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The Newsletter for Marshall University  
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April 13, 2022

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## Mukherjee named provost and senior vice president for academic affairs

APRIL 13, 2022



Marshall University President Brad D. Smith has announced that he has named Dr. Avinandan “Avi” Mukherjee as the university’s next provost and senior vice president for academic affairs.

Mukherjee, who has served in the interim role since July 2021, previously served as dean of Marshall’s Lewis College of Business since 2017.

His new appointment was effective April 9. The announcement follows a national search that culminated with five finalists participating in on-campus interviews last week.

“I am delighted Dr. Mukherjee has accepted the position of provost and senior vice president for academic affairs,” said Smith. “He emerged from a rigorous search process as the right leader to steward Marshall’s current and future position in the higher education arena. I am excited to see the impact he will have as he transitions from the ‘interim’ designation to a fully empowered provost.”

Smith cited Mukherjee’s interdisciplinary orientation and innovative approach, as well as his track record of progressive leadership at scale, international education and experience, research and scholarly contributions, and fundraising experience as the main reasons he emerged as the successful candidate. He added that Mukherjee brings the added benefit of a deep understanding and appreciation of the university, community, major stakeholders and our strengths and opportunities.

Mukherjee said, “I am excited and honored at this opportunity to continue to work closely with President Smith and our dedicated faculty, staff, students and alumni to foster academic excellence, inspire innovation and ingenuity, promote collaboration and amplify impact. Marshall offers a welcoming, engaged and connected community that can inspire our missions of student success, economic development and applied scholarship, and can propel West Virginia and the Tri-State region into a more prosperous future.”

First as dean and then as interim provost and senior vice president for academic affairs, Mukherjee has led a comprehensive re-imagining project at Marshall, promoting strategic enrollment management, student success, leadership development, research, fundraising, in-demand knowledge and on-demand access, accreditation, diversity and inclusion, entrepreneurship and innovation, experiential learning and global partnerships.

Before joining Marshall, he served as dean of the College of Business at Clayton State University in Atlanta, and as chair of the Marketing Department in the School of Business at Montclair State University, N.J.

Mukherjee earned his doctorate in marketing from the Indian Institute of Management in Ahmedabad, India, which is consistently ranked among the top 100 business schools in the world. Part of his doctoral work was conducted at the ESSEC Business School in Paris and his research was affiliated with the International Motor Vehicle Program of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Sloan School of Management.

He has a graduate certificate in Higher Education Administration from the Harvard Graduate School of Education’s Institute for Management and Leadership in Education, as well as a B.S. in electrical engineering from Jadavpur University in India.

Mukherjee has a distinct international background, having taught in nine countries. He has been honored in the Atlanta Business Chronicle’s “Who’s Who in Education” and served as the president of the Society for Advancement of Management, as a board member of the West Virginia Public Education Collaborative and the Clayton (Atlanta) Chamber of Commerce, and as chair of the University System of Georgia Regents Academic Advisory Committee on Business.

He is a member of the Rotary Club of Huntington and other community organizations, and has been invited to speak in numerous forums and events.

Mukherjee has an industry background and is a tenured professor of marketing at Marshall. He is distinguished researcher, having published and presented more than 100 scholarly articles garnering 5,700 citations. He co-authored a scholarly book, “An Integrated Approach to Environmental Management” by Wiley, and is the editor-in-chief of the peer-reviewed “International Journal of Pharmaceutical and Healthcare Marketing.”

He has directed executive development programs and consulted with companies in the U.S., U.K., Denmark, India, Bangladesh, Singapore and Malaysia.

## Department of Theatre and Dance to present original play by Marshall grad

APRIL 13, 2022



The School of Theatre and Dance will present “Other Life Forms,” an original play by Marshall theatre graduate Brandon McCoy. It will be performed at 7:30 p.m. nightly Wednesday, April 13, through Saturday, April 16, in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center.

“Other Life Forms” tells the story of roommates Ben and Jeff, who couldn’t be more different. Ben is a struggling journalist who can’t get anything to go his way. Jeff is a successful researcher who glides through

life with little resistance. At Jeff’s insistence, they both give online dating a try. Ben meets Molly and the results are volatile, while Jeff meets Leslie and they make a connection.

The show is directed by School of Theatre and Dance Assistant Professor T. Fulton Burns, and the cast includes the following Marshall students: Van Preston, Kendra Williams, Jimi Lee, Nikki Riniti and Sierra Lutz.

“The Marshall University School of Theatre and Dance is thrilled to welcome back playwright Brandon McCoy, who is an alumnus of our program,” said Samuel Kincaid, box office and public relations manager for the school. “Theatregoers will remember his play ‘West By God,’ which was a huge hit with audiences two years ago.”

Admission is free for Marshall students with their MU ID; \$15 for faculty; staff and seniors; and \$25 general admission. Call 304-696-2787 for ticket information.

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## **Listening session for HLC reading project to take place tomorrow**

APRIL 12, 2022

The book selection committee for the HLC reading project will hold a listening session at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 14, at Marco's in the Memorial Student Center.

Books up for discussion are:

- “They Called Us Enemy”- George Takei
- “Born a Crime”- Trevor Noah
- “Black Huntington”- Dr. Cicero Fain
- “Becoming Maria”- Sonia Manzano
- “Coming Up Queer and Indian in a Mountain Place”- Neema Avashia

Marshall’s HLC Quality Initiative, Building a Stronger and More Inclusive Marshall Community, will launch in fall 2022 and continue for three academic years. Each year’s

activities will center on a DEI theme, with the theme for 2022-2023 being Complexities of Identity.

The committee would like to select two books each year that align to the year's theme. These books will be catalysts for campus reading and discussion. To that end, the HLC Quality Initiative Book Selection Committee, under the leadership of Dr. April Fugett, has met and discussed various book options, and will meet with the Marshall community during the listening session.

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## Marshall to host Business Leadership Symposium April 14

APRIL 13, 2022



The Lewis College of Business BB&T Center for Leadership will host the Business Leadership Symposium: Business Project Competition and Networking Event beginning at 5 p.m. Thursday, April 14, in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center on the Huntington campus. The community is invited to attend.

The event is an opportunity for students to showcase their work through posters and be evaluated by a panel of judges. The winners will be announced on the spot and awarded cash prizes: \$1,000 for first place, \$750 for second place, and \$500 for third place.

“The BLS event gives students a chance to showcase their research projects to faculty, staff, and the community,” said Dr. Nancy Lankton, associate dean of accreditation and strategic initiatives for the Lewis College of Business. “It is a critical component of the college’s strategic initiatives to equip students with desired skill sets and to immerse them in experiential learning that is community focused. We are proud of our students who take this opportunity to enhance their education and become the leaders of tomorrow. Thanks to Truist Bank for sponsoring the event and to Dr. Gupta for planning and organizing the event.”

Truist Bank, formed by the merger of BB&T and SunTrust, is not only sponsoring the event but Patrick O’Malley, regional president for Truist Bank in West Virginia, will serve as its keynote speaker. The emcee for the evening will be Alissa Stewart Sparks, executive director of Goodwill Industries of KYOWVA Area Inc. Dr. Ronald Area, CEO of the Marshall University Foundation, will address the students as well.

“We are truly grateful of the support by Truist for the Leadership Symposium,” Area said. “Their participation in the event adds to their commitment to our students and the Lewis College of Business.”

The mission of the BB&T Center for Leadership is to empower students to be imaginative, driven, collaborative and engaged with the larger community to make a positive difference, said Dr. Monisha Gupta, the center’s director. It works toward its mission by offering training workshops, competitions, and networking opportunities for students.

“Leadership is a highly sought-after skill,” Gupta said. “Leadership maximizes efficiency and enables organizations to better achieve their goals. The Center for Leadership promotes activities that will help the students recognize their individual leadership styles and offer them platforms to excel in this field. This experience will help students carry these skills into the workplace and beyond.” She further added, “I would like to thank the Truist team for sponsoring the event, cash prizes, and encouraging our students.”

The BB&T Center and the Leadership Symposium “play an important role by providing experiential learning opportunities to empower our students with the skills and knowledge to become successful business professionals in West Virginia and beyond,” said Dr. Jeffrey Archambault, interim dean of the Lewis College of Business. “Additionally, this center and event serve as important connections between the university and the regional business community.”

For more information about the Lewis College of Business, visit [www.marshall.edu/cob](http://www.marshall.edu/cob).

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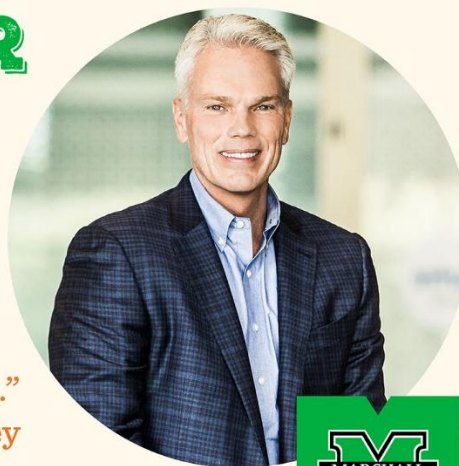
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# PRESIDENT SMITH'S LISTENING TOUR

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## Scholarship Honor Brunch returns after pandemic hiatus

APRIL 13, 2022



Privately funded scholarship recipients at Marshall University had the chance to thank their donors Saturday during the 2022 Scholarship Honor Brunch, hosted by the Marshall University Foundation, Inc.

Nearly 400 students and donors attended the event in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center, back after a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic.

Senior Airman Richard Tettey Tei-Wayo, first-year student in the School of Pharmacy from Ghana, Africa, recipient of the Meade & Althea Nance Smith Award, was the featured student speaker. Tei-Wayo has spent the past two years working on the front lines of the pandemic as a public health technician with the West Virginia Air National Guard, 130th Airlift Wing.



“As a public health technician during the COVID pandemic, I was part of the airmen that helped in making sure that almost everyone in the state of West Virginia got their COVID shots,” Tei-Wayo said during his remarks at the brunch. “We as the military service members distributed COVID vaccines across the state of West Virginia to the retail pharmacies, hospitals, health departments, and to communities where our older generations find it difficult to get access to these COVID vaccine supplies. For nine solid months I was on this COVID mission just to serve my community here in Huntington and across the state of West Virginia, as my service to the citizens of this state.”

Tei-Wayo came to the United States in 2007 through the United States Embassy Diversity Visa lottery. Now a U.S. citizen, he said support for scholarships gives hope for the future.

“I, for one, believe that people like you all, with your support and donation towards our future, gives us nothing but hope and motivation that our dreams could be fulfilled as long as we keep trying to be better students and better versions of ourselves,” he said. “Your support means a lot to us, and all we want to say is that, thank you for your support towards our future goals.”

Marshall President Brad D. Smith, 38th president of the university, was the featured speaker. Smith and his wife, Alys, established the Brad D. and Alys Smith Family Scholarship in 2014.

“Working together, I am convinced we will build on the strong foundation at Marshall and achieve even greater successes in the future,” Smith said. “I want to thank our generous donors for making a difference in a student’s life through supporting Marshall’s scholarship programs. I also want to congratulate Dr. Ron Area and his team for their outstanding work on behalf of our university.”

Dr. Ron Area, CEO and senior vice president of development of the Foundation, said there was a lot to celebrate at this year’s brunch.

“More students than ever before are receiving scholarship support thanks to the support from our amazing donors during the Marshall Rises campaign,” Area said. “We are excited to continue to build on our success and provide even more support to our deserving students.”

Marshall’s all-student contemporary a cappella ensemble, 3rd Avenue, performed under the direction of Dr. Briana Nannen.

To learn how to establish a scholarship to help students at Marshall, contact Krystle Davis at the Marshall University Foundation by phone at 304-696-6781 or by e-mail at [krystle.davis@marshall.edu](mailto:krystle.davis@marshall.edu).

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*Photo:* From left, Ty Bayliss, Kristin Moyler, Brooke Jackson, John Anderson and Patty Anderson were among those who attended the 2022 Scholarship Honor Brunch.

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## RUSSIA'S WAR IN UKRAINE: WEEKLY UPDATE AND PANEL DISCUSSION

**Fridays at 1 p.m. EST via Microsoft Teams**  
<https://bit.ly/MUkraine>

Marshall University professors Dr. Victor Fet, Dr. Kateryna Schray, Dr. Anara Tabyshalieva, Dr. Chris White, and Dr. Stefan Schoeberlein will co-moderate weekly panel discussions along with invited guests and experts about the War in Ukraine. Updates will be followed by in-depth discussions on the war's relevance to Ukraine, Russia and other nations.

Links to the recordings of each panel discussion are available at  
<https://libguides.marshall.edu/MUkraine>.

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## West Virginia Collegiate Recovery Network celebrating National Collegiate Recovery Week

APRIL 13, 2022

The West Virginia Collegiate Recovery Network (WVCRN) is celebrating National Collegiate Recovery Week through April 15 with a series of free events across southern West Virginia.

Susie Mullens, project coordinator of WVCRN, says she is excited to host these celebrations across southern West Virginia.

“There is something for everyone to enjoy,” Mullens said. “We have trainings and social events to connect with peers and share messages of hope and recovery. It is really a special week with some great programming.”

Marshall University is a part of the West Virginia Collegiate Recovery Community, along with Concord University, New River Community and Technical College, and the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine. They will be hosting celebration events to include bowling, cornhole and free food. Bluefield State College, Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College, and West Virginia State University will be hosting a variety of trainings and resource distribution events. BridgeValley Community and Technical College will be hosting a screening of the award-winning documentary *Tipping the Pain Scale*. For more information on the weeklong celebration, visit WVCRN’s new website at [www.wvcollegiaterecovery.com](http://www.wvcollegiaterecovery.com).

Each year, on April 15, collegiate recovery programs across the nation celebrate the founding of the Association of Recovery in Higher Education (ARHE) by observing National Collegiate Recovery Day. The observance has grown into a weeklong celebration known as Collegiate Recovery Week. This year marks the 12th annual occurrence of the national observance.

In addition to the local events and activities, ARHE encourages remote participation by wearing purple and using the hashtags #WearPurple and #CollegiateRecoveryDay on related social media posts. The organization will also host virtual activities, which may be found on [www.collegiaterecovery.org](http://www.collegiaterecovery.org).

“West Virginia collegiate recovery communities appreciate the continued commitment from our partnering college and university presidents,” Mullens added.

For more information regarding the West Virginia Collegiate Recovery Network or National Collegiate Recovery Week, please contact Mullens by e-mail at [mullens20@marshall.edu](mailto:mullens20@marshall.edu).

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## School of Medicine coordinating HIV testing Saturday

APRIL 13, 2022

The [Joan C Edwards School of Medicine](#)'s Health Spectrum Alliance (HSA) student group, in collaboration with the [Cabell-Huntington Health Department](#) (CHHD), will offer free and confidential HIV testing Saturday, April 16, from 9 a.m. to noon at Trinity Episcopal Church at 520 11th Street in Huntington.

"HIV is a disease that is easily spread, but it is treatable," said C. Fresch, third-year student at the School of Medicine and president of HSA. "This is why knowing your status is so important."

The testing is free and quick; insurance will not be billed. No appointments are necessary. There is no age restriction for the confidential HIV tests (parental consent is not required by law). Trinity Episcopal Church is providing free breakfast.

HIV is a virus that can lead to acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) if not treated. HIV is preventable and those at high risk may benefit from taking medication known as pre-exposure prophylaxis, or PrEP. HIV/AIDS cannot be cured, but it can be treated. Getting tested is the only way to find out if you have HIV. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, about one in seven people with HIV in the U.S. do not know that they are infected.

For more information, contact CHHD at 304-534-6483.

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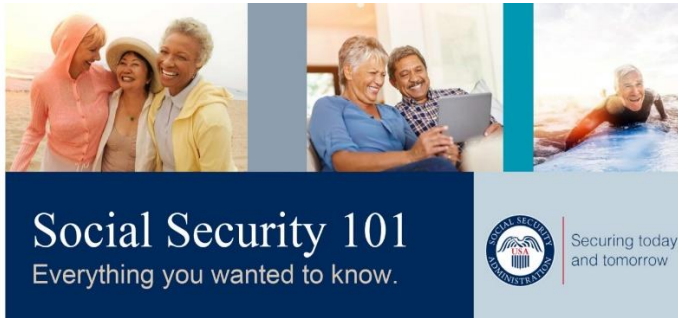
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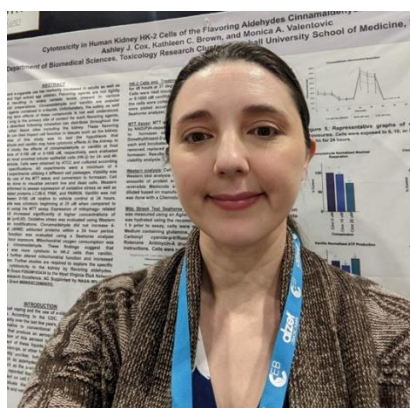
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## Biomedical research grad student finishes 3rd in national competition

APRIL 12, 2022



Ashley Cox, who is a doctoral candidate in the Biomedical Research program, won 3rd place in an national competition for best poster at the Experimental Biology meeting, from the Division of Toxicology of the American Society of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics. This was her first attendance and presentation at a national meeting. She will receive a certificate and a small cash prize for this national competition.

Cox is a third-year doctoral graduate student and a recipient of a WV NASA Consortium Graduate Fellowship. She was presenting some of her research findings on this project.

The paper, titled “Cytotoxicity in Human Kidney HK-2 Cells of the Flavoring Aldehydes Cinnamaldehyde and Vanillin,” examined changes mediated by e-liquid flavoring agents on renal cells. Vaping of e-liquids has increased dramatically in teenagers and preteens. Flavoring agents are often added to increase the palatable nature of vaping products. Unfortunately, the health effects are unknown regarding e-liquids. However, recent reports of altered kidney function following vaping have appeared recently in the literature. This presentation showed changes in renal cells exposed to 2 flavoring agents, cinnamaldehyde and vanillin for short periods of time.

Co-authors were Kathleen C. Brown and Monica Valentovic.

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## **NSF research grants awarded to faculty in College of Engineering and Computer Sciences**

APRIL 13, 2022

Faculty in the College of Engineering and Computer Sciences have recently received research grants from the National Science Foundation.

Two grants have been awarded in recent months to CECS faculty member Dr. SangHoon Lee, an assistant professor of computer sciences and electrical engineering. Lee received an NSF Computer and Information Science and Engineering Research Initiation Initiative (CRII) grant award of \$174,716 on his research on “Developing a new hybrid interactive machine learning software tool for cancer researchers.”

It is the first CRII grant awarded at Marshall University and the second in West Virginia, Lee said. The project aims to develop an open-source hybrid interactive machine learning software tool using hybrid features extracted from digital slide images.

Lee also received an NSF Engineering Research Initiation (ERI) grant award of \$199,198 toward his research project “A New Spatial Image Analysis of the Tumor Microenvironment for Cancer Immunotherapy.” It is the first in West Virginia. This project aims to discover statistically significant cancer biomarkers that will aid researchers in determining the prognosis of cancer patients.

“I am pleased with the two research grant awards that will broadly benefit AI-based biomarker development, investigation of multiple types of cancer, and interpretation of spatial variation in other research fields,” Lee said. “The outcomes of this project will be expected to yield new knowledge to help predict response to cancer immunotherapy.”



Additionally, Dr. Andrew Nichols, principal investigator (PI) and Dr. Sungmin Youn, co-PI, received \$323,910 from the NSF Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) Program, which will support their research project “REU Site: Investigation of Subterranean Features in the Appalachian Region.” Nichols is a research professor and Youn is an assistant professor in the Department of Civil Engineering.

“This is exciting because this college has never gotten a Research Experiences for Undergraduates grant before,” said Dr. David Dampier, dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Sciences. “This means that Marshall and the College of Engineering and Computer Sciences are starting to get noticed for research nationally.”

With the REU grant, a group of undergraduate students will work with Marshall faculty, each on a specific research project. Students will receive stipends, housing and travel, beginning in the summer.

“I am very proud of our continuous progress in increasing research activities in the college,” said Dr. Wook-Sung Yoo, director of research in the College of Engineering and Computer Sciences. “Faculty receive more and more recognition for their significant accomplishments in research these days, receiving very competitive grants awards to solve the real-world problems beyond engineering fields.”

For more information about Marshall’s College of Engineering and Computer Sciences, visit [www.marshall.edu/cccs](http://www.marshall.edu/cccs).

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**General Election Voter Registration Deadline:** October 18 | **General Election:** November 8



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## Modern Languages to present discussion on Japan's role in global demographic challenges

APRIL 13, 2022



The Department of Modern Languages and Japanese Outreach Program will welcome Kenju Murakami, Deputy Consul General Director of the Japan Information Center of the Consulate General of Japan in New York, on Tuesday, April 19. The lecture and panel discussion will begin at 4 p.m. in Drinko Library room 402 on Marshall's Huntington campus.

The discussion, titled “Japan at the Forefront of Global Demographic Challenges,” will examine Japan’s increasing life expectancy and the good and bad demographic challenges it’s creating in Japan and around the world. Murakami and the subsequent panel discussion will focus on a number of topics including:

- How is Japan trying to tap the potential of female workers?
- Will Japan open its labor market to foreign workers?
- And the latest news on Japan-U.S. relations.

Dr. Natsuki Anderson is the panel organizer and the chair of the Department of Modern Languages in the College of Liberal Arts. She says to be able to bring Murakami to campus is exciting.

“When it comes to Japanese studies, Marshall is a state leader,” Anderson said. “I am thrilled to have a Japanese guest speaker from New York on Marshall’s campus again. Director Murakami gave two virtual presentations on the Japanese government and the Japan Exchange Teaching (JET) Program for MU students last year during the COVID-19 pandemic. I look forward to introducing Marshall students to him in person. The panel discussion will be exciting, since all the Japanese faculty members from the Department of Modern Languages will be discussing the current issues of Japan’s demographic change. Please join us and take advantage of this opportunity to be able to ask intriguing questions.”

Marshall leadership will also accompany Murakami on his visits to the West Virginia Department of Economic Development and Toyota West Virginia prior to visiting the Huntington campus.

Anderson, along with Dr. Zelideth Rivas, a professor of Japanese, and Ryan Lidster, a Japanese instructor at Marshall, will also be part of the discussion. The program will start at 4 p.m. with Murakami's presentation and continue at 4:30 p.m. with the panel discussion and Q&A. For more information, contact Anderson by e-mail at [andersonn@marshall.edu](mailto:andersonn@marshall.edu).

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# SAVE THE DATE!

## Student Research & Creativity Symposium

Inaugural event celebrating and recognizing undergraduate and graduate student research and creativity across Marshall University that will:

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- Demonstrate how students' accomplishments contribute to the community

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# Global Speaker Series Conference

Chain of Values of Mining Sector in Global Business Today:  
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Presenter: **Mr. MOISE KATUMBI CHAPWE**, former Governor of  
Katanga in Democratic Republic of Congo and President of Ensemble pour la Republique.



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**Pullman Square Gazebo in downtown Huntington**

An online sale will be posted on [www.thepotteryplace.biz](http://www.thepotteryplace.biz) for two weeks following the April 22 sale.

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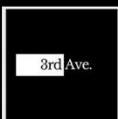
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## School of Journalism and Mass Communications invites Hall of Fame nominations

APRIL 13, 2022

The W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications (SOJMC) is seeking nominations for its upcoming Hall of Fame class.

The Hall of Fame was established in the 1970s and currently has 68 people enshrined.

“The SOJMC has alumni doing great work in every form of mass communication, and we want to make sure some of those are properly recognized at their alma mater,” said Chris Dickerson, president of the SOJMC Alumni Advisory Board. “Our graduates are proud of their alma mater, and we want them – and the rest of the world – to know we are proud of them and the work they do.”

“Each spring when we ask for nominations, we always are pleasantly surprised by the accomplishments our alumni have achieved. So we are excited to announce the acceptance of nominations for the 2022 inductions.”

Potential inductees should meet at least one of two major criteria to be nominated:

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

Nominations will be accepted through Friday, April 29. Submit letters highlighting nominees' accomplishments and contributions to [dickerson38@marshall.edu](mailto:dickerson38@marshall.edu).

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## RCBI releases dates for in-person 3D printing/maker camps

APRIL 13, 2022



The Robert C. Byrd Institute (RCBI) at Marshall University has announced the 2022 schedule for its popular summertime series of 3D printing and maker camps for middle and high school students.

Dates and locations for the in-person *Design to Production* manufacturing/maker camps, which will run 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily, are:

- Huntington – June 20-24
- South Charleston – July 11-15
- Bridgeport – July 25-29

“We’re excited to once again present in-person STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) camps that are engaging, educational and entertaining,” said Deacon Stone, director of the RCBI Center for Innovation and Maker Vault. “We want to inspire the next generation of makers by showing them the joy of discovery, the power of collaboration and the satisfaction of creating.”

Campers will explore the world of advanced manufacturing through hands-on activities as they rotate through stations focused on different methods of making. At each step, students will bring their own creations to life while using RCBI's advanced technology to make items they get to keep.

They will learn about manufacturing processes, from developing and testing ideas to creating prototypes of their own creations, to fabricating them using 3D printing and laser technology. Students then will apply the new-found knowledge they acquire at each station by completing a series of head-to-head challenges.

Other interactive STEM-focused activities will include introductions to robotics, computer coding, electronics and drone technology offered in partnership with the Katherine Johnson NASA IV&V Education Resource Center and the West Virginia Robotics Alliance. Campers also will have the opportunity to experience modern manufacturing first-hand by touring a local facility.

The cost is \$180 for each camper and includes all materials as well as lunch and snacks each day. A limited number of full scholarships are available thanks to the support of sponsor Suddenlink. To apply for a scholarship, register for the camp then fill out the scholarship application in lieu of submitting payment information.

Because seating is limited, parents or guardians who want their children to participate should register them right away at [www.rcbi.org/education-training/camps](http://www.rcbi.org/education-training/camps). For more information, contact Stone by e-mail at [dstone@rcbi.org](mailto:dstone@rcbi.org) or by phone at 304-781-1659.

In addition to providing scholarship opportunities, Suddenlink is joining Nuts, Bolts & Thingamajigs, the charitable foundation of the Fabricators & Manufacturers Association, International, in providing financial support for overall camp operations.

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*Photo:* Students who attend RCBI's 3D Printing/Maker Camps in Huntington, South Charleston and Bridgeport will explore various forms of making such as additive manufacturing (commonly known as 3D printing) through hands-on exercises and activities.

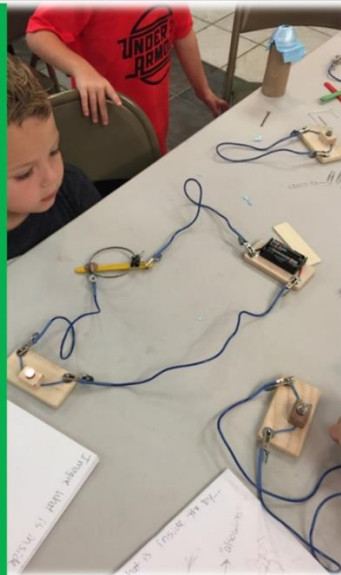




# YOUNG INNOVATORS CAMP

Incoming PreK-2<sup>nd</sup> Grades  
June 7-9, 2022  
8:30am-12:00pm

Marshall University  
Education Building  
Rooms LL 11 and LL 12  
1 John Marshall Drive  
Huntington, WV 25755



Cost: \$75

A portion of the camp fee will be donated to Huntington Children's Museum.

We invite incoming preschool through incoming 2<sup>nd</sup> grade children to Young Innovators Camp! During this camp, children will become innovators by exploring simple circuitry, discovering cause and effect components, and investigating conductors and insulators.

Children's Innovation Project (CIP) embraces innovation as finding something new inside something known. This frame for innovation allows children to find small, authentic discoveries, and reflect on themselves in relation to the materials they explore. Please join us for fun, engaging experiences during innovation time!

Limited spots are available! To sign up, scan the QR code and fill out the form or email Elizabeth Crawford at [houck26@marshall.edu](mailto:houck26@marshall.edu)



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Contact: Dr. Husnu Narman, [narman@marshall.edu](mailto:narman@marshall.edu) or Ms. Hallie Evans, [evans387@marshall.edu](mailto:evans387@marshall.edu)  
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## WMUL-FM takes home regional, national and international awards

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Students from Marshall University's public radio station, WMUL-FM, have received several awards this semester, including honors from: the ninth annual "The Virginias" Associated Press Broadcasters awards ceremony; the Muse Creative Awards Competition for 2022; the 82nd Annual Intercollegiate Broadcasting System Conference's 13th Annual Awards Ceremony; and the International AVA Digital Awards 2022 Competition.

Also, Marshall's student chapter of the National Electronic Media Association/National Broadcasting Society, Alpha Epsilon Rho, has been recognized as a Model Chapter for the first time.

Dr. Chuck G. Bailey, professor of radio-television production and management in the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications at Marshall and current NBS-AERho chapter adviser, said it's the first time the chapter has received the recognition.

"I am thrilled that the national board acknowledged the Marshall student broadcasters' dedication, under the guidance of student chapter president Makaylah Wheeler, to maintain their chapter's active status during the COVID pandemic," Bailey said. "Being recognized under these

circumstances at this national level speaks well for Marshall University, the College of Arts and Media and the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications.”

Here is a rundown of awards received recently by WMUL:

### **“The Virginias,” presented by Associated Press Broadcasters**

- First place, Best Station Promo: This award was presented for “WMUL-FM Robot Station Promo,” an in-house promotional announcement that was first broadcast in July 2021 and is still in rotation. The promo was written and produced by Zane Bowles, a recent graduate from Sandstone, West Virginia.
- Second place, Outstanding Sports Operation: This award was presented to the FM 88 Sports Staff led by the 2021 Spring Semester WMUL-FM Sports Director Nick Verzolini, a recent graduate from Stewartstown, Pennsylvania, and 2021 Fall Semester WMUL-FM Sports Director Andrew Rogers, a senior from Clarksburg.
- Second place, Best Sports Play-by-Play: This award was presented for WMUL-FM’s broadcast of the Marshall University versus University of North Texas men’s college basketball game, played Feb. 27, 2021, at the Cam Henderson Center. The students calling the men’s basketball broadcast over FM 88.1 were: Play-by-Play announcer Andrew Rogers; Color Commentator Nick Verzolini; and Engineers Johnathan Edwards, a sophomore from Culloden, and Grant Goodrich, a recent graduate from Huntington.
- Second place, Best Station Promo: This award was presented for “Noisy Neighbors Promo,” an in-house promotional announcement that was first broadcast in July 2021 and is still in rotation. The promo was written and produced by Zane Bowles.

### **7th Annual Muse Creative Awards Competition**

- Gold Awards, Audio/Radio Ad/Promo: Two Gold Awards were presented for “WMUL-FM Robot Station Promo” and “Noisy Neighbors Promo” by Zane Bowles.
- Silver Award, Audio Program: This award was presented for “Revitalization of Huntington,” written and produced by Grant Goodrich and broadcast on Sept. 3, 2021.
- Silver Award, Audio Program: This award was presented for “Hoops in the Hills,” written and produced by Andrew Rogers and broadcast on April 30, 2021. The documentary is about the origins and growth of the statewide radio program “Basketball Friday Night in West Virginia,” which is broadcast and video streamed from the W. Page Pitt’s School of Journalism and Mass Communications’ Television Studio A on the Marshall University campus.
- Silver Award, Audio Program: This award was presented for “Pursuing the Dream (Episode One)” written and produced by Nick Verzolini and broadcast Sept. 9, 2021. The documentary featured WMUL-FM alumni who are professional play-by-play announcers: Randy Lee, the radio voice of Western Kentucky University; Doug Birdsong, the radio voice of Bucknell University; and Adam Cavalier, the radio voice of Carson-Newman University.

## **Intercollegiate Broadcasting System Conference's 13th Annual Awards Ceremony**

- First place, Best Sports Talk Program: This award was presented for “Inside Conference USA” with hosts Andrew Rogers; Justin Zimmer, a junior from Bethesda, Maryland; and Ben Cower, a sophomore from Purcellville, Virginia. It was broadcast and made available online Oct. 27, 2021.
- Finalist, Audio Newscast: This recognition was presented for the “5:00 p.m. Edition of Newscenter 88,” broadcast April 28, 2021. Students who participated in this newscast were: Producer David Adkins, a senior from Huntington; Anchor Makaylah Wheeler, a senior from Huntington; Anchor Zane Townsend, a sophomore from Proctorville, Ohio; Weather Reporter Bradley Wells, a recent graduate from Huntington; and Sports Reporter Jayden Taylor, a senior from Nitro.
- Finalist, Best Campus News Coverage: This recognition was given for “Vaccines for Students,” written and produced by Alex Jackson, a senior from Hurricane. It was broadcast during “The 5:00 p.m. Edition of Newscenter 88,” on March 18, 2021, and made available online.
- Finalist, Best Public Affairs Program: This recognition was given for “Revitalization of Huntington” by Grant Goodrich.
- Finalist, Best Documentary Program: This recognition was given for “Hoops in the Hills” by Andrew Rogers.
- Finalist, Best Sports Update: This recognition was given for “The FM 88 Sports Report” anchored by Andrew Rogers, during the “5:00 p.m. Edition of Newscenter 88” broadcast on Oct. 7, 2021.

## **International AVA Digital Awards 2022 Competition**

- Platinum Award, Audio/Radio News Package/Podcast: This award was presented for “Campus Pro-Choice Protests,” written and produced by Tyler Kennett, a senior from Rock, West Virginia, and broadcast Sept. 20, 2021, during the 5:00 p.m. Edition of Newscenter 88 and also made available online.
- Platinum Award, Audio/Radio News Package/Podcast: This award was presented for “Fountain Package: Strength in Remembrance,” written and produced by Makaylah Wheeler and broadcast during “The 5:00 p.m. Edition of Newscenter 88,” on Nov. 12, 2021, and made available online
- Platinum Award, Audio/Radio Documentary Program: This award was presented for “Revitalization of Huntington” by Grant Goodrich.
- Platinum Award, Audio/Radio Documentary Program: This award was presented for “Hoops in the Hills” by Andrew Rogers.
- Gold Award, Audio/Radio News Package/Podcast: This award was presented for “Changes for the 50th Marshall Memorial Service,” written and produced by Makaylah Wheeler and broadcast during “The 5:00 p.m. Edition of Newscenter 88,” Nov. 13, 2020, and made available online.
- Gold Award, Audio/Radio Documentary Program: This award was presented for “Pursuing the Dream (Episode One)” by Nick Verzolini.

- Gold Award, Audio/Radio Podcast Promotion: This was presented for “WMUL-FM Robot Station Promo” by Zane Bowles.
- Gold Award, Audio/Radio/Podcast Sports Package: This was presented for “Vitor Dias, CUSA Soccer Player of the Week,” written and produced by Christian Palmer, a senior from Kenova, broadcast Sept. 10, 2021, during “Herd Roundup,” and also made available online.
- Gold Award, Audio Sports Play-by-Place Programming: This award was presented for WMUL-FM’s broadcast of the Marshall University versus University of North Texas men’s college basketball game Feb. 27, 2021.
- Honorable Mention, Audio Newscast: This was presented for the “5:00 p.m. Edition of Newscenter 88” broadcast Oct. 11, 2021. The students who participated in this newscast were: Producer Michael Stanley, WMUL-FM operations manager; Anchor James Parsons, a junior from Huntington; Anchor Abigail Cunningham, a freshman from Charleston; Weather Reporter Rebecca Law, a junior from Fredericksburg, Virginia; and Sports Reporter Ryan Sirk, a senior from Casa Grande, Arizona.
- Honorable Mention, Audio/Radio/Podcast Promotion: This was presented for “Noisy Neighbors Promo” by Zane Bowles.

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### Coronavirus Statistics:

New Cases Since March 30, 2022

Students: 6

Faculty: 0

Staff\*: 0

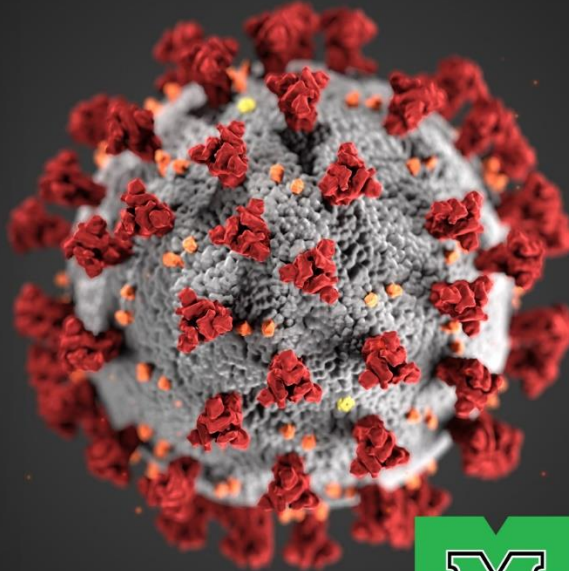
*\* Includes auxiliary employees (Sodexo, Aetna, Rec Center, etc.)*

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).

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