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Marshall University will welcome two-time graduate and public relations senior executive Susan Hellems Lavenski as its keynote commencement speaker for graduation ceremonies scheduled for Saturday, May 11, at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena.

Lavenski, a native of Lewisburg who graduated with a bachelor’s degree in journalism and again with a master’s in political science, is chief executive officer and owner of Charles Ryan Associates (CRA), the state’s largest and oldest communications firm headquartered in West Virginia. The company also has offices in Virginia, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

A leader in issues management and strategic communications, Lavenski credits Marshall University’s W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications with providing her important tools for a successful career in the demanding world of public relations and advertising. Her work has produced results that garnered state, regional and national coverage for her clients.

Beginning her career in the nonprofit world, Lavenski later spent a few years with a small agency in Clarksburg before moving to Charles Ryan Associates in 1998. She has been with the firm since, advancing from senior account executive to vice president and then to CEO.

Lavenski was inducted into Marshall’s school of journalism’s hall of fame in 2017 and the same year was recognized as a “Who’s Who in West Virginia Business” by The State Journal. She was also named a recipient of the West Virginia Executive 2018 Sharp Shooters Award. Lavenski serves as a board member for numerous organizations and is active across the state in a variety of professional activities.
Marshall’s May commencement ceremonies will be organized differently than in years past in an effort to streamline the day’s activities. Both morning and afternoon ceremonies will feature degree conferral at the bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral levels, but will be divided by college.

The schedule is as follows:

**9 a.m. Ceremony**

Lewis College of Business Undergraduate and Graduate Students

Doctor of Management Practice and Nurse Anesthesia

College of Education and Professional Development Undergraduate and Graduate Students

Doctor of Education

College of Science Undergraduate and Graduate Students

Biomedical Sciences Graduate Students

College of Information Technology and Engineering Undergraduate and Graduate Students

**2 p.m. Ceremony**

College of Health Professions Undergraduate and Graduate Students

Doctor of Physical Therapy

College of Liberal Arts Undergraduate and Graduate Students

College of Arts and Media Undergraduate and Graduate Students

Regents Bachelor of Arts Undergraduate Students

Additional details about spring commencement will be released in the coming weeks.
Plans to explore aviation degree options take off

Marshall and Southern Utah University (SUU) have signed a memorandum of agreement to cooperate in exploring options to jointly offer a four-year bachelor’s degree in aviation to teach students to fly helicopters.

The two universities will work to develop a possible curriculum that could be delivered at Marshall’s South Charleston campus and at Yeager Airport in Charleston, West Virginia.

The agreement is predicated on Marshall’s exploratory process in to the possibility of an array of aviation programs on the South Charleston and Huntington campuses by working with Yeager Airport and Huntington Tri-State Airport. These include flight programs in both helicopter (rotor wing) and airplane (fixed wing), maintenance, aviation safety, and aviation management.

President Gilbert and SUU President Scott L. Wyatt signed the MOA during a recent visit to SUU by Marshall personnel.

“This is a critical first step in a possible joint academic program that will give us a chance to expand our programming and offer other opportunities for students in West Virginia and the east coast,” Gilbert said. “Southern Utah University is one of the nation’s leading universities in delivering rotor wing programs.”

SUU’s Wyatt echoed the benefit of the partnership.

“Marshall University has a great reputation and will be an ideal partner for us to expand our reach to the east coast by having a partner in West Virginia,” Wyatt said. “I visited the Marshall campus and was very impressed with the campus, its facilities, its leadership and its programs. Together, we will be able to do some amazing things in aviation.”
Plans to pursue the programs are based, in part, on industry needs as identified by aviation leaders.

Huntington Tri-State Airport Director Brent Brown indicates that there is a tremendous demand for highly trained individuals with technical expertise to work in the aviation industry. Similarly, Yeager Airport Director Terry Sayre notes an upcoming pilot shortage and a large push by the airlines to find more pilots.

Charlotte Weber, director of the Robert C. Byrd Center for Flexible Manufacturing, believes the addition of aviation programs at Marshall would further advance the development of the aerospace industry in the Mountain State.

“Our goal is to increase the number of companies serving the aviation sector, attract new industry to the state and to create more jobs for West Virginians,” Weber said.

Marshall and Southern Utah University will be looking to create synergy in programming while building upon each other’s strengths.

Marshall Provost Jaime Taylor says the possibility of new programs for Marshall students is very exciting.

“Marshall is committed to excellence and this is a great opportunity to expand our academic programs by collaborating with SUU and provide our students with exciting prospects for a career in aviation,” Taylor said.

Southern Utah University is located in Cedar City, Utah, and has a student population of more than 10,000 students. SUU’s aviation curriculum enrolls around 300 students between the rotor wing and fixed wing programs.

Photos: (Above) President Gilbert (seated center) signs a Memorandum of Agreement with Southern Utah University President Scott Wyatt (right) to explore options to jointly offer a four-year bachelor’s degree in aviation to teach students to fly helicopters. Seated to Gilbert’s right is Provost Jaime Taylor. The second row is composed of representatives from both schools. (Below)President Gilbert (right) is pictured with SUU’s Joseph Quilter, Chief Fixed Wing Pilot.
Master’s program in social work receives accreditation

Marshall’s Master of Social Work (M.S.W.) program has been granted accreditation by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), the national association representing social work education in the United States.

The accreditation status covers all graduates of the Marshall University M.S.W. program from 2016 to the present, according to Dr. Peggy Harman, director of the program.

“We are thrilled with the commission’s decision because the accreditation process assures that all social work programs adhere to quality standards and all M.S.W. students receive a quality education,” Harman said. “The accreditation process is extremely rigorous and I want to give credit to the Department of Social Work faculty for their dedication and expertise in social work education. This accreditation is a reward for all of their hard work.”

The M.S.W. program will be graduating its fourth cohort in May 2019, according to Dr. Michael Prewitt, dean of the College of Health Professions.

“This well-earned achievement will provide our graduates recognition for their level of preparation in the field of social work and will assist in the credentialing process, not only in the state of West Virginia, but across the country,” Prewitt said.

The program submitted a detailed self-study and received CSWE site visitors who reviewed the program for the past three years, Harman said. A site visit took place in September 2018 and the CSWE board reported its decision Feb. 21.

As of February 2019, there are 269 accredited master’s social work programs in the U.S. and 26 master’s programs in candidacy, according to the CSWE website.

Marshall's program is currently accepting students for the fall 2019 semester. For more information on social work education and accreditation, visit https://www.cswe.org/. To learn more about the M.S.W. program at Marshall, visit www.marshall.edu/social-work.

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Dr. Jack Smith, a senior research staff member of the Center for Environmental, Geotechnical and Applied Sciences (CEGAS), has been selected by the Science Gateways Community Institute (SGCI) as one of five Science Ambassadors for 2019. The Science Ambassadors program supports travel for the purposes of gateway research.

Smith is also the cyberinfrastructure coordinator for West Virginia Science and Research, a division of the Higher Education Policy Commission, and he plans to use the travel funds to promote the Aquavit gateway at the National Water Quality Monitoring Council Conference.

Aquavit is a research collaboration portal that Smith has been working on for over three years, and he is currently developing a water quality data portal. The Aquavit gateway has facilitated collaboration among researchers across multiple institutions in West Virginia and Appalachia.

He developed the Aquavit collaboration portal while working on a National Science Foundation-funded project called the Appalachian Freshwater Initiative. The portal serves as a gateway to scientific applications for water quality research, such as watershed modeling to study the flow of sediment and contaminants in streams and rivers.

Smith is also working an NSF-funded water quality-related project in partnership with scientists from Purdue University aiming to help collect and exchange data with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Water Quality Portal.

Being selected for the Science Ambassadors program “allows me to be more engaged (and visible) in the Science Gateways community, promote the science gateway (Aquavit) we developed here at Marshall, especially the water quality data portal we are adding, with the help of a new NSF CSSI grant with Purdue, and travel to the NWQMC National Monitoring Conference to promote the data portal work,” Smith said.
Smith is a computational quantum chemist, having earned his Ph.D. in 1978 from the University of Florida. He has over 20 years of industrial experience with Union Carbide and Dow Chemical in West Virginia, prior to performing independent contract research with organizations like MATRIC, NASA and Spatial Integrated Systems. At Marshall, he has worked on various grant-funded projects for over 10 years.

SGCI is one of the first NSF-supported Scientific Software Innovation institutes that supports creating and sustaining science gateways, he said. Smith has also participated in its Bootcamp program and its Extended Developer Services (EDS) program, and is currently a member of the program committee for SGCI’s annual conference.

“As a science gateway developer, I find great value in the SGCI’s services and in the community they have helped foster,” Smith said.

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Author of internationally-acclaimed What is Populism?

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The Amicus Curiae Lecture Series is presented by The Simon Perry Center for Constitutional Democracy and is supported by a grant from the West Virginia Humanities Council.

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UNI 100 FACILITATOR INFORMATION SESSION

MARCH 7 @ 3 PM
Drinko Library 138

For more information contact Michelle Biggs at miller138@marshall.edu.

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Marshall to present ‘Body Shots XII: Hell Hath No Fury’ tomorrow

Several programs from Marshall University’s College of Liberal Arts and the university’s Women’s Center will present “Body Shots XII: Hell Hath No Fury,” a multimedia performance that celebrates the bold, emotional words and actions taken by women and others attempting to challenge a status quo that has harmed, dismissed, disempowered or scorned them.
The program will be presented at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 7, in the Francis-Booth Experimental Theater. It is free and open to the public, and refreshments will be served.

“In its 12th year, this production of Body Shots will feature comedy, monologues, film and movement from students, faculty and staff at Marshall, taking you from portrayals of hell in the ancient world to modern women and men fighting systems of ableism, patriarchy and racism,” said Dr. Robin Riner, associate professor of anthropology at Marshall.

The program is sponsored by Marshall’s women’s studies and sexuality studies programs, the departments of sociology and anthropology, history and English, the College of Liberal Arts, and the Women’s Center.

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Two-day Comic Con Game Jam event to take place this weekend

Marshall’s MU Game Guild and Digital Humanities program invite gamers to its Comic Con Game Jam, planned for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, March 9 and 10, in Room 1104 of the Weisberg Applied Engineering Complex on Marshall’s Huntington campus.

Those who like to program, design characters or background art, compose music, mix sound effects or write a great story are invited to the event to team up and make convention-themed games in two days. All ages are welcome.

The MU Game Design Guild hosted a game jam in the spring of 2018, drawing students from Marshall and local high schools and middle schools to participate, as well as a game jam for Marshall students last fall.

“The game jam helps students and community members learn about game design, giving them a new perspective to playing their favorite video games,” said Dr. Kristen Lillvis, director of digital humanities at Marshall. “The game jam also promotes team building and collaboration.”

No experience is needed, she said.
March 11, 2019 at 6 p.m.
March 14, 2019 at 2 p.m.

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10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Tuesday, March 12 and Wednesday, March 13
on the Memorial Student Center Plaza

Contact Adam Guthrie at guthrie35@marshall.edu to learn more.

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March 13 • 3:00 to 4:00
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For more information contact Kristen Lillvis, lillvis@marshall.edu
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Proceeds support programming in the School of Art & Design.
Checks should be made out to Marshall University.

All are welcome, but seating is limited.
Participants are limited to arrive early to enjoy conversation and refreshments.

For more information, contact art@marshall.edu or call 304-696-6760. Sponsored by the College of Arts and Media, School of Art & Design
MU Libraries Testing New Search Service

Trial access to Discovery is available now.
www.marshall.edu/library

Library users are encouraged to try Discovery when conducting research and to provide feedback comparing Discovery to Summon, our current search service. Feedback will be used to determine which search service will be offered in the future.

Spring Sessions

"CBL- A Pedagogical Tool"
Thursday, March 14, 2019
3 to 5 pm | Drinko Library 138
Presenter: Kristi Fondren, Ph.D.

"Reflection"
Thursday, March 21, 2019
3 to 5 pm | Drinko Library 138
Presenter: Karen McComas, Ed.D.

"Mapping Outcomes"
Thursday, April 4, 2019
3 to 5 pm | MSC John Spotts Room
Presenter: Damien Arthur, Ph.D.

Community-Based Learning Program

Questions? Contact arthur133@marshall.edu or cbl@marshall.edu
Sponsored by the Community-Based Learning Program
Marshall to host award-winning author, speaking about horror writer Shirley Jackson

The Women’s Studies program and College of Liberal Arts will present Ruth Franklin, speaking on "Beyond ‘The Lottery’: Writing the Life of Shirley Jackson" at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 14. The lecture will take place in the Shawkey Room of the Memorial Student Center on Marshall’s Huntington campus.

Franklin wrote the award-winning and critically acclaimed 2016 biography, *Shirley Jackson: A Rather Haunted Life*.

“Many of us know the short story, ‘The Lottery.’ What we may not know is the fascinating life of its author,” said Dr. Laura Michele Diener, an associate professor of history and director of women’s studies at Marshall. “Shirley Jackson struggled with finding artistic fulfillment while being a perfect 1950s housewife. She also grappled with the restrictive social climate of her time; as a college-educated woman with progressive literary friends, married to a Jewish man, she frequently confronted the hostility of McCarthy’s America. As Franklin will discuss, these tensions bubbled to the surface in her acclaimed horror stories.”

The event is free and open to the public, offered as the annual Charlotte Schmidlapp Distinguished Lecture in Women's Studies. The presentation is supported by the Schmidlapp family, and by the Women’s and Gender Studies program, College of Liberal Arts, and Fifth Third Bank.
Spanish Tutor Needed!

Proficient in Spanish?
The tutoring center is looking for Spanish tutors.

Students must be able to tutor in
Spanish courses 101 – 204.

For more information stop by the tutoring center,
Communications Building 211.
Dance Company to present spring concert

Marshall University Dance will perform its second annual Spring Dance Concert, “Innovate, Collaborate, Celebrate” at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 16, at the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse. The performance is presented by the Marshall University School of Theatre and Marshall University Auditoria, and is free and open to the public.

The Marshall University Dance Theatre, MU’s performance dance company, is made up of 19 dancers from diverse styles and backgrounds in dance. Under the direction of Adjunct Dance Professor Leah Copley Summers, they will present a wide variety of styles from classical ballet to hip-hop.

“The concept behind the concert is to bring artists together to innovate, collaborate and celebrate the art of dance,” Summers said.

The company will be joined by over 60 dancers from the Tri-State region, along with the MU Jazz Ensemble, directed by Jeff Wolfe, assistant professor of music, as well as John Porter, a student composer/musician under the direction of Dr. Mark Zanter, professor of music.

Companies joining MUDT this year are: Beckley Dance Theatre (directed by Jerry Rose); River Cities Dance Company (directed by Lauren Burgess and Emily Cantrell Stephenson); The Academy of Performing Arts at January’s (directed by January Wolfe); River Cities Youth Ballet Ensemble (directed by Michelle Raider); professional dancer Jessica Lynn Fox; Ultimate Dance Legacy (directed by Laura Phillips); the MU High School Ensemble (dancers from Arts in Action, directed by Joni Cantrell and Cookie Cantrell Samson); and Huntington Dance Theatre (directed by Meredith Cornell).

“The evening will prove to be a magical evening of dance and music from artists from not only Marshall University, but also artists from across the region,” Summers said. “Some highlights of the evening will be the original works produced by regional choreographers and local dancers, MU’s New High School Ensemble, the innovative collaborations of the MU Dance Theatre and the School of Music, and, most of all, the
enriching experience of creative artists working together to produce pieces that speak, inspire and entertain."

“If you love music and dance, you will have the chance to see the best in the area performing all styles of dance along with live music, spoken word and films that all enhance the richness of the artistic message,” Summers said. “MU Dance hopes to continue to serve the community as a central center for artists to come together and share with the community their creativity, passion and talent.”

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Retiring Marshall faculty members Muellerleile, Van Kirk to serve as panelists for ‘Herd in Town’ discussion

The College of Liberal Arts will host a “Herd in Town” panel discussion with retiring faculty members Dr. Paige Muellerleile and John Van Kirk at 6 p.m. Monday, March 18, at Fat Patty’s, 1935 3rd Ave.

Muellerleile is a professor in the Department of Psychology, specializing in social psychology with a focus as a gender and health care statistician. She has authored multiple research articles, presentations and grants and has been an active volunteer in the Marshall and Huntington community, serving as Faculty Senate chair and board president for the CONTACT Rape Crisis Center.

“Herd in Town” is a series of panel discussions organized by Marshall’s College of Liberal Arts to facilitate conversations and share the expertise of Marshall faculty. The aim is to bring the campus and the community together to strengthen relationships, learn from each other and benefit Huntington and the region, Dean Robert Bookwalter said.

The event is open to the public.

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School Psychology department presents work at national convention

School Psychology faculty, current students and alumni from Marshall presented two papers and five posters at the National Association of School Psychologists Annual Convention in Atlanta, Georgia. Topics presented at the weeklong conference included disproportionality in special education, peer tutoring to improve social skills, diagnosis of intellectual disabilities using adaptive behavior, predictive validity of a reading program, establishment of reliability of an internship instrument, reduction of suspensions and expulsions using PBIS, and mutli-tiered services used to address behavioral and emotional needs.

Photo: Katelyn Weiger, Sandra Stroebel, Clare Teti, Lanai Jennings, Conrae Lucas-Adkins and Barbie Norvell attended the National associate of School Psychologists annual convention. Presenters not pictured included Sarah Barnett-Virgin and Karen Cummings.

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Group seeks faculty or staff advisor

Young Americans for Liberty is in need of a faculty advisor to help oversee organized meetings and leadership changes as necessary. The position does not require much effort, and is more of a supervising role.

The purpose of Young Americans for Liberty is to promote and educate the students of Marshall University to the ideas of liberty, peace, the Constitution and free markets through activism and intellectual dialogue with the general student body.

We are a Libertarian organization looking for someone whose ideals generally relate to our own.

For questions and to schedule a meeting with the organization, please contact Ezra Calef by e-mail at calef@marshall.edu or by phone at 304-709-3972.

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Telemedicine services for high risk pregnancies available at Marshall Health

High-risk pregnancy patients now have access to Marshall Obstetrics and Gynecology’s maternal-fetal medicine specialists close to home, thanks to the power of technology.

Using a real-time video conference in the office of the patient’s local physician, pregnant patients throughout West Virginia are able to interact with board-certified maternal-fetal medicine specialists David Chaffin, M.D., FACOG, and Kelly Cummings, M.D., FACOG.

Similar to a regular office visit, the video interaction may include an exam by the local physician or an ultrasound technician under the direction of one of the specialists. Through this technology, the local physician has the opportunity to be in a discussion on the findings, and the patient can have a consult without having to travel unless necessary to make a diagnosis or for treatment.

“What many women in the state, particularly those in rural areas, would have to drive an hour or two for access to this type of service,” Cummings said. “With the patient closer to home, her primary physician can help ensure the patient is adhering to recommendations to achieve optimum health results for both mother and child throughout the pregnancy.”

Both specialists are fellowship-trained in caring for women experiencing high-risk pregnancies due to advanced maternal age, high blood pressure, gestational diabetes, preterm labor, placenta previa, miscarriage risk, carrying more than one baby and/or other conditions that could endanger the health of the mother or her baby.

To find out more information or make a referral, call Whitney Blackburn, RN, at Marshall Obstetrics and Gynecology at 1-833-649-3263 or 681-378-5437.

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Photo: Kelly Cummings, M.D., demonstrates how through telemedicine she is able to view an ultrasound, guide the technician and discuss the findings with the patient and her care team in real time.

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Marshall football tickets go on sale; discounts and payroll deduction available to faculty/staff

Posted on February 27, 2019

The 2019 Marshall Football season is quickly approaching! The Herd went 9-4 last season with a big win over the USF Bulls in the Gasparilla Bowl and they’re looking to win another conference championship in 2019.

Season tickets for all seven (7) home games are on sale now. All Marshall staff and faculty will be able to purchase tickets at a significant discount over the general public while also being eligible to use payroll deduction when purchasing. Using payroll deduction will allow you, the Marshall University staff member, to pay for the season tickets over your seven (7) paychecks from July 19 to Oct. 25. Each equal payment will be taken out directly from the paycheck with no interest added on to the order. Using payroll deduction is a hassle-free way to enjoy Marshall Football this season!


To order, call 800-THE-HERD during the ticket office normal office hours (Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) or e-mail herdtickets@marshall.edu. You will also need to fill out the payroll deduction form and drop it off / send it in campus mail to the Henderson Center Athletics Ticket Office.

GO HERD!

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To read the content of this newsletter online, please click on the following link: [www.marshall.edu/wamnewsletter/March-6-2019](http://www.marshall.edu/wamnewsletter/March-6-2019).