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WE ARE... MARSHALL®

The Newsletter for Marshall University

May 15, 2019

President Gilbert, students and faculty to visit Richmond Friday for events, including service project at John Marshall gravesite



More than 30 representatives of Marshall University—including President Jerome A. Gilbert, students, faculty and members of the acclaimed John Marshall Fife and Drum Corps—will be in Richmond, Virginia, Friday, May 17, for events to celebrate the nation’s longest-serving chief justice.

John Marshall, who served as the chief justice of the United States from 1801-1835 and for whom the university is named, lived most of his life in Richmond.

Gilbert said the purpose of the trip is to strength the university’s ties in the area and to commemorate the life of the university’s namesake.

“I’m looking forward to being in Richmond and the events we have planned,” he added. “When I became president of Marshall University several years ago, I decided I wanted to link our school even more closely to John Marshall’s life and legacy. I have developed a profound respect and fondness for him. I think his legacy is significant and I am proud to have our university associated with his name.

“When I speak to prospective students, I tell them John Marshall is right up there with the Founding Fathers. He played a significant role in the development of our legal system and helped define the U.S. Constitution. He stood for protecting individual rights and for interpreting the Constitution so everyone could benefit from the rights and privileges outlined in it. He stood for justice and respect.”

Members of the **John Marshall Fife and Drum Corps** are students and instructors in the university’s Department of Music. They wear Revolutionary War-era uniforms and perform music from the era of John Marshall on McDonagh fifes and rope drums.

This marks the third year in a row Marshall representatives have traveled to Richmond for these events.

Photo: The John Marshall Fife and Drum Corps perform at the John Marshall House in Richmond, Virginia, in 2018.

Do You Suffer from Low Back Pain?

Marshall University's School of Physical Therapy will be hosting a **Lumbar Spine (Low Back) Course** May 17-19th.

If you or anyone you know is experiencing low back pain which doesn't resolve, this could be a perfect opportunity to have a FREE assessment & treatment performed by a member of the McKenzie Institute international faculty.

For more information, contact Dr. Jim Dauber at (304) 696-5609 or dauber@marshall.edu.





You're Invited to the Marshall Rises Family Campaign Wrap-Up Party!

Monday, May 20th • 2:00 -3:00 pm
Memorial Student Center, John Marshall Room
Refreshments will be served



Our 2019 Family Campaign was a great success!

- Employee Giving increased 88%
- Payroll deductions more than doubled

If you started a new Payroll Deduction, please come to pick up your thank you gift – a John Marshall bobblehead!

It is not too late to sign up and be a part of the Marshall Rises Family Campaign. Donations will be accepted and payroll deduction sign-up sheets will be available.

Contact talbottw@marshall.edu to learn more



School of Medicine to host Standing Out in Our Field 6 on June 1



[The Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine](#) will host its sixth annual Standing Out in Our Field event, Saturday, June 1. This unique outdoor dining experience draws hundreds to a picturesque setting on a farm in rural Proctorville, Ohio, to raise funds for medical student scholarships.

This year's event, co-sponsored by Cabell Huntington Hospital and St. Mary's Medical Center, will feature a baseball theme and serve up gourmet twists on ballpark favorites like Kansas City spiced rubbed ribs and Petco Park grilled mahi mahi.

The event, hosted at the home of Bobby Miller, M.D., (Class of 1997) and Eric Hardin-Miller, begins with a reception at 6 p.m. and is followed by dinner and dancing from 7 to 11 p.m., featuring music by the band, Santa Cruz.

“In addition to the beautiful hills surrounding us, what’s truly special about this event is that dinner is served by current medical school students,” said Linda S. Holmes, director of development and alumni affairs at the Marshall School of Medicine. “We couldn’t serve 450 people without them and they are truly grateful for the opportunity to interact with many of the donors making their scholarships to medical school possible.”

Proceeds from the annual event go to provide much-needed support for medical student scholarships. This year, event chairs, Joe and Karen McDonie, have set a goal to add another \$100,000 to the school’s scholarship endowment.

Event sponsors to-date include Cabell Huntington Hospital and St. Mary’s Medical Center (Dean’s Circle); Maxor National Pharmacy Services Company and Valley Health (MS-III); Radon Medical Imaging (MS-II and Wine); Anonymous, Champion Industries, Galaxy Distributing of West Virginia, HIMG, Marathon Petroleum, Ohio Valley Physicians, Inc., Radiology, Inc., and Retina Consultants/Marshall Eye Surgeons (MS-II); Edward Tucker Architects, Guyan International, Diane C. & Maurice A. Mufson, MD, Natural Resource Partners, Ohio Valley Bank, Thomas Health System (MS-I); Highmark West Virginia Blue Cross Blue Shield (Band); Marshall Health and Wilkink Cline Wealth Management Group (Wine). Additional sponsors include Sam’s Club #8152, Texas Roadhouse, Walmart #2244 and WoodmenLife.

Tickets are \$125 per person. Additional sponsorships are available. To make a reservation, please contact Tami Fletcher at 304-691-1701 or fletcher@marshall.edu. For more information, go to <https://jcesom.marshall.edu/alumni-giving/standing-out-in-our-field/>.

Photo: Standing Out In Our Field, the annual scholarship fundraiser for the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, will be Saturday, June 1.



Please join us for a retirement reception
honoring

Bill Lucas

for his 35 years, 6 months of loyal service to the
School of Medicine and Marshall Health

Monday, June 3, 2019 | 2-4 pm

Health Science Library

You are cordially invited to the

**Hershel "Woody" Williams
& Marshall University Mental Health Summit**

First Responders Training and Community Roundtable

**Thursday, June 20, 2019
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Marshall University, Corbly Hall, Room 105 (Corner of 5th Avenue and Hal Greer Blvd.)

The Hershel "Woody" Williams VAMC is joining with Marshall University to offer training on and coordination with community partners to prioritize Veteran Suicide Prevention.

Join us for:

- ★ A three hour First Responder training that all invitees may attend
- ★ A one hour Community Roundtable discussion on Suicide Prevention and supporting families of Veterans
- ★ A chance to meet and network with various stakeholders

Please RSVP to Charles.Weinberg@va.gov
AND Katelyn Fowler at fowler106@live.marshall.edu.





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Marshall welcomes new additions to physician assistant program

Three individuals have joined the [Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine](#) in preparation for the university's new physician assistant program, which is currently in development.



Denise M. Chambers, M.S., PA-C, joins the school as a member of the physician assistant program and director of clinical skills. Chambers has nearly 30 years of experience as a physician assistant, most recently at St. Mary's Women and Family Care in Barboursville. She has also worked at HIMG and St. Francis Hospital in Charleston. In her new role, Chambers oversees the Clinical Skills Lab for both the School of Medicine and physician assistant (PA) program and will be intricately involved in the development of the new program. She has a bachelor's degree in medical science and a Master of Medical Science, both from Alderson Broaddus College in Philippi, West Virginia.



Jaclyn Kiser, M.S., PA-C, has also joined the physician assistant program. Kiser joined Marshall Health in 2012 as a physician assistant in the department of orthopaedic surgery. She has also worked in heart and pulmonary care at Southern Ohio Medical Center and family practice at Wheelersburg Medical Associates. Kiser earned her Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from Morehead State University in Morehead, Kentucky, and her M.S. in Physician Assistant Studies from the University of Kentucky in Lexington. Kiser will also be involved in the development of the program, as well as assume significant teaching responsibilities once the program starts.



K. Dean Wright, PA-C, has been named clinical coordinator of the program and will be administering the supervised clinical experience phase of the Physician Assistant Program. He earned his bachelor's degree in Medical Science from Alderson Broaddus College, followed by a postgraduate surgical residency at Norwalk Hospital/Yale University School of Medicine in Norwalk, Connecticut. He has nearly 40 years of experience as a physician assistant, including 25 years practicing in the Huntington area for HIMG, Marshall Health and St. Mary's Medical Management. Most recently, he has worked in plastic surgery service at the Hershel "Woody" Williams VA Medical Center in Huntington.

“These individuals bring to the program a tremendous breadth and depth of knowledge based on years of experience as practicing physician assistants across various specialties,” said Physician Assistant Program Director Ginger Boles, M.S., PA-C. “Their enthusiasm to help us build an extraordinary program at Marshall is palpable and will, undoubtedly, result in a dynamic learning experience for our future students.”

The physician assistant program is currently undergoing the initial accreditation process through the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant. For more information about the program, please contact Boles at bolesg@marshall.edu or 304-691-1979.

June Harless Center inducts five into Hall Of Fame

The June Harless Center for Rural Educational Research and Development, part of Marshall University’s College of Education and Professional Development, held its annual Harless Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony Monday, May 6.

This year’s inductees were Katherine Johnson, Robert Shell Jr. and Lena Shell, and Drs. Joseph B. and Omayma Touma.

Each year, the ceremony provides an opportunity to show appreciation and give recognition to those people who have been identified as outstanding contributors to West Virginia’s educational system with special focus on the rural areas of the state. Inductees into the Hall of Fame typically include teachers, administrators, or business/educational partners or organizations that have provided exemplary leadership to ensure the success of the education of all students in West Virginia.

Katherine Johnson, mathematician and computer scientist, was one of the subjects of the 2016 film, “Hidden Figures.” A graduate with highest honors of West Virginia State College (now West Virginia State University), she was also among the first black students to be offered a spot in the graduate school of West Virginia University. She began working at the Langley laboratory of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, which later became NASA, in 1953.

The 1957 launch of the Soviet satellite Sputnik changed history—and Johnson’s life. In 1957, she provided some of the math for the 1958 document *Notes on Space Technology*, a compendium of a series of 1958 lectures given by engineers in the Flight Research Division and the Pilotless Aircraft Research Division (PARAD). She did trajectory analysis for Alan Shepard’s May 1961 mission Freedom 7, America’s first human space flight. In 1962, as NASA prepared for the orbital mission of John Glenn, Johnson was called upon to do the work for which she would become most known.

When asked to name her greatest contribution to space exploration, Johnson spoke of the calculations that helped sync Project Apollo's Lunar Lander with the moon-orbiting Command and Service Module. She also worked on the Space Shuttle and the Earth Resources Satellite, and authored or coauthored 26 research reports.

Bob and Lena Shell are successful international business people and powerful state leaders who work to improve the lives of young people in the community. They have worked behind the scenes on numerous boards and charitable organizations, such as United Way, Boys and Girls Club, Marshall University and more.

A former vice chair of the Marshall University Board of Governors, Bob Shell also has been a trusted advisor to two West Virginia governors and several United States senators and congressmen. The couple are investors in Huntington's First Sentry Bank and other financial institutions across the United States, and their interests span from Logan, West Virginia, to China.

Drs. Joseph B. and Omayma Touma have had an incredible impact on the city of Huntington from medicine to history, art and civic responsibility. Originally from Damascus, Syria, the Toumas traveled to Huntington, West Virginia, in search of a unique culture and a pleasant place to raise their family.

"We decided to join the community of Huntington, which means that you love it so much that you don't miss other places too much," Joseph Touma said. The Toumas' contributions include renowned medical practices, Joseph Touma as an ear physician for 43 years including treatment of ear diseases and surgery, and Omayma Touma as a pediatrician and as director of the Cabell Huntington Health Department for 12 years. Omayma Touma was instrumental in developing the clean air initiative and security system for the Tri-State area following 9/11. The couple also donated their Museum of Medicine to the MU School of Medicine.

Joseph and Omayma Touma were awarded The Herald Dispatch "Citizens of the Year" award in 2000 and were inducted into the Marshall University's Business Hall of Fame in 2001. Joseph Touma said he believes that true success and happiness come from working in a field that you love.

Retiring Harless staff members Annette Brumfield and Natalie Dillinger were also recognized for their unwavering support of West Virginia educational initiatives.

The mission of the June Harless Center is to provide leadership in educational initiatives for West Virginia educators and students, and provide educators and families of rural West Virginia with a support system that addresses educational issues, sustains school improvement and provides positive growth in all educational factors. The June Harless Center currently has ongoing projects with all 55 counties in the state, focused on providing support and professional learning.

For further information on the Harless Hall of Fame, contact the executive director, Dr. Stan Maynard, by phone at 304-696-2945 or by e-mail at maynard@marshall.edu.

Faculty Achievements: Dr. Darshana Shah



Darshana Shah, Ph.D., professor of pathology, associate dean for faculty advancement, and editor-in-chief of the Marshall Journal of Medicine, has been re-elected to the International Network for the Science of Team-Science (INSciTS) Board of Directors for a second three-year term (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2022).

INSciTS, the International Network for the Science of Team Science, is a professional membership organization comprising a community that develops and disseminates an evidence-base to support team science and shape how research is conducted to solve complex problems.

Shah continues to represent Marshall and the team science approach at the national level in many ways, including authoring a blog post for George Washington University, Clinical Translation Institute: <https://blogs.gwu.edu/collaborativeculture/2019/01/23/blog-institutional-change-in-the-era-of-team-science/>

She has been invited to present a session in June on “Building Effective Teams through the Science of Team Science” at Harvard Macy Course Leading Innovation in Health Care and Education and recently conducted an interview for the Johns Hopkins’ Faculty Factory podcast, which may be found online at <http://facultyfactory.org/podcast/#episode12>.

Southern Coalfields Alumni Chapter establishes scholarship



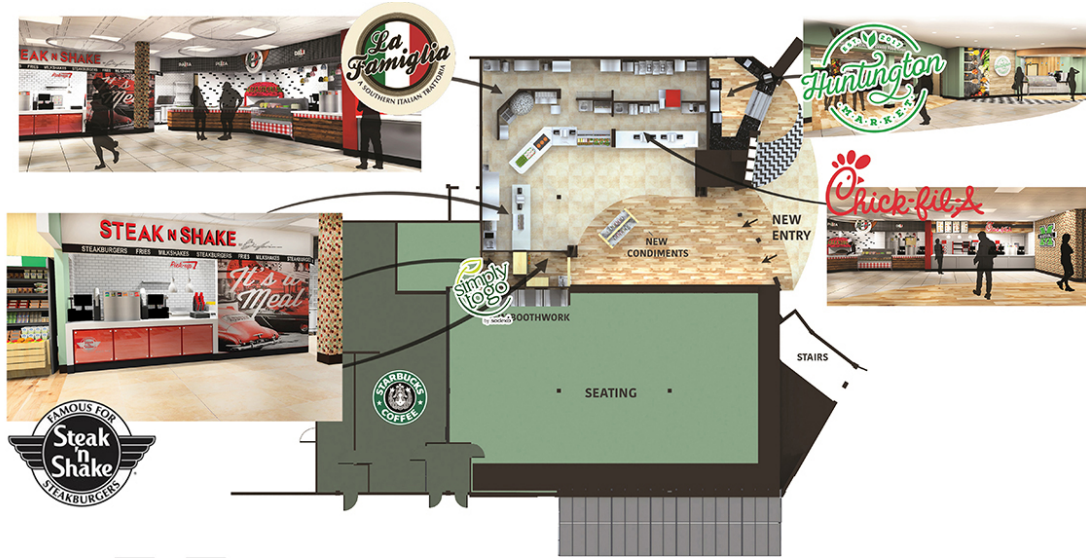
The Marshall University Southern Coalfields Alumni and Big Green Chapter recently established the Southern Coalfields Scholarship to support full-time undergraduate, incoming freshmen, who are residents of Raleigh, Summers, Fayette, Wyoming or Greenbrier counties in West Virginia. Recipients must also demonstrate financial need per the Office of Student Financial Assistance.

This chapter is composed of local business owners, teachers, counselors and other die-hard Marshall fans who desire to make a difference in the lives of students from southern West Virginia, according to Larry Canterbury, president of the chapter.

“We hope the next generation forge their own paths just as we all did, and hopefully will want to give back similarly in the future. We would also hope they will want to return to the areas they’re from after graduation with the desire to develop and improve their hometowns. We want to help students in the southern part of the state, specifically students from Raleigh, Fayette, Summers, Wyoming and Greenbrier counties obtain a great education,” Canterbury said.

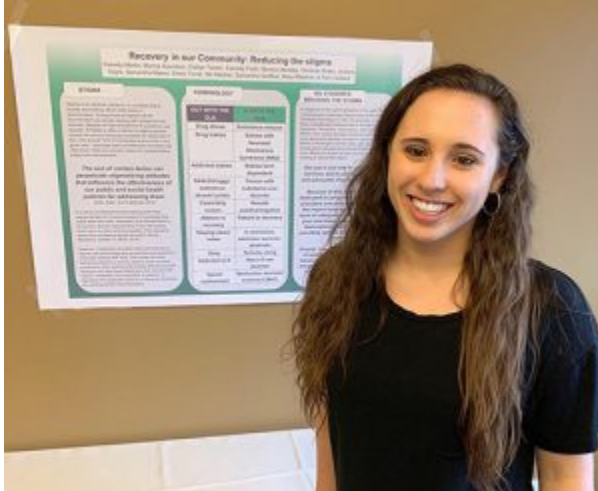
The Marshall University Southern Coalfields Alumni and Big Green Chapter has a total of 20 members. They have been an actively fundraising Big Green chapter since 1990 and have been a joint Big Green and alumni chapter since November of 2017. They contribute annually to the Big Green General Scholarship Fund.

To learn more about the chapter, contact Canterbury at lbc.cancon@gmail.com.



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Student awarded scholarship from West Virginia Speech Language Hearing Foundation



Marshall communication disorders student Jessica Sayre was recently awarded a statewide scholarship from the West Virginia Speech-Language-Hearing (WVSH) Foundation. The scholarship, valued at \$1,000, was awarded to one student at Marshall and one student at West Virginia University.

Scholarships like the WVSH Foundation scholarship recognize the impressive achievements of outstanding students and encourage their continued involvement in the profession, according to Mary Weidner,

assistant professor with the Department of Communication Disorders.

“West Virginia is lucky to have very dedicated and passionate students in the field of communication disorders, many of whom will ultimately serve children and adults throughout the state,” Weidner said.

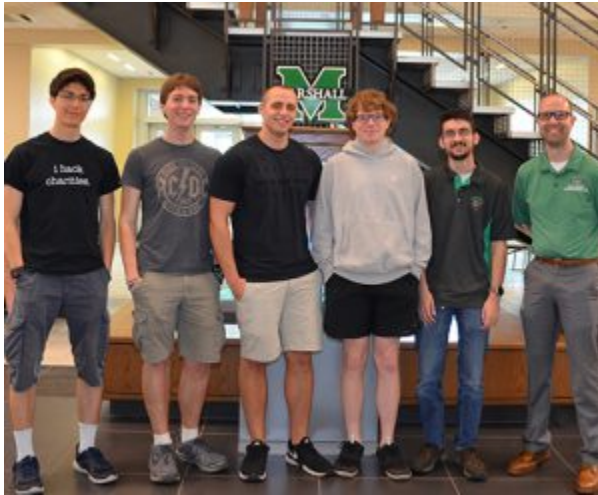
Sayre, a first-year graduate student from Charleston, West Virginia, said the award will allow her to pursue learning opportunities outside the classroom, such as attending professional conferences and engaging in various community activities.

“This upcoming year, I will attend and present research at the World Congress of Stuttering in Hveragerdi, Iceland, and the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association conference in Orlando, Florida. The scholarship will offset the costs associated with those endeavors,” Sayre said. “I was honored to be chosen as the Marshall recipient for this scholarship. I am proud to be a graduate student in this department. There are so many academic and clinical opportunities for students and support from professors that will make me a successful speech-language pathologist.”

To learn more about opportunities in the university’s Department of Communication Disorders, visit www.marshall.edu/communication-disorders.

Photo: Communication disorders student Jessica Sayre was recently awarded a \$1,000 state-wide scholarship from the West Virginia Speech Language Hearing (WVSH) Foundation. She is shown with a poster describing some of her research.

Marshall's cyber league team places eighth in National Cyber League competition



For the second straight season, Marshall's National Cyber League (NCL) team has placed in the top 10 nationally in the National Cyber League team game competition, finishing in eighth place out of a total of 627 teams in the spring team game postseason competition. The team placed ninth in the NCL's fall team game postseason competition.

The team is composed of students in Marshall's game development, digital forensics and information assurance, computer and information technology,

computer science and mathematics programs. They all participate in Marshall's Collegiate Cyber Defense Club (CCDC).

Members are:

- Timm Johnson, a senior majoring in computer and information technology (game development) with a minor in digital humanities
- J. Clark, a sophomore majoring in digital forensics and information assurance
- Bryan Groves, a senior double majoring in computer science and digital forensics and information assurance
- Peyton Stevens, a sophomore majoring in digital forensics and information assurance
- Philip Taylor, a senior double majoring in computer and information technology (web/app development) and management information systems
- Skylaar Mease, a junior double majoring in computer science and mathematics.
- Josh Brunty, associate professor of digital forensics and information assurance, who serves as Marshall's NCL coach and as advisor for the Collegiate Cyber Defense Club.

“When these students learn cyber defense or cyber forensics in the classroom, it’s a perfect scenario that results in a perfect outcome. Unfortunately, the real world doesn’t work that way,” Brunty said. “When these students play in competitions like NCL and CCDC, they have to apply a broad base of knowledge and skills to figure out how to solve a challenge, regardless of the obstacles. It teaches them both soft and hard skills that we could never replicate in the classroom. It’s these skills, along with teamwork, that will set them apart after graduation.”

The NCL is a nonprofit organization that aims to serve as a cybersecurity training ground, providing simulation environments and competitions to help strengthen participants' skills in the field. For more information on NCL, visit www.nationalcyberleague.org. To learn more about the CCDC team at Marshall, visit <https://herdlink.marshall.edu/organization/ccdc>.

Photo: From left to right, Timm Johnson, A.J. Clark, Bryan Groves, Peyton Stevens, Philip Taylor and Josh Brunty. Not pictured: Skylaar Mease.

Student pair takes first place at West Virginia Business Plan Competition



In what is believed to be a first at the West Virginia Business Plan Competition finals, Marshall students Aaron Simon and Ashley Hoskins finished first in the Lifestyle and Innovation category at the competition held in Fairmont, West Virginia, and hosted by the BrickStreet Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship at West Virginia University.

Simon, a marketing major from Spencer, West Virginia, and Hoskins, a double major in nursing and exercise science from Walton, West Virginia, formed a new

venture named “Farm to Fork Meat Processing” that provides a better means for harvesting and processing animals. In particular, the pair intend to utilize a federally-approved mobile unit that allows animals to be harvest and processed in a manner that minimizes trauma, improves safety and increases yield on the harvested meat. For the new venture and process, Simon and Hoskins received a \$10,000 first-place award. In addition, ZinnStarter contributed an additional \$2,000 to the pair, raising their total award to \$12,000.

Simon and Hoskins said they were excited by the first-place finish, and looking forward to continuing the hard work that had carried the pair to victory at the competition. The award will be put to use in furthering the business venture, such as purchasing equipment and marketing the venture throughout the region.

“Farm to Fork Meat Processing LLC is a unique and more ethical way of processing animals. What makes us unique from conventional meat processors is that we travel to the producer to process the animal,” Hoskins said. “We will be able to be mobile by using a USDA-certified trailer that is equipped with all necessary processing equipment that meets the standards of the NSF (National Sanitation Foundation) . This mobile processing unit will alleviate many problems that producers face when taking their animals to be processed.”

In the thirteen years that the West Virginia Business Plan Competition has been conducted, this is believed to be the first time a Marshall University entry has taken the top prize.

For additional information about the West Virginia Business Plan Competition, please contact Marshall University liaison Olen York (olen.york@marshall.edu).

Photo: Aaron Simon and Ashley Simon took first place in the Lifestyle and Innovation category at the West Virginia Business Plan Competition.

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