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The Newsletter for Marshall University

Aug. 5, 2020

Revised student schedules to be available later this week

Students and faculty/staff received a message yesterday as a follow-up to President Gilbert's message from last week regarding fall course delivery:

Fall Course Delivery

We are still working to update all course schedules to reflect changes in delivery format. **No later than this Friday, Aug. 7, all students will be able to log into their myMU accounts to view the delivery format for all courses on their fall schedules.**

Fall courses will be offered in the following formats or some combination thereof:

- **Face-to-Face**, meaning a traditional classroom experience (although with reduced classroom occupancy and required face coverings);
- **Virtual**, meaning class sessions held live via Blackboard and peripheral software, with instructors broadcasting lectures and leading classroom discussions at the specified class meeting day and time. (Sessions are recorded so students who do not have reliable access to broadband and/or other technical difficulties can watch the class at another time); and
- **Online**, meaning with no live/real-time class meetings. Course assignments, notes, group chats and discussions are posted on Blackboard and can be accessed at the student's convenience.

Virtual Town Hall

An additional Virtual Town Hall meeting has been scheduled to give students and families the opportunity to learn more about fall course delivery and to ask questions. The Town Hall is scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 5, from 6-8 p.m. **To attend, [please register here.](#)**

Charlotte Weber named a ‘Sharp Shooter’ by West Virginia Executive



Charlotte Weber, CEO of the Robert C. Byrd Institute (RCBI) was named a member of the 2020 class of “Sharp Shooters” by West Virginia Executive Magazine. The class was featured in the magazine’s spring/summer issue, which may be viewed online at <https://view.joomag.com/west-virginia-executive-spring-summer-2020/0775875001594671504?short&>.

In Memoriam: Paul Dempsey



Paul Edwin Dempsey Jr., R.P.T., who served as the piano technician for Marshall’s School of Music for more than 40 years until his retirement in 2013, died July 29.

His complete obituary may be read online at the Herald-Dispatch site at https://www.herald-dispatch.com/obituaries/wv/paul-edwin-dempsey-jr/article_fe1bb534-003f-5fbd-a0f7-26a15180fc13.html.



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Alumni Advisory Board postpones annual School of Journalism and Mass Communications Hall of Fame induction ceremony



The annual fall induction ceremony for the Marshall University's W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications (SOJMC) Hall of Fame is being postponed because of the coronavirus pandemic.

"In the interest of safety for everyone involved, we think this is the best decision," said Chris Dickerson, president of the SOJMC Alumni Advisory Board, which handles the Hall of Fame nomination process and annual ceremony. "We look forward to celebrating the careers and accomplishments of our five newest inductees as soon as possible, hopefully sometime in the spring."

Bill Bissett, Tony Crutchfield, Chris Fabry, Dan Hollis and Susan Nicholas were selected for enshrinement by the board earlier this year.

The first SOJMC Hall of Fame class was enshrined in 1985, and the latest honorees bring the number of inductees to 73.

"This year's class of inductees is another perfect example that proves Marshall has one of the best journalism and mass communications programs in the country," Dickerson said. "We are extremely proud of all of our graduates, and it is an honor to welcome these five very deserving members to our Hall of Fame."

Bissett, a 1997 graduate of the SOJMC master's program, is president and CEO of the Huntington Regional Chamber of Commerce. He also served as chief of staff and senior vice president for communications of Marshall University under the late President Stephen J. Kopp. He also was President of the Kentucky Coal Association. He is a Huntington native, a United States Army veteran and holds three degrees from Marshall (B.A. 1992 and Ed.D. 2014, in addition to the master's degree).

Crutchfield, a 1982 SOJMC graduate, is senior vice president of army systems, defense, space and security with Boeing. He served in the U.S. Army with distinction, rising to the rank of Lieutenant General. He also is a member of the board of the Society of Yeager Scholars, and he is involved in other types of service to the university.

Fabry, a 1982 SOJMC graduate, is a best-selling author and an award-winning broadcaster. Primarily focusing his work on family and Christian issues, the Culloden native has written more than 80 books – including titles that have landed him on The New York Times best-seller lists – and has hosted national radio programs for more than 35 years.

Hollis has been a member of the SOJMC faculty since 1999. He has inspired countless former students to become journalists, and he continues to produce award-winning video projects as well. He graduated from the University of Southern Indiana and has a master's degree from the University of Kentucky. He has received numerous awards and honors during his two decades at Marshall, most recently the Hedrick Outstanding Faculty Award.

Nicholas, a 1990 SOJMC graduate, currently is an anchor for WSAZ's First Look at Four, but she has been a fixture in local broadcasting for more than 30 years. The Milton native also previously worked at WOWK-TV and has helped the SOJMC in a variety of ways over the years, such as hosting last year's Hall of Fame induction ceremony.

Inductees need to have a connection to the SOJMC, such as being a graduate or a faculty member, and should meet at least one of two major criteria to be nominated:

- A graduate of Marshall's JMC program who has contributed to Journalism and Mass Communications as a profession. The nominee has made a contribution to the profession of journalism or has made a positive impact upon the profession.

- Contribution(s) to Marshall University's SOJMC. The nominee, either through talent, treasure or activity, has made an outstanding impact upon the school.

The school usually has an enshrinement dinner and ceremony each fall to honor the inductees, which usually attracts more than 200 guests.

For more information or questions about the SOJMC Hall of Fame, please contact the school at sojmc@marshall.edu.

Marshall psychologists, students present in Comic-Con@Home, this year's version of Comic-Con International

Psychologists from Marshall University's Psy.D. program were invited to be part of Comic-Con International this summer, which because of the pandemic was altered into a virtual event, Comic-Con@Home. The event was hosted online July 22-26, featuring over 350 panel discussions that included actors, writers and other famous names from television, movies, gaming and comics.

The Marshall psychologists' discussion, titled, "Christmas in July: The Psychology of Pop Culture and Christmas," is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fdbl85KMjuk>, with almost 1,700 Comic Con participants registered to view it. Panelists included Dr. Keith Beard, director of Marshall's Psy.D. program; along with Dr. April Fugett, a professor in the Department of Psychology; Dr. Britani S. Black, an instructor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine in the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine; and Psy.D. students Casey Collins and Jake Bass.

"Comic-Con is such an exciting experience, and with it being completely virtual this year, it opens up the opportunity for us to talk about our research to a worldwide audience who would never have the chance to attend or see us present in person," Beard said. "I believe that our ability to do this type of research and then a presentation to this audience is particularly useful in helping people see that research and psychology at Marshall can be fun, informative, educational and on things that people are interested in learning more about."

The group has participated in Comic-Con International in previous years as well. Last year, a group from Marshall traveled to San Diego and presented on the topics of nostalgia and animation, as well as some psychological aspects of Harry Potter fandom, as part of the 50th Anniversary of Comic-Con International.

Their research and presentations have always included students.

"Marshall is helping to train students in how to learn, conduct and evaluate research and giving them the opportunity to do this on topics that are of interest to them," Beard said.

Black said that the experience of presenting at Comic-Con shaped her academic career when she was a student on the panels.

"Now, as I start my career, it is continuing to do so with new media," Black said. "It was wonderful to be part of their at-home initiative during such a stressful time, and to be able to showcase our work and students in such an exciting manner."

This year's presentation discussed popular (and unpopular) Christmas movies and other programming and the psychological aspects of how people choose their favorites.

It's an important opportunity for researchers as well as students, Fugett said.

"Presenting research to a broad and diverse audience with different experiences and backgrounds is a good reminder that while we may see things differently at a personal level we can still come together and find commonalities," she said.

For more information about Marshall's Psy.D. program, visit <https://www.marshall.edu/psych/programs/psyd-program/>

Marshall medical student earns minority research fellowship for child and adolescent psychiatry



Second-year medical student Chuchitra Thanigaivasan has been selected for a prestigious research fellowship from the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP).

As a recipient of the AACAP Jeanne Spurlock, M.D., Research Fellowship in Substance Abuse and Addiction for Minority Medical Students, Thanigaivasan will have the opportunity to explore a research career in substance use disorder as it relates to child and adolescent psychiatry, gain valuable work experience and network with leaders in the

child and adolescent psychiatry field. The fellowship includes an award of up to \$4,000 for 12 weeks of research under the guidance of her mentor. She will also submit a proposal to present her work during the AACAP Virtual Annual Meeting in October.

As a research fellow, she will work with her mentors in Marshall's Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine—Associate Professor Kelly E. Melvin, M.D, and Assistant Professor Hillary N. Porter, D.O., as well as Marshall alumna Nafeeza Hussain, M.D., M.P.H., a resident physician with Marietta Memorial Hospital. Thanigaivasan will study the prevalence and correlation of psychiatric disorders among children and adolescents in an Appalachian health system.

"This is the opportunity of a lifetime to study the developmental impact on children and adolescent mental health in the Appalachian region," Thanigaivasan said. "My research will not only provide an overview of the issues we are facing, but also use this information to better serve our patients in through implementation of public health programming. I have so much gratitude toward Drs. Porter, Melvin and Hussain for their guidance and support as I explore my different interests in medicine. They have been truly invaluable in my medical school experience."

Thanigaivasan is a native of Charlotte, North Carolina, and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Global Studies with a concentration in Health and Environment from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She hopes to gain experience working with the pediatric population, psychiatry and rural medicine through this research experience to help determine what her future holds.

Marshall Health welcomes two obstetricians and gynecologists



[The Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, Marshall Health](#) and [Cabell Huntington Hospital](#) welcome **Jessica Buerck, M.D., FACOG**, and **Kristin Sinning, M.D.**, to their team of obstetricians and gynecologists.

Buerck has been named an assistant professor and Sinning has been named an instructor in the department of obstetrics and gynecology at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. Both provide routine gynecologic exams and the management of obstetric patients throughout their pregnancies via in-person and virtual visits.

Buerck most recently provided care at CHH Women's Health. She has been practicing in the Huntington area for 10 years. She graduated from the Marshall School of Medicine where she also completed her residency. She is certified by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Sinning earned her medical degree from Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio, where she also graduated with her master's degree in public health. She completed her residency at the Marshall School of Medicine. In addition to routine care, she specializes in minimally invasive surgery.

Marshall OB/GYN, an outpatient department of Cabell Huntington Hospital, is composed of a team of 16 physicians and a nurse practitioner who provide comprehensive women's health care, including specialties such as gynecologic oncology and maternal-fetal medicine. Sinning and Buerck are accepting appointments and referrals at the Marshall University Medical Center office in Huntington. For scheduling, call 304-691-1400. Buerck also sees patients at Marshall Health – Teays Valley, 304-691-1800.

Certified physician assistant joins Marshall Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery



Marshall Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery recently welcomed Erin K. Bateman, PA-C (left), to its team of providers.

Bateman specializes in providing injectables such as Botox®. She has a background in skin care treatment and continues to provide care at Marshall Dermatology. She received her master's degree from Shenandoah University in Winchester, Virginia, and is certified by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants.

Bateman joins board-certified plastic surgeons, Adel A. Faltaous, M.D. and Peter D. Ray, M.D., and aesthetician Trish McCarty. She currently sees patients on Fridays at Marshall Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery located at 5185 U.S. 60, Suite 26, in Huntington. For appointments, call 304-691-8910.

Endowment established in memory of Dr. Nell Bailey



Grant and Kheng McGuire recently established the Nell Bailey Endowment for the Society of Yeager Scholars. Kheng McGuire has served on the Yeager Board of Directors since 2017 and Grant McGuire says the Bailey family meant a lot to them.

"We were blessed to have friends like Nell and her mother, Pearl, when we first moved to Huntington," said Grant McGuire. "Nell loved the students at Marshall University and was excited about the Yeager Scholars program, which challenged these scholars and developed their potential."

Dr. Nell C. Bailey, who passed away in December of 2018, was the first woman to be appointed vice president at Marshall University when she was named vice president and dean of student affairs in 1984. After serving in that position for eight years, Bailey returned to teaching in 1992 and worked in conjunction with the university's president as a special assistant. She also served as the dean for the Center for Adult and Extended Education.

Bailey received her bachelor's degree in education from the former Salem College in 1956 and went on to earn her master's degree in education from Kent State University. She then received her doctorate from Indiana University. She held administrative and teaching positions at Salem College, Kent State University, Indiana University, Bethany College and Illinois State University prior to serving at Marshall. Honors College Dean Dr. Nicki LoCascio says Nell Bailey was an important part of the lives of the students she helped.

"I had the privilege of knowing Nell Bailey and saw firsthand her tireless mentoring and care for students at Marshall University. The McGuires' generous gift honors a remarkable woman, and I am grateful for their support," LoCascio said.

Endowments established for the Society of Yeager Scholars provide resources such as tuition, room and board, books, study abroad opportunities and more for students who represent the program.

Those who wish to contribute to the Nell Bailey Endowment for the Society of Yeager Scholars may do so by mailing a check to the Marshall University Foundation Inc., 519 John Marshall Dr., Huntington, WV 25703, with the scholarship name in the memo line, or by visiting <https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/mufoundation> and inserting the scholarship name in the comment box.

For more information about the Society of Yeager Scholars, please contact Cara Bailey, coordinator of the Yeager program, by e-mail at bailey160@marshall.edu.

Photo: Grant and Kheng McGuire recently established an endowment for the Society of Yeager Scholars in memory of Dr. Nell Bailey (above).

Fontaine named resident of the month



The Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine named Andrew Fontaine, M.D., its Resident of the Month for July, announced Paulette S. Wehner, M.D., vice dean of graduate medical education at the school.

Nominated by nurses, residents, staff, faculty and medical students, Fontaine has drawn accolades for his willingness to accept additional responsibilities due to COVID-19.

"The development of physician leaders is imperative during this complex and challenging time of delivering health care," Wehner said. "Our July Resident of the Month has stepped into a leadership role that is above and beyond expectations during the past few weeks. Those nominating Dr. Fontaine have consistently stated he has led without complaint and with a constant positive attitude."

Fontaine is completing his fourth year of the five-year orthopaedic surgery residency. Orthopaedic surgery is the study of the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of disorders of the bones, joints, ligaments, tendons and muscles. This includes sports injuries and joint replacement to fractures and spinal deformity.

"Dr. Fontaine has unselfishly taken the initiative to help the department during the pandemic," said Matthew Bullock, D.O., associate residency program director for orthopaedic surgery. "I undoubtedly believe he will continue to serve as a role model for younger residents and medical students."

Fontaine, a Florida native, earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Florida and his medical degree from the University of Central Florida. After graduating from residency in June 2022, Fontaine plans to complete a fellowship.

As part of his recognition, Fontaine received a plaque and designated parking spot.

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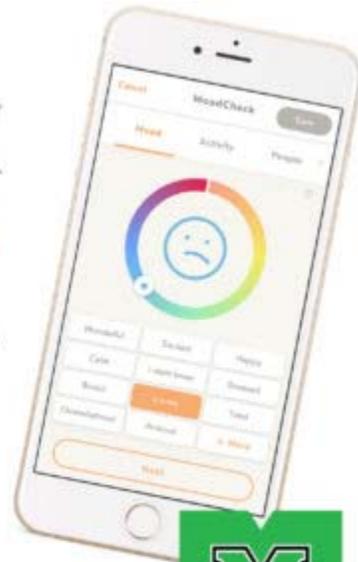
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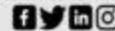
It's a mental health app, which includes features for dealing with stress, anxiety, depression, homesickness, and any worries associated with COVID-19.

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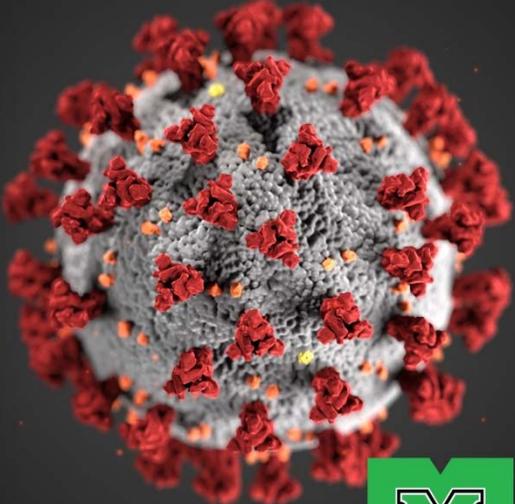
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Coronavirus Statistics for Summer as of 7/31/2020:

Number of People Tested: 337
Confirmed Cases: 17
Recovered Cases: 13
Currently Active Cases: 4

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Two Marshall students win Freeman-ASIA scholarships



Two Marshall students have won Freeman-ASIA scholarships to study abroad in the spring of 2021. Alexander Khoury and Morgan Rash both plan to attend Kansai Gaidai University in Kansai, Japan.

Khoury, who also recently won the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship, is a senior double majoring in International Business and Management. Khoury studies Japanese at Marshall, and intends to use the language in international missions and missionary work.

Rash is a junior majoring in Japanese and English. She is a member of Marshall's Honors College and is president of the Sado (Tea) Club. She hopes to work as a translator after graduating.

Freeman-ASIA offers scholarships of up to \$7,000 for study abroad expenses including travel, living costs, tuition, books, etc. The scholarship is open to students who are U.S. citizens with 2.8 GPAs or higher who can demonstrate a need for financial assistance in a proposed study abroad program in one of fifteen Asian countries. Winners are selected by the quality of the essays and an interest in Eastern or Southeast Asian Studies.

Both students worked with Marshall's Office of National Scholarships on their applications. For more information on the Freeman-ASIA scholarship, visit <https://www.ije.org/programs/freeman-asia> or contact Mallory Carpenter at the Office of National Scholarships by phone at 304-696-2475 or by e-mail at Mallory.carpenter@marshall.edu.

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