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# WE ARE... MARSHALL®

The Newsletter for Marshall University

Jan. 20, 2021

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## Marshall introduces new head football coach

JANUARY 20, 2021



Marshall introduced Charles C. Huff (left) as its 31st head football coach yesterday, elevating the 37-year-old Maryland native to his first stint as head coach.

In addressing reporters online and a virtual audience of several thousand people via a livestream, Huff opened his remarks by thanking Marshall University President Jerome Gilbert, Athletic Director Mike Hamrick, the university's Board of Governors, the search committee and "everybody who bleeds green."

"Everyone should take the attitude we are working to build a champion," Huff said. "We aren't working on championships or a certain game; we are working to be a champion. My mission statement is to create an environment and atmosphere to build the best person, then student, and then player. We want every student-athlete to have better success in life because they were part of this program."

Gilbert welcomed Huff to Huntington, saying he was proud to have Huff and his family as part of the Marshall family.

"We all know that Herd football is about greatness and success," Gilbert said. "It is about tragedy and success, and the 75 and the young Thundering Herd. We welcome Coach Huff to begin this next chapter in our rich history—the Huff era."

Huff was also presented with a personalized Thundering Herd football jersey by Hamrick before answering questions from sports reporters around the state. He officially began his duties today. Please visit these links for photos and a video from yesterday's event:

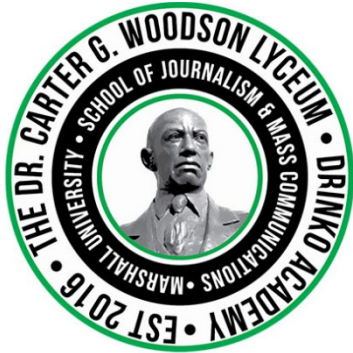
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# Marshall receives grant for Black History Institute announces winners of 2021 Black History Poster Contest

JANUARY 20, 2021



At a press event yesterday, the Dr. Carter G. Woodson Lyceum at Marshall University announced a major grant from West Virginia Humanities Council supporting its summer Black History Institute, as well as winners of the 2021 Black History Competition. The lyceum also premiered short documentaries by local filmmakers, and announced upcoming events involving commemoration of the 95th annual salute to African Americans in history.

The grant from the West Virginia Humanities Council will support K-12 teachers who will study history and how to better integrate Black history within their lessons. The award covers three hours of graduate credit and provides teachers with \$500 stipends.

This summer's Black History Institute will be the fourth such program since 2017 at Marshall University and is scheduled for June 19-23, 2021. Tentative plans include travel to historic sites; however, the pandemic may require virtual presentations if travel remains unsafe in June.

The program also is made possible through support from Glenwood Foundation and other Woodson Lyceum resources, including Marshall University's College of Arts and Media, College of Education and Professional Development, Intercultural Affairs, W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications and West Virginia's Herbert Henderson Office of Minority Affairs.

The deadline for applications is by 5 p.m. on March 31. Instructions for applicants will be available by mid-February. In the meantime, teachers with questions should feel free to contact Burnis Morris at [morrisb@marshall.edu](mailto:morrisb@marshall.edu). Applications can be submitted to: [https://marshall.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_1FTTHmaZiBcSW2O](https://marshall.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1FTTHmaZiBcSW2O).

Also celebrating Black History is the annual Black History Poster contest, sponsored by the Dr. Carter G. Woodson Lyceum. The 2021 Poster Competition winners are:

## **Marshall University winners**

1st Place: Isabella Schrader, freshman, Biological Engineering, from Chesapeake, Ohio

“For my poster, I decided to portray two separate individuals, holding up a poster in protest,” Schrader said. “As you can see, the two people are of different races, symbolizing that everyone must work together for any progress to be made regarding racial justice. I used a quote from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., because his words greatly resonate with the overarching theme of the project, as well as current events

surrounding racism. The words also added to the effect of the protest sign, as part of it appears to be directly written on the sign. The tape over silence is meant to show that if people are being silent, they are doing damage and the tape must be removed in order for real change to be accomplished. The sky behind the poster and hands is bright blue and has white, puffy clouds to show that even if a day is ‘calm’ or ‘nice,’ the fight is not over, and we must continue to take action. Overall, I wanted this poster to show that racial justice is essential to a better society, and we will only achieve this goal if people are united.”

2nd Place: Shawna Lockard, freshman, Biology Major, Minor in Chemistry, from Kermit, West Virginia

“No one knows a single right way to go about combatting the systematic institution of racism,” Lockard said. “However, there is a wrong action- no action at all. No matter what you are able to do to assume the role of an antiracist or what resources you have to go about fighting for true equality, the important part is that you do something. You break away from the shackles of indifference and inaction that keeps you bound and raise your fist to join the movement. I’ve learned that if a group of Americans are being mistreated, it is a problem for ALL Americans and demands immediate action. For this poster, I used only acrylic paint and white ink.”

3rd Place: Tyler Hebert, freshman, Civil Engineering with a minor in Chemistry, from Huntington

“As a white individual, I felt it was necessary to focus primarily on African American college students and specifically a female African American Marshall student rather than focusing on ideals that didn’t directly impact Marshall students,” Hebert said. “My model is a freshman student who I met and became close friends with during my first semester at Marshall. Utilizing her in my poster was a way to convey her troubles, experiences, and overall opinions on how to showcase and improve racial justice. My concept is to show that racial injustice is an ongoing issue and will continue to persist no matter what happens, linking directly to the historical quote located in my poster, ‘You can kill a man, but you can’t kill an idea,’ by Medgar Evers. With continual abuse and neglect of African Americans through our country and government, the cause is gaining more traction and attention now due to the exposure of people to the issue. My poster is intended to draw your attention and be impactful in that this fight for racial equality will not be silenced, hitting to the metaphor of the women ripping the tape off her face which has ‘silence’ written on it.”

### **Elementary School winner**

1st Place: Elynn Winters, 5th Grade, Southside Elementary School, Teacher Courtney Arnold

This poster is commended for its forthright representation of the “Racial Justice” theme; clarity of message; color scheme; and also for use of technology in the creation of the design. The use of emojis situates this as a youthful entry of these times.

“My poster is about supporting equal rights for people of color,” Elynn said. “I put equality for all at the bottom because everyone needs to take that in.”

### **Middle School winner**

1st Place: Milla Werthammer, 8th Grade, Barboursville Middle School, Teacher Molly Fisher

Commended for color, subtle skin tones, scale shift from hands to portraits, and featuring both prominent African American men and women.

“While preparing my submission for this contest, I learned many facts about Black history and was inspired by the four most influential African American leaders,” Milla said. “I chose to illustrate Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, Maya Angelou and Barack Obama because they fundamentally helped shape the world in which we live today.”

### **High School winners**

1st Place: Chloe Massey, 9th Grade, Huntington High School, Teacher Anthony Loveday

Commended for powerful expression of the 2021 theme, the honoring of those who have died recently in police custody, and a moving use of color, paint, word, and image. All areas of this ambitious poster were filled with meaning, with supporting subject matter positioned around the central focus on two African Americans. The original typography of “No Justice, No Peace” is exceptional – bold, dimensional, emotional. This entry is both a successful poster design and a work of fine art.

“I learned that race-based inequality is a major issue in the world we know today,” Chloe said. “I learned that I can push my artistic skills and make a beautiful piece of art that means something and could help someone. I painted this painting to show that no matter where you came from, no matter your skin tone, religion, or culture you can make a change and stand together to make a world a better place. I’m so happy that I got the chance to make this because I never knew I was capable of making something so powerful. This piece made me realize that I have a place in this world and it’s to help other people. So that hopefully they can help others and the world can be the way it should be. Equal.”

2nd Place: Alexandria Lindberg, 12th Grade, Huntington High School, Teacher Diana Frazier

The lighthearted and appealing color scheme and decorative border effectively draw viewers to notice that this is in fact an image of protest and proclaims ideals of racial justice.

“I demonstrated the history of protests in my submission, as well as emphasizing meaningful quotes that showcase the emotions of those who demanded equal rights,” Alexandria said. “Dr. Woodson pushed for recognition of Black history in schools; this contribution has developed into an entire month of awareness and appreciation of those who fought and continue to fight for equal rights. Especially now and within the past few months, the recognition of the current problems African Americans are currently facing has opened up more attention towards the importance of voting for change.”

3rd Place-Tie: Kyleigh Hoey, 11th Grade, Huntington High School, Teacher Diana Frazier

This entry takes an original approach to the use of the fist as a universal symbol of protest. The text on the fist is well chosen for the theme and also relate well to the forms of the hand. The collaged, photographic

images in the space around the fist are diverse in subject, scale, and source, and link contemporary and historical times.

“I was inspired by Carter G. Woodson’s education and teaching career and feel an even greater connection to his inspiring story given our shared experience of growing up in Huntington,” Kyleigh said. “My poster includes a central Black Lives Matter fist to represent the ongoing struggle African Americans to achieve full equity and justice in this country. In white are the words of Carter G. Woodson and the title of my poster. Along the edges are pictures torn out of old National Geographic magazines that date to the 60s and are intended to symbolize something of this continuing struggle and elements of black history. The more prominent photos are of Woodson and important symbols of his past.”

3rd Place-Tie: Nicole LeGrow, 12th Grade, Huntington High School, Teacher Anthony Loveday

This image is bold and yet it also rewards the careful viewer. The tear, the draped chain around neck and shoulders, and the American flag covering the mouth combine to create a notable sense of pathos. The choice to present a woman relates well to the role of women in founding the Black Lives Matter movement.

“I chose to incorporate specific symbols like the chains around her body and the American flag taped over her mouth to spotlight how we silence and ignore the issues on race inequality because as white people we feel like it does not pertain to us,” Nicole said. “In reality Black people must deal with systematic racism and discrimination every day which effects an entire class of people and if we stay silent about racial inequality, nothing will ever change. I also chose to add newspaper to the background to symbolize how Black Lives Matter is negatively portrayed in the media and how racial issues are almost never covered or given the positive attention that it so desperately needs to show the world that racism is still happening and yes it is up to us the fix it.”

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# History professor launches podcast focusing on COVID-19 in West Virginia

JANUARY 20, 2021



Marshall history professor Dr. Chris White (left) has kicked off a new podcast discussing the COVID-19 pandemic. “COVID in West Virginia Podcast with Chris White,” is available on Spotify, Stitcher and Apple Podcasts. Episodes will be posted as they are made, with two episodes already available.

Access “COVID in West Virginia Podcast with Chris White” at <https://covidwv.buzzsprout.com>.

The first interview dealt with Metabolic Diseases and COVID-19 in West Virginia, featuring Dr. Mark Cucuzella, a professor of medicine at West Virginia University, and future episodes will cover other medical issues, such as the vaccine rollout, as well as education concerns, the economy, the history of epidemics in West Virginia and many more, White said. Along with health care professionals, he plans to interview politicians, civil servants, counselors, coaches and many others.

“Our hope is that this will be a public service that provides a forum for regional leaders and professionals to provide in-depth information and perspectives on their fight against the virus, in order to enhance civic engagement with this crisis,” White said. “We will also provide historical context for this pandemic.”

During the spring semester at Marshall, White will be teaching a course on pandemics called “The Path to COVID.” He’s also coediting a book with fellow Marshall history professor Dr. Kevin Barksdale titled “Appalachian Epidemics.”

“My focus over the past 10 months has been on promoting research and further understanding of COVID’s historical context,” said White, whose past research has focused on topics such as Latin American history and the drug epidemic in the Americas. “Then, last week, West Virginia was both number one in vaccinations and in new COVID cases in the country, so I decided it would be good to make a podcast series fleshing this contrast out.”

Fortunately, White said, his colleague, Marshall civil engineering professor Dr. Isaac Wait, had the technical abilities to help make it a reality, and his wife, Dr. Kimberly White, had the time to help with the writing.

“As a historian, I see this and other pandemics as fundamental to the human experience throughout our history, since the invention of farming, 11,000 years ago,” Chris White said. “It is the latest in a series of pandemics that have afflicted us to the extent that they have been almost entirely due to our own behavior

as a species. If we look to the past, we can also see where societies have succeeded and failed in their efforts to end them.”

The podcast has an advisory board, made up of fellow West Virginians with backgrounds in social work, engineering, journalism, city government and historical research, “This represents our broader public service goal,” White said.

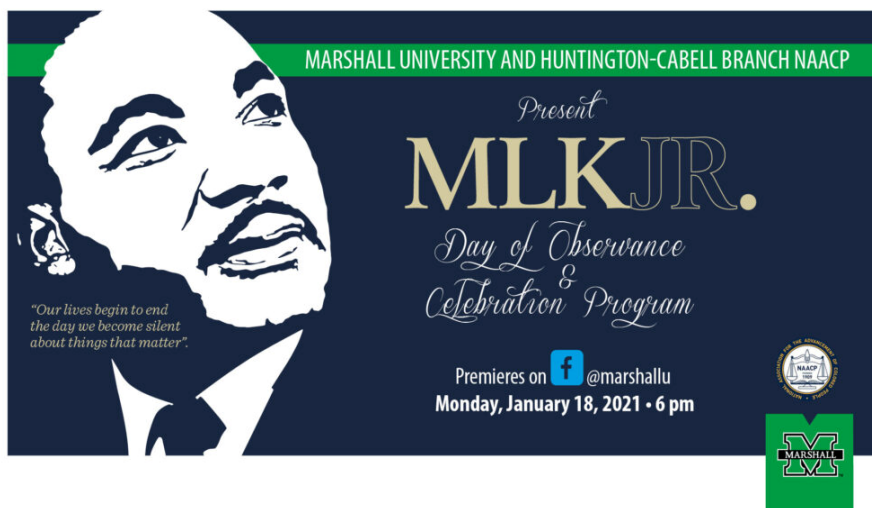
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## MLK Jr. Day of Observance and Celebration premieres on Monday

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Marshall University and Huntington-Cabell Branch NAACP presented a program in observance and celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. on Monday. It may still be viewed on the

university’s [Facebook](#) page.

The program features special remarks by Marshall University President Jerome Gilbert, Vice President for Student Affairs Maurice Cooley and President of Huntington-Cabell Branch NAACP David Wells. Musical selections are also included, as well as readings from the Letter From Birmingham Jail, which was composed by Martin Luther King Jr. in April 1964, discussing a moral responsibility that people have to break unjust laws.

“Marshall is pleased to join the Huntington-Cabell Branch of NAACP in this celebration, which lasts in our minds for the entire year ahead,” said Cooley, who is also the vice president for intercultural affairs at Marshall.



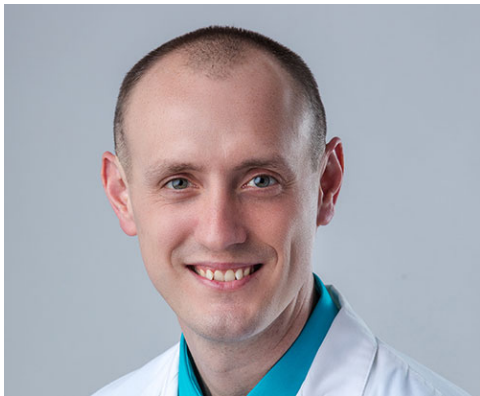
“Perhaps, more than any other time that I can recall, now is the moment in our nation’s history that we must rise up to speak about the importance of social and racial justice, freedom of speech, freedom of lawful protest and non-violent methods of resolving our difference in an effort to build a just and equal society for all,” said Cooley. “The legacy and history of Dr. King, tailored in scripture and passion for equal justice, is ever more striking and necessary.”

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## Boone Memorial Hospital now offers orthopaedics through partnership with Marshall Health

JANUARY 19, 2021



Through a partnership with Marshall Orthopaedics, Boone Memorial Hospital is now offering orthopaedic care at its main campus, located in Madison, West Virginia.

Dana Lycans, M.D. (left), orthopaedic surgeon at Marshall Orthopaedics, is providing comprehensive care for all ages. Lycans specializes in sports medicine and surgical treatment of the elbow, hip, knee and shoulder.

“We are delighted to welcome Dr. Lycans to Boone Memorial Hospital,” said Virgil Underwood, chief executive officer.

“His experience and knowledge further strengthen our hospital goals and allow our patients to receive excellent orthopaedic care close to home. We look forward to this partnership with Marshall Orthopaedics.”

A Wayne County native, Lycans earned his medical degree and completed his orthopaedic surgery residency at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. He completed an orthopaedic sports medicine fellowship at the American Sports Medicine Institute in Birmingham, Alabama. Lycans serves as an orthopaedic sports medicine physician for Marshall Athletics and assistant professor for Marshall’s school of medicine.

Lycans will be seeing patients every other Wednesday at Boone Memorial Hospital. For appointments or referrals, call 304-369-1230. For more information, visit [bmh.org/orthopaedics](https://www.bmh.org/orthopaedics).

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## Small Communities, BIG Solutions Conference announces award winners

JANUARY 20, 2021

Six recipients were honored with Power of Performance Awards and one was awarded the Small Communities, BIG Solutions advocate recently to recognize their efforts to change lives, put people to work and revitalize their communities. The awards were presented as part of the Third Annual Small Communities, BIG Solutions Conference, which showcased West Virginia successes and highlighted what is working across the state's 21 most southern counties. The honorees received a customized, glass award designed by a local artisan.

The conference was organized by the Alliance for Economic Development of Southern West Virginia (part of the Marshall University Research Corporation), West Virginia Community Development Hub and Coalfield Development.

In addition to these awards, four students were presented with a new award, the #WVSolutions Seekers Rising Leader Award and one #WVSolutions Seekers Educator of the Year was awarded, during the first statewide #WVSolutions Seekers Student Leadership Conference, which was also organized by the three organizations.

"I am always amazed by the honorees' talent and passion for our state," Sara Payne Scarbro, the Alliance's operations council chair, said. "There are power performers, student leaders and inspiring

educators in every community and we had an amazing opportunity to highlight just a few of them. I look forward to continuing these awards next year, because it is important to highlight the doers and celebrate their successes. Indeed, they are helping to build stronger West Virginia communities.”

## **2021 Power of Performance Award Categories and Recipients**

### *Southern West Virginia Leaders*

#### **Changing Lives**

The Minority Health Institute, which is operated by Dr. Anthony Woart, Dr. Georgiana Logan and LaDawna Walkter-Dean, was recognized with a Changing Lives award for the organization’s work to improve and protect the health and well-being of racial and ethnic minorities.

Also recognized in the Changing Lives category was Misty Martin, founder and program director of Marie’s Recovery House, a federally recognized sober living and treatment facility for women in Wayne. Martin engages the local community in the recovery process, which helps the women participating in the program to achieve their goals of sobriety improving their lives.

#### **Putting People to Work**

Dan Conant, president and founder of Solar Holler in Huntington, was recognized in the Putting People to Work award category. Solar Holler’s 40 employees have brought affordable solar electricity and family-sustaining jobs to West Virginia communities. In addition to residential installations, the company has installed panels for churches, libraries, schools and other community organizations.

Todd Cope, CEO of CentralApp was also recognized for his organization’s efforts in the Putting People to Work category. CentralApp trains people in technical skills and works to connect companies in need of tech talent with qualified workers from throughout the Appalachian region. Cope resides in Putnam County.

#### **Revitalizing Communities**

Melissa “Missy” Nester, publisher and owner of the Welch News and Pineville Independent Herald, was recognized in the Revitalizing Communities category. Nester was recognized because of her investment in the two community publications and her commitment to deliver local news as well as showcase positive events and the beauty of southern West Virginia.

Also recognized in this category was Kristin Dial, executive director of Coalfield Health Center, which serves more than 3,000 residents in Logan, Boone, Lincoln, Mingo and Wayne Counties. Dial is a founding member of the Wild Wonderful and Healthy Logan County initiative, which is a collaborative of entities implementing a community health plan to create a healthy workforce and increase economic development.

“These awards are to honor the unsung heroes who are working every day to better our state,” Stephanie Tyree, West Virginia Community Development Hub’s executive director said. “We hope to inspire others to make an impact in their own communities.”

### **Small Communities, Big Solutions 2021 Advocate**

The Small Communities, Big Solutions 2021 Advocate Award was presented to Jim Spencer, executive director of the Bluefield Economic Development Authority. The award recognizes Spencer for helping Bluefield, Princeton and Mercer County achieve Opportunity Zone designations, securing grants to help develop shovel-ready sites to increase investment opportunities and developing entrepreneurial programs, as well as his role in helping Bluefield land Intuit’s Prosperity Hub, which will bring between 200 and 500 jobs to the city’s downtown.

### **2021 #WVSolutions Seekers – Rising Leader Award Recipients**

#### *Statewide Student Leaders*

A new award for high school and college student leaders was introduced at this year’s first student leadership conference. Four students who have a passion for West Virginia, are active in their communities, have unique ideas or projects and show qualities of a rising leader in the Mountain State received #WVSolutions Seekers – Rising Leader awards. Each student received a \$250 scholarship made possible by Kroger, a customized, lighted award designed by RCBI and a certificate.

#### **2021 #WVSolutions Seekers – Rising Leader awards:**

Mitch Lehman is a student at West Virginia Institute of Technology and a young entrepreneur who is making a difference for the youth in the Beckley area. Lehman is working with the Piney Creek Watershed to create a safe educational climbing area. He believes that this area can be a steppingstone into the outdoors for many youth who never has experienced the wonderful recreation West Virginia has to offer. Lehman resides in Fayette County.

Brooklynn Hanshaw is a junior at Huntington High School and is a loving advocate for making positive change in her hometown. She is actively involved in the “Love your Block” Campaign sprucing up community spaces in the West Huntington Area. She is youth leader for United Way’s Prevention Empowerment Partnership addressing the issues and dangers of vaping. She also co-authors a quarterly newsletter, “Voices of Youth” that focuses on substance prevention.

Brooklyn Johnson, a junior at Cabell Midland High School, has had a substantial impact on her community starting at an early age. During the refugee crisis of 2014, her bake sale for the cause raised more than \$300 from her driveway. She has only continued to make a difference as an active member and leader, in many clubs and extracurricular activities During the pandemic she has worked tirelessly to create solutions to continue to reach her peers concerning substance misuse as well as sewn and donated more than 200 masks.

Melanie Jimmerson is a senior at Martinsburg High School and is active in finding opportunities to expand her knowledge on ways to grow West Virginia's economy. She was the only West Virginian among 19 students selected this year throughout the Appalachian region to be a part of Appalachia Entrepreneurship Academy. Along with a team of her peers have the opportunity to create a business that will further progress economic growth of in the Appalachia region.

“In a year as tough as 2020, the many problems facing our communities can feel totally overwhelming,” Founder and CEO of Coalfield Development Brandon Dennison said. “However, learning from these leaders is truly inspiring. They are leading the way and showing us that West Virginians are master problem-solvers.”

### **2021 #WVSolutions Seekers Educator of the Year**

Dr. Ben Eng is an assistant professor of marketing and entrepreneurship at Marshall University's Lewis College of Business. He is also the co-founding director of the Innovating for Impact Center for Entrepreneurship and Business Innovation (iCenter). Eng has spread design thinking, the cutting-edge innovation technique popularized in Silicon Valley, throughout Southern West Virginia. Through grants from the West Virginia Department of Education and the Appalachian Regional Commission, he has taught Design for Delight (D4D), Intuit's version of design thinking, to Career and Technical Education (CTE) students in many counties in West Virginia.

More than 600 participated throughout the two conferences. To learn more about the conference agenda, planning committee, partners and sponsors, please visit [www.wvsolutions.net](http://www.wvsolutions.net).

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Photos are located in linked folder for each winner. [https://livemarshall-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/g/personal/davis220\\_marshall\\_edu/EtBM48PP739LqrZVXOcqHfcBRUwL-4xCmX7ri1wykqG0GQ?e=C8ohWi](https://livemarshall-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/g/personal/davis220_marshall_edu/EtBM48PP739LqrZVXOcqHfcBRUwL-4xCmX7ri1wykqG0GQ?e=C8ohWi)

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## **Marshall adds new numbers to IDs**

NOVEMBER 25, 2020

Beginning January 31, 2021, Marshall University will begin using a 903-xx-xxx sequence of numbers for identification (ID). This is for new assignments only; existing numbers will not change.

All offices, departments and colleges should review their processes and procedures, including paper forms, to ensure compliance with this change.

While this is a relatively minor change in Banner, it will require personnel to become familiar with the additional number. Going forward, faculty and staff are encouraged to use the term “Marshall ID” rather than “901 number” to avoid confusion.

Any concerns or issues should be directed to [Brent Maynard](#), director, enterprise applications, at 304-696-2591.

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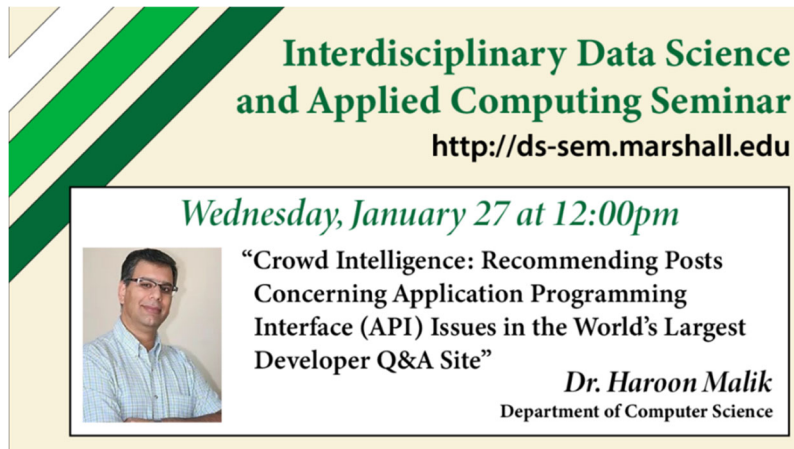


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# Dr. Haroon Malik to give inaugural talk for Data Science seminar

JANUARY 20, 2021



The graphic is a rectangular announcement with a light yellow background and a green and white diagonal stripe on the left side. The text is centered and reads: "Interdisciplinary Data Science and Applied Computing Seminar" in a bold green font, followed by the URL "http://ds-sem.marshall.edu" in black. Below this, in a smaller green font, is "Wednesday, January 27 at 12:00pm". To the left of the text is a small portrait of Dr. Haroon Malik, a man with glasses wearing a light blue shirt. To the right of the portrait, the text reads: "“Crowd Intelligence: Recommending Posts Concerning Application Programming Interface (API) Issues in the World’s Largest Developer Q&A Site”" in black, followed by "Dr. Haroon Malik" in a bold black font and "Department of Computer Science" in a smaller black font below it.

The College of Engineering and Computer Sciences and the College of Science are starting an interdisciplinary seminar on Data Science and Applied Computing. This biweekly seminar will include topics in data science, statistics, bioinformatics, high performance / scientific computing, computational modeling and other areas of research with a computational or data science

aspect. Talks are intended for a broad audience including faculty, graduate students, and undergraduate students from numerous fields.

The first speaker will be **Dr. Haroon Malik** from the Department of Computer Science. He will speak at noon Wednesday, Jan. 27 about “Crowd Intelligence: Recommending Posts Concerning Application Programming Interface (API) Issues in the World’s Largest Developer Q&A Site.” A link to join the talk online will be posted on the seminar website, <http://ds-sem.marshall.edu>. Malik is the recipient of the 2020 Distinguished Artists and Scholars award and an expert in the area of the performance analytics of Ultra-Large-Scale Systems (ULSS).

The seminar organizers are Dr. Sanghoon Lee ([leesan@marshall.edu](mailto:leesan@marshall.edu)) from the College of Engineering and Computer Sciences and Dr. Carl Mummert ([mummertc@marshall.edu](mailto:mummertc@marshall.edu)) from the College of Science.

The abstract for Dr. Malik’s talk is as follows: The Application Programming Interface (API) design is known to be a challenging craft, as API designers must balance their elegant ideals against “real-world” concerns, such as utility, performance, backward compatibility and unforeseen emergent uses. However, to date, there is no principled method to collect or analyze API usability information that incorporates input from typical developers. In practice, developers often turn to Q&A websites such as stackoverflow.com (SO) when seeking expert advice on API use; the popularity of such sites has thus led to a very large volume of unstructured information that can be searched with diligence for answers to specific questions. The collected wisdom within such sites could, in principle, be of great help to API designers to better support developer needs, if only it could be collected, analyzed, and distilled for practical use. The talk will present a methodology that combines several techniques, including social network analysis and topic mining, to recommend SO posts that are likely to concern API design-related issues. To establish a comparison baseline, two more recommendation approaches are considered: a reputation-based recommender and a random recommender. The proposed methodology, when applied to



the Q&A discussion of two popular mobile platforms, Android and iOS, achieves up to 93% accuracy and is more stable with its recommendations when compared to the two baseline techniques.

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A promotional graphic for TEDxMarshallU. The background is a dark space scene with a view of Earth from space. At the top, the text "TEDxMarshallU" is displayed in white, with "TEDx" in red. Below it, a smaller line of text reads "x = independently organized TED event". The main headline in red says "EVERYTHING BEGINS WITH AN IDEA." Below that, in white, is the question "DO YOU HAVE ONE IDEA THAT CAN CHANGE THE WORLD?". A paragraph of white text follows: "If so, submit a pitch for the chance to be selected as one of this year's TEDxMarshallU's speakers and have your voice be heard on a global stage this April." Another paragraph of white text states: "The deadline to submit a pitch has been extended to 11:59 p.m. on Monday, February 1 to provide more students, faculty, and staff the opportunity to pitch. To learn more information, visit [tedxmarshallu.com](http://tedxmarshallu.com) and click the 'Crowdsourced Speaker' tab." In the bottom right corner, there is a green square logo with a white 'M' and the word "MARSHALL" in white on a black bar across the middle. At the bottom center, there are social media icons for Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, followed by the text "tedxmarshallu". A small '#' symbol is located at the bottom right corner of the graphic area.

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With classes resuming later than usual, TEDxMarshallU has extended the deadline for speaker pitches to provide more opportunities for students, faculty and staff to share their ideas. Pitches are now due by 11:59 p.m. on Monday Feb. 1. For more information, please visit the "Crowdsourced Speaker" tab on [tedxmarshallu.com](http://tedxmarshallu.com), and follow @tedxmarshallu on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for the latest announcements and news.#

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- 2 If you want to pickup your materials outside of library hours (see Hours link below), use the Locker Reservation link in your confirmation email.
- 3 Pickup your requested materials in the lockers in Drinko Library's 1st floor Vending Machine room: enter through the Study Center using your MUID.
- 4 Reservations must be made at least 1 hour before the library closes for the day. Reservations made after closing will be for pickup the following evening.



\*Learn how to request materials: [libguides.marshall.edu/distance/covid-requests](http://libguides.marshall.edu/distance/covid-requests)  
View all Drinko Library & Study Center hours: [www.marshall.edu/library/about/hours](http://www.marshall.edu/library/about/hours)  
Have a question? Email [circ@marshall.edu](mailto:circ@marshall.edu)



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## Gro Marshall

### What is Gro?

- A mindfulness community, which encourages personal healing through connection to nature
- Open to anyone and encourages cultivating natural beauty, healthy foods and neighborly service
- Provides a safe space to learn new skills like gardening or meditation and to make new friends

*Join our virtual meeting on Zoom!*

**Every Wednesday @ 12pm**

To receive the secure meeting link,  
email: [harrison58@marshall.edu](mailto:harrison58@marshall.edu)

Coming Fall 2021: Volunteer opportunities  
and additional skill development classes

A partnership between  
Marshall University  
and Gro, Nature-Based  
Fellowships

Sponsored by: MU Wellness Center, MU Sustainability Department, Collegiate Recovery Community and Gro, Inc.



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**Grand Opening • January 15, 2021**

**MUVIT Pro Bono  
Physical Therapy Clinic  
Now accepting patients!**

**(Serving the uninsured and under-insured)**  
**Located in Gullickson Hall-G01**

**No referrals are required.  
To schedule an appointment, call  
304-696-2399.**

*Care is provided by doctoral level physical therapy students under the direct supervision of Marshall faculty members who are licensed physical therapists.*

The MUVIT Pro Bono Clinic is operated by the Marshall University School of Physical Therapy



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## Emeritus Achievement: John Van Kirk

JANUARY 20, 2021



“Missing and Presumed Dead,” a short story by John Van Kirk, emeritus professor of English, appears in the [2020 edition of War, Literature, and the Arts: An International Journal of the Humanities](#).

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# Marshall Libraries Launch Online Publication for Faculty and Staff

JANUARY 20, 2021



**Virtually serving our campus  
community during the  
COVID Pandemic**



<b>109,243</b> Number of total views to our Online Library Guides (Mar. 16, 2020 - Nov. 20, 2020)	<b>10,602</b> Number of library materials borrowed with our No-Touch Policy (March 2020 - November 2020)
<b>3,654</b> Number of Drinko Library and VHUB Bookings (Fall 2020 Semester)	<b>2,782</b> Number of library, research, and instruction interactions between students, staff, and librarians (Mar. 16, 2020 - Nov. 30, 2020)
<b>34</b> Number of students served by the Virtual Textbook Loan Program (Fall 2020 Semester)	<b>12</b> Number of new fully-online programs added in 2020

Marshall Libraries staff would like to remind the Marshall community that library services, hours, and resources for the spring semester will be similar to those that were in place for the fall semester.

An [online publication](#) is available showcasing these services and additional resources for faculty and staff.

MU Libraries staff will continue No-Touch services to aid in controlling the spread of COVID-19 among faculty, staff and students. These services include:

- providing students safe places to study and attend online classes via the VHUB scheduler: <https://marshall.libcal.com/reserve/drinko>
- use of the online Library Account platform and Interlibrary Loan systems to lend materials through No-Contact best practices
- assisting with student and faculty research as well as library instruction needs via robust virtual options (both synchronous and asynchronous)
- quarantining all returned library materials for three days to limit the spread of germs
- assisting students and faculty in finding materials through online databases -more than half of the 245 online databases provide instant access to full-text, scholarly research
- providing information for Open Educational Resources (OERs) which are available in full for free, via the *Digital, Technical, and Scholarly Communications Services* team

All library hours, including those for Morrow Library (Government Documents, Special Collections and Morrow Stacks) and the South Charleston Campus Library are available at [www.marshall.edu/library/about/hours](http://www.marshall.edu/library/about/hours).

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## Nurse practitioner fellowship in internal medicine accepting applications

JANUARY 20, 2021

The internal medicine nurse practitioner fellowship program at [Marshall Health](#) and the [Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine](#) is now accepting applications for its 2021-2022 cohort.

The fellowship provides one year of post-graduate training for nurse practitioners looking to transition into a new specialty or hone their skills in a specific area of practice. Fellows work closely with physicians, other nurse practitioners, pharmacists, resident physicians and internal medicine subspecialty fellows from the School of Medicine to grow professional expertise in clinical care, research, leadership, didactics and teamwork. Rotations in general internal medicine and cardiology are required. Elective rotations include endocrinology, nephrology and pulmonology.

Eligible applicants must have a graduated from an accredited Nurse Practitioner Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.) or Doctor of Nurse Practitioner (D.N.P.) program prior to the start of the fellowship on July 1. National board certification must be obtained by Sept. 1.

Applications must be submitted [online](#) no later than Monday, Feb. 8. Applicants selected for interviews will be scheduled in March with the final selection of fellows in April.

This fellowship is in the process of accreditation through the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. Additional information is available at <https://jcesom.marshall.edu/residents-fellows/programs/nurse-practitioner-fellowship/>.

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## Coronavirus Statistics:

New Cases Since Jan. 6, 2021

Students: 25

Faculty: 1

Staff\*: 8

*\* Includes auxiliary employees (Sodexo, Aetna, Rec Center, etc.)*

All testing is being done in partnership with Marshall Health, Cabell Huntington Hospital, Pleasant Valley Hospital, Q Labs Inc. and MedExpress Urgent Care.

The most recent information is always available at [www.marshall.edu/coronavirus/dashboard](http://www.marshall.edu/coronavirus/dashboard).



**Stay  
*Informed...***

For COVID-19 and  
Marshall University updates, visit:  
[www.marshall.edu/coronavirus](http://www.marshall.edu/coronavirus)

For additional information, visit:  
[www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)



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The next regular issue of *We Are...Marshall* will be distributed Jan. 27, 2021. Please send items for consideration to [WAMnewsletter@marshall.edu](mailto:WAMnewsletter@marshall.edu) by 5 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25, 2021.

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To read the content of this newsletter online, please click on the following link:  
[www.marshall.edu/wamnewsletter/January-20-2021](http://www.marshall.edu/wamnewsletter/January-20-2021).