Marshall will mark its 182nd commencement with two separate ceremonies Saturday, May 11, at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena and Convention Center.

Although the university has hosted two separate ceremonies in the past, this year’s events are organized differently and include degree conferral for all levels of education at two separate ceremonies as follows:

**9 a.m.-** Bachelor’s, Master’s, and Doctoral Degrees for:
- Lewis College of Business
- College of Education and Professional Development
- College of Information Technology and Engineering
- College of Science
- Graduate College (for degrees in the abovementioned colleges)

**2 p.m.-** Associate, Bachelor’s, Master’s and Doctoral Degrees for:
- College of Arts and Media
- College of Health Professions
- College of Liberal Arts
- Regents Bachelor of Arts
- Graduate College (for degrees in the abovementioned colleges)

“Due to increased student participation in commencement, it’s become necessary to alter our ceremonies,” said Dr. Sonja G. Cantrell-Johnson, Marshall University registrar. “In order to balance attendance and accommodate all guests, we’ve made changes, which means each student will attend the ceremony dependent upon his or her college.”
Cantrell-Johnson explained that at each ceremony students will be recognized individually as they cross the stage to shake hands with University President Jerome A. Gilbert and their academic dean, with degree conferral taking place during the ceremony finale.

Some 1524 students will receive degrees from Marshall, including 1076 undergraduate and 448 graduate degrees. It’s anticipated more than 1,000 students will take part in the two ceremonies.

The university will also honor West Virginia businessman, former legislator and Marshall University Board of Governors member Oshel Craigo with an honorary degree. Craigo will be recognized at the morning ceremony.

Marshall will welcome two-time graduate and public relations senior executive Susan Hellems Lavenski as the keynote speaker for both ceremonies. Lavenski is CEO of Charles Ryan Associates.

Other upcoming commencement activities include, but are not limited to:

- Lavender Graduation, 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 1
  Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center
- Donning of the Kente, 5 p.m. Thursday, May 2
  Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center
- College of Education and Professional Development Hooding Ceremony
  7 p.m. Tuesday, May 7
  Don Morris Room
- Student-Athlete Graduate Recognition Breakfast, 9 a.m. Wednesday, May 8
  Don Morris Room
- Marshall University School of Pharmacy Commencement
  5 p.m. Thursday, May 9
  Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center (invitation only)
- School of Nursing Recognition Ceremony
  7 p.m. Thursday, May 9
  Christ Temple Church, Huntington, West Virginia
- Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine Doctoral Investiture and Commencement
  5 p.m. Friday, May 10
  Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center (invitation only)
- Brad D. Smith Graduate School of Business Hooding Ceremony
  5:30 p.m. Friday, May 10
  Don Morris Room, Memorial Student Center

For more information, including important parking, security, photograph and video details for the 182nd commencement, please visit www.marshall.edu/commencement.

The May 2019 Marshall University Commencement Ceremonies will be live-streamed at www.marshall.edu/it/livestream.
Marshall University will celebrate its climb in the prestigious Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education listing with an event next week featuring music, refreshments and university mascot Marco. As part of the program, Marshall officials also will unveil a plaque to commemorate the new research designation.

The celebration will be held Wednesday, May 8, at 2 p.m. in the J. Churchill Hodges Atrium of the Arthur Weisberg Family Engineering Complex on the Huntington campus. The program is free and open to the public.

Carnegie recently designated Marshall a “Doctoral University: High Research Activity,” or “R2” as it is commonly called in higher education circles. The classification places Marshall among the top six percent of college and universities in the nation, and is the second-highest classification an institution can receive from the organization.

Marshall was previously classified as a “M1: Master's Colleges and Universities – Larger Programs,” but with the university’s increased research productivity and a move by the Carnegie program to include additional doctorates in its methodology, Marshall’s designation jumped up two levels.

Marshall President Jerome A. Gilbert said the new designation, considered a significant milestone in the academic research world, is a tribute to the hard work and research efforts of faculty across the institution.

“This is tremendous recognition for Marshall University’s research programs,” Gilbert said. “We are very proud of the continued progress of our programs and the university. Increasing our research activity has been one of my goals since arriving at Marshall and it continues to be a priority.”

Marshall’s research expenditures have increased 25 percent over the past two-and-a-half years from $23 million to $31 million, and are expected to climb further this year.
For its latest rankings, Carnegie surveyed more than 4,000 universities and put just 139 in the R2 category, which includes universities that confer at least 20 research/scholarship doctorates annually and spend a minimum $5 million per year on research. With its R2 designation, Marshall joined the likes of universities such as Baylor, Wake Forest and Lehigh.

Dr. John M. Maher, Marshall’s vice president for research, said, “Marshall’s attainment of this classification recognizes the significant accomplishments of the university in research and postgraduate education. It reflects the hard work and dedication to education and scholarship of the faculty and reflects the continued growth in external grant support for Marshall programs in science, the fine and liberal arts, education and economic development.”

External grant support for Marshall programs currently includes funding from the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, among many others.

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TAKE A BREAK 
DURING FINALS WEEK 
AND JOIN US

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2019
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

All faculty members welcome to stop by for refreshments and relaxation!

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School of Medicine opens new medical student wellness center

The Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine dedicated the Linda S. Holmes Student Wellness Center at 1321 Hal Greer Blvd. in Huntington last week.

The 4,200-square-foot center, located just across Hal Greer Blvd. from the Marshall University Medical Center and Cabell Huntington Hospital, features five study rooms, group meeting space and a large gathering room. The center also houses the school’s student affairs and financial aid offices. The center is designed to provide a safe, convenient relaxation space for medical students when they need to take a break from studying to relax and decompress.
The opening of the new Student Wellness Center is part of many strategic initiatives at the School of Medicine aimed at promoting the mental and physical wellness of its students, including teaching students healthy ways to manage stress and promote resiliency. In recent years, well-being in academic medicine has become a priority for national organizations like the Association of American Medical Colleges, Liaison Committee for Medical Education and medical schools across the county.

“Teaching medical students healthy ways to manage stress and giving them a place to intentionally come to ‘refuel’ is part of our holistic care of our students,” said Joseph I. Shapiro, M.D., dean of the Marshall School of Medicine.

About 75 people attended the open house. During the ceremony, donors Mark Hatfield, M.D., O.D., a Marshall School of Medicine graduate from the class of 1983, and his wife, Monica J.W. Hatfield, announced the naming of the center in honor of Linda S. Holmes, who has served as director of development and alumni affairs at the Marshall School of Medicine for more than 20 years.

“Our family is a medical family. Mark, our son-in-law Jeremy Cumberledge (‘12), and our youngest daughter Makenzie Hatfield Kresch (‘18) all graduated from Marshall’s School of Medicine,” said Monica Hatfield. “We are passionate about helping future graduates. This facility will help fulfill that mission while honoring our friend, Linda Holmes.”

Holmes has devoted her career to the students and alumni of Marshall University. Prior to joining the School of Medicine in 1998, she served as assistant director of athletics and head volleyball and softball coach from 1976 to 1984. She then led the Marshall University Alumni Association as executive director from 1984 to 1998.

Photos: (Above) Marshall School of Medicine alumnus R. Mark Hatfield, M.D., O.D., and his wife, Monica Hatfield, generously donated the funds to support the renovation of the medical school’s new Linda S. Holmes Student Wellness Center, named April 29 in honor of the school’s director of development and alumni affairs. The Hatfields and Holmes are pictured with School of Medicine Dean Joseph I. Shapiro, M.D. (Below) The new Linda S. Holmes Student Wellness Center located at 1321 Hal Greer Blvd. in Huntington provides study, relaxation and meeting space for students at the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.
There’s still time to provide input – deadline is May 15

Please take part in this survey of Marshall University students, faculty and staff regarding their use of bicycles. The survey is being conducted by Edward Tucker Architects of Huntington in order to help develop a MU Bicycle Plan that seeks to connect all of the university’s sites in Huntington. The results of this survey are for in-house use and it has been deemed by the MU Institutional Research Board not to be human subject research.

Click here to participate in the survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5QGYQLB.
Save the Date

Friday, May 31

Supplier Diversity Program Announcement
and Meet the Buyers Luncheon
RSVP by May 10th to Tracey Brown-Dolinski at purchasing@marshall.edu
Click here for more information

11:30AM-1PM • FOUNDATION HALL, ALUMNI CENTER

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Celebrating 20 years of service to Marshall University

Retirement Reception

DR. KAREN MCNEALY | Chair of Dept of Communication Disorders

Monday, May 13
3:00 - 5:00 PM | Drinko Library 3rd Floor Atrium

RSVP to spencer69@marshall.edu
Contact holland@marshall.edu or spencer69@marshall.edu to learn more
www.marshall.edu

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Industry 4.0 Seminar Series Continues with Robotics: The Evolution of Automation

The Robert C. Byrd Institute’s (RCBI) next installment in its series of Industry 4.0 seminars on technology in today’s industrial sector brings in speakers who can offer solutions to these workforce challenges. Robotics: The Evolution of Automation takes place Wednesday, May 22 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at RCBI’s Huntington location at 1050 Fourth Avenue.

Speaking at the seminar is Rob Goldiez, founder and CEO of Hirebotics, and a pioneer in robots-as-a-service. He will be on hand to talk about how companies can quickly and easily take advantage of automation to solve some workforce issues by hiring a robot.

Jay Douglass, COO of Advanced Robotics for Manufacturing (ARM), a national Manufacturing USA Institute, will provide an update on the state of manufacturing nationally, and how ARM and its members are working to improve the global competitiveness of U.S. manufacturers through the funding of innovative robotics and workforce programs.

Also presenting at the seminar is Gary Daniels, with Amtek Company Inc. Amtek provides educators from elementary schools to universities with engineering, workforce and technical educational solutions and equipment. The company’s service area includes Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Delaware and Washington, D.C. Daniels will
speak on new operator certifications for the new NOCTI/FANUC models of lightweight robots offered by the company.

The presentations will conclude with a look at how cybersecurity threats can effect robotics and automation by Bill Gardner, professor of digital forensics and information assurance at Marshall.

“Robotics and automation are a large part of our local manufacturing community. As the technology continues to progress and become affordable, more manufacturers have access to its benefits. Our goal for bringing in these national experts is to help our manufacturers explore some of the options available to them,” said Jamie Cope, deputy director of RCBI.

For more information about the seminar, or to register to attend, visit [www.rcbi.org/go/robotics](http://www.rcbi.org/go/robotics).

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School of Medicine selects Winston as April Resident of the Month

Emelia Winston, D.O., has been named Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine’s Resident of the Month for April, announced Paulette S. Wehner, M.D., vice dean for graduate medical education at the school.

Winston is completing her third year of the four-year obstetrics and gynecology residency at Marshall. She was nominated for Resident of the Month by her fellow residents for her leadership, teaching ability and exceptional knowledge.

“Recognition of a resident for an exceptional job is one of my favorite things to do as vice dean of graduate medical education,” Wehner said. “The award becomes truly special when residents nominate one of their own. This month’s awardee is appreciated by her junior residents for her ability to remain calm in chaotic situations and taking teaching moments despite the incredible stress associated with the delivery and operating rooms.”

Born in New York and raised in northern Virginia, Winston earned her medical degree from the Lincoln Memorial University – DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine in Harrogate, Tennessee. She received her undergraduate degree from George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia.

“Dr. Winston has been a wonderful addition to our program,” said Kevin J. Conaway, M.D., residency program director for obstetrics and gynecology. “She is an excellent physician and a great example for our junior residents. This award is well deserved.”

In her letter of support for Winston’s nomination, first-year obstetrics and gynecology resident Katherine Addicott said, “She is an outstanding senior resident, and I am lucky to have the chance to work with her. During my first month of night float, I was very nervous to start. Dr. Winston did a great job helping me organize my time and definitely made me more efficient over the course of the month.” Addicott continued, “She is one of the only people I know who can remain calm in the most chaotic of shifts.”

Winston is interested in joining a group practice upon completion of her residency in 2021. Winston has been a member of the Army National Guard since 2001, where she serves as a field grade medical officer. She is married with two daughters, ages 14 and
13. In her spare time, she likes to travel. As part of her recognition as the April Resident of the Month, Winston received a plaque and designated parking spot.

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Photo: Emelia Watson, D.O., (right) April Resident of the Month at Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, is pictured with Kevin J. Conaway, M.D., residency program director for obstetrics & gynecology.

Marshall announces 33rd class of Yeager Scholars

The Yeager Scholars program, the top merit-based scholarship at Marshall University, has announced its 33rd class, members of which will begin classes this fall.

Class members, in alphabetical order, are:

- Sydney Adkins, from Barboursville, West Virginia, who will major in environmental science. She attends Cabell Midland High School.
- Brooke Burns, from Danville, West Virginia, who will major in geology. She attends Scott High School.
- Eric Dillon, from Williamson, West Virginia, who will major in computer science in the College of Information Technology and Engineering. He is a student at Mingo Central High School.
- Isabella Griffiths, from Ironton, Ohio, who will major in mathematics. She attends St. Joseph Central Catholic High School.
- Calvin Hunter, from Cincinnati, Ohio, who will major in nursing. He attends Milford High School.
- Morgan Johnson, from Martinsburg, West Virginia, who will major in engineering. She is a student at Hedgesville High School.
- Kara Joseph, from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, who will major in environmental chemistry. She attends Chartiers Valley High School.
- Olivia Lewis, from Cross Lanes, West Virginia, who will major in nursing. She is a student at Charleston Catholic High School.

This class has an average ACT score of 33, average SAT score of 1470, and 4.38 grade point average. Students completed a rigorous application and interview process and were selected based on merit, combined with the potential for academic excellence and leadership.
“Every year we select students to join the Yeager Scholars from a phenomenal student pool. This year was no exception and a very difficult undertaking,” said Dr. Nicki LoCascio, dean of the Marshall Honors College. “I am excited that these students chose to accept the scholarship and come to Marshall University. I look forward to working with them.”

Yeager Scholars have all expenses covered for four consecutive years of undergraduate study at Marshall, plus a summer study at the University of Oxford in England. The program includes intensive leadership activities, community service and enrichment experiences. Yeager Scholars are expected to make significant contributions to the Marshall community during their time as undergraduates.

The 33rd class of Yeager Scholars is named for Jim and Bobbie Farley, ardent supporters of the Yeager program and Marshall University, who currently live in Cincinnati, Ohio. Jim Farley is a member of the Marshall University Board of Governors.

The current value of the Yeager Scholarship is $143,000 over four years.

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School of Medicine inducts new medical honor society members

The Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine inducted 11 medical students, three residents and two faculty members into the Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Honor Medical Society on Tuesday, April 30, at the Touma Medical Museum.

New inductees include third-year medical students Dalton Border, Seth Deskins, Andrea Hart, Gregory Hill, Preeya Shah and Joseph Simmons and fourth-year students Neil Blanchard, Brett Floyd, Amanda Krauss, Samantha Richardson and Matthew Riley. Resident inductees for 2019 are Rahman Barry, M.D., general surgery resident; Adam Schindzielorz, M.D., psychiatry resident; and Courtney Wellman, M.D., family medicine resident. Yousef R. Shweihat, M.D., associate professor of medicine, and Katherine J. Steele, M.D., assistant professor of family and community health, are the faculty inductees for 2019.
“Membership in AOA is considered a great distinction, and the annual AOA induction ceremony is our chapter’s way of celebrating the accomplishments of the new inductees while also recognizing the contributions of their friends and families in their successes,” said J. Wesley Urian, AOA chapter president at Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. “This year's inductees are truly deserving, and it is an honor for me to welcome them into our organization.”

Student inductees are selected from among the top quartile of students in a given class based on academic performance, leadership, professionalism and a firm sense of ethics, promise of future success in medicine and a commitment to service in the school and community. Resident and faculty inductees are selected by a caucus of members of the society, including students.

Alpha Omega Alpha is the national medical honor society. The Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine chapter of Alpha Omega Alpha is one of 132 chapters across the country. Since the organization’s founding in 1902, more than 183,000 members have been elected to the society nationwide.

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Photo: Newest members of the Alpha Omega Alpha chapter at Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine during their induction ceremony, Tuesday, April 30, at the Touma Medical Museum. Pictured left to right are (front row) Brett Floyd, Samantha Richardson, Preeya Shah, Amanda Krauss, Dr. Katherine Steele, Dr. Courtney Wellman and Greg Hill and (back row) Dr. Adam Schindzielorz, Dalton Border, Andrea Hart, Dr. Rahman Barry, Seth Deskins, Joseph Simmons and Neil Blanchard. Not pictured are Matthew Riley and Dr. Yousef Shweihat.

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The Marshall Rec Center is once again offering Healthy Herd Youth Camps this summer! These weekly camps, packed full of swimming, games and rock climbing, are the perfect way to keep your child active in the summer months.

The camps run Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The standard rate for camp (after May 6) is $125 for members and $150 for non-members. Before Care is available from 7:30-9 a.m. and After Care is available from 4-5:30 p.m. Before and After Care are FREE for members and $20 for non-members (per week).

The following age groups are available:

Little Marcos: 4-6 years old

Bison Buddies: 7-9 years old

Future Herd: 10-12 years old

Each week has a unique theme that will correlate with the games and activities scheduled. Check out the themes below:

Week 1: May 28-31 | Hometown Heroes

Week 2: June 3-7 | Animal Planet

Week 3: June 10-14 | Just Dance

Week 4: June 17-21 | Splish Splash

Week 5: June 24-28 | All American

Week 6: July 1-3, 5 | Superhero

Week 7: July 8-12 | Fun & Fitness
Week 8: July 15-19 | Wild & Wonderful

Week 9: July 22-26 | Journey to Atlantis

Week 10: July 29-August 2 | World Cup

Week 11: August 5-9 | Picnic & Paddle

Camp enrollment can be done in person at the Pro Shop at the Rec or online through the website: www.marshall.edu/campusrec. For additional information on youth programs and camps, contact JoEllen Cornelius, corneliusj@marshall.edu or (304)696-4107.

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Free hernia screenings available at Marshall Surgery

Marshall Surgery is offering free hernia screenings Friday, May 17, from noon to 3 p.m. at its office in the Marshall University Medical Center located at 1600 Medical Center Drive, Huntington.

Hernias develop in the abdominal, groin and chest area. Symptoms range from a bulge, swelling, sense of feeling full to heartburn, indigestion and difficulty swallowing. The most common types of hernias are inguinal or femoral hernias, which are caused by weakened muscles in the abdominal and groin area. Anyone can develop them; specific risk factors include being male, family history, chronic cough or constipation, weight lifting and pregnancy.

Participating surgeons include Farzad Amiri, M.D.; Shawna Grimm, D.O.; and Stephen Wilson, M.D., FACS. All are certified by the American Board of Surgeons and specialize in minimally invasive robotic surgery.

“Getting screened is important because hernias do not go away on their own and can cause complications if left untreated,” explained David A. Denning, M.D., professor and chair of the department of surgery at the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. “Not everyone seen that day will have one. Our goal for this event is to determine what is causing the individual pain and discomfort and the best course of action to treat it.”

Interested participants are advised to call and make a reservation for a screening. While participants wait for their appointments, they will have the opportunity to learn more about hernias, including treatment and prevention. Refreshments will also be provided.

To make a reservation or for more information, call Marshall Surgery, an outpatient department of Cabell Huntington Hospital, at 304-691-1200.
Faculty Achievement: Dr. Scott Davis

Dr. D. Scott Davis, professor and chair of the School of Physical Therapy, was recently elected as the president-elect of the West Virginia Physical Therapy Association (WVPTA). He will assumes the office of president in April 2020. The WVPTA is a chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA). Davis has served two terms as the vice president of the association and says he is excited to serve in this new capacity. The WVPTA represents over 300 physical therapists, 30 physical therapy assistants and over 230 students.

Staff Achievement: Dr. Ian Levstein

Dr. Ian Levstein, computer operations manager at the Forensic Science Center, is the lead author of a co-authored book chapter with Dr. L. J. Justice of Morehead State University. The chapter, based on Dr. Levstein’s doctoral research, is titled “CSI4FS – a Markerless Augmented Reality Game – a Novel Approach to Crime Scene Investigation Training.” It has been selected for inclusion in the book *Emerging Technologies in Virtual Learning Environments*, edited by K. Becnel. The book will be available next month.
Marshall Dentistry and Oral Surgery is offering 30% off its in-chair whitening services for Marshall Health, Marshall University and Cabell Huntington Hospital employees now through Aug. 31, 2019. Tooth discoloration or staining can be caused by food and drink, bad habits, medications, genetics, advancing age and/or trauma. Professional whitening is a fast, easy way to enhance your smile. Our dental team uses Opalescence® Boost whitening gel to remove years of discoloration in one visit. This service is performed in our office without the use of lights or lasers. To schedule an appointment, call 304-691-1247.

The next regular issue of We Are...Marshall will be distributed May 15, 2019. Please send items for consideration to WAMnewsletter@marshall.edu by 5 p.m. Monday, May 13, 2019.

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