Le Bistro, Empire Books, Backyard Pizza and Wine Bar and many others. All of the proceeds from the auction will benefit SAFE, a domestic violence shelter in Welch, West Virginia.

Tickets are $10 for students, and 1 for $20 or 2 for $35 for faculty and community members, and must be purchased in advance. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

If you are interested in purchasing a ticket or donating an item to be auctioned, please contact Sarah Reynolds at reynolds169@marshall.edu or Laura Michele Diener at diener@marshall.edu.

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Marshall to host free FAFSA workshop for local students

Marshall is hosting a free “It’s FAFSA Time” financial aid workshop for local students and their families who need assistance in filing the 2017-18 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The event takes place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday, Nov. 11, in the university’s Drinko Library, room 138.

Dr. Kathy Bialk, director of the university’s Office of Student Financial Assistance, said filling out the FAFSA is perceived by many as being complicated and time-consuming, but getting expert assistance while completing the FAFSA can make a world of difference.

“Students graduating from high school in 2017 and students already in college should submit the 2017-18 FAFSA now, even if they haven’t decided where to attend college,” Bialk said. “Filing the FAFSA earlier could help students and their families make smarter college decisions. Applying early could give students and parents that jump-start to discuss college affordability, as well as the opportunity to maximize the amount of financial aid students can get.”

In preparation for the workshop, Bialk said the student and parent should create an FSA ID at https://fsaid.ed.gov, which gives them access to Federal Student Aid’s online systems and can serve as their legal signature. She said parents and students should bring their FSA ID, 2015 tax information and/or income information, social security number and driver’s license to the workshop.

“Completing the FAFSA is not super quick nor easy. That’s why it is best to get a solid start on it so that students are not overwhelmed with it just before various deadlines,” Bialk said. “All personal FAFSA information reviewed and discussed with students and parents will be kept private and confidential.”

This event is open to prospective students, current students and the community at large. To register, visit www.marshall.edu/sfa/its-fafsa-time. Registration in advance is encouraged but walk-ins are welcome.

“It’s FAFSA Time” is sponsored by the Office of Student Financial Assistance and the Heart of Appalachia Talent Search (HATS) program. Contact sfa@marshall.edu to learn more.

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Community Drawing Sessions to take place Monday, Nov. 14, and Dec. 12

The School of Art and Design and the Tri-State Arts Association will present Community Drawing Sessions on Monday, Nov. 14 and Monday, Dec. 12 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Visual Arts Center, Room 510. The sessions are free with a Marshall student, faculty or staff ID, and general admission for alumni and other members of the community is $10 a session.

These drop-in Community Drawing Sessions at the VAC provide anyone – novice or professional – the opportunity to practice drawing the human figure in a non-judgmental environment.

Sessions consist of draped or costumed models posed in 20-minute intervals and are perfect for independent work and informal collegial exchange. No prior experience is required and pointer lessons are available upon request. Bring your own materials.

For more information, contact the School of Art and Design at reedsa@marshall.edu or visit www.marshall.edu/art.
Marshall to honor veterans through Greenlight a Vet campaign

For the second year, Marshall is showing its support of U.S. veterans by participating in the Greenlight a Vet campaign. Beginning Monday, Nov. 7, the spotlights on the university’s brick sign outside of Old Main will turn green. These lights will stay green throughout the remainder of November.

Participating in the Greenlight campaign is a point of pride for the Marshall community, said Tony Crislip, associate director of the university’s Physical Plant.

“I think it’s great that Marshall chooses to honor our service men and women in this way,” Crislip said. “Veterans deserve to be honored year-round – a lot of what they do for our country is behind the scenes and goes unspoken, but they have fought to protect our rights. We will continue to recognize them in this way every year.”

The university encourages members of the community to join it by changing one light to green at their offices or homes in honor of the men and women who have served our country. Share your support by taking a picture of your green light and posting it using the hashtag #greenlightavet.
About Greenlight a Vet: Greenlight A Vet is a campaign created by Wal-Mart to establish visible national support for our veterans by changing one light to green. Green is the color of hope, renewal and well-being. “Greenlight” is also a term commonly used to activate forward movement. The simple action of changing one light to green is intended to spark a national conversation regarding the recognition of veterans, and “greenlight” them forward as valued members of our communities. Learn more by visiting www.greenlightavet.com.

Photo: Marshall participated in the Greenlight a Vet campaign for the first time in 2015. University officials say it is something they will continue to do every year in honor of our veterans.

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Campus Conversation to take place next Thursday, Nov. 17

The next Campus Conversation on civil discourse will take place at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17, in Room BE-5 of the Memorial Student Center, with guest facilitator Alexander Heffner. Heffner is host of the PBS program “The Open Mind.”

Textual resources are available in limited quantities. The texts, “A Plea for Civil Discourse: Needed, the Academy’s Leadership,” by Andrea Leskes (American Association of Colleges & Universities, 2013) and “Choosing Civility,” P.M. Forni (New York: St Martin’s Griffin, 2002) may be requested by contacting Academic Affairs.

The session will be livestreamed at www.marshall.edu/it/livestream.

The Offices of Academic Affairs and Student Affairs, as well as Faculty Senate, Student Government Association and the Simon Perry Center for Constitutional Democracy, have been hosting the series.

For further information contact academic-affairs@marshall.edu by e-mail or at 304-696-6840 by phone.

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World Renowned a cappella group Naturally 7 takes the Keith-Albee stage next week

World-renowned group Naturally 7, presented by Hoops Family Children’s Hospital, will be performing at the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17, bringing a unique set of vocals for Huntington audiences to enjoy.

The Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University Choir was originally scheduled for this date, but had to cancel due to the FEESMUSTFALL movement that has effectively closed down the majority of South African universities. Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University classes have been called off for several weeks now, forcing the cancelation of the choir’s North American tour, including the show scheduled for Nov. 17 the Keith-Albee.

Naturally 7 are no strangers when it comes to working with celebrities. Not only have they performed on tour with music superstar Michael Bublé, but they have also recorded three duets with the musician as well. The group has also performed as special guests for the band Coldplay, and has recorded a duet with Ludacris on Quincy Jones’ most recent studio album.

Many performances and television debuts such as being on Ellen, The Today Show and the Tonight Show with Jay Leno led to the push the group needed to hit the ground running. It was in 2009 when the group truly began to make their way in the industry when they performed to a
packed house at London’s Pigalle, which included Coldplay’s Chris Martin and legendary musician and producer Brian Eno. The next day, by invitation, the group joined Coldplay and Eno in the studio for a recording session. From then on, Naturally 7 was unstoppable.

The music group has a distinct a cappella style they call “vocal play” which, according to group leader Roger Thomas, is “the art of becoming an instrument using the human voice to create the sound.” They simulate the sounds of an instrumental band using only their voices, their mouths and distortion effects.

The group currently consists of the Thomas brothers, Roger (musical director, arranger, first baritone, rapping) and Warren (drums, guitar, third tenor), as well as Rod Eldridge (first tenor, scratching, trumpet), Rickey Cort (fourth tenor, guitar), Dwight Stewart (second baritone, vocals, trombone), Garfield Buckley (second tenor, harmonica) and Kelvin “Kelz” Mitchel (bass guitar, trumpet).

During the process of trying to decide if Naturally 7 was going to be an a cappella group or a traditional band, Roger Thomas had an interesting idea: they could be both.

Roger remembered as a child, his brother Warren always wanted a drum set but their mother always told him no because it was just too noisy. So Warren learned to make true drum sounds, with different ways of making the kick, toms, snare, cymbals, and other drum sounds, to compensate for not having real drums to play. Roger approached Warren with the idea from their childhood, and asked if Warren could become the band’s drummer, so to speak, to accompany Naturally 7 on up-tempo songs.

As the idea evolved, and the other band members found unique aspects of their own voices to determine which members would be which instrument. After all, Roger thought, if the human voice truly was an instrument, it should not matter which instrument it needed to be. And for Naturally 7, it really didn’t matter; “VOCAL PLAY” was born.

Tickets for Naturally 7 are $68.20/$52.15/$36.10/$26.47. To see a different style of vocals perform at the Keith-Albee, 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.

Naturally 7 is sponsored by Hoops Family Children’s Hospital, West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission, Cabell County Commission, West Virginia Department of Education, West Virginia Department of Education and the Arts – Kay Goodwin, Cabinet Secretary, Center for African American Students at Marshall University, Marsha Slater Insurance, Dr. Stephen Nicholas, Marshall Orthopedics, The Glick Foundation, KEE 100, WVHU, WSAZ, the Herald-Dispatch, Marshall University and the Marshall Artists Series.
Marshall libraries are collecting donations of canned foods as payment for library fines through the remainder of the fall semester. One can/box of food will be accepted in exchange for each dollar of library fines owed. Contact MU Libraries for a list of recommended food items. Promotion includes Drinko Library, Government Documents, Special Collections and the South Charleston campus Library and Research Commons.

RCBI to launch state’s first Global Accelerator

The Robert C. Byrd Institute (RCBI) will launch a full-service business accelerator in downtown Huntington to hasten the creation of new businesses and jobs by helping entrepreneurs overcome traditional hurdles that startups face.

RCBI has been accepted into the prestigious Global Accelerator Network (GAN), a worldwide collaboration of more than 70 mentor-based accelerators. The RCBI Business Accelerator will become the only West Virginia member of GAN, and Huntington will become one of the smallest U.S. cities to receive the designation.

Membership in GAN provides RCBI and accelerator clients access to the best practices of accelerators and startups around the world. In addition, it offers peer-to-peer collaboration, consulting services and exclusive market data as well as helps connect startups to industry experts and potential investors.

Local business leaders across multiple industry sectors will provide one-on-one mentoring services to accelerator clients. The RCBI accelerator also will leverage the resources and expertise of educational institutions and economic development agencies.
“We’re creating an entrepreneurial environment where individuals and startups will receive the precise tools they need to launch successful ventures,” said Charlotte Weber, RCBI Director & CEO. “This, in turn, will enable them to create West Virginia jobs and diversify, serving new markets.”

Entrepreneurs and startups accepted into the RCBI Business Accelerator will receive intense, industry-specific mentoring; project funding; office space and equipment; access to advanced technologies and expertise; market research assistance; and access to capital.

The goal is to position accelerator clients to attract outside investment after taking advantage of RCBI accelerator services.

To serve the entire state, the RCBI Advanced Manufacturing Technology Centers in Charleston and Bridgeport will serve as satellite locations of the accelerator network.

Initial funding for the RCBI Jobs Accelerator was provided by the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), whose continued support enables RCBI to leverage its expertise to diversify the economy and create jobs.

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**Faculty Achievement: Dr. Mindy Armstead**

Dr. Mindy Armstead, assistant professor and interim chair of the Department of Natural Resources and the Environment in the College of Science, has had an article published this month in PLoS ONE titled “The Effects of Elevated Specific Conductivity on the Chronic Toxicity of Mining Influenced Streams Using Ceriodaphnia dubia.” It is viewable online at http://dx.doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0165683. Other authors on the project were Leah Bitzer-Creathers and Mandee Wilson.

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Athletic Training program director chosen as only West Virginia representative for NATA committee

Dr. Joseph Beckett, program director of the Athletic Training program in the College of Health Professions, was recently chosen as the only representative from West Virginia to serve on the National Athletic Trainers Association Professional Responsibility Committee (PRC) for the District III Mid-Atlantic Athletic Trainers Association. It is one of 12 committees of the national organization.

Beckett said serving on the PRC will allow him to improve the visibility of Marshall’s Department of Athletic Training. Some of the other schools represented on the PRC are University of Arizona, University of Southern Arkansas, University of Rhode Island and Northern Illinois University.

“I’ll have the opportunity to interact with professionals and colleagues from across the U.S.,” Beckett said. “This will allow me to bring ideas back to Marshall that would enhance programming on campus related to legal, ethical and regulatory standards for athletic trainers and other health care professionals in the state of West Virginia and in District III, which also includes Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina and the District of Columbia.”

Beckett said he hopes being selected to serve on a prestigious national committee such as the PRC will assist in attracting high quality students to apply to their new Professional Master of Science in Athletic Training program.

“We accepted the first class of students into our Professional Master of Science in Athletic Training program in July 2016,” Beckett said. “By implementing strategies developed by the PRC in our Professional Master of Science in Athletic Training program and potentially at the university and state levels, we would become leaders in our commitment to ethical, legal, and regulatory standards.”

Beckett will serve on the committee for two years. He said this committee is a founding committee, which means that this is the first time this group has been brought together to discuss these issues.

To learn more about Beckett and his appointment to the NATA committee, contact him at beckett76@marshall.edu. For more information about Marshall’s Professional Master of Science in Athletic Training program, visit www.marshall.edu/athletic-training.

Photo: Dr. Joseph Beckett of the College of Health Professions was recently chosen as the only representative from West Virginia to serve on the NATA Professional Responsibility Committee (PRC) for the District III Mid-Atlantic Athletic Trainers Association.
Faculty Achievement: Dr. Majed Khader

Dr. Majed Khader, director of the Morrow Library, received an invitation from the Ohio University Office for Diversity and Inclusion to serve as guest presenter on “Dealing with Xenophobia in Today’s Culture” at that university’s “Diversity in the Midst of Change Conference” held Oct. 22.

Khader presented three 40 minute sessions during an all-day students’ conference designated to address issues on diversity students face in today’s society. He was asked to speak on the fear and hatred of multicultural voices including Muslims, LGBT, African Americans and other students that may face these issues as well.

Strategies, ideas, and case studies are a few of the examples that he introduced to help attendees in overcoming and responding to xenophobia. One of the examples used by Khader on how to respond to xenophobes with kindness was an MU student organization initiative used to educate their fellow students called “More Skittles, More Love, More Compassion, More Diversity, We Are… Marshall.” To read the story about this MU student organization initiative, see http://marshallparthenon.com/11107/news/muslim-student-association-offers-more-skittles-more-love-to-marshall-campus.

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Faculty Achievement: Dr. Tamara Gravano

Tamara Gravano PT, DPT, GCS, CEEAA, who is associate professor and director of clinical education in the School of Physical Therapy was elected to serve as a director on the American Physical Therapy Association’s Academy of Geriatric Physical Therapy Board of Directors.

“This is a tremendous achievement for Dr. Gravano, who will be one of seven board members who will represent approximately 6,000 academy members,” said Dr. D. Scott Davis, chair of the School of Physical Therapy. “Dr. Gravano is leading by example and serving as an outstanding role model for the 115 Doctor of Physical Therapy students in the Marshall University School of Physical Therapy.”

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Student art exhibitions to open at Carroll, Birke galleries

New and seasoned students from the School of Art and Design will showcase work at the school’s galleries this month and next.

Graduating seniors will present individual bodies of work from their last year as part of their capstones during “Student Capstone Exhibitions” at the Charles W. and Norma C. Carroll Gallery at Marshall’s Visual Arts Center. “Foundations Review: Selected Student Works,” in the Birke Art Gallery on campus will feature faculty-selected works from students in the beginning stages of the art program.

“Graphic design, art education, ceramics, photography and painting will be reflected, as presenting students are graduating with these emphases,” said Melissa Yungbluth, gallery director at Marshall. “The scope of these exhibitions is a great example of the teachings of the School of Art & Design.”

The two-part capstone exhibitions are broken into two groups of seniors. The first group’s works went up Monday and will remain on display in the Visual Arts Center Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. until Friday, Nov. 17, and the second will be up from Monday, Nov.28, until Friday, Dec. 1. Group one includes Ashleigh Adkins, Brianna Jarvis, Cory McAtee and Karl Shaver. Group two includes George Cook, Joel DeAlba, Chad Floyd, John Hicks, Moriah Lockhart and Lara Peavler.

“Foundations Review: Selected Student Works,” will be on display at the Birke Art Gallery on Marshall’s Huntington campus beginning with an opening reception at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 9. The reception is free and open to the public.

“Guests will see an incredible range of media and ideas: drawing, painting, sculpture, ceramics, photography, video and more,” said Yungbluth.

The work can be viewed until Friday, Dec. 9, at the Birke, Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Friday from noon to 4 p.m.

Admission to both the Carroll Gallery and the Birke Art Gallery is free. For more information about these exhibitions or the art program at Marshall, visit www.marshall.edu/art, call 304-696-2296 or e-mail galleries@marshall.edu.

Photo: Examples of senior students’ work in a capstone exhibition.
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- Video Conferencing
- Access across multiple devices
- Screen sharing
- Instant Messaging

Online Training is Available for Skype for Business

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Faculty & Staff Guide to Information Technology at Marshall University

If you are experiencing technical issues or having problems, please contact our IT Service Desk at servicedesk@marshall.edu or 304-696-3200.
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Marshall hosts annual Intercultural Students’ Weekend

Marshall University welcomed 120 students from across West Virginia for the 3rd annual Intercultural Students’ Weekend on the Huntington campus Nov. 4-5.

Maurice Cooley, vice president for intercultural affairs and an organizer of the event, said the event is aimed at exposing diverse student groups to the learning opportunities at Marshall. “These students were nominated due to their outstanding leadership skills and top performance inside and outside of the classroom,” Cooley said.

Cooley said approximately forty percent of students who attend this event typically enroll at Marshall University, which contributes to the relatively high retention and graduation rate of minorities who attend the university when compared with all other universities in West Virginia and adjoining states.

Activities included “real talk” time with currently enrolled Marshall students, while parents were involved in a panel discussion to learn about the institution including financial aid, scholarships and planning for college. Participants also met the college deans, took campus tours, and spent Friday evening at the Marshall Recreation Center, playing games and enjoying the National Pan-Hellenic Council step show.
The annual awards ceremony took place Saturday in the Don Morris Room at the Memorial Student Center.

*Photo:* Participants in this year’s Intercultural Students’ Weekend posed for this group picture. *Photo by Ryan Fischer.*

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**Boys and Girls Club Thanksgiving Snack Pack Program**

Help us send food home to community food-insecure children during Thanksgiving Break.

**NOVEMBER 4 – 21, 2016**

**Drop off Locations:**
- MSC Lobby
- MSC 2W23
- Residence Halls Front Desks

**Suggested snacks include:**
- juice boxes, raisins, fruit snacks, popcorn, oatmeal, applesauce, pretzels, cans of fruit and peanut butter jars and/or crackers.

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For more information, contact appell1@marshall.edu

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