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### Distance Education Connection Newsletter, Spring 2020

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SPRING 2020

# DISTANCE EDUCATION CONNECTION

## WELCOME TO THE SPRING SEMESTER



For those of you who are new to distance education at Marshall, this newsletter is designed to keep you connected to Marshall. Although you may not physically be on one of our campuses, you are still part of the Marshall family.

Dena Callicoat Laton, Student Success Coordinator for Distance Education, is the first point of contact for online students and is devoted to your success. As a former online student herself, Dena is familiar with the needs and struggles of distance students.

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## DISTANCE EDUCATION REALITY CHECK!!!

As the mom of a soon to be graduate, I have five years of experience nagging, nudging and prompting to make sure deadlines were met and course assignments were completed. Now that she is almost finished with her education, I have no one to use these advanced skills on. This being said, I noticed last semester, there were a number of distance students who did not access their course material or just didn't complete the courses; this results in an "F" on the student's record. Please remember to check the Academic Calendar for withdrawal dates. If you are struggling with time management, writing assignments or any other aspect of the course, please contact me so that I can help you address these issues. If for some reason, you cannot complete the course, you can withdraw from the course without any damage to your GPA/student record.

**BE PROUD.**  
BE A SON OR DAUGHTER OF MARSHALL.



## ACADEMIC CALENDAR

**January 21, Tuesday**

"W" Withdrawal period begins

**February 7, Friday**

Applications for May graduation due in dean's office

**February 14, Friday**

Last day to withdraw from 1st 8 weeks courses

**February 24, Monday**

Final draft of thesis/dissertation delivered to committee chair

**February 28, Friday**

1st 8 weeks courses end

**March 2, Monday**

2nd 8 weeks courses begin

**March 9, Monday**

Students should schedule appointments with advisors to prepare for summer and fall registration.

**March 16, Monday – March 20, Friday**

Advance registration for summer sessions

**March 20, Friday**

Last day to withdraw from an individual course

**March 23, Monday**

Advance registration for summer sessions begin

**March 23, Monday – March 28,**

**Saturday**

Spring Break

Classes dismissed

**March 30, Monday**

Recommended date to apply for December 2020 graduation

**April 10, Friday**

Last day to withdraw from 2nd 8 weeks courses

**April 10, Friday**

Approved thesis/dissertation must be submitted to the ETD website for Graduate College review

**April 13, Monday – April 24, Friday**

Advance registration for fall semester

**April 24, Friday**

Last class day

Last day to completely withdraw from spring semester

**April 25 – May 1**

Final Exams

**May 2, Saturday,**

**Big Sandy Superstore Arena**

Commencement

Official May Graduation Date

### Distance Learning

One John Marshall Drive  
Huntington, WV 25755

[www.marshall.edu/muonline/degresandcourses/](http://www.marshall.edu/muonline/degresandcourses/)

## STUDENT PROFILES

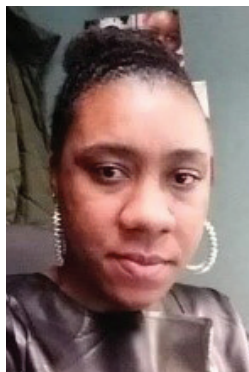
**Amber Thoman** is from Beckley, West Virginia where she currently lives with her 10 and 8 year-old daughters. Amber received her bachelor's degree in psychology from Wilberforce University in 2007 and she is entering her last semester in the Master of Arts in Counseling program this spring with a goal of becoming a school counselor.

"Since a young age, I have always had the passion to work with children during their school experience. This past fall semester, I completed my practicum at a high school in Raleigh County and learned so much from my site supervisor," Amber said.

"This distance education program has been beneficial for me to succeed in my goal of furthering my education, while working full-time and being a mother. My ultimate goal is to be a role-model for my girls and inspire them to further their education and love school, just as much as I do."

**Anna Barker** is in her 19th year as a public school educator. She completed her undergraduate degree in elementary education in 2001, earned a middle school certification in 2005 and national board certification in 2008 that was renewed in 2018.

"I graduated from Marshall University in August 2019 with a Masters of Art in Education with a focus on School Library Media. The district I teach in allowed me to work as a school librarian while earning my degree. Being able to work on my degree while being a librarian was extremely beneficial since I was able to immediately implement my learning. Through this program I gained valuable knowledge and experience from my professors, courses, fellow classmates and practicum experience. The School Library Media program is extremely current and relevant with the new role of media specialists," Anna said.



## FACULTY PROFILE



**Dr. Kimberly McFall** is in her fourth year at Marshall and is an 18-year veteran of the K-12 classroom, having taught both Music and Library Media in Texas, North Carolina and Arkansas. She earned her Bachelor of Arts from Arkansas State Tech, a Masters of Library Science, and School Administration Endorsement from Appalachian State University, an Educational Specialists degree and Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Arkansas State University where she focused on Trends in Homeschool Education.

Since being at Marshall, she has been awarded a research fellowship at the International Youth Library studying Religious Symbolism in Children's Literature. Dr. McFall has been an invited speaker and presenter at the local, state, national and international levels, awarded the John & Francis Rucker Outstanding Graduate Advisor Award, the

COEPD Dorothy "Dot" Hicks Excellence in Teaching Award, announced as a John Marshall Leadership Fellow and was a finalist for Queens-Pickens Teaching Award. Her educational philosophy is to design learning around real life experiences fully believing it is her job to empower her students to advocate for both themselves and their students.



*We have created a Facebook group for Marshall Distance Education students. This is a closed group and is opt in only. If you wish to participate, please search for Marshall University Distance Education Students and join the group. This will be a good way to stay connected to campus and to each other.*

## STUDENT RESOURCES

### LIBRARIES

[www.marshall.edu/library](http://www.marshall.edu/library)

Drinko Library

Research: 304.696.2334

Circulation: 304.696.2321

### TUTORING SERVICES

[www.marshall.edu/uc/tutoring-services](http://www.marshall.edu/uc/tutoring-services)

Smith Hall Communications Building Room 211

304.696.6622

### IT SERVICE DESK

[www.marshall.edu/it/departments/it-service-desk](http://www.marshall.edu/it/departments/it-service-desk)

Drinko Library

Huntington: 304.696.3200

Charleston: 304.746.1969

### WRITING CENTER (ONLINE)

[www.marshall.edu/writingcenter/online-etutoring-appointments](http://www.marshall.edu/writingcenter/online-etutoring-appointments)

writing@marshall.edu

Located in Drinko Library

Operating hours 304.696.6254.

## STUDENT RESOURCES:



Sarah Mollette is the Research Librarian for distance education students and your first point of contact for questions about research, such as finding, evaluating and citing sources for your papers and projects. Basically, if you need to use the library for your classes, Sarah can help!

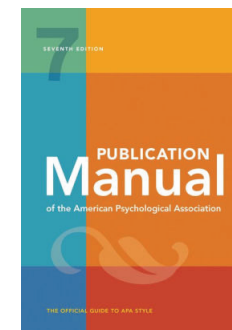
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## NOTES OF INTEREST:



In October 2019, the American Psychological Association issued the 7th edition of its Publication Manual. Marshall Libraries have copies on hand and the RIS team has worked on becoming knowledgeable on changes made in this edition. Feel free to

contact the RIS team with any questions at the Ask A Librarian website - <https://libguides.marshall.edu/ask-a-librarian>. Additional information can also be found at the APA website - <https://apastyle.apa.org>.



## CAMPUS CORNER

For those of you close enough to visit campus, here are some upcoming events you may find interesting.



This semester Drinko Library is excited to present Reframing Appalachia: Images, Stories, and Dreams for the Future which is the Marshall University Library exhibition for spring 2020. This is a continuation of juried exhibits displayed in Drinko library during the spring semesters. This year's theme focuses on Appalachian identity as reflected by local artists' lives. Often Appalachia is defined by those outside of the region, this show is to give space and a voice to Appalachian to define their lives as they live it.

To view the artwork, you don't need to travel to Drinko Library. The artwork is digitally housed in our research guide [here](#). We were honored to be featured in an extended segment on WOWK-TV. You can view it [here](#). If you are interested in showing artwork, or poetry in our spring exhibits, watch for the upcoming prospectus in fall 2020.

## DID YOU KNOW...

The Original Student Center, the Shawkey Student Union, was built in 1933? In 1948 the building was selected by the National Association of Student unions as a model for smaller colleges.

Shawkey was eventually torn down in the early 1970s and was replaced with the current building. In 2019 the building underwent a major renovation.



Read more about Marshall University's history at [www.marshall.edu/muhistory](http://www.marshall.edu/muhistory).

## DISTANCE LEARNING DEGREES TOTALLY ONLINE!

The online degrees listed below qualify for distance learning tuition rates. Consult the university's tuition page to review distance tuition and fees (linked at bottom of tuition page). Certificates and Minors not listed on that page do not qualify for the prorated tuition and are subject to regular tuition and fee rates.

### Doctoral Program

Ed.D, Leadership Studies

### Master's Programs

- MS, Accountancy
- MA, Counseling
- MS, Cyber Security
- MA, Leadership Studies
- MA, Education
- Early Childhood Education
- Elementary Mathematics
- Individualized Plan of Study
- Instructional Processes and Strategies
- Instructional Technology and Learning
- Math Through Algebra I
- School Library Media Specialist
- Teaching English As A Second Language (licensure/non-licensure)

- MA, Geography
- MA, Literacy Education (hybrid)
- MA, Mathematic (optional emphasis in statistics)
- MA, Journalism
- MAJ, New Media Studies
- MBA, Masters of Business Administration
- Military Management
- Management
- MSN, Nursing Administration
- MSN, Nursing Education

MS, Adult and Continuing Education

- Adult Education and Evaluation
  - Career and Technical Center Teaching
- MS, Criminal Justice

### Undergraduate Programs

- BA, BS, Geography
- BS, Medical Laboratory Science
- RBA, Regents Degree
- BSN, Nursing (RN Option Only)

### Graduate Certificates

- Distance Dietetics Internship
- Early Childhood Education
- Elementary Math Specialist
- Geospatial Information Science – Basic
- Instructional Technology and Learning
- Literacy Education
- Management Foundations
- Nursing Informatics
- Math through Algebra I
- School Library Media Specialist
- School Principalship
- Teaching English as a Second Language (licensure/non-licensure)

For more information see our webpage at: <https://www.marshall.edu/muonline/degreesandcourses/>

## Congratulations to the December 2019 Distance Learning Graduates!!!

Morgan Hoke  
Daniel McKnight  
Christina J. Woods  
Carly Jividen  
Chris Stacey  
Christopher Perdue  
Vanessa Hammond  
Tara Hopfer  
Heidi Oberlin  
Stephen Pense  
Heather Calhoun  
Danielle Stewart  
Allison Ferguson  
Mariah Nicole Cook  
Senaia Harris

Kyle Newsome  
Monica Hinkle  
Geneva Warrington  
Bobby McKenzie  
Mary Lachance  
Courtney Short  
Sheena Thomas  
Samantha Hicks  
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Jennifer Swink  
Angie Robertson  
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