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Welcome sons and daughters of Marshall to the 2018-2019 school year! My name is Hunter Barclay, and I am the 90th Marshall University Student Body President.

I am originally from Frostburg, Maryland—a town that is four hours north of Huntington and just across the state line. When I arrived at Marshall as a nervous, wide-eyed freshman, I did not know anyone on campus. Coming from a small town where almost everyone knows each other, I began to worry that I would get lost in the herd (pun intended).

Despite my worries, I joined several campus organizations where I quickly developed friendships with students who shared similar interests. Moreover, I encountered some fellow students who were polar opposites of me, but our differences led to intriguing discussions, and these discussions led to lasting friendships.

Now, as a senior, it is impossible to walk across campus without seeing many familiar faces who not only take the time to say hello but also ask how my day is going. At Marshall University, we are not just faces in a crowd; we are a family—a family who will create countless wonderful memories during the new academic year.

Finally, even though I am the Student Body President, I am still a typical college student who drinks too much coffee, binge watches Netflix, and procrastinates on homework assignments. Thus, I desire for all students to know I am relatable and approachable. Most importantly, I am a resource whenever you have concerns or questions. Vice President Hannah Petraccia and I look forward to representing your interests during the 2018-2019 academic year.

Go Herd!

Hunter Barclay, Student Body President
MICHAE L PREWITT
College of Health Professions

Employment in health-care careers is projected to grow 18 percent from 2016 to 2026, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. And that’s why you’re here, exploring our programs within Marshall University’s College of Health Professions. You understand that by choosing to pursue a degree in our college, your future is full of tremendous potential and growth.

As dean, I want you to know that our college continues to grow – our newest programs include a Master of Social Work degree program as well as West Virginia’s first Professional Master of Science in Athletic Training, which allows students to earn their master’s degree in only five years. No matter which degree you hope to pursue, we know our quality instruction and high academic standards will prepare you to succeed in whatever career you choose.

We hope you share our excitement for your opportunities. You will change the future of health care as we see PREWITT | pg. 10

TERESA EAGLE
College of Education and Professional Development

On behalf of all of us in the College of Education and Professional Development, it is a pleasure to welcome you to Marshall University. In making the choice to come to Marshall, you have made a decision that is setting you on the road to your future, a road that can take you wherever you want to go. It’s a new beginning – you’ve left high school behind, and the options you have in front of you are many. So here are some words of advice as you become one of the “Herd.” First, have an open mind. You will be having experiences unlike what you have had in the past. You’ll hear ideas that may differ from your own, meet people from across the country and across the world with different languages and different customs, and you will be faced with opportunities that you have not before imagined. Second, balance that open mind with thoughtful and considerate responses; in other words, make good decisions. Your life will be see EAGLE | pg. 10

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University College

Hello and welcome to University College at Marshall University. Our staff is here to provide the extra support needed to ensure you have the opportunity to succeed at Marshall. Our support includes the assignment of a specific academic counselor who can connect you to a multitude of resources on campus. We require individual advising meetings and we encourage career education referrals, tutoring services, academic enrichment programs and more. We invite you to stop by our offices in the Smith Communications Building, Room 212.

In addition to academic counseling and advising, University College administers a campus-wide Textbook Loan Program, University Studies courses, placement exams for math and chemistry, and the National Student Exchange. For more information about University College, our staff, and our programs, please visit our website at www.marshall.edu/uc. It see STEPP | pg. 10

CHUCK SOMERVILLE
College of Science

I am Chuck Somerville, dean of the College of Science (COS). On behalf of the dedicated COS faculty and staff, it is my pleasure to welcome you to – or back to – Marshall for the start of the 2019 Academic Year. We are glad that you are here, and I want you to know that, whether or not you are in a COS major, we are here to help you reach your goals.

Fall is always an exciting time, with many new faces on campus and lots of activities. Sometimes the university can be so busy that you may feel a bit overwhelmed. It is important to find your place within the campus community, and one way to do that is to join a student organization. There are more than 200 student groups on campus (https://herdlink.marshall.edu/organizations). Memberships is a great way to start feeling at home and build your lifelong social and career networks.

COS faculty and staff are also here to help you find see SOMERVILLE | pg. 10

ROBERT BOOKWALTER
College of Liberal Arts

Welcome to Marshall University!

In the College of Liberal Arts (COLA) we are excited to work with you as you begin your journey toward graduation. The general education classes you will take in our college will help you become a well-rounded, successful person with the skills that employers are looking for.

When you choose a major in the College of Liberal Arts you will learn about where we came from and how we can create success in our personal and professional lives.

Your university years are an important, exciting time in your life. You will become a smarter, better version of who you are in a COS major, we are looking for.

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WENDELL DOBBS
College of Arts and Media

Welcome to Marshall University and the College of Arts and Media. We are delighted that you are coming to Marshall and we believe you’ve made a very wise choice!

Your achievement is our highest priority and everyone in the dean’s office in Smith Hall 158 is ready to assist you in any way we can. You should feel comfortable coming to this office for anything and that includes when you want to share good news or if you have concerns, be they large or small. We are here for you.

This office is the home of the College of Arts and Media Student Success Center; under the direction of Ms. Tammy Reynolds. The Center offers coaching from faculty as well as a quiet place to study. You can meet with fellow students and collaborate or you can simply come in and hang out if you need some time to collect your thoughts or focus on a new assignment. Ms. Reynolds, along with the entire college staff, will be see DOBBS | pg. 10
Huntington continues to see progress with opioid epidemic

By AMANDA LARCH
NEWS EDITOR

Huntington may have been voted America’s Best Community, but just like any city, it still faces many issues, most notably the opioid drug epidemic. For years, Huntington has been fighting the epidemic, but progress is being made, and that progress, as well as solutions and success stories, were all discussed during the 2018 Drug Prevention Summit in June.

Public officials and community members alike met to discuss ways they are combating the opioid epidemic in Huntington and surrounding areas. From Prestera Center creating a 16 bed medically supervised detox facility for addicts, to Cabell Huntington Hospital starting a harm reduction program and police organizing a Quick Response Team for overdoses, Huntington citizens are working hard to make positive changes. Among those in attendance at the Drug Summit was local legend Jan Rader.

“We actually are seeing things turn around and get better, and we are the center of the solution,” Rader, Huntington Fire Chief and featured speaker, said. “I am part of the solution. You all are part of the solution, and I think that’s key for all of us to keep in mind as we move forward.”

Rader recently attended an opioid symposium sponsored by the National League of Cities, where six cities were represented, including Huntington. The main topic of the conference was how to decrease drug use, and Rader said she noticed one similarity between all six cities and how they are making a difference.

“All six cities had a strong faith community involvement in moving their communities forward in this epidemic that we’re dealing with,” Rader said. “I think that speaks volumes. We have a very strong faith community, with them we are so much stronger. They are our backbone. It’s a pleasure to be a part of the solution. This is just the beginning, let’s keep the positivity going. There’s so many naysayers; let’s squash them with our love and our kindness and our positive attitude.”

With the recent decision for police to no longer be the third agency to respond to non-life threatening overdose calls, Huntington Police Chief Hank Dial said it will free up resources, but police will respond if EMS needs them, the overdose is life threatening or if no one else is immediately available.

“Often we have overdose calls where EMS and fire would be responding, and then we would also respond,” Dial said. “So, we have three agencies going to do one thing; it’s just not a good use of resources. It will free up police officers to handle other problems. It should have no effect on the Narcan because we weren’t administering anyway. We’re not going on the ones where we’re observing someone administering, so it’ll free up police officers to do other things.”

Dial also gave a speech at the Drug Summit detailing the progress he has seen over the past year, including a reduction in Narcan usage, less needle litter and an overall decrease in the number of overdoses and violent crimes. Police have increased drug raids, enforcement and partnerships with the Attorney General and DEA offices.

“The role of problem identification has been filled,” Dial said. “We know what the problems are. I like finding solutions. As a matter of fact, our new slogan is ‘be part of the solution’ because we want problem solvers to come join us. When I became chief, the violent crime and opioid issues were on the top of my list. Either or solutions don’t work. A lot of people want to get lost in whether treatment is needed, or whether law enforcement is needed, or whether recovery is needed, if prevention is needed. There’s a simple answer and it is yes, they all are. Any drugs we can keep out of this city and keep from coming in here, getting folks evicted the first time, then that’s a win for us.”

With Marshall University being part of the Huntington community, it is not immune to the drug epidemic either, but Marshall police chief Jim Terry said the Marshall University Police Department is not seeing problems within the student community.

“We have not seen our students use it, but if it impacts Huntington in any way, it affects us; we don’t see it in our student population,” Terry said. “What we have dealt with has not been students, they’ve been passing through or on our parking lot. The numbers are looking good at the start of this year, and I believe the university is taking a proactive role in it. We have committees, we have medical school researchers; everybody is coming together for this, so we’re attacking it as a community, not just Marshall.”

MUPD offers a variety of services for students to stay safe on campus, including a 24/7 escort service and emergency phones located at various locations across campus.

“For the students, we do the escort service in a limited geographical area on campus and surrounding us,” Terry said. “We won’t come get you, but we’ll come get you from the library to your residence hall and things of that nature. We have the emergency phones throughout campus, they’re green with blue lights. They’re wall mounted and in selected parking lots, there’s radio-controlled ones that come directly to us. Everyone has a cell phone, but if they call that phone, we’re coming to that phone.”

Terry said he wants MUPD to be accessible and for students to not be afraid to reach out.

“We’re a proactive and community police-based organization, so we want the students to come to us,” Terry said. “They don’t need to have a fear of that. We’re here to help, so keep them safe, that’s our prime mission. We want them to be comfortable with us so they can be able to come to us. We try to stay visible so we’re out there. We work with the city, and we work with anybody who helps us keep the students safe, but we’re hand in hand with the city. They’re doing the bulk of it because they’ve got a drug unit that’s not on our campus, but in the surrounding area they’ve been great. If we identify a problem area, they come right in and help us. It’s a partnership.”

Terry and Dial offered advice for how students can stay safe on campus.

“Don’t give money to anybody that asks for it, don’t give rides to anybody that asks for it and call us immediately if you are panhandled or someone tries to get into your car,” Terry said.

“Be safe, look out for each other, don’t go into risky, sketchy situations,” Dial said. “Don’t be wandering around in public in an intoxicated state, don’t leave valuables in your car, lock your doors, use lighting, those things haven’t changed. Marshall students are just as safe today as they were when I went here in the late 80s.”

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The Market of downtown Huntington opens new businesses

The Market of downtown Huntington is continuing to grow and expand, now with eight local businesses to call the indoor shopping center home.

By AMANDA LARCH
NEWS EDITOR

The Market of downtown Huntington welcomes new ideas and businesses as much as customers. The indoor shopping center hasn’t stopped expanding or remodeling since it opened last year. So far, The Market is home to eight businesses, including Austin’s Homemade Ice Cream and Butter It Up, a health food restaurant and grocery, and there’s only one space left for another shop to open.

New plans for the summer include an outdoor patio where customers can visit and eat food purchased from inside, and The Market wants to offer live entertainment, too.

The most recent business to open at The Market is Tulsi, a health and wellness grocery store. Travis Lemon, Tulsi’s co-owner, said he wanted his shop to offer many healthy options.

“I’ve worked in this health and wellness field for about fourteen years, so I went from that, and we decided to open up our own place,” Lemon said. “We’ve been calling it a natural grocery and wellness store, so we’ve been doing a lot of organic, natural grocery products, snacks, organic snacks, refrigerated frozen stuff, specialty foods like gluten free, low allergen foods, as well as a pretty large line of supplements and some other health food products too.”

Lemon said one aspect of The Market that really interested him was its transformation of nightclubs and bars to a thriving business center.

“It was just such a neat idea,” Lemon said. “I think taking this building that had been empty for a while and before that it was just bars and nightclubs and stuff like that, to take that and turn it into something for local businesses was really a cool idea; that’s what drew us to it.”

The Hip Eagle is another new addition to The Market. A trendy women’s clothing boutique, The Hip Eagle offers various discounts for different groups, and the employees hope to give back to the community in the near future.

“Periodically we do discounts for teachers, students, expecting mothers and different people like that,” Carrie Gue, employee, said. “[Owner] Maggie wants to give back to the community, so maybe for babies, she would do a diaper drive. Once the store is established, she wants to start doing things like that, like little fundraisers.”

Gue is a Marshall student, and she said one of her favorite aspects of her job at The Market is meeting so many different people but also seeing those she recognizes.

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MARSHALL THUNDERING HERD

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 1
@Miami (OH)

Sept. 8
@Home

Sept. 15
@South Carolina

Sept. 22
@Home

Sept. 29
@WKU

Oct. 5
@Home

Oct. 13
@ODU

Oct. 20
@Home

Nov. 3
@Southern Miss

Nov. 10
@Home

Nov. 17
@Home

Nov. 24
@FIU
As a journalist, I never like to give personal anecdotes in my stories. I pride myself in objectivity and hard news.

But, in the words of the esteemed Marshall professor Dan Hollis: there’s always an exception.

Let’s go back to 2014, when I was an 18-year-old (admittedly) cocky freshman at Marshall. I vehemently questioned the old school, t-shirt wearing man with a southern West Virginia drawl as he began his tenure as Herd hoops head coach. He didn’t care what he said into a microphone (obviously, he still doesn’t), who heard it, or how the media interpreted it. I said to myself: how can a man who wears a t-shirt under his sports coat while he coaches a Division I men’s basketball team possibly achieve any level of success?

I will be the first to admit, I was dead wrong.

Four years later, I find myself in San Diego covering a Dan D’Antoni-led team in its first NCAA Tournament appearance in 31 years. On top of that, and against all odds, the Herd won a game! 13-seeded Marshall decisively beat 4-seeded Wichita State in the first round and forced its first matchup with WVU since the end of the Capital City Classic in 2015. Did the Herd beat WVU? No. But, WVU head coach Bob Huggins said it first: it doesn’t matter.

Now, before you chastise me for saying Huggins is right, I want you to think about something: did it really matter? Of course, the bragging rights Marshall would have gained from downing its in-state foe are insurmountable. On that same note, though, Marshall succeeded to the point in which it forced WVU into an NCAA Tournament matchup. A Capital City Classic in San Diego. A Capital City Classic that WVU didn’t want to play. American mystic and psychic Edgar Cayce could have given me a similar preseason prediction and I wouldn’t have believed him. I mean, Marshall was picked to finish seventh in the C-USA preseason standings.

That’s how big of deal this is. So, before we criticize WVU, let’s praise the Herd. What an unbelievable run.

Jon Elmore is, by far, the most versatile player in NCAA men’s basketball. The former rec league superstar, who allegedly scored over 100 points in an intramural game before he began his career at Marshall, shattered expectations on both sides of ball this season. Elmore is the first Division I college basketball player in 30 years to surpass 800 points (816), 200 assists (244) and 200 rebounds (210) in a single season. Elmore broke four Marshall single-season records with 816 points, 244 assists, 232 free-throws made and 281 free throws made. With an 83 percent free-throw percentage, Elmore has the second-highest percentage on the team.

The highest? C.J. Burks.

Three seasons into his Marshall career, C.J. Burks has made a name for himself. The junior guard started 35 games this season, averaging 36.5 minutes per game and 20.1 points per game. Burks scored 702 total points this season. He scored 96 of those points from the free-throw line, as he sported a team-leading .899 free-throw percentage (96-108). He also drained 86 total three’s and produced a .472 field goal percentage (260-551) throughout the season. Additionally, Burks tallied 144 total rebounds, ranking third-highest on the team behind Elmore and, of course, junior forward Ajdin Penava.

Ajdin Penava, also known as the “Bosnian Blocker,” stole headlines this year, as he led the nation in blocks for more than a majority of the season (from Dec. 16 until on). The junior forward out of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, blocked 134 shots in his 34 games of play. His total outnumbers the nation’s second-highest blocker—Texas’ Mohamed Bamba—by 23 (130). To supplement his stat line, Penava scored 531 total points with a team-leading field goal percentage of .562 (191-340). Penava also led the team with 288 rebounds over the season. He is set to return for his senior season.

As cliché as it sounds, the numbers don’t lie. Marshall basketball shattered expectations this season. As Marshall looks to return its top-nine scorers season, you can bet WKU head coach Rick Stansbury is shaking in his shoes. And for good reason. Marshall is, and will be, for real. As I continue with my theme of biased writing, I leave you with this: We are...Marshall!

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Huntington: Let’s all be in this together

BY FRANKLIN NORTON
MANAGING EDITOR

It is unfortunately not uncommon to hear Marshall University students complain about Huntington being a stagnant, boring city. So many students on campus are quick to say that there is nothing to do, nowhere to go, but they say these things without venturing past the first two blocks of Fourth Avenue. If college students would just look around and see the rapidly developing city that surrounds their campus-minded bubble, they would see that there is an exciting energy that is just waiting for them to engage. There are buildings and lots of opportunity. In so many ways, Huntington is like a freshman city. It’s a town that is starting fresh, struggling to cope with its own past and difficult present, but that has every opportunity ahead of it. College students can relate to this town.

There is no question that Marshall’s campus is central to the Huntington community. The university acts as the living heartbeat of the city, and when the heart is healthy, it pours out and affects every part of the body. If Marshall is the heart, then its students are the lifeblood. For the city to continue to grow, Marshall students need to understand that their engagement is essential.

In a recent editorial featured in the Herald-Dispatch, Huntington Regional Chamber of Commerce president and CEO Bill Bissett wrote this: “From a new vibrancy in downtown Huntington to the development of new businesses throughout our region, a new optimism and excitement is occurring.”

University students should be foaming at the mouth over the abounding opportunities in this area for them to be entrepreneurial, creative leaders. There are so many things students can bring to the table, but in order for them to do this, they are going to have to show up at the table first. It is more important than ever for Marshall students to get plugged into the community around them, to contribute and be a part of the vibrancy and optimism surging through the downtown area. This is the time for students to take ownership of their community, and in order to do this, it is going to require an investment of both time and money.

“Since we are all literally in this community together, let’s support the investment and growth that is occurring in our area,” Bissett wrote. “With the right support, the Huntington area can continue to grow and prosper.”

College is a time of opportunity and optimism, a rush of potential married to skill and intellect. Huntington’s current culture is a direct parallel to this college-like energy. Let’s all be in this together.

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Adam’s advice to incoming freshmen

By ADAM STEPHENS
SPORTS EDITOR

You probably feel excited and a little nervous about starting this next chapter in your life, and that’s okay. Being a little nervous is a good thing; it means that you’re serious about what lies ahead on this new journey you are taking. Soon however, you’ll be in the swing of things and the nerves will pass. You’ll be meeting your new friends at Starbucks in the Student Center and passing frisbee on Buskirk Field while making plans for the weekend. (After you’ve finished your assignments, of course.)

Let the nerves go, however hold on to the excitement that you’re feeling. Use it to stay passionate about your studies, to experience new things both on campus and around town. Don’t just go to class then spend the rest of the day in your dorm room, which is a mistake I made my freshman year. Don’t be afraid to venture out and find new things to enjoy.
A Q&A with President Gilbert about campus safety

BY REBECCA TURNBULL
FOR THE PARTHENON

The Marshall University Police Department (MUPD) is anticipating 10 new officers by Fall 2019, building the force up to 32 officers. Marshall University President Jerome A. Gilbert collaborated with a committee established by Executive Affairs SVP Layton Cottrill to settle on a hiring model for the 10 officers and three dispatchers, along with a $250 per semester parking fee increase and a small part of the overall 4.25 percent tuition increase for students next year. During the following question and answer session, President Gilbert said the additional officers and dispatchers will emphasize the safety of Marshall University’s campus, in light of criminal activity increases in Huntington last year and Marshall’s future campus expansions into the city.

How was the decision to hire 10 new MUPD officers initiated?

A committee was formed by Layton Cottrill, SVP for executive affairs. The police (MUPD) report to him, so he charged them with forming a committee to look at what would be needed to increase the campus police force and to enhance the security of the campus. So they came up with a set of proposals at three different resource levels. We chose the middle one.

Where does the slight tuition increase factor in to that hiring plan?

We did implement a tuition increase this time, which is going to fund a good bit of it. I wanted to make sure that we had enough support in the budget to support that middle option, which is about $630,000 on an annual basis that will go to those 10 new officers, three dispatchers and new equipment for the force.

What would you say to students who might oppose the tuition increase that comes with hiring 10 new officers?

Well, there’s increasing costs at a university. There’s a small inflationary component, and there’s also expanded services that we want to add. This is an example of one of those expanded services that we see that we need to add to ensure the safety of the campus. So it’s being done out of concern for the students. We still have a relatively low tuition compared to our peers. I think it’s important we try to keep it that way, but financial pressures and decreases in state funding are always going to probably be there, so we’re always going to have to have an eye on balancing the budget and making sure that we can provide proper resources for the students here. It’s a necessary step that we have to take.

What, do you feel, made that step necessary?

The crime situation in Huntington had ticked up, particularly in the latter part of December last year. We saw three homicides in a row. None of those were close to Marshall’s campus, but we were worried about any possible spillover in the future. We’ve not had any real violent crimes—or much crime at all—on the campus, so we wanted to ensure that we are safe and will continue to be safe by having a stronger force. We’re also expanding the reach of the campus onto Hal Greer Boulevard by building a new pharmacy school and some residential housing adjacent to the Erma Byrd Center. We wanted to reach out along Hal Greer Boulevard with our force, so that would require additional officers, as well as beefing up the patrol on the campus. Those were the two goals.

So would you say the hiring of 10 new officers is more of a proactive measure than a reactive one?

It’s definitely a preventative or proactive nature. I think it sends a signal that we take safety very seriously on this campus. I want our students to feel safe here, and I think the vast majority feel safe on the campus. I certainly feel safe when I’m here on the campus, day or night. I also feel safe in Huntington. Our crime issue in Huntington has been overblown and has been exaggerated, as if any common citizen could be involved in those crimes or be a victim of those crimes. I think it’s highly unlikely that you would be impacted if you weren’t purchasing drugs or interfacing with people that were in the drug trade. The crime that we’ve seen in Huntington is almost exclusively involved in that and in domestic disputes.

How much of a reduction in crime have we seen so far in Huntington?

We have seen the concerted effort of federal, state and local officers this year. There’s a 24 percent decrease in violent crime in the first three months of this year. A 36 percent decrease in overdoses, and that was before the big round-up that occurred two weeks ago, where almost 100 drug dealers were indicted. Now that that’s occurred, we’re going to see an even more marked decrease in crime and related activity to drugs.

Now that the safety of the city and campus are being re-established, what’s the next step?

People have to believe in Huntington again. We’ve started a campaign called #MyHuntington, where people can talk about the positive things about Huntington, because there are so many more positive aspects about Huntington than there are negative, even when you consider the crime and all of those issues. Things are improving. And I think it’s important that we start sending a message that we see the improvement. We are reclaiming the city as a safe city, and a city where people can enjoy life without having to worry about their safety. We are working with the mayor’s office to rebrand Huntington and Marshall, so that people will understand all of the positive things about Huntington and understand that there’s a safe community here and not a community that’s riddled with crime or violence.

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we know it. Our faculty pledges their commitment to prepare you as an outstanding health care professional in the local and global community. Be assured that our college is a place where students are challenged and supported. At a time when patients and the world need exceptional prevention and care, we promise to provide this same care to you as you decide to join the #MarshalluFamily.

We expect that you will leave Marshall University’s College of Health Professions a proud and confident graduate who will bring value to your profession and your alma mater. Do not hesitate to contact me or any faculty and staff if you have questions. We look forward to your success during your time on campus and beyond.

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your place, and navigate your pathway to success. For example; if you are interested in preparation for a career as a physician, dentist, veterinarian, pharmacist, etc., you should know that pre-professional advising is done in the COS office – room 270 in the Science Bldg. We also sponsor hundreds of undergraduate research opportunities each year. If you are interested in studying anything from individual molecules to galaxies, we probably have someone who is conducting research in your area of interest, and who welcomes undergraduate students in his or her research group. And if you have a research interest that is outside our areas of expertise, we will help you make the connections that you need.

Welcome to Marshall University, and don’t forget – we are here to help!

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version of yourself. And you have so many opportunities to get involved: from our award winning speech and debate team, to our Japanese Tea Club, to our service clubs in every department, there is definitely something for everyone!

We are excited to be a part of your journey to a better life and a better world. We want your time at Marshall to be the best time of your life – so far. Come see us in Old Main 110 and 112, email at cola@marshall.edu, or call us at 304-696-2350.

We are happy that you are joining our family. GO HERD!

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richer for looking beyond yourself and your past experience.

While college is a chance to be more independent, it does not mean you are totally on your own. Remember there are advisors, counselors and other individuals who are here to help you, answer your questions, and provide you with support to succeed.

We in the COEPD are excited to start a new academic year, and meet all of our new freshmen. Exciting things are happening in education – it’s a great time to be a teacher!

INTERESTED IN CONTRIBUTING TO THE PARTHENON?

We are always looking for more people to contribute to The Parthenon. If you are interested in writing a column, drawing cartoons, taking photos or whatever you can come up with, email Franklin Norton at norton18@marshall.edu.

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signed up my first semester. If you find something you want to do, do it. Don't wish that you would have tried it sooner.

It's important to keep up with your schoolwork and to succeed with your academics, but manage your time to make room for the things that you want to do. Make sure you have the time to have new experiences and to make new friends. Spending time with my little brother is something that I love to do. Find something that you love to do. Go out and experience new things, not only will it make you a better student, it will make you a better person as well.

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"I like to see people, and I usually see somebody I know every time I work, or at least a couple people," Gue, senior special education major, said. "So, it's nice to see people I know, and The Market itself is always pretty busy."

The Wildflower Gift Gallery offers a selection of unique gifts, home décor, West Virginia items and homemade crafts. It was one of the first shops to open at The Market last November.

Anna Dillard, an employee at the Gift Gallery, said she loved the idea of the open space market and the variety of customers she sees every day.

“I just like the atmosphere, it’s really fun,” Dillard said. “There’s a lot of different types of people that come through, and people can bring their ice cream in here, and come in here while they’re waiting for their food at different places, so it’s been really fun.”

The Market is located on Third Avenue, and it is open seven days a week from 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day.

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I had always wanted to study abroad but did not know when or where I would do it. I finally made the leap into the unknown during fall semester of my junior year. I saw an email from my dean recruiting students to go on a trip to Florence, Italy in the summer with the College of Arts and Media.

On May 6, I, along with two professors and 13 other students, met at Yeager Airport in Charleston to fly to Florence. About half the group had flown before but few had been out of the country. It was an 8 ½-hour flight from Atlanta, Georgia, but when we finally arrived in Paris, France for our connecting flight, we were met with flight cancelations due to an employee strike. We were given the option to fly to Turin, Italy, but only after a 12-hour layover in Paris.

Although 12 hours may seem long, it provided us the opportunity to exit the airport and explore the city a little. We took the subway to the Eiffel Tower and spent a few hours walking around and eating in a city we would not have had the opportunity to be in if the layover had not have happened.

When we arrived in Florence, we were taken to our apartments to meet with our landlords and then given freedom for the evening. I shared the apartment with four other girls who I became close with over the month we were there. By the time the month was over, we could still barely make it around the city without looking at our maps or getting slightly lost, but we could at least orient ourselves with the major landmarks and make it back to apartment from there.

On the weekends, we were given the opportunity to do whatever, which meant we took a lot of day trips, including to Rome, Arezzo and Pisa. We also took class trips to Siena, San Gimignano, Pompeii and Fiesole. In all these places, we experienced the rich art and culture Italy has to offer while also tasting some of the most delicious food, especially the gelato.

My favorite part of Italy was an unexpected one: Paestum. I had never heard of the city, but our professors had said it had beautiful ruins and it was close to a beach. I never expected the ruins would be so grand and intact, but Paestum was home to three large Greek turned Roman temples. The hotel we stayed at offered bikes to loan out, which we took advantage of to explore the town and ride to the beach that was less than a mile away. It was an overcast day, but it was still perfect weather to walk on the beach, and we met two random beach dogs that became instant friends.

Cost was a major deciding factor for studying abroad. I had some money saved, but not nearly enough to cover all the costs. Thankfully, finding financial assistance was not that difficult. I received scholarships from the College of Arts and Media and the Study Abroad Office, the Honors College covered the cost of my plane ticket, and I also received funding from the Federal Pell Grant. In the end, I only had to cover a small portion of the tuition and my spending money. Studying abroad can be a financially feasible option for most as long as the effort is put in to find the assistance.

Airplane rides, lots of walking, beach trips, Roman ruins, endless memories and the occasional mishap, that is what Marshall can offer beyond the classroom. It just takes the courage to say ‘yes’ and the motivation to prepare to experience the world through Marshall.

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