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Meet the student body election candidates

Candidates answer series of questions based on platforms, visions for Marshall



Stephanie Rogner | President Junior, marketing

Q: What do you want the student body to know about you personally?

A: I like to say, "We all put our pants on the same way in the morning." I'm just as much of a student as everyone around me. I know what it feels like to fail your first exam or to trip going up the steps at Corbly Hall. I love the aspect that I don't see myself completely different from anyone, but rather open to learning. I'm not afraid of failure, because failure means you fail fast, learn

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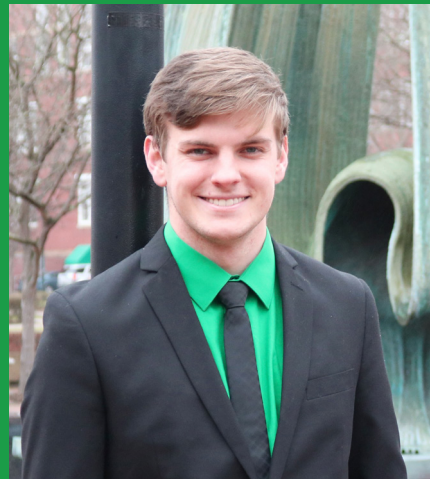


Anna Williams | Vice President Sophomore, public communication

Q: What do you want the student body to know about you personally?

A: I think a lot of times the elections make candidates into special characters, so it feels awkward telling people what they should think of me. Nonetheless, I think I would personally want the student body to know that I understand what a lot of us go through. I take a full load of courses, finish work just to turn around and do more homework and put myself through school. I get

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Jeremiah Parlock | President Junior, political science

Q: What do you want the student body to know about you personally?

A: I was born in Huntington, West Virginia, and cherished all of my youth here. I am the ninth child out of a family of ten, of which all the siblings before me attended Marshall University. I graduated from Cabell Midland High School where I served as Student Body President in 2016. I am a junior majoring in political science and minoring in constitutional democracy, business

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Caitlin Kirk | Vice President Junior, international affairs; political science

Q: What do you want the student body to know about you personally?

A: I am the current chapter president for Alpha Xi Delta and a SGA senator for the College of Liberal Arts, as well as a pre-club member. I am a UNI peer mentor and an athletic tutor at the Buck Harless Athletic Center. I am honored to be running alongside Jeremiah Parlock for Student Body Vice-President and hope that you help us put in the work!

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fast, accomplish faster. For many, I am known for being an opportunist, relatable in many aspects, extremely approachable and someone who truly has compassion for other students and the university. As a college student I like to enjoy my time here and engage in as many events/organizations as possible. Going to college generally happens once, and to experience it, I really embrace the ability to live outside of my comfort zone.

Q: Was there something specific that inspired you to run?

A: My involvement throughout the university has allowed me to see the unique perspectives and needs students have while attending Marshall. As a runner on the Women's Cross Country/Track team, I understand the importance of increasing student attendance at sporting events and the need for campus safety when traveling. As a Speech and Debate member, I understand the importance of advocating for large bodies of people on current issues. As a first-generation college student, I understand the financial burden that comes with receiving a degree.

As the current SGA Chief of Staff, I understand the importance of collaboration and providing results to student needs. As a business student, I understand the logistics of operations to accomplish large projects. As a candidate for Student Body President, I understand the importance of being the voice for over 13,000 students and can envision Marshall in a more innovative light for representation.

Q: What plans do you have if you are elected?

A: With the number one reason linked to the decrease in retention, we plan to combat this issue with a Tuition Reform specific to three options. Capped tuition allows more transparency of the maximum state a student's tuition could increase during the duration of an undergraduate program offered at Marshall. Secondly, focusing on a fixed tuition rate. This would be an optional plan to where students could pay a little bit higher of a fee but would be exempt from any unexpected financial increases.

Thirdly, partnerships with alumni

foundations to encourage more need-based scholarship options. Additionally, we have an extreme understanding of the importance of mental health services offered on campus. These installments would be through an expansion of the Counseling Center to better regulate/decrease waiting periods (2-3 weeks) and implement a 24-hour online chat because we understand one of the hardest parts is walking through the door.

Our third top priority is to provide a Homecoming Concert offered to student, alumni and surrounding community. This will be a great retention and recruiting tool, but most importantly allowing students to further network amongst a large group of people. With about 10 pages filled with numerous platforms aimed to represent a mass majority of the university, we have numerous members on our cabinet with a delegated list of projects ready to execute during the term.

Q: What do you believe is the biggest issue that Marshall is facing and how do you plan to combat it?

A: I believe Marshall strives to provide efficient resources to better a student's education, enable personal interactions with faculty and continue to stay one of the top schools in the state of West Virginia. Though Marshall strives for these things, the biggest issue lies in retaining students with both financial and engagement efforts and that is why our platforms specifically target these problem areas.

Q: Is there anything I haven't asked that you believe the student body should know?

A: Explaining our #HerdFirst slogan: There are two meanings, in which we believe representation should be met first-hand and place student needs over everything. Secondly, our team strives for BIG ideas that often have not been offered at other public universities. With the mobility of students, and your support with voting, change is feasible. We believe it's time to stop saying "No, it hasn't been done before, it won't work here," but rather "Let's be first." Why can't Marshall be first at something? First in the state, or rather first in the nation.

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management and psychology. I am an Eagle Scout and attended many youth leadership camps such as HOBY and have returned to serve as a counselor at those leadership camps. I am currently involved in or have been involved in the Honors College Student Association, Student Government Association, Hall Council, Marshall Ultimate Frisbee Club, Orthodox Christian Fellowship, BCM, MU pre-law, and Presidential Ambassadors. The opportunities and memories that Marshall has given me since before I was in school are countless.

Q: Was there something specific that inspired you to run?

A: My entire youth was filled with leadership camps that taught me how to be a good civil servant. This inspired me to set the goal of being the Student Body President of Marshall since I was in high school. I feel that I not only owe it to Marshall and to all of the students to help facilitate everyone enjoying what Marshall has to offer, but I also owe it to Marshall, the students, and the community, to improve and expand upon the "We Are Marshall" sentiment.

Q: What plans do you have if you are elected?

A: We have five main platform goals we plan to implement in addition to all of the individual goals of each of our cabinet members

1. Increase Campus Engagement: We plan to create leadership symposiums with representatives from the over 220 clubs and organizations on campus.

2. Faculty Mentoring Program: We plan to create a volunteer faculty mentoring

program for students seeking support and guidance.

3. Affordable and Increased Parking: We plan to decrease the cost of parking permits and tickets and expand parking availability.

4. Expanding Huntington Community Cooperation: We plan to expand student discount programs with local businesses.

5. Textbook Affordability Extension: We plan to expand the Barclay/Petracca affordable textbook options initiative for students. The full explanation of these platform goals can be found on our Instagram page: @parlockirk.

Q: What do you believe is the biggest issue that Marshall is facing and how do you plan to combat it?

A: There are many great things that Marshall has to offer, but student recruitment and retention are the paramount issue that Marshall needs to improve upon. We need to create an environment that draws more students to the campus to share in the same experiences and memories that make Marshall so special. Not only do we need to bring more students to Marshall, but we need to create an overall environment that makes students want to stay at Marshall for the entire portion of their life in college. The more students we have, the more lives we can impact.

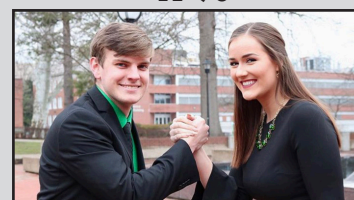
Q: Is there anything I haven't asked that you believe the student body should know?

A: The most important thing for the students to know is that they all have a voice and they should make those voices heard to all of their elected student representatives, so SGA can more accurately reflect the individual and collective wills of the students.

Social Media Poll Results

Which Student Body President candidates will have your vote?

47%



Parlock & Kirk

53%



Rogner & Williams

VS.

This poll was taken from The Parthenon's official Twitter, Instagram and Facebook accounts with 744 total votes.

Water quality bill passes without updated human health criteria



PERRY BENNETT | WV LEGISLATIVE PHOTOGRAPHY

West Virginia House delegates enter chambers, Saturday, March 9. New proposals concerning water quality and protections will not be reviewed until the 2020 legislative session.

By DOUGLAS HARDING
ONLINE AND SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGER

In 2015, the Environmental Protection Agency recommended West Virginia update 60 of its 94 water quality standards to reduce present toxins and carcinogens, but this weekend, the state legislature passed a bill including none of the recommended protections.

Delegate Evan Hansen (D- Monongalia, 51), minority vice chair of natural resources, said the standards in Senate Bill 163, ultimately determined by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, rely on data from the 1980s.

Hansen proposed an amendment to the bill to re-include the updated protections that were removed, but the amendment failed in a 34-64 vote.

“The reason legislators did not update the standards is because they were lobbied by the West Virginia Manufacturers Association,” Hansen said. “It’s very clear, and the Manufacturers Association was not secretive about it.”

Many of the pollutants meant to be controlled by the standards are carcinogens, Hansen said, so while the state’s cancer rate may not directly increase, it is likely to at least remain higher than it should be (if the standards were properly updated).

Angie Rosser, executive director of West Virginia Rivers Coalition, a non-profit organization and the state’s affiliate of the National Wildlife Federation, said SB 163 fails to update the human health criteria of the state’s water quality standards.

“These protections are meant to keep

our water safe for public drinking, contract recreation and fish consumption, but they are out-of-date,” Rosser said.

Consuming many of the chemicals in West Virginia’s waterways at unsafe levels could cause serious diseases like cancer, she said.

Because of the lobbying of the West Virginia Manufacturers Association, which represents chemical manufacturers, and their argument that it is okay to increase pollution that ends up in drinking water because West Virginians have bigger bodies, drink less water and eat less fish, West Virginians are now facing two years of not being protected by standards reflecting the most up-to-date science, Rosser said.

New proposals for protections are not set to be reviewed until the 2020 legislative session.

“Every body of water in West Virginia already has a fish consumption advisory because it is unsafe to freely eat fish from our rivers,” Rosser said. “We should be cleaning up our rivers. We should feel safe about eating our fish and drinking our water.”

Rosser said lawmakers and citizens need to focus on trying to make the state healthier because West Virginia already has one of the highest cancer rates in the country and a serious nutrition problem.

“Allowing more pollution is a backwards way of approaching our problems,” she said. “We need to be more aspirational in both protecting and improving human health and environmental quality.”

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Student Senate approves judicial branch, decision goes to students

By JESTEN RICHARDSON
COPY EDITOR

A student senate resolution to create a judicial branch in the Student Government Association will now appear on the ballot during next week’s elections, after it was approved during a student senate meeting Tuesday in the Memorial Student Center.

Members of the student body will determine whether or not Senate Resolution 76.19 is passed when they vote during the March 19 and 20 election, said Parliamentarian Jo Tremmel, leader of the student senate’s Judiciary Committee.

If the resolution is passed, a student body judicial branch consisting of a five-member Supreme Court will be created, Tremmel said. Members of the Supreme Court will be nominated by the newly-elected student body president and approved by the student senate for a one-year appointment, she said.

Undergraduate students with a cumulative GPA of 2.75 and graduate students with a cumulative GPA of 3.00 would be eligible for nomination to the student body Supreme Court if they also met one of the following requirements: having at least one prior year of SGA experience; having completed at least 40 undergraduate credit hours; or having completed at least

12 graduate credit hours.

If the student body judicial branch is created, senators and members of the executive branch will be able to bring constitutional concerns to the judicial Supreme Court and will also be able to ask if members of student government are doing what is fair and allowed, said Student Body Vice President Hannah Petracca, leader of the student senate.

Currently, the concerns of SGA members are addressed to Marshall University’s director of student conduct, Petracca said. With the creation of a student body judicial branch and Supreme Court, students would be able to have an input in the process, she said.

“To sum it up, ultimately we wanted to get more students involved in student government, we wanted there to be another way for more students to be involved, we wanted student input in deciding disagreements between the branches that currently exist,” Petracca said.

The idea to create a judicial branch for SGA originated in the executive branch with Petracca and Student Body President Hunter Barclay, and the original sponsor of the resolution was Sen. Jeremiah Parlock, Petracca said.

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Parliamentarian Jo Tremmel calls roll-call during a student senate meeting Tuesday, March 12 in the Memorial Student Center.

Passed bill intensifies dark money in politics



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Senate Bill 622, allowing substantially more untraceable donations to be made to in-state politicians, passed the House just before midnight Saturday in a vote of 57-42.

By DOUGLAS HARDING
ONLINE AND SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGER

Late at night over the weekend, just before the conclusion of West Virginia's 2019 legislative session, lawmakers passed a bill significantly intensifying the legal flow of dark money throughout local elections.

Senate Bill 622 increases the allowed donations from single entities in an election cycle from \$1,000 per any person or political action committee to \$2,800 per person and \$5,000 per PAC and reduces penalties for politicians who break campaign finance laws from \$25-per-day to \$10-per-day.

Delegate Chad Lovejoy (D- Cabell, 17) proposed an amendment to the bill which he said would have closed two loopholes within the current law, forcing candidates

to disclose the sources of all money used for advertising and influencing state elections, but lawmakers voted against it.

"West Virginia citizens have a right to know who's paying for the ads they're being bombarded with," Lovejoy said.

Lovejoy said he has knocked on thousands of doors and talked to thousands of West Virginians, and none of them have ever advocated for more money and less transparency in politics.

"Not one constituent of mine has ever said that," he said.

Selina Vickers, a concerned West Virginia citizen, said there is already too much untraceable money flowing through West Virginia elections.

"Our campaign finance system is at the heart of the problems in our state and

country," she said.

Vickers said allowing money in politics functions like a system of bribery in which lawmakers from major parties become beholden to their wealthiest donors instead of their constituents.

Princeton University conducted a study in 2014 examining the extent to which the U.S. government represents its people, Vickers said.

"They looked at over forty years of research, and what they determined is that the preferences of the average American appear to have a near-zero, statistically non-significant impact upon public policy,"

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New multi-factor authentication for Marshall accounts

By RILEIGH SMIRL
FOR THE PARTHENON

Marshall students, faculty and staff may have noticed a recent email announcement from the IT Department concerning a new addition to their Office 365 accounts. This new "Multi-Factor Authentication" will add another layer of increased protection to the accounts and services of those using a Marshall University account and will be rolling out on March 31.

Once they have logged into their account, users will receive another step to complete the sign-in process to ensure that the correct person is accessing the account and to greatly decrease concerns of hacking and phishing attacks that have been a problem in the university's recent past. Jon Cutler, the

chief information security officer for the university, said he believes this advanced notice of the change in the system's security will improve its impact on the students, staff and university as a whole.

"We always assume things are going to be easier than they are," Cutler said. "One of the things we've found over time is the sooner you can telegraph ahead that change is coming, the better. We're not simply saying MFA is going to solve all of our problems, but it is going to solve a chunk of them. It is going to give us an opportunity to do other things. It is just one piece of the security and identity puzzle."

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Police Blotter



By MACKENZIE JONES
THE PARTHENON

Bench Warrant

Officers noticed a car had been sitting for a while with two occupants on the vehicle March 6, at 8:43 a.m. on the 400 block of 24th Street: a white male and a white female. The officer approached the vehicle and asked them to abandon it, and after further investigation, it was found they had bench warrants. Both were taken into custody.

Fraud

A female had purchased a car on eBay, and in seven days had still not received her car. She contacted eBay, and they told her that she had been a victim of fraud. This report on the fraud was filed March 7.

Disorderly Conduct

Two males, one white age 21 and one black age 21, were spotted by an officer fighting on 18th Street and Fifth Avenue, March 8 at 11:23 a.m. An officer pulled over and called for backup before he approached the men to break up the fight. After another officer arrived, they got the men separated, and one had an angry demeanor and raised tone of voice; for officer safety he was placed in handcuffs. One was then arrested for disorderly conduct and the other arrested for disorderly conduct and driving with a suspended license. A drug search was done on the vehicle by the police department's drug dog. There were no drugs found in the car.

Heroin Overdose

Officers noticed a car on the corner of 25th Street where the driver was unconscious, March 8 at 2:34 p.m. After getting closer to the male, they noticed injection sights on the male's left arm. Two milliliters of Narcan were administered to the man, as he was overdosing on opioids according to police reports. After awaking, the male did not know anything; here he was, how he drove the car, time or day of the week. The suspect was identified and transported to St. Mary's Hospital. His vehicle was then towed and a warrant for his arrest was issued for a DUI.

Stolen Property

An officer saw a white male, age 19, carrying a sign across campus March 10 at 1 a.m. When confronted, he said he was going to keep the sign and hang it in his fraternity house. The sign was recovered, and he was written a citation for transferring and receiving stolen property.

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Organization aims to build bridges between students

By **MEREDITH O'BARA**
THE PARTHENON

Gather around the table, it is time for an American dinner.

The Bridges International organization gives international students a chance to experience an American home dinner while talking about the Christian faith.

For many international students, getting the chance to experience an American home-cooked meal is a novelty, said Katelyn Hannan, Bridges International staff member.

"Getting to be able to come to an American home and share their culture hits a lot of the things Bridges is about," Hannan said. "A lot of students never get to go to an American home, which is kind of sad, and so we want to alleviate that through this."

Grace Reed, a leadership member of Bridges and sophomore international affairs major, said the dinners give students a chance to explore the American culture and Christian faith in a safe environment.

"I think it is a place to ask questions and not feel pressured to have the right answers," Reed said. "There is one girl who came up to me and said, 'That is the first time I have ever prayed before, and I did not know if I was supposed to close my eyes or bow my head or say something afterwards, but I did not feel pressured to do that because I am allowed to learn here.'"



PHOTO COURTESY OF KATELYN HANNAN

The Bridges International organization provided students an opportunity to gather for dinner Tuesday March 5, to experience American culture.

The weekly dinners have been a vision of Bridges for a while, Hannan said, but this semester it finally became a reality.

"Bridges has always wanted to do something weekly and consistent, and one of the ways that this movement got started was through weekly dinners because people come for food," Hannan said. "This was just a fun time to hang out together and eat and share culture and do a discussion on faith after. We have been dreaming about this for probably a year now and then finally we had enough people that we thought we could get started."

Hannan said the dinner, which is held at a Huntington community member's house, is provided by the students, but she hopes at some point the group can cook together and learn about a new culture.

"I think the vision was more of people coming over early and we will make food together, but how it has looked so far is people bringing food and making it themselves," Hannan said. "So, they can come to the house before if they want and then our vision would be for different cultures to have different food featured each time."

Although the dinners are still a work in progress, Reed said it gives students a chance to experience culture outside of a classroom.

"I think it is a great opportunity to get off campus and do something that is not necessarily structured in a way that is like 'meet in this classroom and do this thing,'" Reed said. "It is a lot more chill and a lot less strained. They are able to ask questions about the outside culture that is Marshall, Huntington, West Virginia or the United States. The dinners give students a chance to see these cultures in real time which you cannot do in a dorm."

After dinner, students are invited to gather together to discuss faith, Hannan said.

"We have a little bit of a structure," Hannan said. "It is called discovery groups which is something we are trying. It is simple, you pick a passage from the Bible and just read it together and then ask simple questions and then everyone shares their thoughts on it. It is made for people who are not Christian and for intercultural discussions."

The next dinner will be Tuesday, March 19. For more information about Bridges and the dinners, those interested may visit Bridges International Marshall University Facebook page and Instagram @mubridgesinternational.

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New minor allows students to use technology to ask questions about world

By **JESTEN RICHARDSON**
COPY EDITOR

Leaving college with skills and tools that can help to make students marketable to potential employers is one of the benefits for students getting a minor in digital humanities at Marshall University, said Marshall's director of digital humanities.

Other benefits of graduating with the minor include leaving college with another credential on their resumes and with the experience of having already done presentations, being published or completing projects, said Kristen Lillvis, Marshall's director of digital humanities and a professor of English.

Digital humanities is using technology to ask and answer questions about the world, Lillvis said. Humanities is the part where these questions are asked and answered, but digital humanities looks at how new technology and new ways of using digital tools allow people to investigate questions about the world in new ways, she said.

Marshall's digital humanities minor is designed to prepare students to translate their knowledge into twenty-first century jobs and the twenty-first century world of careers, said Robert Bookwalter, dean of Marshall's College of Liberal Arts. Specifically, students can take some of the basic critical thinking, communication and collaboration skills that are central to liberal arts majors and put those skills into practice in modern careers, he said.

Everything uses digital tools nowadays, Bookwalter said. Fields in the liberal arts and elsewhere have digital applications in the world after graduation, so students need to have competency in things such as social media, app development, web development and data applications, he said.

Lillvis said she thinks the most exciting thing about the digital humanities minor at Marshall is that it is from all throughout the university. Students from several different colleges and departments are minoring in digital humanities, she said, and some of the areas of study these students are in include video production, computer and information

technology, English, psychology, art, political science, journalism, athletic training and education.

The digital humanities also has an interdisciplinary element and requires students to take courses in at least three different academic departments, Lillvis said. Almost every college in the university is represented in the digital humanities minor, she said, with some courses that count towards the minor being in subjects such as anthropology, communication studies, computer science, geography, political science and music.

"It's really a minor that can be tailored to the student's interests," Lillvis said. "So, no one student has the same set of courses as any other student. There's so many different ones, you can really pick and make it your own."

A lot of these courses, which engage with both the humanities and digital tools and technologies, also count towards students' core requirements, Lillvis said, so

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RICHARD CRANK | THE PARTHENON

Elmore's engagement, double-double end regular season with Herd win

By **MILLARD STICKLER**
THE PARTHENON

Marshall's senior day began slowly Saturday afternoon in the Cam Henderson Center but the Thundering Herd shook off the early nerves to defeat Florida Atlantic, 76-61, erasing a 17-point first half deficit in the process.

"Obviously (it's) a little emotional again," Marshall head basketball coach Dan D'Antoni said following the game, which saw his first full recruiting class, consisting of guards Rondale Watson, C.J. Burks and Jon Elmore, along with forward Christian Thieneman, honored before the game.

"We started out a little slow," D'Antoni said. "The first time out (the players) came over and I gave them some words of inspiration. They came out fired up, went after it and moved the ball."

Similarly, Elmore said that the Herd started off a little sluggish.

"We started off a little slow," Elmore said. "But we really locked in defensively. I know we weren't hitting a lot of shots early, but I think that was just adrenaline and being a little jumpy from the pregame."

Elmore, who proposed to girlfriend Tori Dent before the game, finished with the lone double-double of the contest, compiling 16 points and 10 rebounds, plus a fiance. Dent, a former Marshall track and field student athlete, said 'yes' to Elmore at mid-court after a message popping the question was shown on the videoboard.

"If she said no, I was just going to pack it up and head on out of there," Elmore said. "We weren't playing the game. Coach gave me permission. He said, 'you can just call it quits.' But she said yes, and I am very lucky."

Despite their sluggish start, the Herd was still able to bounce back when it out-scored FAU in the last six minutes to tie the game 28-28 before halftime. D'Antoni said the defense was excellent.

"We took (FAU) out of everything they wanted to do," he said. "Even though we are not big inside we gave up a few little bunnies, but for the most part

(FAU) struggled and turned it over a lot of times. Fifteen turnovers and most of them were (FAU) trying to get it into the paint. Nice job by our (players)."

Elmore said it all started with the defense.

"We locked in defensively and held them to 28 points at the half," he said. "Then we really locked in in the second half and made shots. So, it starts on the defensive end for us."

Marshall sophomore guard Jarrod West led all scorers with 17 points, going 5-for-7 in field goals, 5-for-6 in free throws and 2-for-2 in 3-pointers. Freshman guard Tae-vion Kinsey and senior guard C.J. Burks scored 11 points each combined with Elmore's double-double, to help the Herd get the victory.

D'Antoni said the seniors have taken Marshall to a whole other level of play.

"We came with four-year students," he said. "You get to see them advance the whole way. Jon and C.J. were here from the get-go. Jon a little bit late but not much. C.J., Rondale, all of them here. For me... and it is a personal thing, it is not guaranteed to where you should do it but for me that is the way college athletics should be."

With the victory, the Herd advanced its record to 18-13 and 11-7 in C-USA play, while Florida Atlantic fell to 17-14 and 8-10 in conference play. D'Antoni said he doesn't want to celebrate the seniors' final home game too hard with the C-USA tournament right around the corner.

"I want to take this car right on down the road," he said. "I think we are capable of doing that."

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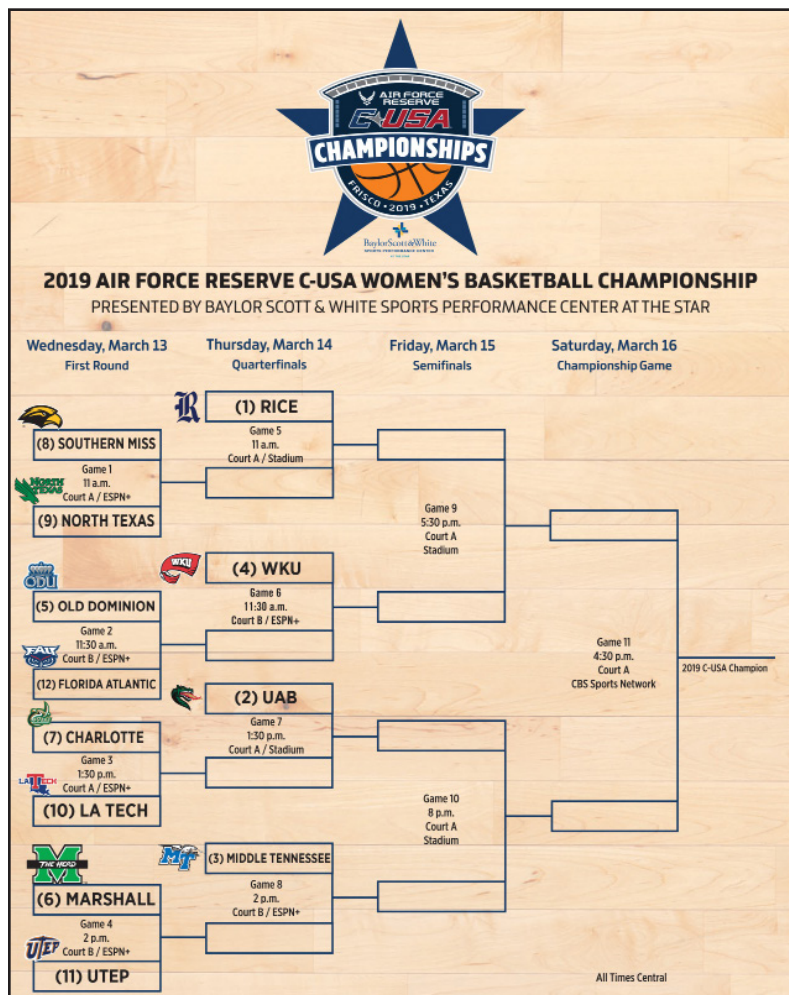


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Top: Marshall's senior class, consisting of C.J. Burks (14), Christian Thieneman (0), Jon Elmore (33) and Rondale Watson (23), are recognized with their families during the senior day recognition prior to the Thundering Herd's contest against Florida Atlantic on Mar. 9 at the Cam Henderson Center.

Bottom: Marshall guard Jon Elmore (33) proposes to his girlfriend, former Thundering Herd track and field student athlete Tori Dent, prior to the Herd's contest against Florida Atlantic on Mar. 9 at the Cam Henderson Center. Dent accepted the proposal, and the Thundering Herd's all-conference guard recorded a double-double in what was likely his last home game, barring any postseason home games.

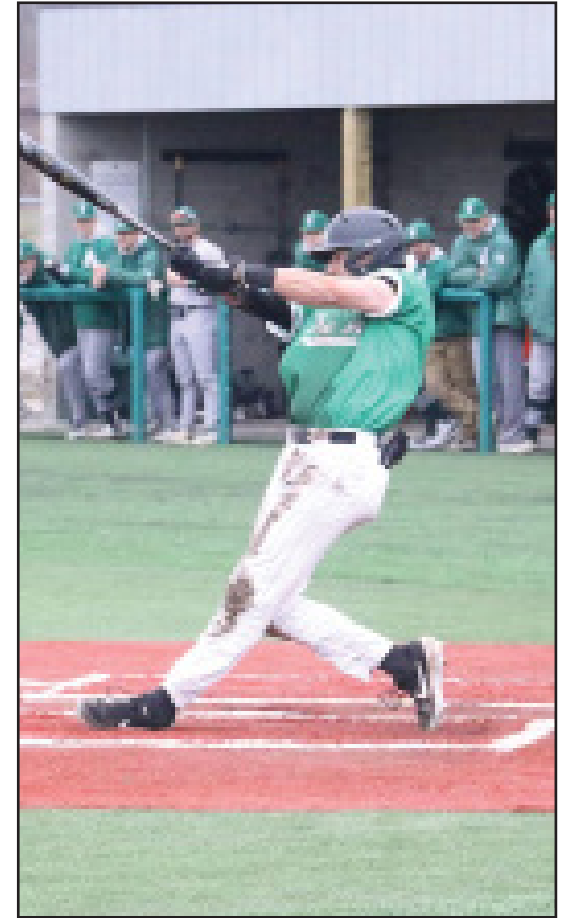
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Athletes of the week: Taylor Porter, women's basketball, and Shane Hanon, baseball;



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ABOUT TAYLOR PORTER

Class: Redshirt Senior
Hometown: Louisa, Kentucky
Points Per Game: 12.4
Rebounds Per Game: 3.8

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

vs. FIU: career-high 30 points on a school record 10 3-pointers (10-for-12), seven rebounds, three assists, one steal.

Marshall women's basketball player Taylor Porter shattered the Marshall school record with 10 3-pointers (on 12 attempts) on her senior day Thursday. With breaking the school record, this was also a career-high for Porter. Porter was named Conference USA Player of the Week for her performance. She was one triple shy of tying the C-USA record of 11 and three shy of tying the NCAA Division I record of 13. She also had seven rebounds, three assists and a steal. Porter is second on the team in points scored and made 3-pointers and third on the team in rebounds.

ABOUT SHANE HANON

Class: Redshirt Senior
Hometown: Gig Bay, Washington
Batting Average: .370
Hits/HR/RBI: 20/2/12

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

vs. Eastern Michigan (4 games): .647 average (11-for-17), seven extra-base hits, two home runs, 6-for-6 with the cycle in game 3.

Marshall baseball player Shane Hanon went a combined eight-for-11 in the two Sunday games against Eastern Michigan. In those two games he had six RBI and two home runs. In the first game of the day he hit six-for-six at the plate, with one base-on-balls as he hit for the cycle. With Marshall collecting four wins against Eastern Michigan, Hanon went 11-for-17 at the plate. Hanon was named Conference USA Hitter of the Week for his performance against the Eagles. Hanon is second on the team in batting average and tied for the team lead in hits and RBI, while also leading the team with 10 extra-base hits.

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EDITORIAL

An open letter to President Gordon Gee

"No one cares about Marshall."

This simplistic statement was made by West Virginia University's President Gordon Gee during a faculty senate meeting last week. Though this short editorial could give statistics about just how many people – students, faculty, staff and Huntington residents— not only care about Marshall but who also love it, perhaps it would be best to dedicate this as an open letter to President Gee.

Many of your students already disrespect Marshall, President Gee. Now, they've seen their president verbally belittle us and may feel even more encouraged to mistreat us. You've added fuel to a fire that should have been put out long ago, or that should have never been lit in the first place. History is history and what's past is past, but it is a shame this is our present. Our President Jerry Gilbert has worked hard and dedicated so much time to bettering our university. He has tried to make peace with you and bring the two proud universities together.

President Gee, we suggest setting a better example for your students, so that they may understand how to

behave and treat those different than them. Friendly rivalry or no, (though just when exactly was the last time our football teams played one another?) we are talking about two distinguished colleges in the same state. A state that, may we remind you, is too often looked down upon. It appears awfully bad that now our two largest universities can't seem to get along. For years Marshall has always turned the other cheek and humbly accepted our shortcomings, without ever denouncing WVU. Can your school say the same, President?

We don't need to tell you, you already know, but your statement hurt. And what did Marshall do to deserve this? Your comment stemmed from discussing the conceal carry bill, which you supported. President Gilbert tried to protect his students from getting shot walking to class by protesting the notorious HB 2519, yet you supported it, because you believed it would pass. President Gilbert stood up for what he believed in; he stood up for what he believed was right, and he wanted to do what was best for his college and

his students no matter how grave the situation was in the senate. And we must include that President Gilbert managed to do this without uttering a single negative word about WVU. Perhaps you should take some lessons from him. From what we can tell, President Gee, you did not fight to kill the bill as hard as Marshall did, though you tried to create more regulations. But who should care, right? Except that a school shooting would be a school shooting, in Morgantown or Huntington.

Yes, it is all good and well that you expressed your opinion. We would never advocate for the restriction of free speech, but you knew this was on video, for anyone to see, and we did eventually see it. Those who care about Marshall saw it, and it does not matter your original intent, President Gee, because now it is out there for us to interpret. Of course, it doesn't take much for us to understand your blatant meaning.

You think your university is more important and overall better than Marshall because you're worth more money with a bigger

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GINGER'S GUIDE TO: Stevie Nicks and the Hall of Fame

By **AMANDA LARCH**
MANAGING EDITOR

This semester, I've been learning a lot about powerful, strong and influential women. From Egyptian rulers Hatshepsut and Nefertiti, to women comedians striving to change the male-dominated comedy scene, female empowerment has definitely felt like an ongoing theme this semester for me. As much as I could go on about the women I've been learning about, for Women's History Month, I wanted to write about one woman in particular who has always inspired me and had the ability to brighten my moods and make me feel special. And I have never even met her.

It goes without saying that I wouldn't be where I am today without the love, support and kindness from all the women in my family, especially my sweet mother and grandmothers. I think, too, that another woman has had that much of an impact on my life. Her name is Stevie Nicks.

On March 29, Stevie will be the first woman to be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame twice; the first was for her involvement with Fleetwood Mac, and this time is for her solo career. She'll finally be recognized for her immense talent and alluring and impressive solo catalogue. Over 20 men have been inducted into the Hall of Fame more than once since its opening in 1986; it's about time we have a lady rocker in there twice as well. I couldn't be happier that it's Stevie Nicks.



AMANDA LARCH | MANAGING EDITOR

The Ginger's collection of Stevie Nicks' solo albums. Stevie will be the first woman inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame twice on March 29.

Not only is Stevie's music beautiful, but she is a beautiful person, inside and out. Her fans have always come first to her. She's so open with us in her songs and her songwriting; we really feel like we know her. Stevie has overcome many obstacles in her life, and she's so strong yet so delicate at the same time.

I've been lucky enough to see her perform twice in concert, once as a solo act (almost exactly two years ago, on St. Patrick's Day!) and most recently in November, with Fleetwood Mac. While both were amazing concerts that made me cry and left my heart happy, her solo concert was my favorite. She told stories and talked with the audience, which made an arena full of people all feel like we were sitting around a warm fireplace having an intimate conversation

with her. I'd like to, but I don't think I could accurately represent her music by attempting to describe it to you. It's poetic, yet at its core, it's rock and roll. And it will finally be part of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame at month's end.

I'd like to share with you something I penned the day after I first saw her in concert:

"To me, Stevie is first and foremost a poet. A storyteller. She's a talented writer. She, besides Sylvia Plath, is my biggest inspiration and my idol. Stevie has taught me so much: to believe in myself and to keep my dreams alive. She has overcome so much in her life and come out on the other side a stronger person. It's been about 24 hours since she first walked out on stage, and I'm still mystified. She's gorgeous, humble, funny and gracious. I've learned to let myself believe in magic because of her, and I'm so thankful I could be in the presence of such a powerful woman. I will never forget this experience, and I'll always aspired to be half as great of a poet as she is."

This Women's History Month, I urge you to reflect on all the women who have positively shaped your life, whether they're relatives or celebrities. This month isn't about pushing some agenda; rather, it's about celebrating women because throughout history, they often weren't celebrated at all.

So, while you're doing all that, I'd recommend listening to some Stevie Nicks as well.

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Movie Review: 'Green Book'

By **DILLON MCCARTY**
CONTRIBUTOR

"Green Book" follows two men, Tony Lip (Viggo Mortensen) and Dr. Don Shirley (Mahershala Ali). Lip is a lively Italian American, who is looking for employment. Lip's communal connections get him an interview with Dr. Shirley, a popular African American musician. Shirley wants a driver who can get him to each concert location. Sounds simple, right? Well, the tour is set in the Deep South. Shirley hires Lip, and the two men begin their journey. Along the way, the duo encounters humanistic hatred, but most importantly, they form a beautiful bond. To start, I will say that "Green Book" is a great film. The film is a bit overlong (there are a few elongated sequences here and there), but its power cannot be reduced.

Right away, the main characters are portrayed as being flawed. Director Peter Farrelly wisely establishes the broken nature of each character, while also hinting at the fact that everyone (no matter what race) is flawed. By focusing on the character's flaws, Farrelly successfully sets the foundation for

satisfying character arcs. Lip, a fun, high spirited family man, has a hot temper. And as a result, he often uses violence to fix his problems. Also, Lip is somewhat prejudiced towards African Americans. In an early scene, two African American repairmen use Lip's glasses. After the repairmen leave, Lip puts the glasses in the garbage.

Dr. Shirley is a highly intellectual man. He has heart and knowledge. Most importantly, he wants to make a difference. Yes, these are great qualities, but the character is very snobby. He speaks with minimal emotion. And oftentimes, he cuts interpersonal conversations short. In general, Dr. Shirley has a hollow personality, full of impatience, predictability, and dullness. Dr. Shirley has unprecedented music skills, but he fails to live life to the fullest.

As the characters get deeper and deeper into the south, situations get worse. Dr. Shirley is treated with great disgust. At times, the demented interpersonal acts turn into physical abuse. These dark, racist acts are sprinkled throughout the running time to give the film a sense of legitimacy.

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how stressful the mundane aspects of college can be, which is why we have really focused our campaign on easing burdens on students. Personally, I have always tried to go about my life by making at least one person's day better every day. I think that is why a lot of my work to date focuses on developing real solutions. I would be no different in this position.

Q: Was there something specific that inspired you to run?

A: The one-on-one relationships I have formed with students on this campus was my main reason for running. I think that hearing their stories, worries, and what excites them every day drove me to want to make Marshall an even better experience for them. Also, Stephanie's genuine care for Marshall and passion behind making a difference had a great impact on me. Ultimately, both factors made me realize that now would be the best time to try to make substantial change with someone I knew I could trust and someone that I knew students could trust.

Q: What plans do you have if you are elected?

A: We have big goals for when we get elected, but we have extensively researched each of them and already have written proposals to move each forward. Primarily, our goal is to continue listening and learning from students. We will certainly be working on easing the burden of tuition on families, bringing in more major events, and mental health; however, we don't plan on losing sight of the people that these objectives impact most. We plan to serve each student to the best of our ability and fulfill the promises that we have made. Every action we take will be geared toward putting students first.

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Crystal Stewart, IT client engagement manager for Marshall, says the other important part of this puzzle is the education on these issues and their possible solutions. Stewart urges the importance of the IT Department's "Stop, Think, Connect" campaign, which encourages students to think more deeply about where they are receiving their emails from and how to more accurately decipher whether information is truthful and real, or if it is a hacking scheme to give outside people access to Marshall University services, accounts, and information.

Stewart said, "So, we put out a lot of stuff about 'Stop, Think, Connect' so that we can

Q: What do you believe is the biggest issue that Marshall is facing and how do you plan to combat it?

A: There are a few issues that really stick out to me at Marshall. I don't think that you can necessarily pinpoint it to one because different things matter to different people. Mainly, I think that the rising costs of college greatly impact everyone on this campus. We are planning to combat that by proposing alternative plans, like tuition caps or fixed-rate tuition, that will lower and specify the costs of college. There is a great concern for mental health here also, which we plan to combat by making services more accessible to the lifestyles of all students. In terms of programming and events, we are looking at bringing in a larger concert on homecoming to create more on-campus excitement while also better engaging businesses in the community. For other major issues like campus safety, we have spoken with MUPD and are considering creating a safety app for two-way communication that better disseminates information. We have also looked at the parking problem here and are working on proposing the inclusion of a parking garage in new university projects.

Q: Is there anything I haven't asked that you believe the student body should know?

A: Above all the noise, I think that the student body should know that Stephanie, our cabinet, and me have dedicated ourselves to students. This election is an opportunity to put you at the forefront of what goes on around this university. The people we have met throughout this process really demonstrate the character and care our students share for each other. Our family of students deserves to be put first.

educate our campus users to understand you need to take a second to stop, think about what are you clicking on, and then be aware before you log in to something that might look like Marshall, or even your Google account, that it might not be."

The most important takeaway from this campaign and from these new services is the safety they provide not only to each individual student and staff member, but to the university as a whole and all of their important files that are left vulnerable during a hacking attack, even if just through one student's email.

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KIRK cont. from 1**Q: Was there something specific that inspired you to run?**

A: When Jeremiah came to me with the proposition of running alongside him, I was hesitant at first. After much consideration, I realized that with everything I had been involved with at Marshall, it would be the next step that was meant for my Marshall experience. With everything that Marshall has given me, I knew this would be the best way to give back to the institution that means so much to me. I feel that the leadership skills that Marshall has instilled upon me has put me in the position to do better for Marshall and its students.

Q: What plans do you have if you are elected?

A: Once in office, my team wants to go to the student body and understand individual wants and concerns before we implement any of our own plans and ideas. However, some of the main considerations that we have seen to be important are campus engagement, where we plan to create semesterly leadership symposiums with representatives from the over 220 clubs and organizations on campus. We plan to create a volunteer faculty mentoring program for students seeking support and guidance. We plan to decrease the cost of parking permits. We plan to expand student discount programs with local

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students can complete the minor while also fulfilling core requirements.

Bookwalter said he thinks an understanding of the humanities, a set of disciplines that provide individuals with hindsight, foresight and insight into the human condition, makes the world better and allows individuals to improve themselves and their community.

The digital aspect of the digital humanities minor may also give students a "leg up on" other applicants in the work force, Bookwalter said. He said he thinks it would be unusual for any college graduate to get a job in the public or private sector where employers would not be thrilled to learn an

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budget. It is true many more students attend WVU, but how can one place a worth on the value of a good education that students receive? Or of a city so welcoming that gives as we give back? Having more students does not and should not equal

businesses. We plan to expand the Barclay/Petracca affordable textbook options initiative for students.

Q: What do you believe is the biggest issue that Marshall is facing and how do you plan to combat it?

A: One of the biggest issues that Marshall students specifically face is mental health. With such a high collegiate work load, it is easy for students to become overwhelmed, which can easily lead to mental issues that affect all aspects of a student's life. Our duty on campus is to be a student, but foremost it is to be a healthy human being. The first step in addressing this issue must be for students to realize that is okay to speak up and be heard about their issues. Once this becomes a normality on campus, the problems of mental health can be recognized and targeted.

Q: Is there anything I haven't asked that you believe the student body should know?

A: You do not have to be a part of Student Government Association to be involved and make a difference on campus. Jeremiah and I have both spent time outside of SGA during our Marshall experience and were able to get a different perspective, while being involved in other activities on campus. Anyone can still make a difference if they have the drive and passion to change anything.

individual knows how to do things such as deploy social media tools to connect with customers or clients, manage websites or build or develop web based tools for the business or develop apps and apply those apps to the goals, to the audiences and to the stakeholders of that business or agency.

"I think that being able to deploy digital tools in our lives, in our personal and professional lives, is an absolute necessity in the twenty-first century, so minoring in the humanities would be beneficial for any person in college, no matter what their field no matter what their major," Bookwalter said.

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more importance.

Some final thoughts to close, President Gee. You can continue to think no one cares about us. But you would be wrong. And we will continue to know our worth and our value.

We are Marshall.

'More Than Addiction' educates, sheds light on impact of substance use

By SAVANAH MATNEY
THE PARTHENON

After losing her long-term boyfriend this past winter, Kate Farmer and her boyfriend's sister, Karla Hilliard, discussed creating an outlet that would help them cope with their grief. The result was More Than Addiction.

More Than Addiction highlights real stories of people who have been impacted by drug addiction.

"My greatest hope is that we can shift the conversation away from the inaccurate and demoralizing rhetoric surrounding addiction to a more complete and humane narrative," Hilliard said.

Hilliard said she hopes that by shifting the conversation, they can create ripples both big and small.

"I hope More Than Addiction can inspire and also affect change, one story at a time," Hilliard said.

Farmer said her biggest hope is to save others from experiencing what she has.

"I felt that being a part of More Than Addiction was a great first step in doing so," Farmer said. "My goal is for these stories to educate our community on the realities that substance abusers, loved ones, and professionals face on a daily basis. As a result, we would like our society to recognize the human beings behind the stigma and that we are all more than addiction."

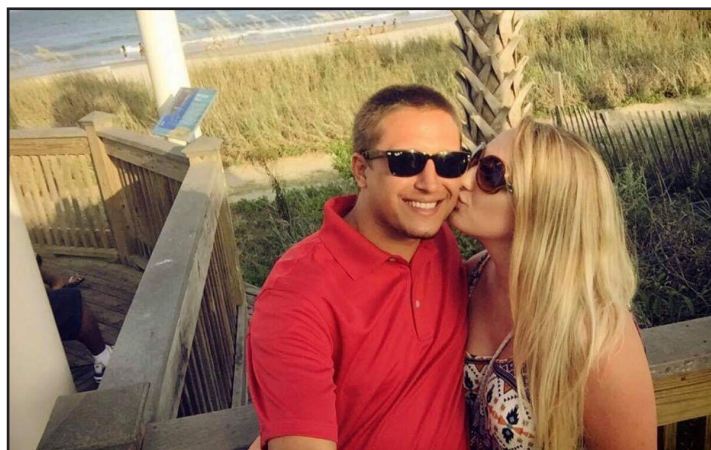


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More Than Addiction's founder Kate Farmer lost her boyfriend, Brad Atkins, in 2018. Farmer said she hopes to save others from experiencing what she has through the organization.

College campuses are an important place to shine light on this subject, and Hilliard said she hopes that by cultivating compassion and empathy through this organization and being able to grow its readership, students can help shift the narrative of addiction and take small and necessary steps toward combating this disease that plagues local communities.

"I think educating college students on a subject such as addiction is absolutely necessary in forming a better understanding of those affected," Farmer said. "This understanding is an important first step in building that compassion and empathy in others."

Farmer said it is imperative that college students are aware of the risks imposed by using drugs and alcohol, as well as the effects which can take place with extended use.

Hilliard said her advice to college students in regards to this subject is, "take time to understand the complexities of the human condition, of addiction, and why our

state's drug epidemic is a cause worth fighting."

For more information, the organization's Facebook is More Than Addiction, and the Instagram is @morethanaddictionwv. Their email is morethanaddiction@gmail.com.

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