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Dear Marshall Family,

Marshall’s accrediting body, The Higher Learning Commission (HLC), and our own best practices require regular review of the university’s Mission Statement.

Last summer, in preparation for our next accreditation review, which will take place in June 2020, then-Provost Gayle Ormiston formed an Ad Hoc Mission Statement Review Committee to 1) meet HLC’s requirements regarding mission and 2) review and ensure our Mission Statement is current, relevant and accurately reflects the university’s activities.

Starting with the existing Mission Statement, which was approved in 2004, the committee worked diligently to review and develop a current, relevant and succinct 2019 statement that accurately reflects Marshall University’s activities, while not changing our mission.

The committee completed its work late last summer and, following endorsement by the Faculty Senate and the Graduate Council, I am delighted to report that the Board of Governors approved the following revised university Mission Statement at its April 25 meeting:

Marshall University is a public comprehensive university with a rich history as one of the oldest institutions of higher learning in West Virginia. Founded in 1837 and named after Chief Justice John Marshall, definer of the Constitution, Marshall University advances the public good through innovative, accredited educational programs. Marshall University’s mission, inspired by our Vision and Creed, includes a commitment to:
• Offer a wide range of high quality, affordable, and accessible undergraduate, graduate, and professional education that prepares students to think, learn, work, and live in an evolving global society.
• Create opportunities and experiences to foster understanding and appreciation of the rich diversity of thought and culture.
• Maintain a dynamic intellectual, artistic, and cultural life by promoting and supporting research and creative activities by undergraduates, graduates, and faculty.
• Contribute to the quality of life of the community, region, and beyond through applied research, economic development, health care, and cultural enrichment.
• Cultivate the development of an inclusive, just, and equitable community.

This new Mission Statement, along with our Vision and the Creed, is posted on the university website at www.marshall.edu/mission.

I also want to acknowledge the excellent work of the committee, which was led by co-chairs Tracy Christofero and David Hatfield. Other committee members included:

Cam Brammer, BOG Faculty Representative and Co-Chair, 2018 Strategic Planning Committee
Cedric Gathings, Vice President for Student Affairs
Philippe Georgel, Chair, Faculty Senate
Karen McComas, Executive Director, Center for Teaching and Learning
Michael McGuffey, Senior Vice President for Institutional Research
Pamela Mulder, Faculty Senate
Carl Mummert, Co-Chair, 2018 Strategic Planning Committee
Mary Beth Reynolds, Associate Vice President for Assessment and Quality Initiatives
Wendy Trzyna, former Faculty Senate

Jerome Gilbert, President ex-officio
Jaime Taylor, Provost ex-officio

If you have any questions about the revised Mission or the process, you may contact a member of the committee. Please remember to update the Mission Statement on your department websites and printed materials.

I know you share my optimism as we approach the future, as well as our next accrediting cycle, with a refreshed, inspiring Mission Statement!

Sincerely,

Jerome A. Gilbert
President
You are cordially invited to the

**Herschel “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, Corby Hall, Room 105 (Corner of 5th Avenue and Hal Greer Blvd.)

The Herschel “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.
Marshall will host the Huntington Summer Music Festival Friday and Saturday, June 21-22, at Pullman Square, featuring music from world-renowned and local jazz musicians as well as a Biergarten, an instrument petting zoo for children and people of all ages, and other activities.

This year’s festival is carrying on a new jazz music tradition that began in the summer of 2018 with the Ellis Marsalis International Jazz Piano Competition. The jazz piano competition will return to Huntington in two years, but in the meantime, Marshall’s jazz studies program will keep celebrating music each June at Pullman Square.

Among the performers at this year’s festival will be the winner of last year’s Ellis Marsalis International Jazz Piano Competition, Ben Paterson of Philadelphia. Last year, Paterson competed in Huntington and was chosen as the top performer among seven finalists for the competition, chosen from 160 jazz pianists from around the world.

The Ben Paterson Trio will perform as the headline act for this year’s festival. Other headliners will be the Jewel City Jazz Orchestra and the Reggie Watkins Quintet. Watkins is an internationally renowned trombonist who has performed or recorded with greats such as The Temptations, trumpet virtuoso Maynard Ferguson and pop star Jason Mraz.

The Huntington Summer Music Festival goes on in conjunction with the Jazz-MU-Tazz summer jazz camp at Marshall, which provides student jazz players opportunities to take master classes, get intensive jazz instruction and see performances by internationally recognized jazz performers. Marshall students, high-schoolers who participated in the Jazz-MU-Tazz camp, and students from schools throughout the region will perform as part of the festival as well.

“We are bringing in international, regional and local talent in a variety of musical configurations, from jazz trios to big bands,” said Martin Saunders, director of jazz studies at Marshall. “The cross-section of top-notch performers and jazz styles and will inspire performances that everyone can enjoy.”
The Huntington Summer Music Festival schedule is as follows:

Friday, June 21:
5 p.m. – Biergarten opens
6 p.m. – Performance by the Jazz-MU-Tazz summer campers
7:30 p.m. – Performance by Reggie Watkins Quintet

Saturday, June 22:
3 p.m. – Street Fair and Biergarten open
3:30 p.m. – Performance by MU Jazz Combo
5 p.m. – Performance by Jewel City Jazz Orchestra
6:30 p.m. – Performance by Pete Mills & Pete McCann Quintet
8 p.m. – Performance by the Ben Paterson Trio (2018 Winner of the Ellis Marsalis International Jazz Piano Competition)

In case of rain, activities will be relocated from Pullman Square to Smith Recital Hall on the Marshall University campus.

The festival is sponsored by the jazz studies program in the Marshall University School of Music. For more information, visit www.marshall.edu/music/jazz/events/hijfmarsalis/ or contact Martin Saunders by phone at 304-696-4316 or by e-mail at m.saunders@marshall.edu.

Photo: Ben Paterson, winner of last year’s Ellis Marsalis Jazz Piano Competition, will headline this year’s Huntington Summer Music Festival.

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College of Education and Professional Development among 42 teacher prep programs recognized for national excellence

The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) has announced that Marshall’s College of Education and Professional Development is one of 42 providers from 23 states and the District of Columbia to receive accreditation for their educator preparation programs. The spring 2019 review by the CAEP Accreditation Council resulted in 42 accredited programs, bringing the total to 238 providers approved under the CAEP Teacher Preparation Standards – rigorous, nationally recognized standards that were developed to ensure excellence in educator preparation programs.

“These institutions meet high standards so that their students receive an education that prepares them to succeed in a diverse range of classrooms after they graduate,” said CAEP President Dr. Christopher A. Koch. “Seeking CAEP Accreditation is a significant commitment on the part of an educator preparation provider.”

“Marshall’s teacher preparation programs have been accredited for a number of years, previously through NCATE,” said Dr. Teresa Eagle, dean of Marshall’s college.

“We are pleased that the hard work of our faculty and staff in preparing for this accreditation has been recognized,” Eagle said. “It has given us a chance to renew our commitment to the students at Marshall who are pursuing education as a career, as well as the greater university community.”

CAEP is the sole nationally recognized accrediting body for educator preparation. Accreditation is a nongovernmental activity based on peer review that serves the dual functions of assuring quality and promoting improvement. CAEP was created by the consolidation of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education and the Teacher Education Accreditation Council. It is a unified accreditation system intent on raising the performance of all institutions focused on educator preparation.
Approximately, 800 educator preparation providers participate in the CAEP Accreditation system, including some previously accredited through former standards.

Educator preparation providers seeking accreditation must pass peer review on five standards, which are based on two principles:

1. Solid evidence that the provider’s graduates are competent and caring educators, and
2. Solid evidence that the provider’s educator staff have the capacity to create a culture of evidence and use it to maintain and enhance the quality of the professional programs they offer.

The educator preparations programs at Marshall are fully accredited through 2026, at which time the programs will be re-evaluated.

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Amal F. Sakkal, M.D., joins Marshall School of Medicine, Charleston Internal Medicine

The Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine and Charleston Internal Medicine medical staff welcome Amal F. Sakkal, M.D., to their internal medicine team of providers.

Sakkal has been named an assistant professor in the department of internal medicine at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. She is a general internist who treats adult patients for a wide range of conditions, from primary care to chronic illnesses.

She earned her medical degree from the University of Aleppo School of Medicine in Aleppo, Syria, and completed her residency training in internal medicine at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. She is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine. Sakkal has been a member of the Charleston community for more than 20 years, most recently practicing with the Kanawha Medical Clinic. She enjoys spending time with family, traveling to learn about new cultures and visiting historical sites.

Sakkal is accepting new patients at Charleston Internal Medicine located at 3701 MacCorkle Ave SE in Charleston. To schedule an appointment, call 304-720-2345.

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Marshall student receives Lockheed Martin STEM Scholarship

Zach Preston, a mechanical engineering student in the College of Information Technology and Engineering, is one of the first-ever recipients of the Lockheed Martin STEM Scholarship.

Chosen as one of 200 scholarship recipients from among 6,333 applicants from 89 colleges, Preston will receive up to $40,000 total in scholarship funding, or $10,000 per school year, for up to three additional years or until his bachelor’s degree is earned. As a scholarship recipient, he will also be eligible for a paid Lockheed Martin internship opportunity.

Preston is the only West Virginia student to receive this scholarship. He is a Wayne High School graduate and was part of the pre-engineering program there, which was titled “Project Lead the Way.” A former student at Bridge Valley Technical College, Preston completed the associate degree in Advanced Manufacturing Technology (AMT). He also did 21 months in an industrial maintenance internship. Preston works full-time as a maintenance technician for Toyota Motor Manufacturing while pursuing his degree at Marshall's Weisberg Division of Engineering, which is part of the College of Information Technology and Engineering.

“I am extremely proud of Zach Preston – his progression towards meeting his career goals has been amazing,” said Dr. Wael Zatar, dean of the College of Information Technology and Engineering. “He raised the bar for Marshall’s engineering students – he has successfully demonstrated his persistence and desire to overachieve.

“The college will continue to provide an excellent education to support building better futures for all of its students, and I am confident that other students in the college will receive many prestigious STEM scholarships, including the Lockheed Martin STEM Scholarship, in the future.”
The Lewis College of Business has announced that the Brad D. Smith Undergraduate School of Business and its undergraduate accounting program have earned endorsement by IMA® (Institute of Management Accountants), one of the largest and most respected associations focused exclusively on advancing the management accounting profession.

Dr. Avinandan Mukherjee, dean of the college, said the endorsement by IMA is a significant accomplishment that will assist undergraduate accounting students better prepare for a rewarding career in management accounting. He also noted IMA’s Endorsement of Higher Education initiative recognizes programs that meet high educational standards, enabling students to pursue and earn the Certified Management Accountant (CMA®) credential.

“This is a testament to the quality of our accounting curriculum that will help both the future careers of our students and the organizations where they are employed,” Mukherjee said.

To qualify for endorsement by IMA, schools must meet the following criteria: (1) the program must substantially cover the CMA exam content; (2) the program must have adequate faculty resources to deliver this content; (3) the program must be accredited by a recognized accreditation organization (e.g., AACSB, ACBSP, EQUIS, etc.); and (4) a faculty member must be designated as an IMA Campus Advocate.

“IMA is pleased to welcome Marshall University to the growing list of schools that support the CMA exam program and have achieved a consistent standard of excellence,” said Dr. Raef Lawson, IMA vice president of research and professor-in-residence. “High-quality, up-to-date educational programs that support the current needs of businesses will help future professional management accountants accomplish their career objectives and meet the competency expectations of employers.”

IMA’s globally recognized CMA program is a relevant assessment of advanced accounting and financial management knowledge in areas such as financial planning, analysis, control and decision support – each of which is increasingly critical in meeting the changing needs of business, and therefore, essential learning for students of accounting and finance.

To learn more about the IMA endorsement, visit http://www.imanet.org/educators. For more information about the Lewis College of Business visit www.marshall.edu/cob.
Students find hands-on summer research experiences at Marshall

In-depth, mentored research experiences at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine will help develop the skills of the nearly 20 undergraduate students from 10 different institutions who are spending the summer conducting biomedical research in laboratories on campus.

While at Marshall, the students are working in the university’s facilities on research projects important to the health of Appalachia, such as cardiovascular disease, obesity, diabetes, cancer and addiction-associated diseases. The students will present their research results at a symposium at the end of their nine-week program.

Participating in the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine Summer Research Internship for Minority Students (SRIMS), sponsored by the Office of Research and Graduate Education at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine and the National Institute of General Medical Sciences of the National Institutes of Health Award, are:

- Sydney Jamison, Hampton University, Fairfax Station, Virginia (Yanling Yan, Ph.D., mentor)
- Adrian Maldonado, University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley, Brownsville, Texas (Isabel Larre, Ph.D., mentor)
- Samuel Sanchez, Ramapo University, Daytona Beach, Florida (Jennifer Haynes, Ph.D., mentor)
- Kia Smith, Dillard University, Lithonia, Georgia (Holly Cyphert, Ph.D., mentor)

In addition to SRIMS, Marshall University, in partnership with researchers at West Virginia University, received a $16 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to help build expertise in biomedical research out of which the West Virginia IDeA Network of Biomedical Research Excellence, or WV-INBRE, was born. Students participating in the WV-INBRE summer program at Marshall include:
• Chere Davis, Glenville State College, Woodbridge, Virginia (Monica Valentovic, Ph.D., mentor)
• Heather Connery, University of Charleston, Hurricane, West Virginia (Lawrence Grover, Ph.D., mentor)
• Matthew Chapman, Davis and Elkins College, Berkeley Springs, West Virginia (Jiang Liu, M.D., Ph.D., mentor)
• Brittani Greene, West Virginia Wesleyan College, Hurricane (M. Louise Risher, Ph.D., mentor)
• Rebecca Lee, Bethany College, Huntington, (Richard Egleton, Ph.D., mentor)
• Caleb Duncan, University of Charleston, Seth, West Virginia (Vincent Sollars, Ph.D., mentor)
• Katie Preece, University of Charleston, Danville, West Virginia (Travis Salisbury, Ph.D., mentor)
• Kassey Wagner, West Virginia Wesleyan College, Lewisburg, West Virginia (Nalini Santanam, Ph.D., MPH, FAHA, mentor)
• Jessica Adams-Duffield, University of Charleston, St. Albans, West Virginia (Jung Han Kim, Ph.D., mentor)

WV-INBRE also sponsors summer fellowships for instructors at primarily undergraduate institutions and high school science teachers. This year’s undergraduate faculty fellowship recipient is Ping Lu, Ph.D., assistant professor of physics at Bluefield State College, who is working with Michael Norton, Ph.D., professor of chemistry at Marshall University. Three local high school science teachers are also participating this summer with mentors from Marshall University, they are:

• Brian McNeel, Cabell Midland High School (Richard Egleton, Ph.D., mentor)
• Julie Blaylock, South Charleston High School (Nalini Santanam, Ph.D., MPH, FAHA, mentor)
• Peter Starnes, Cabell Midland High School (M. Louise Risher, Ph.D., mentor)

Lastly, five additional students from Marshall University are participating in the American Heart Association Undergraduate Summer Internship Research program led by principal investigator Nalini Santanam, Ph.D., M.P.H., FAHA:

• Emily Hendricks, Marshall University (Jung Han Kim, Ph.D., mentor)
• Gretel Toloza Alvarez, Marshall University (Wei Li, M.D./Ph.D., mentor)
• Anisha Valluri, Marshall University (Zijian Xie, Ph.D., and Sandrine Pierre, Ph.D., mentors)
• Madison Wall, Marshall University (Nalini Santanam, Ph.D., MPH, FAHA, mentor)
• Zach White, Marshall University (Joseph Shapiro, M.D., mentor)

“Each of these programs provide students the unique opportunity to network within their field and perform meaningful research, while also granting them an academic competitive edge for graduate school,” said Kelly Carothers, coordinator of the SRIMS program.

For more information about WV-INBRE, visit wv-inbre.net or contact Elsa I. Mangiarua, Ph.D., professor of biomedical sciences at Marshall, by e-mail at mangiaru@marshall.edu or by phone at 304-696-6211. For more information about SRIMS, visit jcesom.marshall.edu/research/srims or contact Carothers by e-mail at carothers@marshall.edu or by phone at 304-696-7279. For information about the
American Heart Association program, contact Santanam by e-mail at santanam@marshall.edu or by phone at 304-696-7321.

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Photo: Students participating in biomedical research internships this summer at Marshall include (back row, left to right) Brittani Greene, Caleb Duncan, Kate Preece, Kia Smith, Rebecca Lee, Matt Chapman, Zach White; (front row, left to right) Kassey Wagner, Madison Wall, Jessi Adams, Heather Connery, Sydney Jamison, Gretel Toloza Alvarez, Adrian Maldonado, Sam Sanchez.

Not pictured: Anisha Valluri, Emily Hendricks.
Marshall Dermatology names new department administrator

Marshall Health has named Teresa Alexander as department administrator for Marshall Dermatology. In that role, she will oversee the day-to-day operations, administrative and human resources functions of the department.

Alexander joined Marshall Health in 2014 and has served as a patient service representative supervisor and an operations analyst in the department of internal medicine. She worked previously as a scheduling coordinator at Cabell Huntington Hospital and an office manager for a local gastroenterology practice.

A native of Kentucky, Alexander earned her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in business administration from Murray State University.

“We are excited to keep Teresa on board at Marshall Health and look forward to her leadership in our dermatology department,” said Beth L. Hammers, CEO of Marshall Health.

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