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Distance Education Connection Newsletter, August 2018

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DISTANCE EDUCATION CONNECTION

Welcome, Distance Education Students!
We are so excited to begin another academic year at Marshall University and want to take the time to welcome you into our Marshall family. Although you may not physically be on one of the Marshall campuses, you are still part of "the herd."

As a distance education student at Marshall, you have access to all of our online library, tutoring, career resources and more. If you have questions about your pursuing your online degree, contact us today.

Online Education Profile:

Dena Callicoat Laton
Manager of Online Learning Programs, Independent Proctoring and Copyright Education

As a former online student herself, Dena is tuned in to the needs and struggles of distance education students. Dena is the first point of contact for online students and is devoted to the success of our online students.

Contact Info: Drinko Library 226; Huntington Campus; Email: dena.laton@marshall.edu; Phone: Office: 304-696-3141.

Faculty Profile:

Dr. Kelli Johnson
Associate University Librarian and Head of Access Services and Outreach for MU Libraries and Online Learning

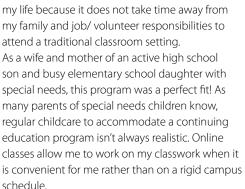Dr. Johnson is responsible for circulation, interlibrary loan, research and instruction services as well as special library and literacy projects for students, faculty, staff, and the public. Dr. Johnson also co-directs the President's Commission on Diversity, Equality and Inclusion, an advisory body to President Jerry Gilbert. Her research interests include diversity in academic libraries and in higher education. Her dissertation titled Minority Librarians in Higher Education: A Critical Race Theory Analysis was named one of 10 Notable Dissertations of 2016 by the American Library Association.

Student Profile:

Kimberly Reed
Marshall's Online RBA program has afforded me an opportunity to continue my education in a new field from my home in Auburn, Georgia. I was only able to pursue a new degree at this stage in my life because it does not take time away from my family and job/ volunteer responsibilities to attend a traditional classroom setting.
As a wife and mother of an active high school son and busy elementary school daughter with special needs, this program was a perfect fit! As many parents of special needs children know, regular childcare to accommodate a continuing education program isn't always realistic. Online classes allow me to work on my classwork when it is convenient for me rather than on a rigid campus schedule.

The MU distance learning program was simple to enroll in. All of the courses I needed to complete the degree, as well as some additional courses of interest, were readily available. My previous college credits were all transferable and I will be able to complete the RBA in just 16 months. It's been a wonderful educational experience for me and I would recommend it to anyone who wants the flexibility and convenience of an online degree.

IMPORTANT ACADEMIC DATES

August 27, Monday
"W" Withdrawal period begins

September 1, Saturday — September 3, Monday
University computing services unavailable

September 3, Monday
Labor Day Holiday-
University Closed

September 14, Friday
Application for December graduation due

September 21, Friday
Last Day to Drop 1st 8 Weeks Courses

October 11, Thursday
2nd 8 weeks courses begin

October 26, Friday
Last day to drop a full semester individual course

October 29, Monday
Recommended date to apply for May 2019 graduation

October 29, Monday – December 7, Friday
Complete withdrawals only

November 5, Monday – November 16, Friday
Advance registration for spring semester (open to currently enrolled students)

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University Libraries
One John Marshall Drive
Huntington, WV 25755
www.marshall.edu/library

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

November 13, Tuesday
Last day to drop 2nd
8 weeks courses

**November 19, Monday –
November 24, Saturday**
Thanksgiving Break: Classes dismissed

**November 22, Thursday –
November 23, Friday**
Thanksgiving Holiday-
University closed

December 7, Friday
Last day to completely withdraw
from fall semester

**December 8, Saturday -
December 14, Friday**
Final Exam days

December 15, Saturday, TBD
Winter Commencement,
Big Sandy Superstore Arena

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DID YOU KNOW...

Marshall University was originally founded as Marshall Academy in 1837. The land on which Marshall Academy was built was originally purchased from James Holderby for $40.

Student Resources:

Libraries
www.marshall.edu/library
Drinko Library
Research: 304.696.2334
Circulation: 304.696.2321

Tutoring Services
www.marshall.edu/uc/tutoring-services
Smith Hall Communications Building, Room 211
304.696.6622

Student Resource Center
www.marshall.edu/src
Memorial Student Center, SW16

IT Service Desk
www.marshall.edu/it/departments/it-service-desk
Drinko Library
304.696.3200 in Huntington
304.746.1969 in Charleston

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Lynda Campus available
Marshall University Information Technology provides access to Lynda Campus for ALL students, faculty and staff. This service provides the university, and the members of its community, with easy online access to in-depth training demos on a wide variety of topics underlining important technical and life skills.
To access these videos and more, visit Lynda.marshall.edu and sign in using your MUNet Account username and password. Access is available both on and off-campus. Lynda.com is also available in the app store for smart devices.

Benefits to using lynda.com:
- Unlimited access to courses on a wide variety of technologies and disciplines
- Up-to-date content to keep skills current and to learn new skills
- New courses added every week
- Tutorials taught by recognized industry experts
- Access to instructors' exercise files to follow along as you learn
- Closed captioning and searchable, time-coded transcripts
- Beginner to advanced courses
- The option to watch complete courses or bite-size videos as you need them

Examity
In addition to your regular classes, you are enrolled in **Distance Student Orientation**, which is completely free. One required activity must be completed right away to comply with federal law: **Identity Verification** (see more below). The rest of the course is entirely self-paced and not graded. The course is design to give you an introduction to

Marshall University, including where to find assistance and services you may need.

Identity Verification

If you were enrolled in classes on campus, we'd invite you to visit the ID office and have your picture taken for a Marshall Student ID. Because your "campus" is virtual, your photo will be taken in Blackboard via webcam.

In the **Distance Student Orientation** course you will find detailed directions for scheduling your brief photo ID session with Examity. Examity's online test-proctoring capability is used to provide identity verification services. Note that the verification process is referred to as an "exam," and the video goes on to describe taking an exam, but the identity verification process does not involve an actual exam. Watch the Introduction to Examity video (https://youtu.be/98OStU71I7A) for a quick overview. You may also want to see the Identity Verification Quick Guide for Students (www.examity.com/docs/Blackboard_Student_Quick_Guide.pdf) and the Examity Privacy Policy (https://examity.com/privacy-2/).

After completing the identity verification process, please log in to the Distance Education Student Orientation course again and click "Acknowledge Completion of Identity Verification" to answer a single Yes/No question to confirm that you finished the identity verification process.

Note:
Examity helps ensure that Marshall University is in compliance with the Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) by providing processes "through which the institution establishes that the student who registers in a distance education or correspondence education course or program is the same student who participates in and completes the course or program and receives the academic credit" (34 CFR 602.17(g)).

Active duty military personnel who may not be permitted to share government issued IDs or utilize webcams in the field must contact the Office of Online Learning (dena.laton@marshall.edu or 304-696-3141) upon receiving an ID request from the system to postpone your ID verification.

Facebook Group:
Join our Facebook group for Distance Education students. This closed group and is opt-in only and is a good way to stay connected to campus and other online students. Search for **Marshall University Distance Education Students** find us on www.facebook.com/marshallu.

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