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Board of Governors approves new degree programs including aviation

Following approval from the Board of Governors during its summer meeting Friday at Glade Springs Resort, the university is a step closer to takeoff for its aviation degree programs.

The board also approved new degree programs in other areas of study.

Marshall’s new School of Aviation will offer a Bachelor of Science in aviation sciences, fixed-wing, and a Bachelor of Science in aviation, rotor-wing (helicopters). The academic program will be housed at the South Charleston campus with hands-on training at Yeager Airport in Charleston.

Under the partnership with Southern Utah University (SUU), both schools will receive benefits. Marshall will share SUU’s Federal Aviation Administration’s (FAA) certification and SSU will consult with Marshall on academic matters. Both schools will participate in national recruitment efforts, with SUU focusing on the western part of the country and Marshall on the eastern section.

“There is a huge demand for pilots across the United States,” President Gilbert said. “As an industry, a commercial pilot is the only profession with a federally mandated retirement age. Marshall is poised to meet the educational requirements with these new programs.”

All classes for the aviation program will be held at Marshall’s South Charleston campus, which will serve as the academic hub. The university plans to construct a residence hall on the campus to provide housing for the students. It will include a kitchen and cafeteria which will be open to all students enrolled at the South Charleston campus.

Yeager Airport will host new facilities for hangar space and FAA-required laboratories and computer facilities. The airport will also provide the necessary technical services needed to support the flight school (e.g., access to aviation fuel, air traffic control, security and similar necessities.)

It’s expected the program will open in fall 2021.
The board also approved a degree consolidation plan for the Lewis College of Business, the Bachelor of Business in Administration, which effectively consolidates six current degrees into one. Dean Avi Mukherjee says the reorganization will streamline the college’s operations and have a clearer presentation of the programs offered. Accounting will remain a separate degree program to maintain flexibility to respond to separate accreditation standards. Also approved were a Master of Science degree in data analytics that will be administered through the Weisberg Division of Computer Science in the College of Information Technology and Engineering, as well as a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering.

In ongoing action, the board approved revised versions of university policies, including updates to the Measles and Rubella Immunization Policy for all admitted students. Several updates were made to more closely align with the state’s current policy.

And, following an executive session, the board approved the acquisition of two real estate parcels for a combined cost of $10,000. More information on the purchase will be available once the transaction is completed. They also approved the appointment of two members to the West Virginia Autism Training Center Advisory Board. They are Natalie Henchey of Hurricane and Christy Robinson of Charleston.

Gilbert and the board also recognized outgoing members Phyllis Arnold, Cam Brammer, Hunter Barclay, David Haden and Wyatt Scaggs for their service.

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University offices closed on July 4

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In observance of Independence Day, our offices will be closed on Thursday, July 4, 2019. We will resume normal business hours on Friday, July 5.
Marshall hosting 2019 Governor’s Honors Academy

The West Virginia Governor's Honors Academy kicked off on the Huntington campus Sunday, June 30, and will run through Saturday, July 20.

The three-week program, titled “Your Silent World,” will focus on providing a voice to the voiceless through art, media, science and technology. Participants will build a toolbox that prepares them to identify and advocate for those who can’t speak for themselves. This year GHA will take the students to Ohio, where they'll visit the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati. There, students will learn about the efforts of those who fought to abolish slavery and secure freedom for all people.

GHA promotes critical thinking as students will lead discussions and activities that will help shape the dialogue of the academy. For the second consecutive year GHA will be hosted at Marshall University. The academy is made up of 154 outstanding West Virginia high school scholars from 39 counties.

The co-deans for GHA 2019 are Cara Bailey, Yeager coordinator, and Mallory Carpenter, program manager for national scholarships, both housed in the Marshall Honors College.

Bailey says schools like GHA are critical to the success of students in West Virginia.

“Governor's Honors Academy is so important to students in our state, because it instantly provides a network of like-minded students and faculty who challenge, encourage and connect on levels that some students have not previously experienced,” Bailey said. “This school and its counterparts truly change the lives of students who are able to attend.”

Faculty and staff for GHA are selected to give students a specifically designed curriculum. Students attend workshops, classes, and a variety of extracurricular activities.

Carpenter says the plan is to provide an atmosphere that allows the students to flourish.

“The program combines outstanding courses with fun activities, all designed to help students foster lasting mentorships and friendships during their time at GHA,” Carpenter said. “We're beyond excited to have these students on Marshall’s campus and let them experience this year’s Academy.”

Other Governor's Schools include the Governor’s School for the Arts, which is currently in session at Marshall, the Governor’s School of Entrepreneurship hosted at West
Virginia University, and the Governor’s STEM Institute, which will be at WVU and Green Bank.

All students applying for one of the state’s Governor’s Schools must currently reside and attend school in West Virginia and plan to be a student the following year.

GHA is overseen by the West Virginia Department of Education. Students selected are provided the opportunity at no cost to them or their families.

For more information, contact Bailey by e-mail at Bailey160@marshall.edu or by phone at 304-696-2474, or Carpenter by e-mail at Mallory.Carpenter@marshall.edu or by phone at 304-696-2475.

Marshall’s allied health schools are seeking standardized patients

Help Marshall University health care professional students develop the skills needed to provide care by pretending to be a patient. Standardized patients accurately portray and consistently recreate the history, emotional and physical findings of an actual patient in the clinical laboratory. Participating schools include Marshall’s schools of medicine, pharmacy, physical therapy and physician assistant program. Shifts are weekdays between the hours of 9 a.m. – 6 p.m., as needed. Compensation is $15/hour. For more information, contact Kelly Webster-Fuller at boyd@marshall.edu or 304-691-1743.
New Student National Medical Association chapter chartered

The oldest and largest minority student-run organization in the United States now has a local chapter housed at Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.

The Student National Medicine Association (SNMA) chartered an official chapter at Marshall last month. SNMA is a national organization committed to “supporting current and future underrepresented minority medical students, addressing the needs of underserved communities and increasing the number of clinically excellent, culturally competent and socially conscious physicians.” In addition, SNMA is dedicated both to ensuring that medical education and services are culturally sensitive to the needs of diverse populations and to increasing the number of African American, Latino and other students of color entering and completing medical school.

Marshall becomes one of 150 SNMA chapters at medical schools across the nation.

“We are fortunate to have a dynamic, engaged minority student population at the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine,” said Shelvy Campbell-Monroe, Ph.D., the school’s assistant dean of diversity and inclusion and SNMA chapter advisor. “Formalizing an SNMA chapter here at Marshall provides additional resources as we continue to support current and future underrepresented minority medical students.”

In addition to Campbell-Monroe, founding chapter advisors at Marshall include past residents Anthony Johnson, M.D., and Dominique Elmore, D.O. Inaugural chapter officers are second-year medical students Mercy Babatope (President); Dominic Thomas (Vice President); Ifeoluwatomi Fuwape (Secretary); and Ibrahim Mohammed (Treasurer).

“In small, rural states such as ours, there are few minority professionals and students,” Babatope said. “SNMA will be the bridge between medical professionals and students by facilitating exposure to different career options as well as the benefits and challenges they might face in their careers. SNMA is dedicated to creating a family from home for students throughout their medical school journey.”
SNMA members are already assisting the school’s Office of Diversity and Inclusion in planning and preparation for its summer pipeline programs, the Health Care Policy Institute and Project PREMED. The local SNMA chapter will also host the 2019 Joint Regional Conference for the National Association of Medical Minority Educators (NAMME) Southern and Central Regions and the October 2019 Building the Next Generation of Academic Physicians (BNGAP) conference at Marshall University.

For more information about SNMA, visit [http://www.snma.org/](http://www.snma.org/).

Photo: Pictured left to right are Student National Medicine Association officers Ibrahim Mohammed, Ifeoluwatomi Fuwape, Mercy Babatope and Dominic Thomas at Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine’s new chapter.
The Scottish Rite Foundation Inc. and its masons will host the 4th annual RiteCare Motorcycle Benefit Ride Saturday, July 13, beginning at Black Sheep Harley-Davidson and ending at Milton VFW Post #9796.

All proceeds from the motorcycle benefit ride will benefit Marshall’s Lackey-Oshel RiteCare Clinic, which serves children and their families who need financial support to receive speech, language and literacy services, according to Al Rigsby, event organizer and board member for the foundation.

“This annual motorcycle ride allows community members to get involved in making a difference in the lives of our children. Our RiteCare Clinic serves families all across the Tri-State who need financial assistance for their child’s speech and language needs,” Rigsby said. “We look forward to this event every year and hope to have hundreds of riders participate.”

Registration begins at 10 a.m. with kickstands up at noon. Cost to ride is $15 with a $5 fee per passenger. Food and drinks will be provided. Raffle tickets and T-shirts will be available for purchase. For more information, contact Jason Childers at 304-951-9698 or Shawn Manley at 304-373-7778. To learn more about the RiteCare Clinic at Marshall University, visit www.marshall.edu/mu-speech-and-hearing-center/.

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*The Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Language Program at Marshall was founded in March 2002 as a part of the Marshall University Speech and Hearing Center (MUSHC). In 2012, the program name was changed to the Lackey-Oshel RiteCare Clinic to honor the program founders, Ill. James H. Lackey 33° and Ill. H. Pat Oshel 33°.*

*The program provides a unique opportunity for children in the Tri-State to develop communication skills needed to succeed in life in a supportive, compassionate atmosphere. The mission of the program is to provide financial assistance for speech, language and hearing service provisions for children.*

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Save the Date
Friday, September 13, 2019

Join us to celebrate the dedication of
Stephen J. Kopp Hall
School of Pharmacy Academic Building
Corner of Charleston Avenue and Hal Greer Boulevard
Huntington, West Virginia

Reception to follow.

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Faculty member becomes only board-certified swallowing specialist in West Virginia

Pam Holland, director of clinical education for Marshall University’s Department of Communication Disorders, has received board certification in swallowing and swallowing disorders (BCS-S), making her the only swallowing specialist in West Virginia certified by the American Board of Swallowing and Swallowing Disorders. Holland, a speech-language pathologist (SLP) in the university’s Speech and Hearing Center, said she has been working on this certification for four years.

“I made the decision to begin the process in 2013 after founding and opening the university’s Feeding and Swallowing Clinic,” Holland said. “I obtained a mentor through the American Board of Swallowing and Swallowing Disorders and started my journey of specialized study and training. The process generally takes three to five years. I took my time as I continued to find new projects and training to participate in. Once all of the requirements are met and your application is approved, you sit for the examination. I passed the examination in November of 2018.”

According to the American Board of Swallowing and Swallowing Disorders, a SLP who is a board-certified specialist in swallowing and swallowing disorders maintains exceptional, high-level skills and clinical experience in the evaluation and treatment of swallowing disorders. Holland said having this specialization will benefit the community as well as provide Marshall students with unique opportunities for continued learning and research.

“Since becoming certified, I have worked collaboratively with the West Virginia Department of Education to develop guidelines for SLPs working in the school system who provide services to children with feeding and swallowing disorders,” Holland said. “I think having a board-certified specialist involved with the Feeding and Swallowing Clinic offers children and families in the community a feeling that they can receive the best services without traveling distances.”

In addition to her work with the state’s Department of Education, Holland has evaluated infants and children in Healthy Connections, KIDS clinic and Project Hope for Women and Children. She said research indicates children born exposed to opioids have disorganized feeding skills, which poses a growing threat in the Tri-State region. For the last two semesters, she has co-taught a course titled The Role of Healthcare Professionals in the Opioid Epidemic: Prevention, Intervention, and Community Efforts.
Holland said graduate students enrolled in this course have been offered the opportunity to visit and volunteer at Cabell Huntington Hospital in the Neonatal Transition Unit and observe firsthand the feeding and swallowing challenges infants face. She is currently developing an elective course specific to pediatric feeding and swallowing disorders for which both students and SLPs in the community can register.

Holland said she wants to spread awareness about swallowing disorders, or dysphagia

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**School of Pharmacy faculty appointed to national committees**

Two School of Pharmacy faculty have been appointed to committees of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP).

Brittany Riley, Pharm.D., (left) will serve as a member of the ASHP’s Council on Pharmacy Practice, and Chelsea Gresham-Dolby, Pharm.D., (right) will serve as a new practitioner of the Council on Education and Workforce Development. Both appointments are for the 2019-2020 term.

“We are honored to have Marshall represented on these national committees,” said Gayle A. Brazeau, Ph.D., dean of the School of Pharmacy. “The ASHP is one of the premier professional organizations for pharmacy.”

Riley is a clinical associate professor, director of residency programs and director of the Center for Pharmacy Education at Marshall’s School of Pharmacy. Gresham-Dolby is a clinical assistant professor and director of objective structured clinical examinations.

The ASHP represents nearly 50,000 pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and pharmacy students who provide patient care in acute and ambulatory settings.

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Marshall Eye Surgeons to offer summer LASIK discount for employees

If you’ve been considering LASIK eye surgery, here’s a special you won’t want to miss. Marshall Eye Surgeons is offering a LASIK summer discount for Marshall Health, Marshall University, Cabell Huntington Hospital and St. Mary’s Medical Center employees. Now through Aug. 31, 2019, you can save $400 off each eye when you choose one of our experienced LASIK surgeons, Dr. Vishal Verma or Dr. Russell Fry, at Marshall Health. Contact Marshall Eye Surgeons at 304-691-8800 today to schedule your free LASIK consultation.

Fairfield Landing apartments available to faculty, staff

Available August 2019! These furnished apartments for Marshall graduate and professional students also are available to faculty and staff. Located on the health science campus, steps away from the medical and pharmacy schools. Studio and 2-BR units available, with ALL utilities (including internet and television) and parking included. W/D in every unit. Pet friendly. Flexible leasing options. Call 304-696-6004 or visit www.marshall.edu/graduatestudenthousing.
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