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WE ARE... MARSHALL®

The Newsletter for Marshall University

November 27, 2019

Annual 'Herd Holiday' celebration set for Thursday, Dec. 5



Marshall has invited the community to a Herd Holiday from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, in the Memorial Student Center on the Huntington campus.

The annual event features the official holiday lighting on the student center plaza, along with

numerous activities, snacks, giveaways and music. The event is sponsored by Marshall's Office of University Communications and Student Affairs.

"Herd Holiday has become a great tradition for our entire Marshall family," said Mallory Jarrell, director of branding and trademarks at Marshall. "We are excited to see everyone come together to kick off the holiday season. There are so many fun activities for everyone and it's the perfect opportunity to visit the Huntington campus and spread holiday cheer."

The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. with music by the Old Main Carolers and the lighting of the Marshall University Christmas Tree. After the lighting, guests will move inside for activities, music from Kelley's Bridge and snacks – including hot chocolate and s'mores. Other features include holiday ornament painting with the Pottery Place (the first 200 ornaments are free), a holiday photo booth and a Marshall Bookstore fashion show.

The bookstore will remain open for holiday shopping and will offer a free gift with purchase, special offers and giveaways throughout the evening. Children are invited into the bookstore for holiday story times at 6:15 and 7:15 p.m.

Holiday photos with Santa-Marco will be taken throughout the evening. The photos will be available for free downloads beginning Thursday, Dec. 12.

Marshall student organizations will take part in a gingerbread house decorating contest, WMUL-FM will provide musical entertainment and Marshall's Presidential Ambassadors will be available to assist children in writing letters to Santa Claus and dropping them in his mailbox. Marshall Health will be hosting a stocking-stuffing station, students from the School of Pharmacy will help children make reindeer bait and students from the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine will be assisting guests with writing get well holiday cards to send to patients of the Hoops Family Children's Hospital.

Marshall dietetics students will be sharing samples and recipes for healthy holiday treats and international students will be making gift tags for guests in their native languages.

Students from the Campus Activities Board will be hosting a Build-a-Bison station. Guests will be able to purchase and stuff a holiday-themed Marco for \$30 or \$10 with a valid Marshall student ID.

More information and a full schedule of events can be found at www.marshall.edu/herdholiday.

Marshall and Mountwest pen historic pact creating two-year degree in aviation maintenance

Marshall University and Mountwest Community & Technical College, in cooperation with the Robert C. Byrd Institute (RCBI), have signed an agreement to offer a joint Associate in Applied Sciences (A.A.S.) degree for the education of aviation maintenance technicians.

The cross-institutional degree, believed to be the first of its kind in West Virginia, has been discussed for several months and was finalized Thursday by Marshall President Dr. Jerome A. Gilbert and Mountwest President Dr. Keith J. Cotroneo.

Marshall, Mountwest and RCBI have been working with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to develop an FAA airframe and powerplant maintenance program in Huntington. Pending final approval by the FAA, this collaboration will allow students to earn the joint degree in addition to their FAA certifications in airframe and powerplant maintenance.

The concept for the degree program has been approved by the institutions' accrediting bodies, including the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission.

Gilbert, in a message to the Marshall Board of Governors, said the degree is a true symbol of collaboration.

"The creation of this associate degree, between a four-year institution and a two-year institution, will serve as a model for collaboration across the country," Gilbert said. "I want to thank President Cotroneo for his vision and I applaud his willingness to work with us in creating this historic degree."

In signing the agreement, Cotroneo described the program as a catalyst for future economic development.

"We anticipate that our joint effort to establish an aviation maintenance degree program at the [Huntington Tri-State Airport](#) will provide a substantial economic boost to the region," Cotroneo said. "We greatly appreciate President Gilbert's leadership in proposing this degree program and look forward to a very productive partnership."

Gilbert said the two-year program will have the capacity to enroll up to 75 students the first year.

"As we have witnessed our economy change over the past few years, I believe this program has the opportunity to attract new aviation industry to the state," Gilbert said. "In addition, we believe that West Virginians who may be unemployed, underemployed or have had to leave the state to find work may now have a reason to return for training and possible new employment."

The associate degree in aviation maintenance is just one of Marshall's newest programs in aviation. A four-year degree, educating and training pilots for fixed-wing aircraft is moving forward in cooperation with [Yeager Airport](#) in Charleston.

Scholarship established for the School of Pharmacy in honor of Dr. Gayle Brazeau



Mary H. Hodges (left) has endowed a new scholarship to honor Gayle Brazeau, Ph.D., dean of the Marshall University School of Pharmacy. The **Mary H. Hodges School of Pharmacy Scholarship** is for pharmacy students with financial need who are residents of Cabell or Wayne counties in West Virginia, Lawrence County, Ohio, or Boyd County, Kentucky.

"Dean Brazeau is outstanding," said Hodges, a Huntington native who strives to help Marshall rise. "Gayle's professionalism, quality of care and genuine kindness make her an excellent role model for her students."

Students interested in this scholarship can inquire and apply by e-mailing MUSOPScholarships@marshall.edu. Scholarship recipients will be selected by Brazeau in cooperation with the Office of Student Financial Assistance. The scholarship will be in the amount of \$1,000 a year for the first four years, but will likely increase as the endowed fund for the scholarship grows.

"We greatly appreciate Mrs. Hodges' generosity to the school of pharmacy," said Brazeau.

Hodges and her late husband endowed the Mary H. and J. Churchill Hodges School of Pharmacy Scholarship in 2016. In addition to scholarship opportunities, she has supported other Marshall initiatives and been involved with the Huntington Museum of Art and Cabell Huntington Hospital.

To learn more about establishing a scholarship or to make a gift by phone, please contact the Marshall University Foundation at 304-696-6264. To make a gift online, please visit www.marshall.edu/donate.

Marshall Pharmacy earns URAC specialty pharmacy accreditation



Marshall Health has earned full accreditation from the Utilization Review Accreditation Commission (URAC) for specialty pharmacy services. The new accreditation will open up access to specialty medications necessary to treat patients with complex, chronic conditions, such as multiple sclerosis, diabetes and cancer.

URAC is a Washington, D.C.-based health care accrediting organization that establishes

quality standards for the health care industry. As part of an extensive accreditation process, URAC has validated that Marshall Pharmacy meets all the requirements to provide therapy-specific patient management services, safety and accuracy in its dispensing practices, 24/7 access for patients and prescribers and that it complies with standards on risk management, consumer empowerment and performance management.

"As a specialty pharmacy, we now have access to the medications that will help us most effectively manage medications for our many patients with one or more chronic conditions," said Jeffrey A. Fenerty, R.Ph., director of pharmacy services at Marshall Health. "Part of our role at Marshall Pharmacy is also to help patients understand and manage what can be high-cost medications through a number of options, including financial counseling, training on how to appropriately take medications and reminders about the importance of follow-up lab tests and monitoring."

The URAC accreditation allows for specialty pharmacy services at the Marshall Pharmacy locations at Marshall University Medical Center, 1600 Medical Center Drive, and Erma Ora Byrd Clinical Center, 1249 15th St., both in Huntington. This will also benefit patients who are interacting with Marshall Health's clinical pharmacists in both locations.

In addition to its URAC-accredited locations, Marshall Pharmacy also operates a third retail pharmacy in the Provider Response Organization for

Addiction Care and Treatment (PROACT), located at 800 20th St. For more information, visit www.marshallhealth.org/pharmacy or call 304-691-MURx (6879).

Cassandra Mills receives John Marshall Service Award



Cassandra Mills, a coordinator in the Department of Travel, received the John Marshall Service Award at the Staff Council Meeting Nov. 21. She was nominated by Dr. Barbara J. Tarter, professor of communication studies.

“I have had to travel in a variety of capacities over the last almost nineteen years—first as an administrator, and now as a faculty member,” Tarter said. “I have never worked with anyone that is as dedicated as Cassandra is, in attempting to seek out information for the employee, to provide useful information, and to be absolutely service oriented. I recently traveled to Canada for a conference and had a variety of issues, from switching to American currency, to obtaining correct receipts, to reconciling all

of the gathered receipts. Cassandra has been tremendous. She has gone well beyond what is expected by anyone in any office. She has been extremely responsive and answers e-mails immediately; even after hours and on the weekend ... In the past, it has been difficult to get the information that you needed either before or after travel, and Cassandra has just made the entire process easier. I truly believe she is an exemplary employee.”

Mills received a \$100 check and \$20 Sodexo gift certificate in addition to her award certificate.

Photo: Cassandra Mills (left) receives the John Marshall Service Award from Bruce Felder, Marshall’s director of human resources.

United Way campaign close to ending, fundraising goal nearly met



Change Doesn't Happen Alone

As our annual fundraising campaign to benefit United Way of the River Cities comes to a close, we are just a few donations short of reaching our goal of \$20,000.

Each year, our local United Way tackles our community's most complex and pervasive challenges. With the support from donors like us, literacy, homelessness, hunger, substance use disorder, financial stability and many other urgent needs are addressed.

If you would like to be part of this incredibly impactful work, please consider giving by visiting <https://www.marshall.edu/unitedway/give-now/>.

Marshall employees have the option of payroll deduction; however, if you are employed by Marshall Health, MURC, INTO, the Campus Recreation Center, the Marshall Foundation or other units, you may choose to donate by a one-time credit card contribution, cash or check. You also may choose to be billed. If you want to learn more about our annual workplace campaign, please visit www.marshall.edu/unitedway.

We hope you'll join us in making a difference in the lives of many. Have a wonderful holiday season, and Go Herd!

Recreation Center to offer Black Friday deals

Black Friday
NOVEMBER
26TH-29TH

SALE

PURCHASE ONE YEAR-IN-FULL MEMBERSHIP	TO RECEIVE	50% OFF AN ADDITIONAL ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP (EXCLUDES PEIA AND MHF MEMBERSHIPS)
BOGO 50% OFF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE PRIVATE SWIM PACKAGES		BOGO 50% OFF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE GROUP SWIM SCHOOL SESSION
BOGO 50% OFF EQUAL OR LESSER VALUE PERSONAL TRAINING PACKAGES		\$15 OFF SPRING UNLIMITED F45 CLASS PASS (VALID NOW THROUGH MAY 1, 2020)
PURCHASE A \$20 OUTDOOR RENTAL PASS AND RECEIVE 50% OFF ALL OUTDOOR RENTALS DURING THE SPRING 2020 SEMESTER		20% OFF ANY SPRING 2020 OUTDOOR TRIPS AND CLINICS

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The Marshall Recreation Center will be offering a multi-day Black Friday sale from Tuesday, Nov. 26, through Friday, Nov. 29. Offers are available for various programs at the Rec.

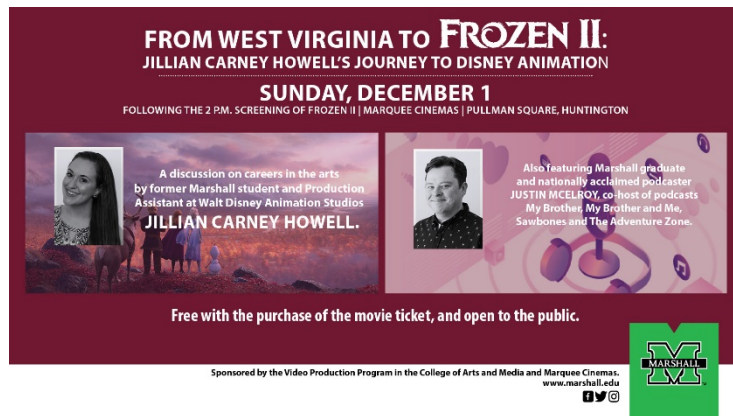
Black Friday deals include membership promotions

(purchase one year in full membership to receive 50% off of an additional membership); Buy One, Get One for 50% private swim lesson packages and swim school sessions; Buy One, Get One for 50% off personal training packages; \$15 off a F45 spring unlimited class pass (valid from date of purchase through May 1, 2020), a 20% discount for spring trips/clinics; and a \$20 outdoor rental pass valid for 50% off all outdoor rentals during the spring semester. All sales must be made at the Marshall Recreation Center, located at 402 Thundering Herd Drive, Huntington, WV 25705. The Black Friday offers are only available during the designated dates of the sale.

For additional information on the Black Friday deals or rates and eligibility, please visit marshall.edu/campusrec.

For more information contact Kayla Dodd, assistant director of marketing and membership at the recreation center, by phone at 304-696-3633 or by e-mail at dodd18@marshall.edu.

Former Marshall student who works with Disney to speak after screening of 'Frozen II'



Former Marshall student Jillian Howell, a production assistant for Disney Animation who worked on *Frozen II*, will participate in a public discussion after a screening of the film at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1, at Marquee Cinemas in Pullman Square.

In her discussion, "From West Virginia to Frozen II: Jillian Carney Howell's Journey to Disney Animation," Howell will talk about her path to Disney, which began with a Barbie video camera she got for Christmas that sparked her love of filmmaking. The Scott Depot, West Virginia, native showed an early interest in the field, winning online video contests in middle school, lobbying her high school principal to let her take a screenwriting course, saving money in a jar to attend the New York Film Academy summer camp, and bringing color to the Winfield High School's morning announcements.

Howell attended Marshall University and went on to the University of North Carolina Wilmington's Film Studies program, where she wrote, directed and produced her own narrative and documentary short films and graduated in 2017. Since January 2019, she has been a production assistant at Walt Disney Animation Studios in Burbank, California, working in production management on *Frozen II*.

She is especially passionate about bringing arts opportunities and education back to the Mountain State.

"It is exciting to have Jillian here as a voice of someone from West Virginia who has pursued a profession in the film industry," said Tijah Bumgarner, assistant professor of video production in the College of Arts and Media. "It is encouraging for our students to hear stories like this first-hand and to learn about video production opportunities."

Howell's discussion will also feature Justin McElroy of Huntington, a Marshall graduate and nationally renowned podcaster, who along with his brothers,

Travis and Griffin, will voice characters in the upcoming animated film *Trolls World Tour*. The brothers' podcast *My Brother, My Brother and Me* is the basis of a recent TV adaptation, and podcasts that McElroy co-hosts with family members, *Sawbones* and *The Adventure Zone*, have been adapted into New York Times bestselling books.

The event is free with the purchase of a movie ticket and open to the public. It is sponsored by the video production program in the College of Arts and Media and Marquee Cinemas.

A promotional poster for a piano recital. The background is a photograph of a man with wavy brown hair and a beard, wearing a white button-down shirt, sitting at a piano. The text is overlaid on the image. In the top left, it says 'Marshall University SCHOOL OF MUSIC PRESENTS'. In the top right, it says 'EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.'. The main title 'PIANO RECITAL' is in large, orange, outlined letters. Below that, it says 'WITH ANTONIO GALERA, JOAN C. EDWARDS DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR IN THE ARTS'. To the right of the man, it says 'MONDAY, DEC. 2 7:30 P.M. Smith Recital Hall'. Below that, it says 'Also featuring a piano duo performance with Marshall faculty member Dr. Henning Vauth'. At the bottom left, it says 'Call the School of Music at 304-696-3117 for more information. www.marshall.edu'. At the bottom right, there are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Instagram, and a green square with a white 'M' logo that says 'MARSHALL'.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

NOON TO 2 P.M.

Edwards Comprehensive
Cancer Center
Room 250

Get an up-close look at the research
we produce and how we can help meet
your research needs.

Lunch will be provided.



MUSIC Alive Series to present 'Alto Clef,' featuring violist Bernard Di Gregorio

Music Alive
Guest Artist and Faculty
Collaboration Concert Series

WEDNESDAY, DEC 4 | 4:00 PM
Woodlands Retirement Home

THURSDAY, DEC 5 | 12:00 PM
First Presbyterian Church

BERNARD DI GREGORIO
Violist (Montclair String Quartet) & Principal Viola (West Virginia Symphony Orchestra)

ALTO CLEF
In Collaboration with
Wendell Dobbs, Flute | Şölen Dikener, Cello | Johan Botes, Piano

Music by
Rota, Bloch, Roussel, Zanter and C.P.E. Bach

Events are free and open to public

Sponsored by MU School of Music,
First Presbyterian Church & Woodlands Chamber Series

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The MUSIC Alive Guest Artist and Faculty Collaboration Concert Series & Woodlands Chamber Series, directed by Dr. Şölen Dikener, Dale Capehart and Molly Watson, will present two performances Dec. 4 and 5.

The concert, titled "Alto Clef," will feature Bernard Di Gregorio, violist with the Montclair String Quartet and principal viola player with the West Virginia Symphony Orchestra.

Di Gregorio will be accompanied by Marshall faculty, including Dr. Wendell Dobbs on flute, Dikener on cello, and Dr. Johan Botes on piano. They will perform at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4, at Woodlands Retirement Community and at noon Thursday, Dec. 5, at First Presbyterian Church. The concerts will include music by Rota, Bloch, Roussel, Zanter and C.P.E. Bach.

Both performances will be free and open to the public. The concerts are sponsored by the Marshall University School of Music, First Presbyterian Church and the Woodlands Retirement Community. All are welcome.

Marshall to present faculty readings as part of A.E. Stringer Visiting Writers Series Dec. 5



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A.E. Stringer
Visiting Writers Series
at Marshall University

IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE

MARSHALL FACULTY READING
Featuring creative writing by

Charles Lloyd	Rachel Rinehart
Daniel O'Malley	Anna Rollins
Joel Peckham	Kristin Steele
Greta Rensenbrink	

For more information, contact Cody Lumpkin at lumpkinb@marshall.edu
or Wendi Kozma at kozma@marshall.edu

EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO PUBLIC | LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

BOOKS BY FACULTY WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.

Sponsored by the Department of English and the College of Liberal Arts.



The A.E. Stringer Visiting Writers Series will present a Marshall faculty reading at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, in Room 154 of Smith Hall.

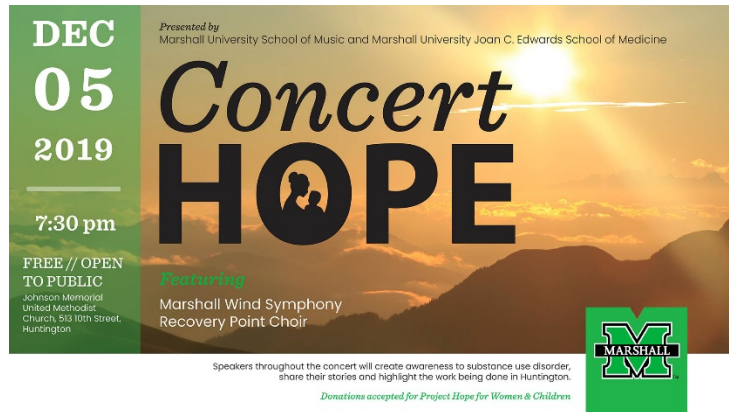
The event will feature creative writing by faculty members Dr. Charles Lloyd, Daniel O'Malley, Dr. Joel Peckham, Dr. Greta Rensenbrink, Dr. Rachel Rinehart,

Anna Rollins and Kristin Steele. It is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served, and books by faculty will be available for purchase.

"We have an exciting and eclectic group of poets, essayists and fiction writers this year," said Wendi Kozma, an instructor of English and co-coordinator of the A.E. Stringer Visiting Writers Series. "Not only do creative writers haunt the halls of the English department but the halls of history and classics too, so we hope everyone will help us celebrate the wonderful work of these faculty."

The event is sponsored by the Department of English and the College of Liberal Arts. For more information, contact Kozma at kozma@marshall.edu or Dr. Cody Lumpkin at lumpkinb@marshall.edu.

Marshall to host “Concert Hope”



The schools of music and medicine have teamed up to host a benefit concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, at Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church, 513 10th St. in Huntington, featuring the Marshall Wind Symphony and Recovery Point Choir.

Titled "Concert Hope," the concept was inspired by the musical composition "AMP," composed by

Dr. Scott McAllister in memory of a close friend who died of an overdose. McAllister, who will be in attendance at the concert, will introduce the piece and share his friend's story.

"After hearing 'AMP,' I knew we had a unique opportunity to do our part in bringing healing to Huntington through music," said Dr. Adam Dalton, who serves as Marshall's director of bands. "Concert Hope was conceived as a musical outlet to combat the stigma of substance use disorder and a way to bring communities together to help find a solution, realizing that music can do much more than live in concert."

The concert will also feature the world premiere of a piece by Marshall University student Jason Morgan commissioned specifically for this event in honor of the City of Huntington. In addition, the Recovery Point Choir, an ensemble of men from Recovery Point Huntington, will perform the song "Trust the Process," for which they wrote the music and lyrics as a collective about their journeys toward recovery. The men, under the direction of Marshall University Assistant Professor Dr. Briana Nannen, have been working in a music class once a week.

Speakers throughout the concert will create awareness to substance use disorder, share their stories and highlight the work taking place in Huntington. The concert will conclude with the Marshall Wind Symphony, conducted by Dalton, performing David Maslanka's monumental work, Symphony No. 4.

"While not specifically written with recovery in mind, there is an overwhelming sense of healing that comes from conflict within the piece," Dalton said. "The audience will walk away with strong sense of hope as we contemplate the future of our community."

The concert is free and open to the public, but donations will be accepted at the door. All proceeds will benefit [Project Hope for Women & Children](#), Marshall Health's residential treatment facility in Huntington for women with substance use disorder.

FOUNDATIONS REVIEW: SELECTED STUDENT WORKS

NOVEMBER 18 - DECEMBER 6

BIRKE ART GALLERY IN SMITH HALL
Gallery Hours M-F 10am - 4pm



For more information contact College of Arts and Media, School of Art & Design
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GERMAN MEET & EAT

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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, Dec. 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

Marshall's a cappella singing group to perform winter concert Dec. 7



Marshall's contemporary a cappella singing group, 3rd Avenue, will perform its winter concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, in Smith Recital Hall on the Huntington campus.

"Our show features many of us individually as performers and creators,

but will also showcase our strengths as an ensemble," said 3rd Avenue member Cassidy Craddock, a junior psychology major. "We have been able to add a lot of literature to our set this semester, which allows us to give a concert full of variety. Most importantly, we really enjoy singing together. I think the love and respect we have for each other becomes very evident every time we perform."

She said the group will sing a lot of fun contemporary tunes and "a few very serious pieces of music that are symbolically heavy. There is definitely something for everyone, although a goal we have is to perform each song in a way everyone can feel and enjoy," Craddock said.

The singers will perform under the direction of Marshall faculty member Dr. Briana Nannen.

"We have a wide variety of music this semester and are looking forward to premiering our signature tune, '3rd Avenue,' written by group members Kristin Johnson and Jason Morgan," Nannen said.

The concert is free and open to the public, with sponsorship from the School of Music. All are welcome, and free parking is available on the Marshall campus after 7 p.m.

School of Music to present Concert of Carols



The School of Music will present Concert of Carols at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, at Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church, 513 10th St., in Huntington. The concert will feature the MU Choral Union, the University Chorus, the a cappella singing group 3rd Avenue, the Chamber

Choir and the Wind Symphony, along with high school performers from throughout the area.

The program was envisioned by Deborah Bradley, who directs the Choral Union, while Dr. David Castleberry, Dr. Briana Nannen, and Dr. Adam Dalton direct the supplementary ensembles that will be featured throughout the concert.

"This will be a great evening of music that will include both performances by all Marshall vocal ensembles as well as the Wind Symphony," Nannen said. "Additionally, audience members will be encouraged to sing throughout the program on a variety of holiday carols."

The event is free and open to the public, with sponsorship from the School of Music in the College of Arts and Media. All are welcome.

Deadline is Dec. 31 for Sarah Denman Faces of Appalachia Fellowship Award



The purpose of this fellowship award, sponsored by the Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Gender in Appalachia (CSEGA), is to promote scholarship on gender, race, and/or ethnicity in Appalachia. The fellowship is awarded annually to a full-time Marshall University faculty member. The Sarah Denman Faces of Appalachia Fellow, who is selected by the CSEGA Advisory Board and announced at the annual spring faculty meeting, receives a \$3,000 cash award. Fellows present their scholarship to the Marshall community in the spring of their fellowship year (spring, 2021).

Application Process

Marshall faculty members interested in being considered for the fellowship award should submit a professional vita along with a 1-2 page abstract of the proposed project. Please include a statement that clearly defines the scope of your work and explains how the fellowship will assist you in your research. **The research, must emphasize gender, race, and/or ethnicity in Appalachia,** may be a new project or a continuation of a project already underway.

Please send application materials by email to Mary Thomas at mthomas@marshall.edu by **December 31, 2019**. The award winner, as well as other applicants, will be notified early in the spring, 2020 semester.

For additional information about the Sarah Denman Faces of Appalachia Fellowship Award, contact Lori Thompson, assistant professor, at thompson39@marshall.edu

Sarah Denman Faces of Appalachia Fellowship Award*

2020– 2021 Academic Year

DEADLINE DECEMBER 31, 2019

****This award is funded by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.***

School of Medicine to form dedicated Department of Oncology



The Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine will establish a Department of Oncology, Dean Joseph I. Shapiro, M.D., announced last week. In his announcement, Shapiro also named urologic oncologist James C. Jensen, M.D. (left), as chair of the newly formed department.

Effective January 1, 2020, a new Department of Oncology will bring together more than a dozen oncology faculty currently housed within a handful of departments based on specialty.

By creating a dedicated department, the School of Medicine, alongside Edwards Comprehensive Cancer Center (ECCC), will facilitate increased collaboration in research as well as patient care among its oncology faculty, provide more opportunities for faculty advancement and recruitment, and continue to grow advanced cancer care throughout the state and region. The move also creates more opportunities for expansion in the areas of graduate medical education, opening the door for future fellowships.

"Through this newly formed Department of Oncology, we are making an intentional, formalized shift toward team-based oncology care at Marshall and ECCC," Shapiro said. "It will also lay a solid foundation for team research in cancer care."

In his announcement, Shapiro also named urologic oncologist James C. Jensen, M.D., as chair of the newly formed department. Jensen, who also serves as chair of urology and medical director of the ECCC, joined Marshall's faculty in 2006. He has performed numerous robotic kidney, bladder and prostate cancer procedures and was among the first 20 physicians in the nation to adopt robotic surgery as a full-time practice.

"This is an exciting development for patients seeking cancer treatment in our region as we forge a unified practice model with experience and expertise in all areas of oncology," Jensen said. "We are pleased with the vision of our medical school and cancer center leadership to create this collaborative environment that will enhance the level of care for cancer patients and open us to new opportunities in research."

Since ECCC, a joint effort between Marshall's School of Medicine and Cabell Huntington Hospital, opened in 2006, the partnership has brought specialty cancer care in the areas of breast, gynecologic, medical, neuro-, orthopaedic, pediatric, radiation, surgical and urologic oncology to the region.

RCBI, EDA and Appalachian Power team to identify workforce skills in state

The Robert C. Byrd Institute (RCBI), in partnership with the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) and Appalachian Power, will undertake a comprehensive analysis of the skills and abilities of workers in 23 West Virginia counties as part of a broader effort to help diversify the state's economy.

The study is made possible through an EDA grant and matching funds from Appalachian Power, which total more than \$112,000.

"EDA and Appalachian Power have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to investing in our communities, with a strong focus on workforce development as a path toward economic diversification," said Charlotte Weber, RCBI director and CEO. "A critical component of this effort is having a comprehensive understanding of the skills and abilities of the region's workforce, particularly related to the transferable skills of underemployed and unemployed workers."

The workforce analysis, expected to begin in early spring and to be completed by fall 2020, will focus on the following counties: Boone, Cabell, Clay, Fayette, Greenbrier, Jackson, Kanawha, Lincoln, Logan, Marshall, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Mingo, Monroe, Nicholas, Ohio, Putnam, Raleigh, Roane, Summers, Wayne and Wyoming.

A similar effort in eastern Kentucky provided economic development officials with workforce data that has resulted in \$2 billion in capital investment and the creation of 3,000 jobs. The West Virginia study will aid in preparing the state's workforce to transition to other occupations as well as attract new jobs and capital investment in sectors that might benefit from the abundant skills of the region's workforce.

RCBI has provided technical assistance to more than 6,000 manufacturers across the country and delivered skills training to nearly 24,000 individuals – including displaced miners and others affected by the decline in the coal industry – in manufacturing technologies that have helped them transition to other sectors such as aerospace, energy, automotive and information services.

MU named a Best Business School by the Princeton Review

For the second year in a row, the Lewis College of Business, home of the Brad D. Smith Schools of Business, has been named among the nation's most outstanding business schools, according to the Princeton Review®. The education services company profiles the school in its recently reported list, "Best Business Schools for 2020." The Princeton Review posted the list Nov. 19 at <https://www.princetonreview.com/best-business-schools>

Dr. Avi Mukherjee, dean of the Lewis College of Business, said the ranking is the result of a shared vision and the commitment to academic excellence of our faculty, staff, students and alumni.

"This acknowledgment is validation of the great work happening at Marshall University to develop strong global business leaders and entrepreneurs," Mukherjee said. "It is an honor that our M.B.A. program continues to be recognized as one of the country's leading AACSB-accredited programs by the Princeton Review."

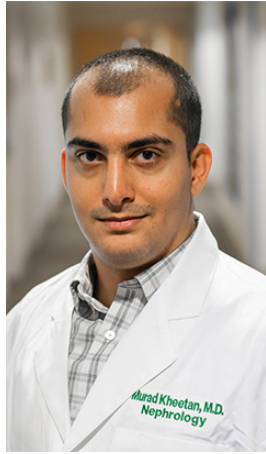
"We recommend Marshall University as an excellent choice for a student aspiring to earn an M.B.A.," said Rob Franek, the Princeton Review's editor-in-chief. He noted that the company chose the schools for its list for 2020 based on data it collected from surveys of administrators at business schools during the 2018–19 academic year. The administrator survey, which numbered more than 200 questions, covered topics from academic offerings and admission requirements to data about currently enrolled students as well as graduates' employment.

Franek added, "What makes our 'Best Business Schools' designations unique is that we take into account the opinions of students attending the schools about their campus and classroom experiences. For our 2020 list we surveyed more than 20,700 students at 248 business schools." The Princeton Review's 80-question student survey asked students about their school's academics, student body and campus life, as well as about themselves and their career plans. The student surveys were conducted during the 2018–19, 2017–18, and 2016–17 academic years.

The Princeton Review's website profiles of the schools have sections reporting on each school's academics, student life, admissions information and graduates' employment data. The profiles also have five categories of ratings that the Princeton Review tallies based on data from its administrator and/or student survey. The ratings are scores that range from 60 to 99. Rating categories are academic experience, admissions selectivity, career, professors being interesting and professors being accessible. To read more about the 2020 Best Business School rankings, visit www.princetonreview.com/best-business-schools.

For more information about admission requirements for the M.B.A. degree program, contact Dr. Marc Sollosy, M.B.A. program director, by e-mail at sollosy@marshall.edu or Wes Spradlin, associate director of graduate programs, by e-mail at spradlin2@marshall.edu or by phone at 304-746-8964.

Marshall Internal Medicine welcomes nephrologists



Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, Marshall Health and Cabell Huntington Hospital medical staff welcome two nephrologists.

Murad Kheetan, M.D., a fellowship-trained nephrologist, has been named an assistant professor in the department of internal medicine. He is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine.

He completed his medical degree at Jordan University of Science and Technology in Irbid, Jordan. He finished an internal medicine residency

at Marshall's school of medicine and a nephrology fellowship at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, Alabama.

Ahlim Al Sanani, M.D., is a fellowship-trained nephrologist. She has been named an assistant professor in the department of internal medicine. She is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine.

Al Sanani earned her medical degree from Garyounis University School of Medicine and Surgery in Garyunis, Libya, followed by an internal medicine residency and nephrology fellowship at Marshall's school of medicine.

Both Kheetan and Al Sanani specialize in the diagnosis and treatment of conditions related to the kidneys, including hypertension, AKI, renal failure, dialysis, chronic renal insufficiency and kidney stones. They see patients at Marshall Kidney & Hypertension Center, an outpatient department of Cabell Huntington Hospital, 1690 Medical Center Drive, Huntington. For an appointment, call 304-526-2532.

Sammons to speak at 2019 West Virginia Coding and Cyber Summit



John Sammons, director of the digital forensics and information assurance program in the College of Science, will participate in a panel discussion at the 2019 West Virginia Coding and Cyber Summit, which goes on from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3, at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Charleston.

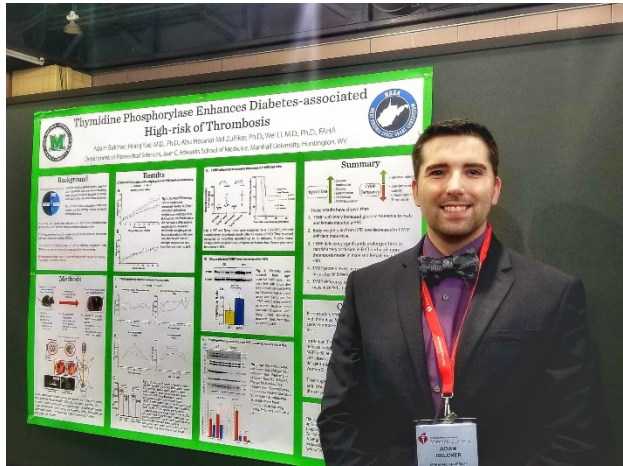
Sammons will participate in a panel discussion titled "Higher Education – Partnerships and Investments Advancing Cyber," speaking along with Nancy Ligus of the West Virginia Community and Technical College System and Brian Woerner of West Virginia University, as well as moderator Matt Turner of the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission.

The conference focuses on the demand for software coding and cybersecurity workers and efforts to develop a cyber workforce talent pipeline, as well as highlighting best practices.

"As the cyber security industry continues to grow here in West Virginia, higher education will continue to play a critical role," Sammons said. "Sustained growth will require a skilled and educated workforce, which the universities and community and technical colleges are providing. Conferences like this one are important to get the word out that West Virginia is indeed a viable location for cyber security businesses and government entities. For far too long, too many of our best and brightest had to leave the state in order to find STEM jobs like those in cyber security. We now have a path forward that will give these folks the ability to stay here in West Virginia."

For more information about the summit, visit <https://techconnectwv.org/events/2019-coding-cyber-summit/>. For more information about Marshall's digital forensics and information assurance program, visit <https://www.marshall.edu/forensicsciences/dfia/>.

Faculty Achievement: Biomedical Sciences



Adam Belcher, a 4th year Ph.D. student in the lab of Dr. Wei Li, associate professor in the Department of Biomedical Sciences in the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, has just presented his research work at the American Heart Association Scientific Session 2019, which was held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from Nov. 16 to 18. His research is also supported by a NASA Graduate Research

Fellowship program.

Li served as the senior author of the presentation, and Dr. Hong Yue, a research assistant professor, and Dr. Abu Hasanat Md Zulfiker, a postdoc research fellow from Li's lab, are co-authors.

A copy of the abstract for the presentation may be viewed at http://www.marshall.edu/wamnewsletter/files/AdamBelcherAbstract_11-16-19.pdf.

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