President Jerome Gilbert elected vice-chair for Conference USA’s executive team

President Jerome A. Gilbert has been selected as vice-chair of Conference USA’s executive committee following the conference’s June meeting in Dallas earlier this month.

The conference’s executive committee guides the conference by setting policy for the membership.

"I’m very pleased to continue my role with the conference’s executive team," Gilbert said. "In addition to the common topics reviewed annually, we are also looking at timely issues like sports wagering and mental health education for our student-athletes."

All Conference USA university presidents sit on the board of directors and a smaller group of individuals serves on the executive committee.

President Gilbert is joined on the executive committee by Dr. Les Guice, Louisiana Tech University Charlotte University chancellor and NCAA Division I Board of Directors representative; Dr. Phil Dubois; and Southern Miss President Dr. Rodney Bennett, along with two newly elected members, Western Kentucky University President Dr. Tim Caboni and University of North Texas President Dr. Neal Smatresk.

At the June meeting, the board also approved the Conference USA Hall of Fame class. Members will be honored at C-USA championships throughout the 2019-20 academic year, in conjunction with the 25th anniversary of the conference.
Marshall ranked among West Virginia’s best employers by Forbes magazine

Forbes magazine has published a list of America’s Best Employers By State, with Marshall University ranked fifth overall in West Virginia.

To compile the list, Forbes partnered with Statista, a research company, to survey about 50,000 Americans working at companies with at least 500 employees.

The surveys were anonymous, allowing participants to openly share their opinions. The respondents were asked to rate, on a scale of zero to 10, how likely they would be to recommend their employer to others. Statista then asked respondents to nominate organizations in industries outside their own.

The published list ranks the 1,430 employers that received the greatest number of recommendations in each state and the District of Columbia.

President Jerome A. Gilbert said, “We are honored to be recognized by Forbes as a top employer, and proud to be listed alongside leading businesses like Toyota North America, DowDuPont and West Virginia University.

“I think we have an outstanding group of employees at Marshall, and I am gratified our employees value being part of our university family. We remain committed to making Marshall a great place to work.”

Marshall has 1,790 employees, including faculty, staff and administrators. The university recently was designated an “R2” research institution by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education, which places it in the top six percent of college and universities in the nation. In April, Marshall was one of the first 10 schools in the U.S. to offer contactless student ID cards on iPhone and Apple Watch.

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Jason Brown, M.D., named Marshall’s June Resident of the Month

Jason Brown, M.D., has been named the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine’s Resident of the Month for June, announced Paulette S. Wehner, M.D., vice dean for graduate medical education at the school.

“Dr. Brown is widely known for his ability to relate to his patients and of his quest to ensure they have the highest quality of health care experience possible,” Wehner said. “His passion for quality improvement led him to assume the chair’s position for the House Staff Quality Improvement Council’s for the past two years. His enthusiasm and passion for improving the health care delivery process has resulted in more residents actively participating in the Council and two successful Quality & Safety Summits in which the residents showcase their patient care improvement initiatives. We are appreciative of Dr. Brown’s leadership.”

Brown is completing his fifth and final year of the surgery residency at Marshall. He was also nominated for his professionalism and compassionate health care.

“Dr. Brown always puts his patients first,” said David Denning, M.D., chair of the department of surgery and residency program director. “His empathetic approach to patient care is to be commended. His communication with his patients helps them feel at ease and become more involved in their health decisions.”

Brown leaves Huntington at the end of June to start a trauma/critical care fellowship at the University of Hawaii in Honolulu. During his fellowship, Brown will develop expertise in the management of the critically ill and postoperative patients, with a particular focus on trauma. He will specialize in critical care medicine diagnoses and treatment, including patients with multiple organ dysfunction.

The Oklahoma native received his medical degree from the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine in Oklahoma City, where he also earned his Bachelor of Science in Microbiology.
Brown credits his success to Rebecca, his wife of 16 years, and his five children. As part of his recognition as the June Resident of the Month, Brown received a plaque and designated parking spot.

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*Photo:* Jason Brown, M.D., (left) June Resident of the Month at Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, is pictured with David Denning, M.D., department chair and residency program director for surgery.

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**Faculty Achievement: Dr. Sherry Early**

Dr. Sherry Early, assistant professor of leadership studies, has received the NASPA (Student Affairs Administrations in Higher Education) Region II award for outstanding contribution to literature or research.

According to the organization’s website, this award honors an individual who has demonstrated a lifetime commitment to research and scholarship related to higher education. The honoree’s work should address important and substantial issues, and have had a significant or transformative effect on higher education and student affairs practice in a national or international context.

The regional winner of this category will be forwarded to the NASPA national office for consideration for recognition with the George D. Kuh Award for Outstanding Contribution to Literature and/or Research at the national level.

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A team of eleven students from the Marshall University School of Nursing and School of Pharmacy were accompanied by faculty members Dr. Lynda Turner and Dr. Tyler Clay, to Tegucigalpa, Honduras, for a medical mission trip May 25-31. Nursing students were Nathan Loomis (2019 BSN graduate) and Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) students Tanya Call, Claudia Farney and Chelsea Somerville. Pharmacy students were Whitney Fields, Haileigh Hogue, Nathaniel Jones, Jessica Perkins, Shelby Ratcliff, Kyle Sebastian and Zoraida Torrelli. They joined a group of students and faculty from a Physician Assistant program at Dominican University in Illinois.

Students and faculty were volunteers for Global Brigades, a nonprofit organization that “mobilizes volunteers from universities to empower communities in Central America and West Africa to improve health and economic development.” The group participated in four medical clinic days, seeing patients with chronic diseases in rural areas of Honduras. Pharmacy students participated in triage and dispensing medications. The B.S.N. graduates and faculty performed triage while FNP students worked under the supervision of Honduran physicians to assess and recommend plans of care. Additionally, nursing and pharmacy students developed educational materials that were translated into Spanish to assist in educating Honduran Community Health Workers (CHWs) about medications and basic health literacy.

Photo: From left to right, front row: Haileigh Hogue, Shelby Ratcliff, Nathaniel Jones and Dr. Tyler Clay. Middle row: Tanya Call, Dr. Lynda Turner, Jessica Perkins, Claudia Farney and Chelsea Somerville. Back row: Nathan Loomis, Maddy Lee (Global Brigades staff), Whitney Fields, Kyle Sebastian, Zoraida Torrelli, Saul Umanzor (Global Medical Brigades Coordinator) and Carlos Romero (Global Brigades staff).
Goode family establishes Marshall School of Medicine scholarship

Dr. Christopher Goode found his calling in emergency medicine. Now, he and his family are helping future generations of West Virginia physicians with an endowed scholarship at the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.

Goode, a 2002 graduate of the Marshall School of Medicine, along with his wife, Kristi, and his mother, Barbara, have endowed a scholarship. Goode grew up in Chelyan, West Virginia, just outside of Charleston, and graduated from East Bank High School. He earned his bachelor's degree from West Virginia University in Morgantown, West Virginia. He returned to Morgantown for an emergency medicine residency after earning his Doctor of Medicine at Marshall. Goode currently serves as chairman of the department of emergency medicine at the West Virginia University School of Medicine and assistant vice president for emergency medicine for WVU Medicine.

Goode credits his success to the support of his wife, Kristi, and his parents, Barbara Goode and the late Gerald “Gag” Goode.

“I always wanted to be a doctor, I don’t ever remember wanting to do anything else,” Goode said. “I tell my residents every day that as physicians we have the opportunity to touch people’s lives. Hopefully, this scholarship will help others realize that dream.”

The Goode Family Scholarship is designated for first-year medical students, with first preference given to a student who graduated from Riverside High School in Kanawha County, West Virginia. Second preference will be given to a student who graduated from high school in Harrison County, West Virginia; third preference to a student who graduated from any other high school in West Virginia who would be a first-generation physician; and fourth preference to a student who graduated from high school in West Virginia. 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.
Photo: Christopher S. Goode, M.D., a 2002 graduate of the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, is pictured (center) with his parents, Barbara and the late Gerald Goode, at his medical school graduation. The Goode family recently established a scholarship at the school to help future doctors from West Virginia.
Ten Marshall students receive Summer Undergraduate Research Experience Fellowship

Ten Marshall undergraduate students have been selected to receive the Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) Fellowship. Students will receive stipends totaling $4,000 each for their research for a period of 10 weeks uninterrupted by classes during the summer. Now in its 14th year, the program began May 20 and will continue through Friday, Aug. 2.

The SURE program, which has supported student research at Marshall since 2005, is funded through the West Virginia Research Challenge Fund, administered by the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission, Division of Science and Research.

“We want students to know how strongly Marshall and the state of West Virginia support undergraduate research,” said Dr. Michael Norton, professor of chemistry at Marshall and director of the program. “This is the time when these young minds sharpen their research skills in preparation for graduate school.”

The awardees, their hometowns, their projects and their research mentors are listed below:

- **Allysa Hess**, Martinsburg, *Physician Beliefs in Benevolent Sexism and Recommendations for Patients with Knee Arthritis*, Dawn Goel
- **Daniel Warren Kipps**, Martinsburg, *Changes in Active Membrane Properties Resulting from Sublethal Silver Nanoparticle Exposure in Cultured Adult Neural Stem Cells*, Nadja Spitzer
- **Alymbek Uulu**, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, *Profile Analysis on Cryptocurrency Investors and Social Engineering on their Prices*, Paulus Wahjudi
- **Benjamin Jacob Day**, Huntington, *Automatic Defect Detection in Bridge Inspection*, Dr. Wook-Sung Yoo
- **Chloe Madison Marcum**, Huntington, *Extended Schur Functions*, Elizabeth Niese

For more information about the SURE program, including last year’s awardees and their projects, visit [www.marshall.edu/SURE](http://www.marshall.edu/SURE). Norton can be contacted by e-mail at Norton@marshall.edu.
In a first-of-its-kind program, the Robert C. Byrd Institute (RCBI) will place 3D printers and other technology in more than 30 middle and high schools across West Virginia to spur innovation among agricultural educators and students.

Each classroom will receive a 3D printer, Raspberry Pi computer, an Arduino microcontroller kit and an array of electronic components that can interface with the Raspberry Pi and Arduino. RCBI will provide teachers with hands-on training in the use the technology and related software, and offer additional online resources. In addition, RCBI will train teachers how to adapt the technology for agricultural settings.

“By equipping classrooms with this innovative technology and the know-how to use it, we believe agriculture students across the state will apply these technologies to solve problems and create new opportunities in the agricultural sector,” said Bill Woodrum, director of entrepreneurship and coordinator of Agricultural Innovations at RCBI.

The pilot program is an expansion of RCBI’s Agricultural Innovations, an initiative that uses advanced technology to accelerate innovation in West Virginia agriculture. Funding is provided by the Appalachian Regional Commission and the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation, which recently awarded RCBI an additional $15,000 to help implement this new educational initiative.

Schools will receive the technology packages and teacher training today during a gathering of state agricultural educators at New Martinsville High School in Wetzel County. Officials with the West Virginia Department of Education identified the schools most likely to benefit from the new technology and training.

The schools and their counties are: Berkeley Springs High, Morgan; Braxton County High, Braxton; Buckhannon-Upshur High, Upshur; Buffalo High School, Putnam; Calhoun County Middle/High, Calhoun; Doddridge County High, Doddridge; East Hardy Early Middle, Hardy; East Hardy High, Hardy; Gilmer County High, Gilmer; Greenbrier East High, Greenbrier; Hampshire County High, Hampshire; Jefferson High School, Jefferson; Lewis County High School, Lewis; Liberty High, Harrison; Liberty High,
Raleigh; Magnolia High, Morgan; Marion County Technical Center, Marion; Mercer County Technical Education Center, Mercer; Mineral County Technical Center, Mineral; Moorefield High, Hardy; Preston County High, Preston; Ravenswood High, Jackson; Ripley High, Jackson; Ritchie County High, Ritchie; Roane County High, Roane; Robert C. Byrd High, Harrison; Shady Spring High, Raleigh; Shepherdstown Middle; Spring Valley High, Wayne; St. Mary’s High; Pleasants; Taylor County High, Taylor; Tygarts Valley High, Randolph; Tyler Consolidated High, Tyler; and Wood County Technical/Caperton Center, Wood.

For more information on RCBI’s Agricultural Innovations, contact Woodrum at 304.781.1670 or bwoodrum@rcbi.org

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Photo: Evan Nelson, lean agriculture specialist at RCBI, shows off some of the 3D printers being donated to classrooms across West Virginia as part of RCBI’s initiative to spur innovation in agriculture. Nelson, along with Deacon Stone will train agricultural educators to use the printers Wednesday at New Martinsville High School in Wetzel County.

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Marshall Dentistry offers teeth whitening discount for employees

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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.
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