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Marshall, U.S. Department of Homeland Security team up to combat opioid crisis

Marshall has joined in partnership with Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), the investigative arm of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) within the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), to leverage resources to combat the opioid epidemic.

U.S. Sen. Shelley Moore Capito, R-W.Va., chair of the Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee, announced Aug. 28 a finalized partnership in which Marshall will receive $4.25 million to develop and implement a tool to aid HSI in investigation, disrupting and dismantling criminal activity related to the opioid epidemic. This partnership will enhance the ability to fight the opioid crisis and enlists the help of the Marshall digital forensics and information assurance program’s students, faculty, and facilities.

“As chair of the Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee, I’ve worked to combine the talents and abilities of these two respected entities, Marshall University and HSI,” Capito said. “This partnership in cybersecurity and forensics is a promising one for West Virginia as we continue working to fight the opioid epidemic, and I’m confident it will also benefit other states and communities across the country by improving our ability to monitor and interdict illicit activity on the internet. I’m proud to have helped make the connections within the department and provide funding for what I hope will be a long-term partnership between Marshall and HSI.”

“Marshall University continues to work diligently to address all aspects of the opioid epidemic here at home and across the United States,” said Dr. Jerome Gilbert, president of Marshall University. “This new award allows the university to develop and deploy a mechanism that will aid our federal agencies in fighting criminal activity associated with the epidemic. I’m incredibly proud of our faculty-scientists and staff members involved in this project.”
Discussions between the university and the department have been ongoing for several months, and earlier this year, Capito toured the Marshall University Forensic Science Center with DHS Acting Secretary Kevin McAleenan.

“The Marshall digital forensics and information assurance faculty, students and staff are honored to assist HSI with this critical mission,” said John Sammons, director of the digital forensics and information assurance program at Marshall. “We’ve been able to see firsthand the terrible impact this epidemic has had on our own community. We look forward to working with HSI to help counter the criminal aspects of this epidemic.”
The 7th annual Thank a Donor Days are taking place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. today (Wednesday, Sept. 4) and tomorrow (Thursday, Sept. 5), on the Memorial Student Center plaza.

The event celebrates scholarship recipients and gives students the opportunity to thank the donors who fund their scholarships, according to Dr. Ron Area, chief executive officer of the Marshall University Foundation Inc.

“Because of the Marshall family and their generous investment in our students, staff and faculty, our sons and daughters are on the rise. Thank a Donor Days provide an opening to not only educate the students as to where their scholarship dollars originated, but also give them the opportunity to reach out in a meaningful way through letters and personal messages,” Area said.

Bella Robinson, an incoming freshman from Winfield, West Virginia, who is double majoring in broadcast journalism and Spanish, said scholarships mean the world to her.

“Scholarships have opened up so many doors and opportunities that I would have never dreamed of getting the chance to experience, such as living on campus and attending the school of my choice,” said Robinson. “I would like to give my scholarship donor the most gracious thank you and let them know...
they’ve invested in the right girl, as I plan to get the very most out of my education and experience at Marshall University.”

Several activities are planned for students, staff and faculty, including writing thank you cards to the donors, posing for photos and recording video gratitude messages. Prizes such as pens, class year button pins, phone pop sockets, sunglasses and Marshall-themed keyboard dots will be given to participants.

Marco, Marshall’s mascot, is expected to make an appearance at Thank a Donor Days.

For more information on Thank a Donor Days, contact the Marshall University Foundation by phone at 304-696-6781 or by e-mail at krystle.davis@marshall.edu.

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Call the School of Music at 304-696-3117 for more information.
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**Women’s & Gender Studies**
**FALL SOCIAL**

Welcome to the new school year! The Women’s & Gender Studies Program invites you to learn about upcoming activities and celebrate the start of the fall semester. Plus, check out designs for the new Women's & Gender Center!

3:00-4:00 PM  
FRIDAY, SEPT 6, 2019  
OLD MAIN 115

For more information, contact  
Laura Michele Diener at diener@marshall.edu or 304-696-2954

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**GERMAN MEET & EAT**

Interested in German language and culture? Meet other German speakers and learners to connect and converse in German (or English)! This is a casual German conversation group open to students & residents. No age limit or skill level necessary.

All are welcome!

**When?** Friday, Sept. 6, 2019 @ 6 pm

**Where?** BAHNHOF WVRSTHAUS & BIERGARTEN

745 7th Avenue (on the corner of 8th Street), Huntington, WV

For more information contact: Anke D. McCown, email: duerrmccown@marshall.edu & find us on Facebook: M.U. German Club
Volunteers sought for International Housekeeping Week

Honor the heroes of International Housekeeping Week by walking an hour or two in their shoes. Volunteer with a member of our hardworking housekeeping or grounds staff to show your appreciation to them for making Marshall shine. To sign up, visit: http://www.marshall.edu/operations/ihw.
The School of Pharmacy has selected Boyd R. Rorabaugh, Ph.D., as professor and chair of its department of pharmaceutical sciences and research. The department also welcomes Melinda E. Varney, Ph.D., as an assistant professor and Mohammad Ahsanul Akbar, M.Pharm., Ph.D., as an instructor.

Rorabaugh comes from the Ohio Northern University College of Pharmacy, where he served as a professor in the department of pharmaceutical and biomedical sciences. Throughout his career, he has authored more than 70 publications, research abstracts and monographs and been acknowledged with awards for teaching. His primary research and teaching interests are in the area of cardiovascular disease. Rorabaugh is a member of the American Society of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics and the American Heart Association. He received his Ph.D. in pharmacology from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska.

“We are thrilled to have Dr. Rorabaugh on board to lead our growing, team-based teaching and research enterprise in the department,” said Gayle A. Brazeau, Ph.D., dean of the school of pharmacy. “We are also excited about the passion for research and the teaching experience Drs. Varney and Akbar bring to our school.”

Varney most recently held a research assistant professor position at the West Virginia University School of Medicine. Prior to that appointment, during her postdoctoral fellowship at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center, she gained teaching experience at the University of Cincinnati and Cincinnati State Technical and Community College. She has authored more than a dozen publications and been awarded nearly two dozen awards and scholarships throughout her career. Varney is a Marshall University alumna, having earned her doctorate in biomedical sciences in 2010.
Akbar previously served as a postdoctoral associate at the University of Florida's Department of Pharmaceutics, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, and GlaxoSmithKline. He was an assistant professor at the University of Dhaka’s Department of Clinical Pharmacy and Pharmacology in Bangladesh. He has also worked as a product executive and manufacturing and quality assurance officer in the pharmaceutical industry in Bangladesh. Akbar has authored nearly 25 publications and received many research awards, including an Oakridge Institute for Science and Education fellowship and American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientist Biotechnology Awards.

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

“In the field of medicine, the ability to collaborate and communicate with members of your team is an important component of professional development,” Wehner said. “This month’s nominee is known for her ability to carry out a team-based structure to enhance patient care and improve outcomes. This collaborative ability, coupled with her known attributes of being hardworking, responsible and reliable, will enable Dr. Putty to succeed in today’s complex health care system.”

Putty, a Texas native, has B.S. and M.S. degrees from Texas A&M and completed medical school at University of London, St. George’s Hospital Medical School. After residency, she plans to complete a fellowship in pediatric emergency medicine.

“Dr. Putty is the total package,” said Susan Flesher, M.D., pediatrics residency program director. “She is respected by faculty as well as residents. Krista is leading the way in scholarly activity and research; she initiated a rural health grant for one of her projects and has already achieved publication of another.”

Putty received a plaque and designated parking spot as part of her recognition.

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Photo: Krista Putty, M.D., (left) August Resident of the Month at Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, is pictured with Susan Flesher, M.D., pediatrics residency program director.
Dr. Brad Profitt, assistant professor in the Marshall University School of Physical Therapy, has developed a therapeutic device used to regain knee extension after an injury or surgery. Profitt has a patent pending for his invention and recently received a $10,000 grant from the Robert C. Byrd Institute for Advanced Flexible Manufacturing (RCBI) to develop and produce a prototype.

While undergoing his own knee surgery he wanted to design a device that would allow him to regain full extension of his knee and normalize his walking quickly and correctly, Profitt said.

“Most everyone that has any type of knee surgery will need an outside force to help regain full extension, and this device is designed to do just that,” Profitt said. “Returning to a normal walking pattern is often the hardest thing to restore after a knee surgery. While I was in physical therapy for my own knee surgery, I had an idea to create a device that would be smaller, portable and less costly than what is currently available.”

Profitt said for now he’s referring to his invention as the KED, or Knee Extender Device, but said the official name would be determined by whoever licenses the patent. He said none of this would be possible without the support of the Technology Transfer Office at Marshall and RCBI.

“I don’t think many of my faculty colleagues realize Marshall has resources like this to help us turn our ideas into reality. If we figure out a way to make things easier or more effective, Marshall is here to help get those concepts turned into tangible products,” Profitt said. “Right now, I’m working with RCBI to finalize the prototype – working with things like carbon fiber, aluminum, and other different materials to make improvements. We want this device to be lightweight, portable and affordable because getting your knee straight after surgery or injury won’t wait for a vacation or travel limitations. The ultimate
goal is to get this device in the hands of patients for home use to promote carryover between their physical therapy visits.”

Derek Scarbro, director of RCBI’s Appalachian Hatchery program, said engineers are working with Profitt’s design to determine and sort the best materials for his device from a functionality and manufacturing standpoint.

“RCBI manages the state’s oldest and largest Early Stage funding program for companies to develop new products and to get specialized technical assistance,” Scarbro said. “When Brad applied to our funding program, we felt his idea was a worthy project. We are working with him to assess what will be the most effective means of making this product. We want to keep cost and quality in mind, and we can even help make recommendations on who could source this product.”

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*Photo:* Dr. Brad Profitt, assistant professor in the Marshall University School of Physical Therapy, demonstrates the therapeutic device he is developing for knee surgery patients as they undergo physical therapy.

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Marshall joins Open Text Network

Marshall University has become a member of the Open Textbook Network (OTN). OTN provides over 600 college and university members with training, publishing resources, and an active community of professionals who are interested in expanding the adoption of free textbooks that may be retained, reused, revised, remixed and redistributed. As part of this effort, OTN manages the Open Textbook Library, a collection of mainly peer-reviewed and professionally authored textbooks. Many of the textbooks include supplementary materials such as homework assignments, tutorials and tests that are freely available to faculty and students. Marshall University Libraries is working to arrange a campus visit by OTN trainers, who will provide interested faculty and other stakeholders with opportunities to learn more about Open Textbooks and to familiarize themselves with textbooks that they may wish to try out in the classroom. To learn more about OTN, visit their homepage at http://research.cehd.umn.edu/otn/. For additional information about open textbooks and other types of open educational resources, visit the Open Educational Resources guide at https://libguides.marshall.edu/OpenEducationalResources.

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Marshall to host workshop focused on boosting computer science education, workforce development

The Weisberg Division of Computer Science will host a one-day public workshop, “Workforce Revolution: Building Skills, Building Minds,” presented by ACT | The App Association. The event aims to bring local lawmakers, leaders, educators and students together to explore the benefits of workforce development in computer science and computer science education.

The workshop will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 5, at the Brad D. Smith Foundation Hall, with a networking hour following at Fat Patty’s until 5:30 p.m. Speakers for the event will include Morgan Reed, president of ACT | The App Association, which represents more than 5,000 app companies and information technology firms, advocating for an environment that inspires innovation. Other speakers include Dr. Wael Zatar, dean of the College of Information Technology and Engineering and Huntington Mayor Steve Williams.

“There are currently over half a million computing jobs that are unfilled in the United States, and the College of Information Technology and Engineering at Marshall University assists graduating students with a plethora of skill sets required to meet the regional, national and global needs,” Zatar said. “The college is continuing to add programs as the demand increases for computing-related, high-paying jobs. More and more students are choosing computer science-related fields as their career choice. Options include information systems, software engineering, cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, data Analytics, Internet of Things (IoT) and cloud computing. We are a mission-driven college and are committed to providing some of the best educational experiences in these fields of study.”

The workshop’s first panel will focus on “The State of Play in Workforce Development and Computer Science Education in West Virginia,” including the following panelists:

- West Virginia Delegate Sean Hornbuckle of Huntington;
- Garland Couch of Bit Source, an ACT member company;
- Kheng McGuire, thought leader for a coding program at Huntington High School;
- Natalie Roper, executive director of Generation West Virginia;
Wook-Sung Yoo, professor and chair of the Division of Computer Science in Marshall’s College of Information Technology and Engineering.

The workshop’s second panel discussion is titled “Mind Crafters: An In-Depth Look at Computer Science Implementation in K-12 Schools.” Panelists will include:

- Kathy D’Antoni, associate state superintendent for the West Virginia Department of Education;
- James Coble, STEM coordinator for the West Virginia Department of Education;
- Tim Elliott, coordinator for the Office of Career Technical Education;
- Lori Whitt, a computer science K-12 educator in West Virginia;
- Tamara Westfall, a computer science K-12 educator in West Virginia;
- One or two students enrolled in comprehensive computer science education programs from Cabell, Wayne or Lincoln counties.

Afternoon activities will include coding workshops divided into a K-12 track and an Existing Workforce track.

“Computers are everywhere in our lives, and every job we’re going to do in the future will rely on technology,” Yoo said. “West Virginia can lead the change of our world of tomorrow through strong computing education creating the new technology and being powerful users of the technology.”

For more information about this event or to register, visit its Eventbrite website at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/workforce-revolution-tickets-68609202973.

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Center for Continuing Education announces September offerings

Marshall University’s Center for Continuing Education will offer multi-week programs in “DIY Upholstery,” “Wicked Weather” and “Beginning Conversational Italian” starting the week of Monday, Sept. 9.

The DIY upholstery class will take place on Mondays from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., beginning Sept. 9 and continuing weekly through Oct. 28. Participants will bring their own furniture and fabric, but all other supplies are provided. The instructor is Marshall’s own in-house upholstery expert John Richardson, who has more than 40 years of experience in the field.

“Wicked Weather,” a short course on storms such as tornadoes and hurricanes, will begin from 4 to 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 9, and continue weekly at the same time through Monday, Oct. 7.

“Beginning Conversational Italian” will begin Tuesday, Sept. 10, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., and continue weekly at the same time through Nov. 12. The instructor is Dr. John Patrick Grace, who holds a Ph.D. in Italian/medieval studies from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and who has six years of residence in Italy, including five as a Rome correspondent for the Associated Press.

For further information on any of these programs and to register, persons may visit the center’s website at http://epay.wvsto.com/MarshallContinuingEducation/Default.aspx, or contact the center by phone at 304-696-6007.

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Marshall galleries kick off Fall 2019 semester with new art exhibits

The School of Art and Design has kicked off the Fall 2019 semester with two new art exhibits.

Marshall’s Birke Art Gallery opened “Material Differences,” a four-person art exhibition, Aug. 26 inside Smith Hall. The artists who contributed to the “Material Differences” exhibit have worked in traditional disciplines, but using materials that are not what they appear to be. The materials used are directly connected to the content of the work and expand one’s sense of the way creative decisions can augment the expression of an idea, said Jamie Platt, gallery director and facilities coordinator for the School of Art and Design.

Also on Aug. 26, “The Smell of Static,” an exhibition of sculpture by artist Mark Earnhart, opened in the Charles W. and Norma C. Carroll Gallery, located in Marshall University’s Visual Arts Center at 927 3rd Ave. in downtown Huntington. Earnhart has created this work specifically for the Carroll Gallery. He has explored themes related to in-between spaces and the multiplicity of associations one can make with the word static.

“Getting the work from Montana to West Virginia informed his thematic and practical choices,” Platt said, adding that even the crate for the work has been specially designed to be dissembled and put on display.

“Playfully irreverent and beautifully crafted, this exhibition promises the viewer a fun and thought-provoking experience,” Platt said.

“Material Differences” closes Friday, Sept. 20 and “The Smell of Static” closes Friday, Sept. 27. The hours for both galleries are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Fall 2019 Sessions

“CBL - A Pedagogical Tool”
Tuesday, September 10, 2019
3 to 5 pm
CTL Teaching Commons
(Old Main 109)
Presenter: Kristi Fondren, Ph.D.

“Reflection”
Tuesday, September 17, 2019
3 to 5 pm
CTL Teaching Commons (Old Main 109)
Presenter: Karen McComas, Ed.D.

“Mapping Outcomes”
Tuesday, September 24, 2019
3 to 5 pm
CTL Teaching Commons (Old Main 109)
Presenter: Damien Arthur, Ph.D.

Community-Based Learning Program

Questions? Contact arthur13@marshall.edu or cbl@marshall.edu
Sponsored by the Community-Based Learning Program

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Marshall to kick off Amicus Curiae lecture series with John Marshall biographer Richard Brookhiser

Marshall’s Amicus Curiae Lecture Series on Constitutional Democracy will kick off the 2019 fall semester with Richard Brookhiser, who will present *John Marshall: The Man Who Made the Supreme Court* at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11, in Brad D. Smith Foundation Hall.

Brookhiser is the author of *John Marshall: The Man Who Made the Supreme Court*, which was published in 2018 to critical acclaim. He will discuss how Chief Justice Marshall made the U.S. Supreme Court—a weak institution at the time he became the nation’s fourth Chief Justice in 1801—the peer of Congress and the presidency by the time of his death in 1835. Brookhiser explores how Marshall worked this transformation by discussing the man, his methods, and one of his great cases—as well as his many critics, during his lifetime and after.

“Of course, here at Marshall University, we remain fascinated by and invested in Chief Justice Marshall’s profound contribution to our country,” said Patricia Proctor, director of the Simon Perry Center for Constitutional Democracy, which sponsors the Amicus Curiae series. “It is absolutely wonderful that Richard Brookhiser has agreed to participate in the lecture series to give us his insights about the life of the great Chief Justice.”


There will be a book signing following the lecture.


Brookhiser’s lecture is co-sponsored by the Simon Perry Center for Constitutional Democracy and the John Deaver Drinko Academy, and supported by a grant from the West Virginia Humanities Council. For further details, visit www.marshall.edu/spc.

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FRIDAY
SEPT. 13, 2019
Smith Recital Hall
Performing art songs by composers from around the world, including the U.S., Germany, Italy, France and Russia.

Event is free and open to the public.

Sponsored by the School of Music in the College of Arts and Media.
www.marshall.edu

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Do You Suffer from Neck or Upper Back Pain?

Marshall University’s School of Physical Therapy will be hosting a Cervical Spine (Neck) course September 13th - 15th.

If you or anyone you know is experiencing neck or upper 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.
Marshall University
Office of Career Education

Fall 2019 EVENT SCHEDULE

September 16th, Monday
Job-A-Palooza
11:00 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Memorial Student Center – Plaza
Rain location: BE-5

October 8th, Tuesday
Fall Career Expo
1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Memorial Student Center – Don Morris Room

November 3rd, Sunday
JCPenney’s Suit Up
5 p.m. – 8 p.m. - Huntington Mall
500 Mall Rd, Barboursville, WV

November 12th, Tuesday
Fall Etiquette Dinner
4:30-6:00pm or 6:30 – 8 p.m.
Memorial Student Center – Don Morris Room
FREE EVENT, stop by Career Services to pick up your ticket

For more information, contact Jennifer Brown at 304-696-2370 or career@marshall.edu

SNACK CHATS
with Libraries and Online Learning
1 p.m., Tuesday, September 17
Drinko Library 138

This month’s drop-in workshop covers Copyright Do’s and Don’ts

- Keep up with current litigation that changes how we handle copyrighted material
- Be aware of what you can and can’t put in your own material

Monthly snack chat events are open to faculty, staff and students. Additional events are scheduled for October 15 and November 12.
Join us in celebrating the publication of Feminine Rising: Voices of Power and Invisibility, featuring true stories in the form of essays and poetry by 70 women from 12 countries and every corner of the U.S.

Free and open to the public

Sponsored by Women's & Gender Studies in the College of Liberal Arts
Questions? Contact Laura Michele Diener dienerlm@marshall.edu

Artists, Scholars, & Innovators

A Lecture Series

Serendipitous Discovery of a “Terahertz Acoustic Phonon Phase-Conjugate Oscillator” with Potential Quantum Computing Applications

Presented by

Dr. Thomas Wilson
Professor in the Physics Department and winner of the 2018-19 MU Distinguished Artists & Scholars Award (Senior Recipient for Sciences & Technology)

Thursday, September 26, 2019
4-5 p.m. | Drinco Library 402

Light refreshments to follow.

Contact ctt@marshall.edu to learn more. Hosted by the Center for Teaching and Learning.
Marshall participates in ‘Open to All’ campaign of the City of Huntington

In January 2018, President Gilbert declared Marshall Open to All as the first organization to join the relaunched campaign in the city of Huntington. “The City of Huntington’s ‘Open to All’ campaign allows Marshall University to pledge its commitment to the university family, to let them know we are a community that embraces all diversity and the expansion of knowledge, the defense of individual rights and the promotion of civic responsibility,” said Gilbert. MU offices and organizations wanting to take the Open to All pledge should e-mail opentoall@cityofhuntington.com or find them on Facebook at facebook.com/HuntingtonOpenToAll.

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Do you know someone who needs food assistance?

Visit our Marshall University Food Pantry!

Located at 1802 6th Avenue
EVERY TUESDAY FROM 9:30 - 11:30 A.M.
EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 12-2 P.M.

Available for all students, staff, faculty and community members needing food assistance.

CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT OF DIETETICS TO LEARN MORE: 304-696-4336.

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The next regular issue of *We Are...Marshall* will be distributed September 11, 2019. Please send items for consideration to WAMnewsletter@marshall.edu by 5 p.m. Monday, September 9, 2019.

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