Marshall meets, exceeds goals of 5 Star Challenge

Marshall is among the West Virginia public higher education institutions that have met or exceeded goals set forth by the state’s 5 Star Challenge initiative, according to Dr. Paul Hill, chancellor of the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission.

Launched last year by the commission’s Office of Veterans Education and Training, the 5 Star Challenge set forth a call to action to institutions to improve educational opportunities for veterans, military service members and their dependents. The West Virginia Community and Technical College System also issued the challenge to West Virginia’s public two-year colleges.

In accepting the challenge about a year ago, Marshall committed to 1) provide signed commitments from its president to dedicate time and resources toward meeting the needs of student veterans; 2) review and amend policies to increase college access and affordability for veterans; 3) provide increased academic support; 4) enhance social networking opportunities for veterans on campus; and 5) build partnerships with community organizations to better serve and support veterans in all aspects of their lives.

Hill reported today that all of the state’s public higher education institutions have met or exceeded the 5 Star Challenge initiative’s goals.

“Our military service members and their families make enormous personal sacrifices and perform invaluable services to our country,” Hill said. “The work our colleges and universities have undertaken this past year honors those contributions. I am hopeful that we can continue to expand on our efforts to give back to these individuals who offer so much to our campuses, our communities and our nation.”

As a result of the Challenge, Marshall—along with every other public college and university in West Virginia—is now offering student veterans either priority registration or guaranteed placement for classes.
“Priority registration is a huge win for these students,” L.G. Corder, the commission’s director of veterans education and training and a veteran of the U.S. Army, said. “Active and reserve military service members are juggling intense schedules in fulfilling the requirements of both their service and their educations. Giving them first priority for classes helps them better manage their responsibilities and can help offset any delays in completing their degree that may be caused by deployment.”

The highly successful veteran-only First-Year Seminar was started this fall at Marshall in response to the 5 Star Challenge, which encourages universities to enhance networking opportunities between veterans and non-veterans on campus and in the community.

The 5 Star Challenge also has fueled a variety of new community partnerships on campuses across the state.

For example, Marshall and Shepherd University worked with community business leaders and donors to fund new veterans resource centers on campus. Concord University, Mountwest Community and Technical College, and Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College partnered with community and campus organizations to enhance their existing centers, all of which had previously been recognized by state and national leaders.

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Marshall Foundation, Harmony House to observe #Giving Tuesday Nov. 29

#GivingTuesday arrives Nov. 29, and Marshall Foundation and university community members are leading the observance. Marshall University Foundation officials are inviting the university community to take part in #GivingTuesday Nov. 29 to support student scholarships and other work in support of the university.

“As members of the Marshall family, we can make a difference in the lives of some of the younger family members by giving an online gift,” said President Gilbert. “It’s important that the university community set an example in giving back to Marshall.”

#GivingTuesday, a purely social media-based campaign that began in 2012, is dedicated to philanthropy and community voluntarism. It follows Black Friday, Small Business Saturday and Cyber Monday.

This year, the foundation’s “Moving Mountains” campaign will be among the featured projects of #GivingTuesday. This is the effort benefiting the student disaster relief fund at the foundation. It is designed to support students who are in dire need of tuition assistance, particularly those
who have been affected by the past summer’s flooding. Easing a financial burden for our students is crucial in this time of rebuilding after the floods, and the foundation has set a goal of $20,000.

Every gift made Nov. 29 will be designated to the disaster relief fund, unless otherwise specified by the donor. When that day comes, gifts can be made by visiting www.marshall.edu/givingtuesday or by sending a check to The Marshall University Foundation, Inc., 519 John Marshall Dr., Huntington, West Virginia 25703 with “Giving Tuesday” in the memo.

#GivingTuesday kicks off the foundation’s Family Campaign, which is for Marshall faculty and staff and allows for payroll deduction or one-time gifts to support Marshall University. The campaign will run from Nov. 29 until Jan. 31. To make your gift, download the form here

http://www.marshall.edu/foundation/FY17payrolldeductionform.pdf.

As a special thank you to those with existing payroll deductions, they will receive a limited edition John Marshall statue bobblehead. In addition, anyone who initiates a new payroll deduction or makes a one-time gift of $100 or more will receive a bobblehead when they ship in January.

Harmony House will host a #GivingTuesday celebration from 2-3 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29, to officially kick off its donation challenge with the Bartlett House homeless shelter in Morgantown. Whichever organization raises the most money between Nov. 29 and Dec. 2 gets to deliver shirts from their respective university for the other to wear.
Donors are encouraged to bring their contributions to Harmony House between 2 and 3 p.m. Nov. 29, to and join in the celebration with Marshall University mascot Marco and President Jerome Gilbert. Huntington Mayor Steve Williams and MU Alumni Association Director Matt Hayes also will be on hand to meet clients and thank donors.

Woodmen of the World will be providing a hot dog lunch for clients and guests.

“We just saw this as a great opportunity that allows both organizations to engage with their donors and communities and to bring out that competitive spirit we often see between our two great universities and cities,” said Harmony House Director of Development Bill Rosenberger. “All of us here want to win and see their staff wearing Marshall gear, but really, all of us here at Harmony House and all those at Bartlett House agree the real winners are the people in both of our communities experiencing homelessness who will benefit from these two charitable communities and fan bases.”

For more information, contact Rosenberger at 304-523-2764, ext. 102.

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Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis bringing ‘Big Band Holidays’ show to Keith Albee Dec. 8

The nine-time Grammy Award-winner Wynton Marsalis will be making a stop at the Keith-Albee during the holiday season at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, for a Big Band Holidays performance with the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra. This is sure to be an evening filled with festive music with that “Big Band sound,” including many holiday favorites.

Composed of 15 of today’s finest jazz soloists and ensemble players, the orchestra spends over a third of the year on tour and can be heard through its weekly national radio programs, global television broadcasts and numerous recordings. Under the direction of Wynton Marsalis, the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra is known for its stylistic authenticity and outstanding performances from iconic swing era groups such as Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Benny Goodman and Tommy Dorsey.

The orchestra will be performing brand-new arrangements of songs both sacred and secular, from Billie Holiday’s “I’ve Got My Love to Keep Me Warm” to seasonal favorites like “Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas.”

It is of no surprise that Wynton Marsalis is a Pulitzer Prize-winning composer and trumpeter, coming from a talent-filled family himself. Wynton is the son of jazz pianist Ellis Marsalis, Jr., grandson of Ellis Marsalis, Sr., and brother of saxophonist Branford, trombonist Delfeayo, and
drummer Jason. Along with being a nine-time Grammy Award winner, Wynton is the only artist to ever receive Grammy Awards for both classical and jazz records.

Guest vocalist Catherine Russell will also be performing in the holiday show. Her uplifting spirit has landed her a spot as an audience favorite at Jazz at Lincoln Center. Russell will choose from some of her favorite festive holiday tunes, so good cheer is sure to be shared throughout the audience when she joins the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra and Wynton Marsalis in celebration of “the most wonderful time of the year.”

Tickets for Wynton Marsalis and the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra are $84.25/$73.55/$62.85/$52.15. To see this uplifting holiday show, contact the Marshall Artists Series Box Office at 304-696-6656 or order tickets online at Ticketmaster.com. You may also visit the box office located in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse on Marshall University’s Huntington campus. Box office hours are Monday through Friday 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.


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Chair of Neurology establishes scholarship for Marshall medical students

Paul B. Ferguson, M.D., chair of the department of neurology at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, and his wife, Allison, have generously pledged to fund an endowed scholarship at the school.

“I continue to be thankful to our graduates and department chairs who are supporting our medical students through scholarships,” said Joseph I. Shapiro, M.D., dean of the School of Medicine.

Ferguson, a 2007 graduate of the Marshall School of Medicine, is a Mercer County, West Virginia, native and a graduate of West Virginia Wesleyan College. He completed his residency in neurology at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, before returning to West Virginia. Ferguson specializes in treating multiple sclerosis. He and Allison reside in Proctorville and have two daughters, Emily and Audrey.
“As a graduate and the chair of the department of neurology, he embodies loyalty and leadership by creating this endowment,” said Linda S. Holmes, director of development and alumni affairs for the School of Medicine. “He leads by example.”

The scholarship, established through the school’s Adopt a Medical Student program, is known as the Dr. Paul and Mrs. Allison Ferguson Scholarship. It is designated for first-year medical students at Marshall who are residents of West Virginia, with first preference given to graduates of West Virginia Wesleyan College. The scholarship is renewable for three additional years, pending normal academic progress.

The first recipient of the Dr. Paul and Mrs. Allison Ferguson Scholarship is Jordan Tate, a first-year medical student and graduate of West Virginia Wesleyan College.

“I am so appreciative of my education and the opportunities given to me and my family by the School of Medicine. It has always been a high priority for Allison and me to give back and support the next generation of physicians,” Ferguson said.

For more information on the scholarship or to make a gift to the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, please contact Linda Holmes at 304-691-1711 or go to www.musom.marshall.edu/alumni.

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Photo: Paul Ferguson, M.D. (left) and Allison Ferguson (second from left), announced their scholarship with Linda Holmes, development director, and Joseph Shapiro, M.D., dean, of the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.

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Marshall faculty member named to board of directors for Academy of Geriatric Physical Therapy

Dr. Tamara Gravano of the College of Health Professions has been named as a director to the board for the Academy of Geriatric Physical Therapy.

Gravano, director of clinical education and an associate professor in the college’s School of Physical Therapy, said she will serve on the board for the next four years, kicking off her term at the annual members’ meeting in San Antonio this February.
“Being on the board of directors allows me to affect change in the profession, which will benefit current and future physical therapists and their aging patients,” Gravano said. “I am excited about the opportunity to serve my profession in a new way. I currently teach geriatric content in Marshall’s physical therapy program and advocate for our students to belong and serve in their professional organization (APTA).”

Dr. Scott Davis, chair of the School of Physical Therapy, said Gravano is a tremendous asset and a valued faculty member within the department.

“Dr. Gravano’s passion, dedication and service to the physical therapy profession is recognized by her colleagues and she serves as a wonderful role model for our students,” Davis said. “We are excited that Dr. Gravano has been elected as a Board member of the Academy of Geriatric Physical Therapy and we are confident that she will represent the profession well at the national level.”

The Academy of Geriatric Physical Therapy supports those therapists, assistants and students that work with an aging population in roles of advocacy, direct patient care, consultation, supervision and education. The Academy of Geriatric Physical Therapy was formed in 1978 to address the needs of the physical therapy practitioner working with the aging client. The Section represents and serves over 5,700 members with a wide array of services and benefits.

To learn more about the Academy of Geriatric Physical Therapy, visit http://geriatricspt.org. For more information about Gravano and Marshall’s School of Physical Therapy, visit www.marshall.edu/physical-therapy.

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YOUR INPUT IS A VITAL PART OF THE PLANNING PROCESS.
STAFF...Monday, November 28, 12-1pm
Memorial Student Center, BE5
FACULTY...Wednesday, November 30, 12-1pm
Memorial Student Center, BE5

We will introduce the committee and its mission, and ask for your input about the opportunities and challenges facing Marshall in the next 15 years.

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The School of Music’s MUsic Mondays presents the third lecture of the fall series at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 28, at the Cellar Door, 905 3rd Ave., Huntington. The fall series, titled “Music and Ways of Telling,” investigates how the composer conveys meaning to the listener.

The lecture, “A Conversation Among Friends: Beethoven’s Piano Trio in C minor,” will explore the social aspects of domestic music making in the early 19th century and of the music written specifically for that activity. Lead presenter Dr. Vicki Stroeher, professor of music history at Marshall University, said that Beethoven’s works for the home are among the best of the works for this purpose.

“Beethoven was often called upon to perform at private homes himself, so he was intimately acquainted with the various and potential relationships that musicians form as they perform together,” Stroeher said. “Beethoven’s Piano Trio in C minor, written for piano, violin, and cello, constantly moves through various alliances among the three musicians, and we essentially overhear the conversation that arises. But, this conversation also extends far beyond the notes of this work. Beethoven makes reference to other works for home use and compositions that use the same key of C minor and then uses those connections to give this work a far deeper meaning.”

On Dec. 19, the series will present Benjamin Britten’s Ceremony of Carols and its use of England’s musical past.

Seating is limited. Participants are invited to arrive early to enjoy conversation and refreshments, and facilitators are requesting a $10 donation, payable at the door. Checks should be made payable to Marshall University. All proceeds will go to support the music program. Marshall students get in free with a Marshall ID.

For more information about MUsic Mondays, call the School of Music at 304-696-3117.

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ADVANCED TICKET SALE: Amanda White at white@marshall.edu or Brittany Herron at studdert@marshall.edu

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School of Art and Design to host ‘Tap our Talent’ event

Marshall University’s School of Art and Design is opening its doors for the Tri-State business community to meet potential student employees Friday, Dec. 2, during “Tap our Talent.”

The drop-in event, which will take place from 1:30 until 3:30 p.m. in Marshall’s Visual Arts Center at 927 Third Ave. in Huntington, will feature students from all areas of emphasis, their portfolios and original works. Emphases include graphic design, photography, painting, printmaking, ceramics and sculpture.

“The event is an introduction of talented visual art majors to members of the Tri-State business community who have now or will have in the future jobs and internships for candidates with the soft and real skill sets of a visual art major,” said Sandra Reed, director of the School of Art and Design.

Reed said individuals who wish to directly commission an artist for freelance work are also invited.

Tri-State businesses and individuals who wish to attend this free event can RSVP by calling 304-696-7299.

For more information about Marshall’s School of Art and Design, visit www.marshall.edu/art.

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Herd Holiday
Tuesday, December 6
5:30-8:30 p.m.
Memorial Student Center
Marshall.edu/HerdHoliday

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"Campus Tea and Talk: A Black and White Affair"
Making connections with new people to broaden and enhance campus community.
All students, staff, and faculty are invited to attend.

Thursday, December 8, 2016 | 4:00 pm
Brad D. Smith Foundation Hall
Business Casual attire, cash bar available.
RSVP by Dec. 2, email ctmadden@marshall.edu please include your name and others you are with.

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Choosing Wisely: Reducing Harm
Innovative Solutions to the Opioid Epidemic
Tuesday, December 13, 2016
Brad D. Smith Foundation Hall
519 John Marshall Drive
Huntington, West Virginia 25703

Click above for more information.

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Changes to Drinko Library study rooms announced; break hours posted

In order to prepare for upcoming renovations in Drinko Library, four study rooms on the second floor (222, 223, 224, and 225) have been temporarily closed. Four additional study rooms are available on the first floor throughout the end of the semester. Rooms 123, 124, 125 and 126 are now available to be reserved at [http://marshall.libcal.com/](http://marshall.libcal.com/). In addition, rooms 138 and 349 will be available for expanded student study space during Dead Week (Dec. 5-9).

Renovations include moving the MUID Office from the basement of the Memorial Student Center to the first floor of Drinko Library. Construction will begin Dec. 19. The new MUID Office is expected to be completed by Jan. 3. Although the majority of the work is expected to be finished before students return for the spring semester, some renovations could continue through the end of January. Drinko library will have limited hours during winter break. Hours are available at [http://www.marshall.edu/library/hours/drinko.aspx](http://www.marshall.edu/library/hours/drinko.aspx). Please note that checkout services will not be available Dec. 20-22; returns will still be accepted.

Students are encouraged to take advantage of additional study spaces across the Huntington campus, including the Memorial Student Center and Morrow Library. The student center offers various study spaces on each floor and Marco’s computer lab in the basement. Morrow Library offers quiet study spaces in Government Documents, Special Collections, the Family History Room, the Hoffman Room and the Yeager room.
Students living on campus also have access to study lounges located in each residence hall and computer labs located in Twin Towers East and West, Holderby Hall, Buskirk Hall and Marshall Commons. Twin Towers East and West are home to the Towers Learning Centers located in each lobby and staffed with academic mentors; the hours vary each day and are posted on the door. The learning centers can also be reserved by residents.

Faculty Achievement: Dr. Paulus Wahjudi

Dr. Paulus Wahjudi has been appointed to the Educational Testing Service National Advisory Committee for Computer Science.

The Educational Testing Service National Advisory Committee plays an important role in providing expert input into the development process for the Praxis tests. ETS selects a group of approximately 12 – 15 educators from the nominees provided by the states to form a committee that is diverse with respect to gender, race and ethnicity, geography, instructional setting, and experience. The NAC will work closely with ETS assessment specialists to develop test specifications and test designs. NAC members may also be invited to write and/or review questions at a later date.

For more information about Praxis testing, visit https://www.ets.org/praxis.

Faculty/Student Achievements: Leadership Studies

Marshall’s Leadership Studies program was the host for the Southern Regional Conference on Educational Administration (SRCEA) last month in Charleston.

Dr. Tom Hisiro, professor of leadership studies, was elected president of the organization for 2017. Others with Marshall connections who won awards included:

- Dr. Sherry Early, assistant professor of leadership studies, Outstanding Junior Faculty Award;
- Leann Price, doctoral student, outstanding graduate paper;
- Gregg Suzanne McAllister, doctoral student; outstanding contribution award.
Faculty/Student Achievement: Dr. Mindy Armstead, ‘Creek Geeks’ present at environmental conference

Dr. Mindy Armstead and members of the “Creek Geeks” lab attended and presented at the 7th SETAC (Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry) World Congress/37th SETAC North America Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida. (All authors listed, research presenters are in italics.)

- “Laboratory evaluations on the effects of dissolved solids on benthic macroinvertebrate communities and individual taxa from West Virginia streams”, Mindy Armstead, Mandee Wilson
- “Changes in physical factors following low level disturbance in a West Virginia watershed”, Amanda Chapman, Mindy Armstead, Mandee Wilson
- “Development of culturing and rearing methodology for ephemeroptera taxa”, Geneve Edwards, Daniel Brady, Mindy Armstead, Mandee Wilson

A link to the conference is at https://orlando.setac.org.

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Faculty, staff invited to participate in ‘Dinner in an American Home’ program

The INTO Marshall Center would like to inform the Marshall University faculty, staff, administration and the Huntington community about an initiative that is offered through the center, Dinner in an American Home. This event is an opportunity for university and community members to show international students love and support while they are in the U.S. Our students are very excited to spend time in American homes and welcome the opportunity to learn more about American customs and practice their English. The commitment can be small (one meal, one student, one time) or recurring with students coming to your home on a regular basis. You can host them for your true holiday dinners or welcome them to share a meal over the fall and winter break when the campus dining halls are closed and international students find themselves with few dining options and a very quiet campus.

If you would like more information about the program and the process, or would like to fill out an application, then please e-mail the program’s coordinator, Kenny Jones at jonesken@marshall.edu.

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The next regular issue of *We Are...Marshall* will be distributed Nov. 30, 2016. Please send items for consideration to WAMnewsletter@marshall.edu by 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 28.

To read the content of this newsletter online, please click on the following link: http://www.marshall.edu/wamnewsletter/november-23-2016.