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Employee will receive three (3) pay checks in the month of March due to the biweekly pay conversion. Please note that the third check on March 29 will be a deduction holiday. The only deductions that will be taken are retirement, taxes, Huntington city user fee, garnishments, and loan repayments. The net payment of this check should be larger than normal.

Employees paid over 12 months will have two (2) benefit deduction holidays in 2019 (March 29 and August 30). Employees paid over 9 months will only have one benefit deduction holiday (March 29)
Yeager Scholar accepted to present research on
Supplemental Instruction research at biologists’
conference

Posted on March 25, 2019

Megan Haffner, a senior biology (pre-med) student in the university’s Society of Yeager Scholars, has been accepted to present research on Supplemental Instruction (SI) at the 80th annual meeting of the Association of Southeastern Biologists. Haffner will travel April 3-7 to Memphis, Tennessee, to present a poster on the positive correlation between student participation in optional SI sessions and academic performance.

Marshall University is in its fifth semester of conducting a pilot program using the nationally recognized Supplemental Instruction (SI) program. Haffner said SI is about helping students to cultivate independence and accountability for learning through the use of collaborative and active learning strategies outside the formal classroom.

“We have attached the SI designation to a sample of courses that historically have high D, F, and W rates and serve a large number of students,” Haffner said. “So far, we are seeing that students who participated in at least one-third of the course’s SI sessions received a full letter grade higher than their matched peers. D’s were turned to C’s in some cases, which is so incredible.”

Karen McComas, Executive Director for the Center for Teaching and Learning, is overseeing the pilot program. She noted that the university’s SI program aligns with President Gilbert’s goals of improving retention rates.

“SI emphasizes both content and process in learning to increase student success in the targeted courses and increases resiliency in all future coursework,” McComas said. Our SI Leaders are college students who have recently been successful in the SI course. They contribute to the positive outcomes by targeting the most challenging course concepts and using active and collaborative learning strategies in SI sessions.”

As a student who plans to become a physician in rural and underserved areas, Haffner said her experience with SI has really opened her mind to the possibilities of how individuals can truly learn.
“Working with SI really fits well with my future plans of being a physician in Appalachia. I have developed skills in helping people learn and I can use those skills to help patients understand their illnesses,” Haffner said. “Ultimately, SI strives to impact as many people as possible by transforming the way they learn throughout their lives.”

Megan Haffner, a senior biology (pre-med) student from Barlow, Ohio, will present a poster on Supplemental Instruction at the 80th annual meeting of the Association of Southeastern Biologists April 3-7 in Memphis, Tennessee.

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Lifelong Learning Program to celebrate first year

Marshall’s Lifelong Learning Program, part of the university’s Center for Continuing Education, will celebrate its first anniversary at a reception Friday, March 29, on Marshall’s Huntington campus. The event will take place from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Shawkey Room of the Memorial Student Center.

The Lifelong Learning Program is designed for adults who would like to keep their minds active while interacting with speakers, instructors and a community of like-minded learners. Benefits of membership include a monthly Tuesday Talks series, special member pricing for LLP short courses, access to Marshall University library services, regular updates on university events of interest and volunteer opportunities.

Dr. Beth Wolfe, director of continuing education at Marshall, said that future plans for the LLP will be announced at the reception. Current and prospective members are welcome.

RSVPs are appreciated, Wolfe said. They may be done by e-mailing her at beth.wolfe@marshall.edu or by calling 304-696-6007.

For further information, persons may call or e-mail Wolfe.
2019 Classified Staff Council General Election to take place in April

The Classified Staff Council will hold an election to choose council members for the 2019-2021 term. Staff Council is comprised of 25 members, with five members chosen from each of the five EEO groups.

Classified staff will also elect the Staff Council Chair, representative to the Advisory Council for Classified Employees (ACCE) and the representative to the Institutional Board of Governors for the 2019-2021 term.

Nomination forms will be distributed by mail on March 28th. Nomination forms are due in the Staff Council Office no later than 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 11th, 2019. No nominations will be accepted after that date.

Electronic voting will be available from Thursday, April 25th through Monday, April 29th at midnight.

More information can be found in the letter and e-mail sent this week. If you should have any questions regarding the election please contact Nina Barrett, Election Committee Chair at barrett@marshall.edu or x62216; or the Staff Council Office by means of Katie Counts at easter@marshall.edu or x62222.
Marshall University is once again collaborating with the EDUCAUSE Center for Analysis and Research (ECAR) to engage in the Annual Study of Students and Information Technology. Current undergraduate students and faculty members are invited to participate in the ECAR Technology Surveys.

Marshall University is dedicated to improving student and faculty experiences with information technology in higher education. The results of these surveys are very important to the campus and will help determine future technology direction. Participation in the study is voluntary and responses are completely confidential.

After completing the anonymous survey, participants can elect to enter their email address into a drawing for a chance to win a $50 or $100 Amazon.com gift certificate. Participants will only be contacted by EDUCAUSE if they are randomly selected to receive a gift card. All contact information will be kept confidential.

The 2019 surveys are available through March 31 at www.marshall.edu/it/ecar. For additional information, please contact Crystal Stewart by phone at 304-696-2970 or by e-mail at crystal.stewart@marshall.edu.
Over 90 employers expected to attend spring Career Expo

The Office of Career Education (Career Services) will conduct their annual Spring Career Expo from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 2, in the Memorial Student Center’s Don Morris Room on the Huntington campus. The expo is open to all Marshall students, faculty and alumni. Recruiters will be sharing information on part-time, full-time and internship positions.
More than 90 employers are expected to have recruiters at the event, representing the areas of business, IT/computer science, health care, education, corrections and many others. A continually updated list of employers planning to attend the Career Expo is available at http://www.marshall.edu/career-services/career-expo/.

Cris McDavid, Director of the Office of Career Education, said students are encouraged to dress professionally and come prepared with multiple copies of their resumes. McDavid said even if students are not looking for a job, attending the expo presents an excellent networking opportunity.

In preparation for the event, students may visit Career Services or watch for information tables in the student center lobby to receive assistance with building a professional resume, tips on talking to recruiters and networking effectively, and how to introduce themselves to recruiters using their ‘elevator speech’ or ‘30-second commercial.’

If you have questions about the event, please contact Jennifer Brown in Career Services by phone at 304-696-3396 or by e-mail at brown346@marshall.edu, or the Career Services front desk by phone at 304-696-2370 or by e-mail at career-services@marshall.edu.

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Image: MUIT Day

Wednesday, April 3
9am - 3pm
Drinko Library Atrium & Room 402

Join MUIT Information Technology to learn from professionals about different fields within IT, practice networking skills and develop pertinent career skills.

Visit www.marshall.edu/it/day for more information and registration.

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The Department of Physics will host two public lectures by quantum physicist Dr. Luis Orozco April 3 and 4 at Marshall University on the Huntington campus. The lectures are co-sponsored by the American Physical Society.

The first lecture, “From Imaginary Experiments to Quantum Information” will take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 3, in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center's Francis-Booth Experimental Theatre.

“With the help of the MU Department of Theatre, Dr. Orozco will materialize on stage when his quantum mechanical probabilistic wavefunction collapses, and he subsequently localizes from the cloud,” said Dr. Maria Hamilton, associate professor of physics. The talk will be followed by a complimentary reception.

The second presentation, entitled “The Weak Interaction,” will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 4, in Room 2E28 of the Memorial Student Center, with refreshments to follow.

“Quantum mechanics is one of the pillars of contemporary physics that describes nature at the microscopic scale,” Orozco said.

These events are sponsored by the Department of Physics and the College of Science at Marshall University. For more information or for access assistance, please contact the Department of Physics at: 304-696-2756.
Young alumnus establishes School of Medicine scholarship

Shayne M. Gue, M.D., a Huntington native and 2015 graduate of the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, has established an endowed scholarship at the School of Medicine in honor of his grandparents, Garee and Mary Ransbottom.

“They’ve played such an integral part of my entire medical education and in every aspect of my life,” Gue said. “This scholarship will go to benefit future medical students in honor of the sacrifice and support they gave so willingly. I have been fortunate to have so many amazing people in my life who have provided a supportive network throughout this arduous journey, but none can compare to what my grandparents have done to see me through. I’ll never be able to thank them enough for my many blessings.”

Gue served as chief resident of his Emergency Medicine residency program at Florida Hospital in Orlando, Florida, in 2017-2018 and won awards for Resident of the Year for Florida Hospital as well as Excellence in Pediatric Emergency Medicine. He is now a full-time emergency medicine physician at AdventHealth East Orlando and serves a part of the clinical faculty for its emergency medicine residency program.

Garee and Mary Ransbottom of Huntington are native West Virginians and retirees of Inco Alloys (now Special Metals). They raised their three children in Huntington, all of whom attended Huntington East High School. Garee and Mary were actively involved in church and community youth sports in the area, and they continue to support Marshall Athletics. They have three children—Aimee Gue of Huntington, and Lisa Hayner and Mickee Ransbottom, both of Cincinnati, Ohio—as well as eight grandchildren and a network of extended family in the Tri-State region and throughout the country.

The Garee and Mary Ransbottom Scholarship is designated for first-year medical students, with first preference given to a student from Cabell County, West Virginia. Second preference will be given to a West Virginia resident. The award is renewable for three additional years pending normal academic progress.

For more information or to make a gift to the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, please contact Linda Holmes, director of development and alumni affairs, by phone at 304-691-1711 or by e-mail at holmes@marshall.edu, or visit jcesom.marshall.edu/alumni.
New leadership elected in Student Government Association

Marshall University’s Student Government Association made history this week with the election of the university’s first-ever all-female ticket.

Stephanie Rogner, a junior marketing major from Lawrenceville, Georgia, and Anna Williams, a sophomore communication studies major from Huntington, will step into their new roles as student body president and vice president when their terms begin later this spring.

“It’s incredibly special as a woman to form a sisterhood with someone in a leadership position and just have so many people count on you,” Rogner said.

Rogner serves as chief of staff for the current SGA administration. Williams is new to student government.

“We basically ran on three top priorities,” Williams said. “The first is tuition reform, to work on making college more affordable for students here. The second is mental health services, to make sure we’re taking care of our students efficiently and properly. The last is a homecoming concert, just so we could expand some of the activities that week and make it more fun for students who attend.”

Rogner pointed out their top three priorities can be used as recruiting tools as well, which directly affects Marshall.

The pair says one of the draws to getting involved on campus is the sense of community that Marshall provides.
“I think it’s really special,” Williams said. “One of the most special things about Marshall is the family aspect. It’s a large campus, but you also see so many familiar faces each day, so I think being in these positions is humbling.”

Students at West Virginia University recently elected an all-female ticket to their student body leadership, as well. Rogner and Williams are hoping they can work together to make a positive impact on higher education in West Virginia.

“I’ve already reached out to the two who won at WVU and we’re scheduling a conference call with them after spring break to touch base and figure out how we can utilize each other,” Rogner said. “Having this opportunity is definitely going to be remarkable.”

“To see the two major universities in West Virginia with women leading them in 2019 is incredibly special,” Williams added.

Marshall’s SGA inauguration is set for May 5.

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Photo: Stephanie Rogner (left) and Anna Williams have been elected student body president and vice president, respectively, at Marshall University.

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Hunter Barclay earns first place in Persuasive Speaking at international speech and debate tournament

Marshall senior Hunter Barclay placed first in the Persuasive Speaking segment of the International Forensics Association speech and debate tournament March 11-12 in Berlin, Germany. He also earned fourth place in Impromptu Speaking. The competition included about 150 contestants from throughout the world.

Barclay, who serves as president of the Student Government Association, is an international affairs major with a pre-med concentration, who came to Marshall from Frostburg, Maryland. He is the son of Bryan Barclay and Autumn Frazee.
“It was an honor to represent Marshall University on the world stage,” Barclay said. “Marshall is a world-class university with endless potential, and I am glad that I could demonstrate Marshall’s excellence to educators and students from around the world. Though I was nervous going into the competition, I reminded myself that whether I give a speech in West Virginia or abroad, the purpose of my speech remains constant: advocating for issues that warrant discussion and will improve society.”

It was an unforgettable experience and a chance to create stronger bonds with teammates and coaches, whom he described as some of his dearest mentors and friends, he said.

“When I was a freshman, my head coach, Danny Ray, passed away unexpectedly. His death devastated our team, and we have spent the past few years rebuilding our team,” Barclay said. “Throughout this process, my head coaches — Clara Adkins and Nancy Jackson — provided the team with the leadership and compassion that we needed. They have brought in superb graduate assistants — Sydney Metz, Quinn McKenzie and Julia Hren — who have provided additional coaching and guidance.

“Clara, Nancy, and the graduate assistant coaches set high standards for the team, but they also provide us with the encouragement to know that we can win championships if we work diligently as a team.”

He’s extremely grateful for the support his team has shown.

“Whenever I learned that I had won the world championship in Persuasive Speaking, my teammates and coaches roared with excitement and pride,” Barclay recalled. “Hearing their loud cheers and applause reminded me of how blessed I am to be part of a team that is incredibly supportive of one another.”

Competing in Berlin was a phenomenal experience, Barclay said.

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Photo: Hunter Barclay (front) celebrated his victory in Persuasive Speaking in the International Forensics Association speech and debate tournament with teammates Sara Browning (2nd row, left), Paige Looney (2nd row, right), Tanner Wooten (3rd row, left) and Dominic Collins (3rd row, right).
Next German Meet and Eat set for April 5

Interested in German Language and culture? This is a casual German conversation group open to students and residents which will typically take place the first Friday of every month at Bahnhof. There is no age limit or skill level necessary and all are welcome. The idea is to meet new people and have interesting conversations in German (or English). All are welcome, hope to see you there.

When? Friday, April 5, 2019 at 6 p.m.
Where? Bahnhof Restaurant in Huntington, 745 7th Avenue (on the corner of 8th Street).

A Facebook event by the M.U. German Club is located at https://www.facebook.com/events/262385047999681/

Jazz Spring 2019 Tour planned with special guest Landau Eugene Murphy Jr.

Marshall’s Jazz Ensemble I will go on a mini-tour with “America’s Got Talent” Season 6 winner Landau Eugene Murphy Jr. April 4-6 throughout West Virginia. Under the direction of Jeff Wolfe, the ensemble and Murphy will present clinics at high schools and perform evening public concerts in Parkersburg, Beckley and Lewisburg.

The 17-piece big band will kick off the tour with a free concert at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 4, at Parkersburg South High School. The event is open to all.
Next, the band will travel to Beckley, making a stop at Woodrow Wilson High School for a high school clinic, before presenting an evening concert at 7 p.m. Friday, April 5, at the Tamarack Theatre. Tickets for this show cost $25 and can be purchased in advance online at https://www.tamarackwv.com/events/.

The tour will conclude with a show at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 6, at the Greenbrier Valley Theatre in Lewisburg. Tickets for this show are $25 as well, and can be purchased in advance online at https://www.gvtheatre.org/single-tickets.

“I’m really looking forward to singing with the Marshall Jazz Band students on their mini-tour,” Murphy said. “Several of their instructors are members of my touring band, and they are always talking about what great young people they have in the program at Marshall.

“People don’t always think about this style of music when they think about West Virginia, but they should. The Marshall Jazz program has a really strong history of teaching this great, timeless music genre, and turning out world-class jazz musicians. I’m just grateful for the chance to give back to my state, to be a small part of helping these kids succeed, and hopefully inspire these young musical artists to show them that anything is possible.”

The members of the ensemble are thrilled to have Murphy joining them on tour, said Jeff Wolfe, director of the MU Jazz Ensemble.

“Not only is he an amazing singer and talent, but he also serves as an example and inspiration to our West Virginia students to not stop following their dreams in pursuing America’s artistic gift to the world — jazz,” Wolfe said. “I think audiences will enjoy the eclectic mix of music from our top big band, jazz combo, and who knows? We might have a few surprises up our sleeve that folks won’t want to miss.”

These concerts are sponsored by the School of Music's jazz studies program in the College of Arts and Media.

The MU Jazz Ensemble I is the premier large jazz ensemble in the Marshall jazz studies program. Over the past year, the MU Jazz Ensemble has performed with world-renowned drummer and band-leader Jeff Hamilton, NEA Jazz Master Jason Marsalis at the Inaugural Huntington International Jazz Festival, and at the Ellis Marsalis International Jazz Piano Competition, as well as with noted trumpet player and band leader Rob Parton at the 50th Annual Marshall University Winter Jazz Festival. In addition to multiple on-campus concerts each semester, the MU Jazz Ensemble I performs frequently across West Virginia and the Tri-State area, and at regional high schools and jazz festivals.

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The Marshall University Chamber Choir will join the West Virginia Symphony Orchestra Chorus in celebrating Leonard Bernstein’s centenary and Walt Whitman’s bicentenary anniversaries in two upcoming performances.

United Methodist Church, 513 10th Street, Huntington. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted.

They will perform again at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 7, at Christ Church United Methodist, 1221 Quarrier Street, Charleston. For this performance, tickets are available for $15 from the West Virginia Symphony Orchestra office or at the door.

Conducted by David Castleberry, director of choral activities at Marshall, singers will perform the music of Leonard Bernstein and music featuring the poetry of Walt Whitman, including Bernstein’s “Chichester Psalms,” Norman Dello Joio’s “A Jubilant Song,” Jeffrey Van’s “A Procession Winding Around Me” and Dan Forrest’s Three Nocturnes.

“It’s difficult to think of a figure in American music more important than Leonard Bernstein, whose influence as a conductor, composer, arts advocate and educator, are still felt today,” Castleberry said. “Similarly, it is impossible to think of another poet whose writing has writing been set to music more frequently or effectively than Walt Whitman. The opportunity to feature these two giants in the same program is exciting for the choir and audiences.”

The events are sponsored by the School of Music in the College of Arts and Media.
Suzanne Holroyd, M.D., professor and chair of the department of psychiatry and behavioral medicine at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, was recently elected to the American Psychopathological Association, the leading organization of psychiatric researchers. APA membership is determined by nomination and election based on the nominee's research career. Holroyd presented her research on “An Opioid and Benzodiazepine Epidemic in an Elderly Rural Population” at the APA annual meeting earlier this month.
Staff Achievement: Dr. Marc Ellison

Dr. Marc Ellison, executive director of the West Virginia Autism Training Center, was invited to participate in the first annual Summit for Designing Postsecondary Programs for Autistic Adults in Kansas, held last week in Wichita, Kansas. Along with colleague Dr. Brenda Smith Myles, Ellison spoke to representatives from several universities across the state about how to build campus-based support programs for college students diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. It is expected this summit will become an annual event, and that results will guide a coordinated, statewide effort to create and deliver effective supports.

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Now accepting nominations for the Marshall University Diversity Awards

Do you know someone who has celebrated, supported or enhanced diversity at Marshall?

They could win $500!

NOMINATIONS DUE: MONDAY, APRIL 8TH

For more information:
http://www.marshall.edu/diversity/diversity-at-marshall/mu-diversity-awards/

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Marshall to host Cyber Day for local high school students

Marshall is seeking local high school students interested in learning more about the world of cybercrime, digital forensics and cyber security. The university’s digital forensics and information assurance program will host its 10th annual “Cyber Day,” a one-day event, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 16, for local students in grades 9-12.

The event is part of the 12th annual conference of the Appalachian Institute of Digital Evidence (AIDE) and will be held on Marshall University’s Huntington campus.

John Sammons, director of digital forensics and information assurance at Marshall, said AIDE will host this interactive, hands-on program for students who have an interest in computers, a strong work ethic and a desire to learn.

“Throughout the day, students will learn about cyber security and digital forensics in a fun and challenging way. The day will include hands-on, learning lab exercises. Our goal is to expose students to our program and this exciting career,” Sammons said.

The conference has 35 seats available. T-shirts will be provided to each student. To apply, go to https://www.marshall.edu/ce/aide/.

Deadline for applications is Sunday, April 7.

“Our students will get a hands-on introduction to the software used by forensics professionals to collect and document digital evidence,” Sammons said. “They will also get a tour of our digital forensics laboratory and have opportunities to interact with our faculty members.”

The Appalachian Institute of Digital Evidence is a regional, not-for-profit organization dedicated to serving the legal, technical, public sector and business professionals for whom digital evidence is part and parcel of their work. It exists to help network administrators, digital forensics practitioners, law enforcement and legal professionals survive – and even thrive – in the ever-changing landscape where technology and the law meet. By fostering collaboration among practitioners, students and academics, AIDE aims to improve access to information, develop solutions to practical problems and narrow the gap between the accessing and use of digital evidence and traditional physical evidence in the law.

For questions about Cyber Day, please contact John Sammons by e-mail at john.sammons@marshall.edu or call 304-696-7241.

For more information on the digital forensics and information assurance program at Marshall, visit www.marshall.edu/forensicsciences/dfia online or visit AIDE at https://appyide.org.
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