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WE ARE... MARSHALL®

The Newsletter for Marshall University

March 11, 2020

Please note: Events listed in this e-newsletter may be cancelled or postponed due to an abundance of caution regarding the coronavirus outbreak. Please check the most recent cancellation information on the Announcements web page (<http://www.marshall.edu/announcements>) or with the event's organizers.

University announces plans to temporarily transition to distance instruction due to COVID-19

Marshall University this afternoon announced plans to temporarily transition to distance instruction to help protect the university community from COVID-19 and mitigate the spread of the virus in the larger community.

In making the announcement to students, faculty and staff, President Gilbert said, "After careful consideration of the implications of the possible spread of COVID-19 and its impact on our students and their families, I have decided to alter the university calendar.

"Our task force of senior leadership and subject matter experts are conferring around the clock, focused on our university's preparations and response. We have been monitoring developments closely and providing regular updates as the rapidly changing situation evolves. We have no greater responsibility than the safety and security of our university community and the community at large."

Gilbert said the university will institute the following measures:

- Marshall will suspend in-person classes next week—March 16-20—to allow faculty to prepare for altered course delivery following Spring Break.
- The week of suspended classes will be followed by the scheduled Spring Break March 23-27.
- Beginning Monday, March 30, all class instruction will be delivered non-face-to-face. These distance methods will vary from class to class, and may include online, e-mail or other means.
- Students will receive information from their instructors about how to access instruction remotely.
- Faculty will use March 16-20 to prepare their classes for remote delivery. Later this week, all faculty will receive information from the Office of Academic Affairs about next steps.
- Regular, online-only classes are not suspended and will continue as scheduled March 16-20.
- **It is anticipated the university will return to normal academic operations on April 13, or when university officials determine it is safe to resume in-person instruction.**
- While completing classes virtually, students may choose to remain home after Spring Break or return to campus, where appropriate social distancing and enhanced preventative public health

and hygiene measures will be actively encouraged. Students who decide to stay at home should be sure to take textbooks, course materials, laptops, tablets and critical personal items with them when they leave.

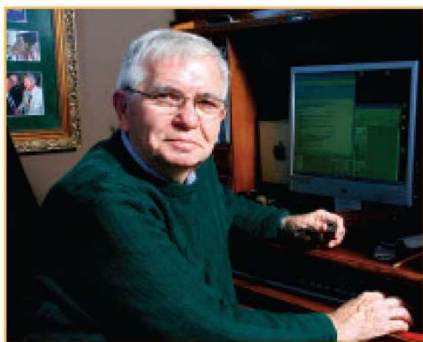
- For students who elect to remain on campus, residence halls will be open and food service options will be available.
- The university will remain open and operational. Employees are expected to report to work, practicing social distancing and preventative hygiene measures.
- Classroom experiences such as laboratory and performance classes are being evaluated and the university will provide specific guidance in the coming days.
- Health sciences students who are involved in clinical rotations and clinical work will receive further direction from health sciences leadership and deans. Information about labs, testing and other items will be provided.
- All university-sponsored international travel continues to be suspended until further notice. If you are traveling internationally for either business or personal reasons, please complete the online [International Travel Registration Form](#) so we can monitor our travel footprint. University-sponsored domestic travel is being evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Additional information about COVID-19 and the university's response is available at www.marshall.edu/coronavirus. An e-mail address, COVID19@marshall.edu, has been set up for Marshall students or employees who have questions about general university procedures related to the virus or these changes to the university calendar.

For health-related concerns, Marshall students should contact [Student Health Services](#) at 304-691-1100.

[Marshall Health](#) has set up a dedicated phone line at 304-696-2900 for the general public, particularly for patients who think they may have been exposed to the virus. The line is staffed by healthcare professionals from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

In Memoriam: Dr. Ralph J. Turner



Dr. Ralph J. Turner, longtime professor of journalism and mass communications at Marshall University, died March 9.

A native of Huntington, he earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Marshall and a Ph.D. in journalism and mass communications from Ohio University.

[Read complete obituary online.](#)

Board of Governors gives final nod for aviation sciences degree



The Marshall University Board of Governors has approved the creation of a new academic degree and major leading to a Bachelor of Science degree, Commercial Pilot-Fixed Wing.

Initially presented to the board in June 2019 as an intent to plan, the new degree program will help meet the nation's significant need for commercial pilots. Students completing the degree can be hired as commercial pilots of single and multiengine airplanes.

During the specially called meeting March 4, President Gilbert said the program will be a win for the university and the country.

"I want to commend our provost, Dr. Jaime Taylor, and Dr. David Pittenger, dean of the graduate college, for their tireless effort to bring this degree offering to reality," Gilbert said. "And I want to thank all of our partners for working alongside us to create a dynamic program for West Virginia."

The aviation sciences program will launch in fall 2021 and will be housed at the university's South Charleston campus and Yeager Airport in Charleston. Grant funding from several organizations, including the Maier Foundation, has assisted in getting the program started.

The board also approved refinancing of current bonds to take advantage of low interest rates, to consolidate two existing bond packages and, simultaneously, to tap into new monies for future projects, including a building to house the Lewis College of Business, planned for Fourth Avenue.

In other action, board members approved a new fee for international students needing English as a second language instruction. The action follows a joint decision by Marshall and INTO University Partnerships to change the terms of their operating agreement, thereby requiring the university to take additional steps to assist international students. The revised operating agreement is a result of a changing international student recruitment market.

MUSIC ALIVE Series to present 'Between Wien and Berlin'

Music Alive
Guest Artist and Faculty
Collaboration Concert Series

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11 | 4:00PM
Woodlands Retirement Community

THURSDAY, MARCH 12 | 12:00PM
First Presbyterian Church

THURSDAY, MARCH 12 | 7:30PM
Smith Recital Hall, Marshall University

BETWEEN WIEN AND BERLIN
The Marshall University School of Music Faculty will perform duo works by Ludwig van Beethoven, Franz Schubert and Emilie Mayer.

Elizabeth Reed Smith, Violin
Henning Vauth, Piano

Events are free and open to public.

Sponsored by MU School of Music,
First Presbyterian Church & Woodlands Retirement Community

The Marshall University School of Music will present "Between Wien and Berlin," featuring faculty members Dr. Elizabeth Reed Smith on violin and Dr. Henning Vauth on piano.

The concert will be performed on three occasions as part of the MUSIC ALIVE concert series:

- 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, at Woodlands Retirement Community,
- Noon Thursday, March 12, at First Presbyterian Church and
- 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 12, at Smith Recital Hall on the Marshall University campus.

They will perform duo works by Ludwig van Beethoven, Franz Schubert and Emilie Mayer. All performances are free and open to public, with sponsorship from the Marshall University School of Music, First Presbyterian Church and the Woodlands Retirement Community.

All are welcome.

**In recognition of
Problem Gambling Awareness Month
The Department of Psychology presents a**

**PROBLEM GAMBLING
AWARENESS EVENT • MARCH 11-12**

EVENT I: PROBLEM GAMBLING SCREENING DAY
15 seconds could save you
\$811 (the total yearly spending on gambling per adult in WV)
March 11 • 10 a.m. — 4 p.m. • Memorial Student Center Lobby

EVENT II: INFORMATION SESSION
March 12 • 11 a.m. — 12:30 p.m. • Drinko Library, Room 349

TOPICS:
Problem Gambling in West Virginia,
by Sheila Moran of First Choice Services

The Psychology of Gambling,
by Dr. Hyeman Choi of Marshall's Psychology Department

Sponsored by the Department of Psychology, Psi Chi
and Psychology Club, and the College of Liberal Arts.

Classified Staff Council Special Election – Call for Nominations

The Classified Staff Council will hold an election to fill vacancies for the following:

- Chair of Classified Staff Council
- One Vacancy in EEO 30 – Other Professionals
- Three Vacancies in EEO 50 – Clerical

Those elected will finish the remainder of the current term, which will end on June 30th, 2021. Nomination forms were distributed Tuesday, March 10, and are due in the Staff Council Office no later than 4:30 p.m. Monday, March 23.

Electronic voting will be available from Thursday, April 2, at 6 a.m. to Monday, April 6 at 11:59 p.m. Questions? Contact Nina Barrett, Election Committee Chair by e-mail at barrett@marshall.edu or by phone at extension 6-2216; or the Staff Council Office by e-mail at easter@marshall.edu or by phone at extension 6-2222.

Marshall Artists Series receives West Virginia Governor's Arts Award for third time

Last week, the Marshall Artists Series was awarded the 2020 West Virginia Governor's Arts Award for Leadership in the Arts – Organization. The award was presented by West Virginia Commission on the Arts member David Tyson, who is also the co-president of the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center.

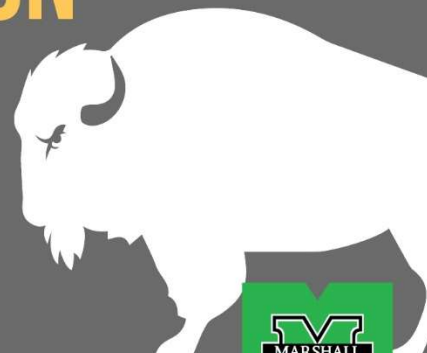
"At 83 years young, The Marshall Artists Series is proud to have been recognized for its achievements by West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History's Curator Randall Reid-Smith," said Penny Watkins, executive director of the Marshall Artists Series. "We are extremely proud to have been Governor's Arts Award-Winners three times in our history. It is such a tremendous honor."

UNI 100 FACILITATOR INFORMATION SESSION

MARCH 12 @ 3 PM | MARCH 16 @ 11 AM

John Spotts Room, Memorial Student Center

For more information contact Michelle Biggs
at miller138@marshall.edu.



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T H E H E R D A T H L E T I C S



SOFTBALL
3/13 @ 1PM



VOLLEYBALL
3/14 @ 10AM



SOFTBALL
3/14 @ 1PM



SOFTBALL
3/15 @ 12PM

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Brad D. Smith Business Incubator Connection Reception

for John Marshall Legal Society Members,
Future Law Students and Student Entrepreneurs

**Brad D. Smith Business Incubator
Wednesday, March 18 • 6pm**

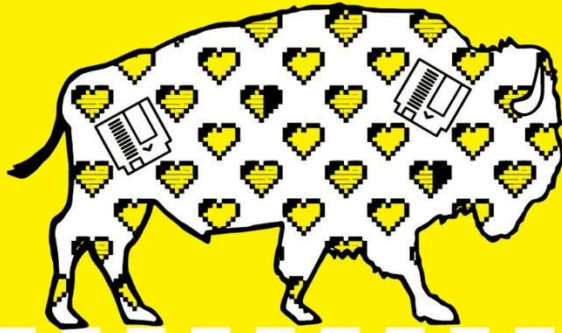
RSVP to Cora Pyles
at curtisc@marshall.edu by March 13

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HERDCON

Marshall University's Annual Pop Culture Convention



CANCELLED

SATURDAY
3.14.20

10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Memorial Student Center

Cosplay • Music • Robots • Gaming Panels
• Artists • Vendors

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Have questions? Email herdcon@marshall.edu



Marshall Green Sweep

Join us as we clean up our beautiful campus!

Saturday, March 14th at 10am
Sign in: Memorial Student Center



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Sponsored by: SGA, Miss Marshall 2019, Office of Community Outreach and Volunteer Services
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MarshallU

x = independently organized TED event



TEDxMARSHALLU

Saturday | March 14, 2020 | 5p.m.
JEAN CARLO STEPHENSON AUDITORIUM

BRIDGES



MARSHALL UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF THEATRE & DANCE PRESENTS



MARSHALL DANCE GALA

Dancing for a Lifetime
A Tribute to Ella Hay

SATURDAY
MARCH 14, 2020 - 7:30 PM

IN THE PLAYHOUSE OF THE JOAN C. EDWARDS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

\$10 at the door or by advance reservations
MU Students admitted free with a valid MU Id
Marshall Theatre Box Office 304-696-2787



FEATURING
Marshall Dancers
The Art Center
Charleston Ballet
Bockley Dance Theatre
Arts In Action
Huntington Dance Theatre
And ... Guest Artist, Brian Murphy



Career Education to host Suit-Up event at JCPenney



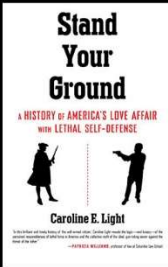
The Marshall University Office of Career Education will host the JCPenney's Suit-Up event from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday, March 15th at the Huntington Mall JCPenney.

This is an exclusive event for Marshall University students, alumni, faculty and staff only. According to Jennifer Brown, assistant director for student engagement and marketing for the Office of Career Education, JCPenney is shutting down the store just for Marshall.

"Confidence is key in an interview. The Office of Career Education staff, along with members of the JCPenney team, will be on hand to offer insights into the latest career fashion trends, how a suit should fit, what size to buy and how to tie a tie," Brown said.

Brown said all participants will receive 30% off purchases made during the event. Students will get an additional 30% off on sale-priced professional wear during the event. At the inaugural event in November of 2019, students saved over \$7,000 on their business attire.

To learn more, contact Brown by e-mail at brown346@marshall.edu or visit www.marshall.edu/careereducation.



DR. CAROLINE LIGHT

SENIOR LECTURER AT THE PROGRAM IN STUDIES OF WOMEN, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY AT MARSHALL UNIVERSITY

WHOSE CASTLE?: THE WEAPONIZATION OF SELF-DEFENSE

MONDAY, MARCH 16 | 6:30 PM - SHAWKEY DINING RM, MSC
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW | FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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MARSHALL UNIVERSITY
2020 CHARLES HILL MOFFAT
LECTURE



Sponsored by the Charles Hill Moffat Fund,
the Marshall University Department of History, and the College of Liberal Arts



Marshall University
SCHOOL OF MUSIC

MUSIC Mondays 2020 Series

JOIN **VICKI STROEHER** PROFESSOR OF MUSIC HISTORY,
AS SHE EXAMINES THE DANCE METERS OF COMPOSER JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH

“Dance ‘til you’re Baroque: Bach’s Orchestral Suite No. 2”

**Monday, March 16 | 6:30 pm
at the Cellar Door, 905 3rd Ave.**

Seating is limited. Participants are invited to arrive early to enjoy conversation and refreshments.

Donations of \$10, payable at the door, are welcomed and go to support student travel and research in the music program. Checks should be made payable to Marshall University.

MARSHALL UNIVERSITY STUDENTS GET IN FREE WITH A MARSHALL ID.



For more information about MUSIC Mondays, call the **School of Music** at 304-696-3117.



Marshall University
SCHOOL OF MUSIC
PRESENTS



MU TROMBONE ENSEMBLE CONCERT

MONDAY
MARCH 16, 2020
Smith Music Hall • 7:30 p.m.
EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

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



Marshall to present concert featuring Brass Band of the Tri-State

The Marshall University School of Music will present a concert by the Brass Band of the Tri-State at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, in Smith Recital Hall on the Huntington campus. The band was established 25 years ago and consists of community members and students. They perform a variety of music, ranging from classical and contemporary to popular, with the instrumentation of the traditional British brass band.

The musicians will present a concert of English music. The event is free and open to the public, with sponsorship from the School of Music in the College of Arts and Media.

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LECTURE SERIES



The U.S. Senate's Growing Crisis of Legitimacy

DR. PETER HANSON

Author of *So Weak to Govern*

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2020 | 7:00 PM

BRAD D. SMITH FOUNDATION HALL

POSTPONED





Visit the Scholastic Book Fair at Marshall University

DRINKO LIBRARY
ATRIUM

Tuesday, March 17 – Friday, March 20 | 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The book fair is also available online, March 7 - 20 at bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/herdcon. All Scholastic bucks earned from the sale will benefit Drinko Library's juvenile collection.



For more information, contact kacy.loveace@marshall.edu
www.marshall.edu



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March 17 | 1 p.m., Drinko Library 138

April 14 | 1 p.m., Drinko Library 138

April 15 | 1 p.m., South Charleston Campus Library

Refreshments
will be provided.



Snack chat events and are open to faculty, staff and students.

For more information contact Dena Callicoat Laton at dena.laton@marshall.edu or 304-696-3141.



DKMS

WE DELETE BLOOD CANCER

DKMS works to register potential lifesavers simply by swabbing your cheek. Someone is diagnosed with blood cancer every three minutes. Join us in swabbing to save a life and help those with blood cancer find their genetic twin.

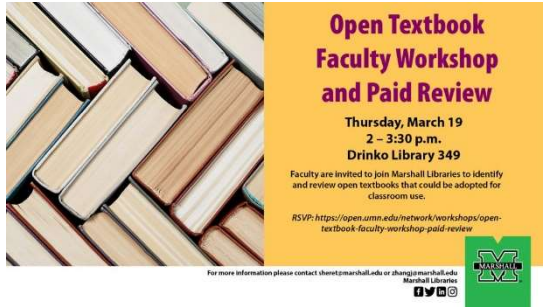
Want to save a life?

March 17 - 19
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
MSC Plaza

Contact guthrie35@live.marshall.edu to learn more.
marshall.edu



Would you like to offer a free textbook to your students next year?



Marshall faculty are invited to learn about reducing the cost of textbooks for their students during an Open Textbook Workshop and Paid Review Thursday, March 19, from 2 - 3:30 p.m. in Drinko Library 349.

The workshop is sponsored by Marshall Libraries and Online Learning and the Center for Teaching and Learning. Workshop presenters include Michael McGuffey, senior vice president for information technology, institutional

research and planning and Larry Sheret, scholarly communication and open educational resources librarian. Participants will learn the elements of an open textbook review and be invited to submit a review for one of more than 700 free, open textbooks available through the [Open Textbook Library](#) in exchange for a \$250 stipend. Participants will be encouraged to find a title they could potentially use in a class, although there is no requirement or pressure to adopt the textbook.

Registration is open at <https://open.umn.edu/network/workshops/open-textbook-faculty-workshop-paid-review>.

For additional information please contact Jingping Zhang at zhangj@marshall.edu or Sheret at sheret@marshall.edu.

Drinko Academy
at Marshall University

IN SEARCH OF ONE BIG UNION: FOLKSONGS AND SOCIAL MOVEMENTS IN THE U.S.

A "SINGING LECTURE" WITH
DR. COREY DOLGON
SOCIOLOGIST AND MUSICIAN

THURSDAY, MARCH 19 • 2-4 PM
MEMORIAL STUDENT CENTER
SHAWKEY DINING ROOM

Free and open to all.
Light refreshments will be served.

Sponsored by the Department of Sociology and Anthropology,
the Department of History, the College of Liberal Arts, and The Drinko Academy.

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Free joint pain seminar available at Marshall Health

Marshall Orthopaedics is hosting a free joint pain seminar Thursday, March 19, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Harless Auditorium on the ground floor of the Marshall University Medical Center, located at 1600 Medical Center Drive, Huntington.

"Joint pain can prevent people from doing what they love – from walking in the park to spending time with grandchildren. Our goal for the event is to help educate individuals on ways to improve joint mobility and alleviate pain," said Ali Oliashirazi, M.D., orthopaedic surgeon at Marshall Health and chair of the department of orthopaedic surgery at Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.

The event will cover topics including non-surgical and surgical joint pain treatment options and Mako robotic-arm assisted technology, which is often used during joint replacement surgery.

"When we say robot, many people think that is who is performing the surgery. However, with Mako, the robotic arm is always under the direction of the surgeon. We use this technology because it allows for more customization and precision during surgery," Oliashirazi explained.

In addition to Oliashirazi, speakers include board-certified orthopaedic surgeons Drs. Matthew Bullock, Alexander Caughran and Felix Cheung, all from Marshall Orthopaedics. Two patients who have

undergone joint replacement surgery will also share about their experiences. Demonstrations of the Mako robotic-arm assisted technology will also be available.

Interested participants are requested to RSVP by calling Lisa Haun at 304-691-1781 or e-mailing hull16@marshall.edu. Refreshments will also be provided.

For more information about services at Marshall Orthopaedics, an outpatient department of Cabell Huntington Hospital, call 304-691-1262.

Holiday observance set for March 27

As was announced in December, Gov. Jim Justice excused public employees from a half-day of work on Friday, Dec. 24, 2019.

Since Marshall University was already scheduled to be closed on Christmas Eve, the university's holiday calendar has been adjusted to utilize the governor's proclamation and observe the holiday on Friday, March 27, 2020.

Offices will close at noon and employees are required to work 3.75 hours. This date was selected because students are on spring break and university offices are less busy.

Any questions should be directed to the Office of Human Resource Services.

Surgery chief residents all match to specialty fellowships



All four chief residents from the general surgery residency program at the [Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine](#) have successfully matched into subspecialty fellowship programs for the second time in program history.



"The successful matches for our chief surgery residents reflect the quality of our surgery residency program," said Paulette S. Wehner, M.D., vice dean for graduate medical education at the school. "Our surgery residents work hard and have been rewarded with extremely competitive fellowships. I congratulate all on a job well done."

Fellowships are subspecialty training in a chosen area following four years of medical school and the completion of a five-year general surgery residency. Acceptance to the fellowships will mean an additional two years of training for those in cardiothoracic and vascular surgery. An additional one year of training is required for minimally invasive surgery.

The four fifth-year chief residents from Marshall headed to fellowship in July 2020 are:

- JaeHee Cho, M.D., Vascular Surgery at Englewood Health, Englewood, New Jersey
- Rafael Duran, M.D., Cardiothoracic Surgery at The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio
- Keitaro Nakamoto, M.D., Minimally Invasive Surgery at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts
- Bradly Vo, M.D., Minimally Invasive Surgery at Northwest Houston Hospital, Houston, Texas

"Any time we match our surgery residents into competitive fellowship programs, I become even more proud of our residents and program," said David Denning, M.D., chair of the department of surgery and residency program director. "Our surgery residents work extremely hard for five years and to be offered a competitive and prestigious fellowship is highly rewarding. It is also a testament to the quality of our surgeons we are graduating."

"Dr. Denning, former program director Farid Mozaffari, M.D., program manager Donna Webb and assistant Melissa Kennedy devote a lot of hard work and energy to ensure surgery residents have a quality training experience at Marshall," Wehner said.

Photo: Clockwise from top left, Jae Hee Cho, Rafael Duran, Bradly Vo and Keitaro Nakamoto have matched into subspecialty surgery fellowships. They will begin their work in July.

Marshall faculty member judges International Maestro Piano Festival and Competition in Taiwan



Dr. Henning Vauth, a professor of piano in Marshall University's School of Music, traveled to Taipei, Taiwan, Feb. 6-18 to be a member of the faculty and jury for the International Maestro Piano Festival and Competition.

He also performed a piano solo portion in a shared recital with two others, Professor Andreas Frölich of the University of Cologne in Germany, and Professor Hee-Sung Joo of Seoul National University in Korea at the National Concert Hall in Taipei. Vauth performed pieces from Franz Liszt's *Années de Pèlerinage*, Vol. 1: Suisse (Chapelle de Guillaume

Tell, Au Lac de Wallenstadt, and Le mal du pays), and Theodor Leschetizky's *Andante finale de Lucia di Lammermoor*, Op. 13, for the left hand only.

Vauth also taught piano lessons to 28 students at the festival and adjudicated the semifinal and final rounds of the International Maestro Piano Competition as part of a 12-member jury, including renowned musicians such as Pascal Rogé, Abdel Rahman El Bacha and others. The final round consisted of a performance with the Taipei Philharmonic (National Symphony Orchestra). The four finalists performed concertos by Mozart, Chopin and Tchaikovsky.

Competitors and festival participants came from countries around the world, including Australia, Brunei, Canada, Japan, Korea, France, the Philippines, Russia and Singapore, as well as the United States, Taiwan and others.

Vauth replaced Jerome Lowenthal of the Juilliard School, who was unable to come, on a three day-notice by request of Professor Chun-Chieh Yen, artistic director of the International Maestro and Piano Festival and Competition and associate professor at the National Taiwan Normal University in Taipei.

"The event was covered in national media and I got to shake hands with the Taiwanese Minister of Education. It was wonderful to see and hear so many young pianists (122 active festival participants) striving for musical beauty with total focus and dedication," Vauth said. "One of the Taiwanese participants whom I had met at a different music festival in the U.S. a few years ago, sent me a private message and said he hadn't been happy with his performance at one of the recitals and therefore went back to practice for two hours that night. He was one of several students I had previously met both in the U.S. and in Taiwan."

"I was inspired and humbled in the presence of the renowned international jury—what an honor to be in the company of these world famous pedagogues and pianists," he continued.

"Last, but not least, the food was amazing."



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We Are Here For You!
2nd Annual Run for You 5k

Proceeds benefit
MU Counseling Center

For more information contact contact Michelle Biggs
at miller138@marshall.edu.



TO REGISTER:

www.tristateracer.com/RaceDirector/participant/register.php?RaceID=10919

Join us for a race
around campus!

SATURDAY, APRIL 11
\$15 Registration – 8am
Race start – 9am

STARTS/ENDS
at MU Rec Center

Sponsored by the Division of Student Affairs, MU Counseling Center, and SGA.
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RCBI hosting SBIR/STTR Boot Camp April 21 in Huntington



The Robert C. Byrd Institute (RCBI) is hosting a boot camp presented by TechConnect to educate researchers and small business owners about the federal Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs.

The Tuesday, April 21, event provides an opportunity for participants to learn more about the

SBIR and STTR programs, which are a source of funding for small businesses and university researchers. The boot camp is from 4-6 p.m. at RCBI Huntington, 1050 Fourth Avenue, and will be followed by

refreshments and a networking session from 6-7 p.m. at the new Brad D. Smith Business Incubator, located nearby at 927 Third Avenue. Both events are free.

SBIR is the nation's largest seed funding initiative and is sponsored by the federal government to drive innovation through small business and university research. The State of West Virginia has launched a new Phase Zero program to provide funding for qualified applicants to write SBIR/STTR proposals. Successful applicants can then apply for additional state grants to match SBIR/STTR Phase One and Two awards.

The event is free, but registration is required. Participants may register at www.rcbi.org/go/sbir-sttr-bootcamp.

Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities will be made if requested at least two weeks in advance. For more information about the boot camp, contact Anne Barth at ann@techconnectwv.org.

Plans underway for 2nd annual Girl Scout Badge College



After the success of last year's inaugural Girl Scout Badge College (left), Marshall and the Black Diamond Girl Scout Council are planning the Second Annual Girl Scout Badge College. This event, modeled on the annual Boy Scout Badge College at MU, gives Girl Scouts in our area the opportunity to learn about various topics such as Product Design, Computer Programming, and College Readiness from the amazing faculty, staff and students on our campus. Each girl earned two badges that day!

The second MU Girl Scout Badge College will take place on Saturday Nov. 7, 2020, and will focus on Juniors (grades 4-5), Cadettes (grades 6-8), Seniors (grades 9-10), Ambassadors (grades 11-12) and their parents and troop leaders. If you would like more information on the Black Diamond Girl Scout Council, the MU Girl Scout Badge Day, or the individual badges, please contact Dr. Kelli Johnson at kelli.johnson@marshall.edu.

MARSHALL LIBRARIES
AND ONLINE LEARNING

Luggage Drive *for Foster Care*

Did you know, most children in foster care transport their only possessions in trash bags? Marshall Libraries and Online Learning is **collecting new and gently used luggage** to be given to children in the local foster care system.

Donations can be dropped off at the first floor circulation desk in Drinko Library through April 30.



Libraries and Online Learning and Information Technology
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