Monthly Open House
for the University Community

Wednesday, Dec. 7, 3 to 4 p.m.
Old Main 213

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

MARSHALL UNIVERSITY
STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE
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YOUR INPUT IS A VITAL PART OF THE PLANNING PROCESS.
Wednesday, Dec. 7, 3-4 p.m.
South Charleston Campus

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.
Marshall takes the ‘Mannequin Challenge’

President Jerry Gilbert’s weekly cabinet meeting took on a new twist Monday when they accepted the “MannequinChallenge.” Click on the graphic to view.

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Switches to be replaced in Old Main Sunday, Dec. 11

The Information Technology Infrastructure team will be replacing network switches in Old Main this Sunday, December 11th. This upgrade will take longer than the standard IT Service window. We want to make you aware there will be an extended network outage for the building. We anticipate the outage to last from 5:00 AM to 5:00 PM Sunday.

If you have concerns regarding this outage, please contact me as soon as possible to see if we can find an alternative solution.

We apologize for any inconvenience!

Thank you,
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The makerspace – dubbed The Maker Vault – at the Robert C. Byrd Institute (RCBI) is a finalist in a national contest and needs your help to win. Sponsored by Bernzomatic – a manufacturer of industrial blowtorches, fuel cylinders and other supplies for professionals and hobbyists – the contest awards winners a series of cash prizes of $15,000, $7,500, $5,000 and $1,500. In addition, the top winner also receives a visit from do-it-yourself guru Nicole Curtis, star of “Rehab Addict” on HGTV and author of “Better Than New: Lessons I’ve Learned from Saving Old Homes (and How They Saved Me).” Voting, which is allowed once each day through Dec. 31, only takes a few seconds.

The Maker Vault at RCBI Huntington provides an affordable way for innovators at the university and across the Tri-State to access creative, hands-on tools to become familiar with RCBI’s unique blend of leading-edge technology, workforce skills training and industrial expertise. The collaborative makerspace focuses on creating, exploring, learning and making. Housed in a former vault – a holdover from the days when the Huntington building was home to a bank – the makerspace is stocked with tools and technology that include an X-Carve computer-controlled router, 3D printers, vacuum form mold and vinyl cutter.

RCBI will use prize money for additional seating, work tables, shelving and specialty equipment in the makerspace. RCBI is part of the West Virginia Maker Network, a statewide group that supports “making” across West Virginia. A project of the West Virginia Education Alliance and the Children’s Museum of Pittsburgh, the network was launched with financial support from the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation and Chevron.

For information about bringing your ideas to life in RCBI’s makerspace, contact us at 304-781-1675. Everyone is encouraged to vote online for RCBI’s Maker Vault. Cast your vote at Bernzomatic.com/Grants.
MU Information Security Advisory: Don’t get hooked by a holiday e-mail scam!

Phishing is a fraudulent process used by spammers to acquire sensitive information from users such as usernames, passwords and credit card details. E-mail recipients are often deceived by phishing attempts because messages appear to be sent by legitimate and trustworthy sources. Be cautious of unexpected e-mails including attachments or web URL’s and messages written with a sense of urgency for you to provide computer passwords, personal or financial information.

During the holiday season cyber-criminals attempt to trick us into sharing sensitive information with messages such as:

- An ‘urgent fraud alert’ sent from your bank or other financial institution
- An attached Excel worksheet with ‘click here’ to view past due invoice
- An ‘online order is delayed’ notice from an online retailer
- An ‘attempted delivery rescheduled’ notice from UPS, FedEx or other shipping service
- A ‘click here for too good to be true’ coupon or rebates

If you receive one of these messages, please protect yourself by following the principle of STOP. THINK. CONNECT.

- **STOP** - Do not act too quickly.
- **THINK** - Do I have an account with this bank? Did I order something from this online retailer? Am I expecting a delivery notice? If not, then you should delete the e-mail message.
- **CONNECT** - If you are a customer of the organization, connect safely in the following manner. Do NOT respond using any URL included in the e-mail; open your web browser and type in the web address or use a previously saved shortcut to connect to your bank, retailer or shipping service. If there really is a problem with your account, order or shipment, it should be apparent.

If you receive an obviously fraudulent e-mail message, please take the following actions:

1. Delete the message from your inbox if it is obviously fraudulent.
2. If you did not attempt to open the attachment, reply/click on the web link or provide any personal information, no additional action is needed.
3. If you attempted to open an attachment or visited a website where you submitted your username, password or other sensitive information, you should immediately contact the Marshall IT Service Desk at (304) 696-3200 or itservicedesk@marshall.edu.

Protecting yourself from e-mail fraud (aka Phishing) [http://www.marshall.edu/it/training/infosec-tips-7/](http://www.marshall.edu/it/training/infosec-tips-7/)

InfoSec Tip: Marshall University and other responsible organizations and businesses will NEVER ask you to provide them with your personal account or financial information via return e-mail. [http://www.marshall.edu/it/departments/information-security/phishing-scams/](http://www.marshall.edu/it/departments/information-security/phishing-scams/)
School of Medicine recognizes faculty achievement at annual award ceremony

The Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine recognized a handful of basic science and clinical faculty for their achievements during a year-end award ceremony Wednesday evening.

“This annual recognition is always a highlight of the year,” said Darshana Shah, Ph.D., associate dean for the office of faculty advancement. “These awards are unified by a belief that faculty are the heart and soul of any academic institution, and that the reputation of an academic institution is influenced in great measure upon the quality and character of the faculty. We sincerely appreciate the countless contributions of our faculty to the betterment of JCESOM community.”

The following faculty received awards at the annual recognition event:

- Rural Preceptor of the Year – Kimberly R. Becher, M.D., assistant professor, department of family and community health
- Excellence in Mentoring – Dilip Nair, M.D., professor, department of family and community health
- Excellence in Leadership – Gary O. Rankin, Ph.D., professor and vice dean for basic sciences

Dean Joseph I. Shapiro, M.D, presented the Dean’s Awards of Excellence to:

- Clinical Care – Adrienne M. Mays, M.D., assistant professor, department of family and community health
- Education – Farid B. Mozaffari, M.D., associate professor, department of surgery, division of plastic and reconstructive surgery
- Basic Science Research – Nalini Santanam, Ph.D., M.P.H., professor, department of biomedical sciences
- Faculty Impact Award – Franklin D. Shuler, M.D., Ph.D., professor, department of orthopaedic surgery

The Department of Orthopaedic Surgery also received the award for the “Most Published Department.”

Photo: Recipients of the 2016 Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine Faculty Awards are pictured with Darshana Shah, Ph.D., associate dean for the office of faculty advancement, following a year-end ceremony Wednesday, Nov. 30, at the school. Pictured from left to right on the front row are Dr. Shah; Nalini Santanam, Ph.D., MPH; Gary O. Rankin, Ph.D.; and Farid B.
School of Medicine faculty member selected for national fellowship

Kalpana Miriyala, M.D., an assistant professor in the department of psychiatry and behavioral medicine at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, has been selected for an international fellowship through the ZERO TO THREE organization.

The group ensures babies and toddlers benefit from the family and community connections critical to their well-being.

Miriyala will join 14 other fellows from across a broad spectrum of professionals who will work together through a series of initiatives including research, advocacy, practice and policy to address issues that affect the lives of infants and young children.

“We are very excited that Dr. Miriyala was selected for this prestigious group that’s dedicated to advancing the health and well-being of young children,” said Suzanne Holroyd, M.D., professor and chair of the department. “We are also pleased that she will represent Marshall Psychiatry in this very select international organization.”

Miriyala is a board-certified child psychiatrist who graduated from medical school in India, completed a psychiatry residency at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Michigan and a fellowship in child and adolescent psychiatry at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

A member of local and national child psychiatry organizations, Miriyala says she’s eager to join the new cohort.

“Working with other professionals, I hope we will transform and advance programs to help children,” Miriyala said. “I’m looking forward to using some of the available resources to help children who are victims of the drug abuse crisis in our community.”

Miriyala joined Marshall’s School of Medicine in July 2015. She previously worked for a West Virginia community mental health center for six years treating children and adolescents in rural communities.
The Student Government Association and the Office of Community Engagement are asking you to help kids have a brighter holiday season.

The initiative, "Don’t Let the Grinch Steal Christmas," will provide a bear, blanket, and book to children at the City Mission and Hoops Family Children's Hospital. The cost for each is $20, and the goal is 50.

For more information, contact Elizabeth Appell Sheets at appell1@marshall.edu.

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Gabi recognized as November Fellow of the Month

Jenan Gabi, M.D., a first-year endocrinology fellow, has been selected as the November 2016 Resident/Fellow of the Month, announced Paulette S. Wehner, M.D., vice dean for graduate medical education at the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.

“Dr. Gabi’s nomination was regarding the quality of care she provided to a retired medical school staff member. Anytime you treat someone in the emergency department it can be extremely stressful,” Wehner said. “The patient highly praised Dr. Gabi for the thoroughness of the care she provided and her compassionate nature despite the stressful nature of the patient’s emergency.”

Omolola Olajide, M.D., program director for the endocrinology fellowship added that “providing high quality care for diabetes in an emergency situation can be very complex. The disease itself
can have an impact on your entire body system and rapid evaluation and stabilization is the primary goal. To have a patient recognize a fellow for the level of care and compassion they received is an exciting moment for the program!”

Prior to beginning her fellowship in endocrinology, Gabi completed a three-year internal medicine residency at Marshall.

As part of her recognition as the November Fellow of the Month, Gabi will receive items including a certificate of recognition and a designated parking spot.

Photo: Jenan Gabi, M.D., (right) is November’s Resident/Fellow of the Month at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. She’s pictured with Omolala Olajide, M.D., endocrinology fellowship program director.

Family establishes school of medicine scholarship to honor late father

William J. Echols, M.D., dedicated his life’s work to the practice and advancement of medicine.

Echols’ daughter, Sandy Echols Marshall, M.D., a 1989 graduate of the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine and a practicing dermatologist, and her husband, Robert, have endowed a scholarship at the medical school in memory of her father and to continue his legacy through future medical students.
“Bob and I have always been grateful to Dad for his encouragement, love and support,” said Sandy Marshall. “This scholarship program is a wonderful way to pay it forward and honor Dad and the profession he loved so much.”

A third-generation physician, Echols was a native of Richwood, West Virginia, in Nicholas County. He graduated from West Virginia Wesleyan College and earned his medical degree from West Virginia University. After serving as a captain in the United States Air Force, Echols moved to Huntington in 1970, where he practiced medicine until his retirement in 2005. Echols passed away on June 27, 2016.

“It’s always special when a donor honors a parent through their giving,” said Linda S. Holmes, director of development and alumni affairs for the School of Medicine. “However, this scholarship is particularly special to the School of Medicine because it honors an individual who was not only a ‘founding father’ of Huntington Internal Medical Group (HIMG), but someone who was also instrumental in the creation and success of our medical school.”

The scholarship, known as the William J. Echols, M.D., Memorial Scholarship, is designated for first-year medical students, with first preference given to students from Nicholas County. Second preference is given to students from Cabell County. The award is renewable for three additional years pending normal academic progress.

For more information on the scholarships 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.jcesom.marshall.edu/alumni.

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Photo: Bob Marshall (left) and Sandy Echols Marshall, M.D. (right) pictured with Linda Holmes, director of development and alumni affairs at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.

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**OPERATION SANTA’S HERD**

THE SOUTH CHARLESTON CAMPUS UNDERGRADUATES are collecting Christmas donations to help Herbert Hoover High School students who were affected by flooding earlier this year. The “Secret Santa” administration is overwhelmed with the number of students in need this year.

Questions, Walmart Gift Cards, and/or donations can be sent to:
Jennifer Henry at henning@marshall.edu
South Charleston Campus, GC105 | Pick-ups can be arranged for large donations!
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

This Conference will discuss ways to address the growing number of deaths from heroin, prescription painkillers and other opioids.

FACULTY, STAFF & STUDENTS
JOIN US FOR
TRAINING SESSIONS on QUALTRICS

THE UNIVERSITY’S SURVEY TOOL. Strongly encouraged to have access to Qualtrics prior to training. For more information regarding Qualtrics or Qualtrics training, please email Dr. Tim McVea at mcvea@marshall.edu.

Drinko Library 138 • 2pm – 3pm.
Tuesday, December 13, 2016
Wednesday, January 18, 2017
Friday, February 17, 2017
Monday, March 13, 2017

TO REGISTER VISIT: www.marshall.edu/assessment/qualtrics.aspx

Click above for more information.

Click above to view larger size.
SAVE THE DATE

Dear Marshall University Board Members, Faculty and Staff,

We hope this news finds you well and you are looking forward to celebrating the winter season with us. We would like to extend an invitation to you to attend a special event that we are hosting on behalf of Marshall University.

**DATE:**
- **Thursday, December 14, 2023**
- **Time:** 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- **Location:** Student Center, Don Morris Room at 5:45 p.m.

**Event Details:**
- Please join us for an evening of relaxation and entertainment.
- The event will feature a variety of activities, including:
  - Live Music
  - Silent Disco
  - Food and Drink
  - Holiday Gift Wrapping Workshop
  - Raffle for Prizes

We hope you will join us to enjoy the festive atmosphere and celebrate the holiday season with us.

**Contact Information:**
- For questions, please contact Molly McClenne at 304-696-3882 or mcclenne@marshall.edu

We look forward to seeing you and your family at this special event.

Sincerely,

President Jerry and Leigh Gilbert

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Holiday Gift Wrapping

INTO Center
Wednesday, Dec. 14
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and 4 - 5:00 p.m.

INTO Marshall wants to do your holiday gift wrapping in exchange for a donation to the Marshall University Disaster Relief Fund, created to assist students affected by the June 2016 flooding.

For questions, please contact Molly McClenne at 304-696-3882 or mcclenne@marshall.edu
Final fall Music Mondays to study Benjamin Britten’s ‘Ceremony of Carols’

The School of Music will host the final MUsic Mondays lecture of the fall series at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 19, at the Cellar Door, 905 3rd Ave., Huntington. The fall series, titled “Music and Ways of Telling,” investigates how the composers convey meaning to listeners.

The lecture, “Tapping into England’s Past: Britten’s ‘Ceremony of Carols’” will explore composer Benjamin Britten’s use of texts from medieval England to create a work that would speak to wartime Britain.

Lead presenter Dr. Vicki Stroeher, professor of music history, said Britten retreated to the United States before the start of the war, but returned in 1942.

“Britten had to reconnect with his English audience, who were a bit skeptical of him,” Stroeher said. “He found a book of English carols in a bookstore in Nova Scotia while on his return journey across the Atlantic.”

Stroeher, who recently published a book on Britten, said he wrote the work on board a freighter ship as it crossed the submarine-infested ocean. “The work bears the marks of a world torn by war, but also offers hope for a peaceful future, as seen through the eyes of the 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.

The MUsic Mondays spring series will begin Jan. 23 with a joint lecture by Drs. Michael and Vicki Stroeher titled “This is Your Brain on Music.” The spring series will investigate the different ways music communicates with the individual.

For more information about MUsic Mondays, call the School of Music.

*Photo: Benjamin Britten used texts from medieval England to create “A Ceremony of Carols.”*
Proposal deadline is Jan. 1 for conference on ‘Women and Gender in the Social and Natural Worlds: Rural Perspectives’

**Women and Gender in the Social & Natural Worlds: Rural Perspectives**
April 7-8, 2017 • Marshall University, Huntington, WV

**CONFERENCE KEYNOTE SPEAKER**
Award-winning author, Pamela Hill Smith

**Call for Papers deadline: Jan. 1, 2017**

**GUIDELINES**
- Single papers – an abstract of approximately 250 words
- Panel proposals – an abstract up to 500 words and a brief CV

Please send submissions to Laura Michele Diener at diener@marshall.edu
www.marshall.edu/womenstu

Marshall’s Women’s Studies is accepting submissions until Jan. 1 for individual paper presentations as well as three- to four-person panels for “Women and Gender in the Social and Natural Worlds: Rural Perspectives.”

The conference, set for April 7-8, 2017, on Marshall’s Huntington campus, will address, from a multidisciplinary perspective, the roles, experiences, struggles and triumphs of women in rural contexts around the world.

“Our theme is founded in the critique, introduced by feminist scholar Sherry Ortner (1974), of the pervasive view that women are inherently and irrevocably connected to nature,” said Dr. Laura Michele Diener, associate professor of history and director of women’s studies. “This idea’s corollary is that culture – read as progress, development technology – is men’s work. But research has increasingly shown that women play a central role, not only in sustaining rural life, but also in the development and economic stability of ever-changing rural communities. By examining perspectives on rurality throughout history as well as in the contemporary world – in which it is arguably a declining state – this conference will explore the gendered aspects of rurality and its vicissitudes within the neoliberal, global landscape.”
Award-winning author Pamela Hill Smith will be the keynote speaker. Hill Smith’s nonfiction work focuses on the fascinating life of Laura Ingalls Wilder. In 2007, she published *Laura Ingalls Wilder: A Writer’s Life*, which won the Indie Excellence Award in 2008, and in 2014, she edited *Laura Ingalls Wilder’s Pioneer Girl: The Annotated Autobiography*. She has also written several young adult novels including *The Last Grail Keeper* and has taught creative and professional writing at universities in Colorado, Washington, and Portland, Oregon, where she continues to teach and write.

The deadline to submit single papers or panel proposals to Diener at diener@marshall.edu is Jan. 1, 2017. Submissions from faculty, graduate students, undergraduates and independent researchers are welcome.

For more information, visit [www.marshall.edu/womenstu](http://www.marshall.edu/womenstu).

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**Marshall to host Bridal and Special Event Expo Feb. 19; vendors encouraged to pre-register now**

Marshall will hold its first Bridal and Special Event Expo from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19, on the Huntington campus.

The event will be held throughout the Memorial Student Center with exhibits available for any wedding or special event, according to William “Tootie” Carter, business manager for the student center.

“It is a great opportunity to have a one-stop shop for all your wedding or special event needs in a beautiful setting,” Carter said. “We have renovated rooms that would be perfect for a small holiday party or even a large wedding.”

Carter said vendors from across the Tri-State area would be in attendance including A to Z Rentals, Spurlock’s Flowers, BRAVO-Live DJ and many more. Door prizes for the event include a four-day cruise to the Bahamas sponsored by Travel Doctors, gift certificates from local retailers and merchandise for special events.

Sponsors include exclusive catering vendor, Sodexo Catering, and Kindred Communications.

On-air promotions for the expo will begin Jan. 9 on Kindred’s WMGA Hits 97.9.
To learn more about Marshall University’s Bridal and Special Event Expo, visit its event page on Facebook at Marshall University Bridal and Special Event Expo or visit www.marshall.edu/bridalexpo for more information.

To pre-register as a vendor for the event, contact the university’s facilities scheduling manager Casey Hall at hall380@marshall.edu or by calling 304-696-2538. Discounts are available to vendors who offer a door prize valued at $500 or more. Participants can buy tickets at the door the day of the event for $5.

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The campuses of Marshall University are tobacco-free.

Thank you for not smoking.

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**Faculty Achievement: Dr. Slav Gratchev**

Dr. Slav N. Gratchev, associate professor of Spanish, was invited to make a presentation at the Cervantes International Congress in Salas, Spain. The congress was dedicated to the commemoration of the 400 years since the publication of the second book of Don Quixote – the first modern fiction novel that originated in Spain and which exercised major influence on the world’s classic literatures.

The congress was inaugurated by the President of the University of Oviedo (one of the major research universities in Spain) and the mayor of Salas, as well government officials of the province of Asturias.

Scholars and academics who presented their most recent investigations came to this congress from the United Kingdom, Italy, Portugal, Brazil, Spain and the United States.

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The next regular issue of *We Are...Marshall* will be distributed Dec. 14, 2016. Please send items for consideration to WAMnewsletter@marshall.edu by 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12.

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