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Faculty and Staff

June 15, 2022



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Governor declares Juneteenth holiday for June 17

JUNE 15, 2022

On Monday, Gov. Jim Justice declared Friday, June 17, a holiday for all West Virginia public employees in acknowledgement of the historical significance of Juneteenth, which became a federal holiday on June 17, 2021.

As a result, Marshall University will observe this holiday. The university will close at the end of business on Thursday, June 16, and will reopen the morning of Monday, June 20.

For employees who already have annual leave approved for Friday, June 17, the university will remove the vacation day from Time Clock Plus and credit it back to the employee's balance.

Essential employees who are required to work June 17 will be compensated in accordance with the university's holiday policy.

Questions about the additional holiday may be directed to Bruce Felder by e-mail at felder1@marshall.edu or by phone at 304-696-3983.

Felder, Painter named to new positions at Marshall University

JUNE 14, 2022



Marshall University President Brad D. Smith today announced two senior-level university administrators will assume new roles in his administration, effective July 2.

Bruce B. Felder (left), director of human resources, has been promoted to serve as the university's inaugural Chief Talent and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer and Virginia R. "Ginny" Painter, currently senior vice president for communications and marketing, has been named Chief of Staff.

"The evolution of the university's organization structure, which includes the announcements we're making today, allows for realignment of existing resources and permits the university to develop new areas of emphasis and focus," Smith said. "Both Bruce Felder and Ginny Painter are forward-thinking, strategic-minded individuals who are perfectly prepared to help lead Marshall in these new capacities."

Felder joined Marshall in 2014 as director of human resources after seven years at Cabell Huntington Hospital as manager of human resources. He earned a bachelor's degree from Marshall in 2002 with a double major in business management and management information systems. In 2007, he earned a Master of Science in strategic leadership from Mountain State University. In 2022, he graduated from Tulane Law School with a Master of Jurisprudence in labor and employment law. He is certified as a senior professional of human resources (SPHR) and has earned multiple certifications in human resources, leadership, and management. Felder is also a military veteran, having served in the Army National Guard. He received the Bronze Star Medal in 2006 for his achievement in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

With more than 30 years' experience in higher education and government communications, marketing and administration, Painter was named to her current position as senior vice president in 2014. Her leadership includes service at the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission, the University of Charleston, Marshall University Research Corporation and as deputy commission of the West Virginia Division of Culture and History. Painter received several awards from the West Virginia chapter of the Public Relations Society of America, and she was honored with the Distinguished West Virginian Award by Governor Joe Manchin in 2009 for her work on the new West Virginia State Museum. In 2018, she received a Women of Marshall Outstanding Achievement Award from the Marshall University Women's Center and Women's Studies program. She has a bachelor's degree in public relations from Marshall and a master's in business administration from the University of Charleston.

In addition to the realignment announced today, the university has launched national searches for several other top-level spots to replace individuals who have previously announced their intentions to retire, have been serving in an interim capacity or are assuming new roles in the university.

- Chief Marketing and Communications Officer
- Chief Information Officer
- Chief Financial Officer

It's expected all of the new positions will be filled by late September.

Marshall professor named president of Historic Glenwood Foundation

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Professor Dr. Luke Eric Lassiter was named president of the Historic Glenwood Foundation at a reception on June 8. The director of the graduate humanities program at Marshall, Lassiter has served on their board and now will take over as president.

The professor of humanities and anthropology has worked closely with the organization in the past, as a member of their board, collaborating with their foundation on several public and private educational collaborations.

The Historic Glenwood Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of Glenwood, a National Register of Historic Places property located in Charleston, West Virginia. The goal of the foundation is to preserve, collect and facilitate or sponsor research relating to the property, which includes helping to promote local and regional history in and around Charleston. The foundation has sponsored many graduate humanities program projects, including graduate seminars, student internships, and research by faculty and students.

“I am honored that the board would entrust me with this responsibility,” Lassiter said. “Over the past decade, I’ve had the great pleasure of learning from an accomplished and dedicated group of community leaders, and I look forward to our continued work together.”

Current Glenwood Foundation President Pamela Tarr of Jackson Kelly PLLC in Charleston says Lassiter is a great choice to lead the foundation.

“The Glenwood Foundation is fortunate in having Dr. Eric Lassiter as a board member and now assuming the responsibility as board president,” Tarr said. “We believe Dr. Lassiter brings a unique set of skills and insights to the mission of this foundation. His dedication to scholarship and bringing students to a hands-on learning experience with a historic property and hundreds of historic documents holds great promise for the Glenwood mission and the educational experience of those students involved. In addition, the property provides the public a view into life of the families who occupied the Glenwood estate since its creation in 1852.”

The Historic Glenwood facility is the site of an academic based research effort involving multiple entities. Thousands of documents relating to Glenwood residents and others from the Kanawha Valley are reviewed and cataloged under the supervision of faculty from West Virginia State University and Marshall University.

Students from both universities participate in the effort to archive and preserve historical information involving Glenwood and other parts of Charleston. Among that effort is the Glenwood Center for Scholarship in the Humanities, a public-private partnership between the Historic Glenwood Foundation, the West Virginia State University history program and Marshall’s graduate humanities program. The scholarship center was established in 2014.

The center works to host regular speaker series, classes and workshops in conjunction with academic program at Marshall and West Virginia State. The Glenwood Scholarship program also works to support humanities-based research, hosting visiting scholars, involving students in the archival work done on site and other preservation projects.

For more information visit www.historicglenwoodfoundation.org.

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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Marshall faculty, students hosting Japanese immersion camp

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Faculty and students from the Department of Modern Languages will be leading Japanese Immersion Camps for students in Cabell County Schools this week through Friday, June 17, and June 21-24 at Altizer Elementary School.

This is the 10th anniversary for the Cabell County Japanese Immersion Summer Camp. There will be a showcase at 1 p.m. both Fridays, June 17 and 24, in the Altizer Elementary gymnasium, featuring the president of Toyota Motor Manufacturing West Virginia, David Rosier, as well as Marshall University President Brad D. Smith; Dr. Robert Bookwalter, dean of the College of Liberal Arts; and others.

This year's theme is "peace/heiwa," and some of the key activities are lucky cat pottery, Okinawa's dance, origami crane, koto music, sado tea ceremony, jump rope, and RCBI's 3D pen key chain making. The students learn and experience Japanese culture through four different classes every day: language, culture, art and physical education.

Among those who will help host the camp are Dr. Natsuki Fukunaga Anderson, associate professor of Japanese and chair of the Department of Modern Languages, as well as Akiko Praylow, Japanese outreach coordinator at Marshall; and Miyuki Cook, an associate professor in the School of Art and Design. Several Marshall students who are Japanese majors are volunteering as helpers.

“Cabell County Japanese camp offers a unique opportunity to work together with K-12 children and teachers, the Marshall University community, and the Japanese and local business community in the Tri-State area,” Anderson said. “This is an immersion program where the instructors only speak in Japanese. It is impressive that children quickly learn how to adopt and pay attention to what is going on, even when they do not fully understand the language. We hope this experience will stay with the participants in the long term and encourage them to continue learning different cultures and languages.”

Sponsors include Cabell County Schools, Toyota Motor Manufacturing West Virginia (TMMWV), Nippon Tungsten, Okuno International, Simplified Solutions, Marshall University, RCBI, the Pottery Place and Taste of Asia Teays Valley.

Photo: Participants in the 2021 Japanese immersion camp.

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The Movable Project and New Ohio Review Announce Winners of Recovery-Themed Writing Contest

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The Movable Project, a grassroots digital archive of recovery stories housed at Marshall University, recently announced the winners of the 2022 Recovery Writing Contest, a partnership with the New Ohio Review, a national literary magazine.

Judges considered a number of poems, stories and first-hand accounts. First-place winners are Kari Gunter-Seymour (Ohio) and Kandi Workman (West Virginia).

Of Gunter-Seymour's poem "To Save a Life," one judge remarked that it grabs "the reader from the beginning and doesn't let go; even the ending begs the reader to start over and immediately read the poem again. I can smell the campfire, hear the barking coyotes, taste the creek water. I simply love this poem." Gunter-Seymour is the poet laureate of Ohio. Her most recent book of

poems, “A Place So Deep Inside America It Can’t Be Seen,” was awarded the 2020 Ohio Poet of the Year Award.

Workman’s essay “Ice Cream,” was praised for its ability to “capture the humbling experience of those awkward, initial interactions [in the recovery process], trying to find common ground . . . establishing mutual respect via swapping war stories and most importantly, getting gut-level honest about the severity of their illness.” Workman is a community organizer with Boone County Health (WV).

The Movable Project also selected an honorable mention: an untitled story by Olivia Marie of West Virginia.

The contributions by first-place winners are forthcoming in the New Ohio Review and at the Movable Project website, www.movableproject.org. The honorable mention and other qualifying submissions will also be published by Movable.

“We are extremely grateful to the New Ohio Review and the wonderful judges for making this contest possible,” Dr. Kristen Lillvis, co-editor of Movable said. “We are excited for everyone to read these winning works and be just as moved by them as we were.”

Movable welcomes and publishes creative, nonfiction, and biographical writing on the theme of recovery all year around.

Stone named new University Center director

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J. “Deacon” Stone, director of the Center for Innovation at the Robert C. Byrd Institute (RCBI), has been promoted to director of West Virginia’s EDA University Center, Charlotte Weber, RCBI director and CEO, has announced.

The University Center is a U.S. Economic Development Administration program to leverage the resources of regional colleges and universities to support economic development in Appalachia and other distressed areas of the country. West Virginia’s University Center, one of 66 across the country, has its headquarters at Marshall and is administered by RCBI. It provides a full range of prototyping, entrepreneurial and manufacturing services.

“RCBI’s University Center recognizes that institutions of higher education are critical players in the development of vibrant economic ecosystems,” Weber said. “Deacon is a forward-thinking, collaborative leader who also is a successful entrepreneur and more than prepared to guide this regional program, expanding the reach and depth of the center.”

As director of RCBI’s Center for Innovation, Stone has assisted entrepreneurs across West Virginia, helping bring new products to market and establish new businesses. He has worked directly with existing businesses to empower them to innovate and grow. In addition, he already has collaborated with numerous university departments – including the colleges of Business and Information Technology, Engineering, School Medicine and others – to facilitate technology transfer and commercialize research for the benefit of communities.

Stone joined RCBI in 2018. He previously served as marketing and outreach director for Solar Holler, a state-based renewable energy company; and project director for Coalfield Development’s West Edge Factory and enterprise president for its Rediscover Appalachia.

Stone studied electrical engineering at Ohio University. He earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Marshall and a Master of Fine Arts degree from the Cranbrook Academy of Art. He also earned an executive education certificate from Harvard University Business School and a certificate in entrepreneurship center management from the International Business Innovation Association. The Ohio native is a graduate of South Point High School.

“I look forward to building upon the successes of the EDA University Center to spur economic development through regional collaborations,” Stone said. “We’ll continue to partner with higher education institutions across the area to ensure that we leverage the strengths and expertise of each to deliver a focused and effective strategy for driving economic development.”

Derek Scarbro, RCBI deputy director and director of business development, said that EDA University Center’s goals for the next five years include creating at least 145 jobs and leveraging more than \$1 million in private investment. The initiative targets state industries with the greatest growth potential, including aviation, advanced manufacturing, agriculture and food production, medical manufacturing, technology, outdoor recreation and alternate uses for coal.

For more information about the EDA University Center, contact Stone at dstone@rcbi.org or 304.781.1659 or visit www.rcbi.org/universitycenter.

Jazz-MU-Tazz Camp for high school musicians underway

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The jazz studies program in the Marshall University School of Music is hosting its annual Jazz-MU-Tazz camp for high school musicians this week through Friday, June 17, on the Huntington campus.

The overnight, immersive camp gives young musicians a chance to explore jazz improvisation, combo playing, jazz theory and history while benefiting from instrument-specific master classes, all in a relaxed, nurturing environment.

This year, West Virginia native jazz singer Landau Eugene Murphy Jr., a former winner of America's Got Talent, and a West Virginia adoption attorney, Bob Noone, teamed up to provide a scholarship opportunity for an adopted or fostered teen in West Virginia to attend the camp.

Instructors Jeff Wolfe, director of jazz studies and Jazz-MU-Tazz director/education coordinator; Martin Saunders, director of the School of Music, trumpet; Danny Cecil, bass; and Jesse Nolan, drumset; are members of Murphy's touring band. Additional camp instructors include Ed Bingham, saxophone; Mike Stroehler, trombone; and Nick Vassar, guitar.

Jazz improv/combo rehearsals will take place at 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday in the Jomie Jazz Center Forum, located next to the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center. The Jewel City Jazz Orchestra, a professional 17-piece big band, will join the campers on Wednesday, June 15, at 7 p.m. in the Jomie Jazz Center, room 210, to perform and discuss music with the campers. A final concert will be performed at 2 p.m. Friday, June 17, in the Jomie Jazz Center Forum.

For more information, please contact Jeff Wolfe, director of the Jazz Studies program, at wolfe9@marshall.edu or 304-696-3613.

For more information about the Jazz Studies program in Marshall's School of Music, please visit www.marshall.edu/music/jazz.

Marshall business students take home honors from SAM International Collegiate Competition

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Marshall's chapter of the Society for the Advancement of Management (SAM) brought home 27 awards from the 2022 SAM International Business Conference this spring. It won first place in the Campus Chapter Performance Program for the Large Chapter Division.

The accomplishment "is not only an excellent representation of the members we have within the chapter but also the professors and advisors that we have in the Lewis College of Business," said Marshall M.B.A. student Noah Dye.

"It was an honor to compete alongside my fellow Marshall SAM members," Dye said. "There were individual and group accomplishments that the chapter should be proud of."

M.B.A. student Kelly Leonard, who graduated in May 2022, won the acclaimed 2022 SAM International Collegiate Member of the Year. Leonard and Jamison Lewis (B.B.A. in management), each won the 2022 SAM Outstanding Student Award.

"This year the students in SAM performed exceptionally well throughout the International Business Conference," Leonard said. "I am proud of each student who dedicated their time and talents to advance our chapter and embraced what it means to be a part of SAM: knowledge, performance, and leadership ability."

As the senior vice president of Marshall University SAM, Lewis said he was proud to receive the Outstanding Student Award.

"We had an absolutely incredible year, and I am honored to receive this award amongst all of it," he said. "I look forward to continuing to work with our amazing students/faculty, and we will keep pushing to bring more awards to Marshall's distinguished Lewis College of Business."

Glen Midkiff, director of stakeholder engagement and interim chief of staff to the provost, is the chapter advisor and curated a top-notch student team that went on to do wonders. Midkiff received the 2022 SAM Outstanding Advisory Award and the AM IBC 2022 Conference Challenge.

"I am immensely proud of our SAM students' success in the business skills competition, and I'm incredibly humbled and honored by the award I received," he said. "I am who I am because of those who have mentored me and taught me. I cannot wait for those whom I have mentored to do the same one day."

Students compete in business competitions designed to engage them in the application and practice of classroom learning to real-world challenges. The International Collegiate Business Skills Championship is composed of four events: the Extemporaneous Speech Competition, the Business Knowledge Bowl Competition, the Business Pitch Competition and the Case Competition. Teams are scored by academic and industry professionals that have real-world experience in leadership and management.

“I am so grateful to have been given the opportunity to compete and place in the 2022 International Business Competition with Marshall University’s SAM Chapter,” said Cassidy Waugh, a public relations major at Marshall. “I am proud to be a part of an amazing team with such diverse strengths and strong leadership abilities that helped guide me through my first-ever competition. It was a great learning experience that made me a stronger student, teammate, and critical thinker. I cannot wait to see what we do next.”

International Collegiate Business Skills Championship:

Marshall University’s Team Overall Achievement

- 1st Place, Open Division
- 1st Place, Undergraduate Division
- 2nd Place, Associate Division

Individual Overall Achievement

- Jasiel Kinder – 2nd Place, Open Division
- Bella Schrader – 1st Place, Undergraduate Division
- McKenzie Bowman – 2nd Place, Associate Division

Extemporaneous Speech Competition

- Kelly Leonard – 3rd Place, Open Division
- McKenzie Bowman – 1st Place, Associate Division
- Cassidy Waugh – 2nd Place, Associate Division

Business Knowledge Bowl Competition

- Jasiel Kinder – 1st Place, Open Division
- Paige Leonard – 2nd Place, Open Division

- Kelly Leonard – 3rd Place, Open Division
- Bella Schrader – 1st Place, Undergraduate Division
- Brady Doyle – 2nd Place, Undergraduate Division
- Jamison Lewis – 3rd Place, Undergraduate Division
- McKenzie Bowman – 1st Place, Associate Division

Business Pitch Competition

- Paige Leonard – 1st Place, Open Division
- Hadi Al Sayed Suliman Atassi – 3rd Place, Open Division
- Bella Schrader – 2nd Place, Undergraduate Division
- McKenzie Bowman – 1st Place, Associate Division

Case Competition

- 3rd Place, Open Division

The Society for Advancement of Management was founded in 1912 and builds bridges among academicians, practitioners and students not only to better share management expertise but also to develop and promote new management ideas. The nonprofit organization operates through the efforts of hundreds of volunteers and members come from a variety of disciplines, including productions, finance, marketing, accounting, research and development, and entrepreneurship.

For more information about the Marshall University SAM chapter, contact chapter advisor Glen Midkiff by e-mail at midkiff2@marshall.edu, or the faculty advisor, Dr. Marc Sollosy, at sollosy@marshall.edu.

Photo: Marshall's chapter of the Society for the Advancement of Management was represented by students who won more than 25 awards in various categories in the organization's spring conference.

Marshall hosts biomedical research interns for hands-on summer experience

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The Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine recently welcomed 16 summer interns for a nine-week biomedical research program. The participants, primarily from West Virginia colleges and universities, will conduct research that is relevant to health concerns in the Appalachian region, including cardiovascular disease, obesity, addiction disorders and cancer.

“The type of hands-on research these talented students will experience this summer helps them learn what it’s like to pursue a career in research,” said Elsa I. Mangiarua, Ph.D., professor of biomedical sciences and director of the West Virginia IDEa Network of Biomedical Research Excellence (WV-INBRE) Summer Program. “It also enhances their academic competitiveness for graduate school and opens the door to a number of networking opportunities.”

The Office of Research and Graduate Education at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine sponsors students from around the U.S. through the Summer Research Internship for Minority Students (SRIMS) program. Our participant this year is:

- Astrid Gonzalez Castro, University of Puerto Rico – Rio Piedras Campus, Carolina, PR (Brandon Henderson, Ph.D., mentor)

WV-INBRE is funded through a \$16 million grant from the National Institutes of Health. Marshall University, in partnership with researchers at West Virginia University, received the award to help build expertise in biomedical research. Students participating in the WV-INBRE summer program include:

- Christopher Bender, West Virginia Wesleyan College, Webster Springs, WV (Monica Valentovic, Ph.D., mentor)
- Haylee Cox, University of Charleston, Ghent, WV (Larry Grover, Ph.D., mentor)
- Hayden Hess, West Virginia Wesleyan College, (Tim Long, Ph.D., mentor)
- Sean Hill, University of Charleston, Danville, WV (Brandon Henderson, Ph.D., mentor)
- Madison Michels, Davis and Elkins University, Liberty, WV (Daniel Morgan, Ph.D., mentor)
- Dylan Prasad, University of Charleston, Surrey, BC (Louise Risher, Ph.D., mentor)
- Badraldeen Rashrash, University of Charleston, Charleston, WV (Ruhul Amin, Ph.D., mentor)
- RaeAnne Reed, University of Charleston, Logan, WV (Mindy Varney, Ph.D., mentor)
- Abdulwahab Siddig, University of Charleston, Charleston, WV (Travis Salisbury, Ph.D., mentor)

West Virginia High School Science Teacher Seth Perry of Hurricane High School has also been selected for a mentored fellowship through WV-INBRE with Monica Valentovic, Ph.D., professor of biomedical sciences.

Five students are supported by the American Heart Association Undergraduate Summer Internship Research Program led by Principal Investigator Nalini Santanam, Ph.D., M.P.H, F.A.H.A.:

- Layne Assif, Marshall University, Huntington, WV (Sandrine Pierre, Ph.D., mentor)
- Claire Combs, Marshall University, Pickerington, OH (Nalini Santanam, Ph.D., mentor)
- Victoria Davis, Shepherd University, Martinsburg, WV (Boyd Rorabaugh, Ph.D., mentor)
- Smara Sigdel, Marshall University, Huntington, WV (Ji Bihl, Ph.D., mentor)
- Nick Williams, Marshall University, Hurricane, WV (Jung Han Kim, Ph.D., mentor)

“We are providing in-depth, mentored research opportunities for undergraduates,” said Santanam, a professor of biomedical sciences. “The programs also promote awareness of Marshall University’s graduate degree programs and available careers in biomedical research.”

In addition to lab work, interns attend educational and professional seminars along with networking activities. They will present their research findings at a symposium at the conclusion of the program.

For more information about WV-INBRE, visit wy-inbre.net or contact Mangiarua by e-mail at mangiaru@marshall.edu or by phone at 304-696-6211. For more information about SRIMS, visit jcesom.marshall.edu/research/srims or contact Hannah Raines by e-mail at raines73@marshall.edu or by phone at 304-696-3365. For information about the American Heart Association program, visit <https://jcesom.marshall.edu/AHA> or contact Santanam by e-mail at santanam@marshall.edu or by phone at 304-696-7321.

Photo: Students participating in biomedical research internships this summer at Marshall University include: (back row, left to right) Christopher Bender, Hayden Hess, Seth Hill, Abdulwahab Siddig, Badraldeen Rashrash, Dylan Prasad; (front row, left to right) Victoria Davis, Hailey Cox, Layne Assif, Smara Sigdel, Nick Williams, Madison Michels, Claire Combs, RaeAnee Reed, Astrid Gonzalez Castro.

Oldaker establishes two funds honoring late wife, celebrating new business school

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Marshall alumnus Chuck Oldaker has pledged two gifts to the university honoring his late wife's passion for education and celebrating Marshall's new business school building.

Oldaker, executive vice president and chief financial officer for Service Wire Company, committed \$30,000 to endow the Michalle Arthur Oldaker Memorial Scholarship in honor of his late wife, who passed earlier this year. In addition, Oldaker has also pledged \$50,000 to the Brad D. Smith Center for Business and Innovation.

"Before her passing, we started talking about if there was something we could do together," Oldaker said, "or were there two things we could do. Then, she ended up passing away and it became very clear to me that setting up a memorial scholarship in her name was the way to honor her and continue her legacy."

Ara Michalle Arthur Oldaker was a native of Huntington and graduated from Marshall in 1991. She went on to serve as an educator for the Chesapeake School District as well as Collins Career Technical Center, both in Chesapeake, Ohio.

Michalle Oldaker devoted her life in the service of others. From buying Christmas gifts for less fortunate children to helping purchase a student's prom dress, she never turned away someone in need, Chuck Oldaker said. She was involved with Chesapeake Middle School's food bank program; the Woman's Club of Huntington, in which she was secretary; C3 Church in South Point, Ohio; and HomeTown Love, a volunteer-based organization aimed at improving and beautifying the Chesapeake community.

"She was very engaged and involved with helping the community," Oldaker said. "I give her credit for all of it. She was the driver behind all of it."

The scholarship will be available to education majors, with a preference for students who are members of the Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority, of which Michalle Oldaker was a member.

"As an educator, there's not only the responsibility that comes with the profession, but the opportunity to have an impact on kids," Oldaker said, speaking from Michalle's perspective. "Kids really need somebody that's got a big compassionate heart as much as somebody who's able to give them reading, writing and arithmetic. They need somebody that cares about them."

Oldaker's second gift toward the Lewis College of Business and Brad D. Smith Schools of Business will name the accounting department's head office for the new facility. Oldaker graduated from Marshall with a bachelor's degree in accounting in 1992.

"The success I've had is largely built on the foundation I got from Marshall University," Oldaker said.

Oldaker, a first-generation college graduate, worked for Hayflich PLLC before beginning his career with Service Wire Company, which recently pledged \$1 million toward the College of Business' new facility.

"I always had an affinity for it," Oldaker said. "How do you find a way to give back and help others have the same opportunity you were given? I found out about the business school, and it felt like a great opportunity to get engaged and be a part of building the new building, but also building the future of business education at Marshall University for the next generation."

Coronavirus Statistics:

New Cases Since June 1, 2022

Students: 2

Faculty: 0

Staff*: 3

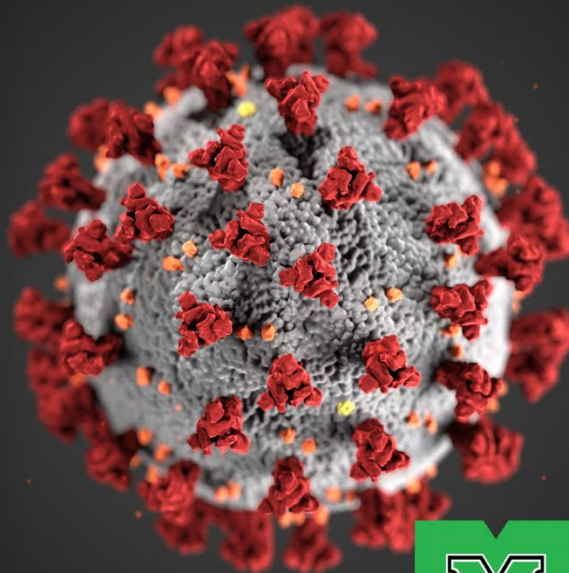
** Includes auxiliary employees (Sodexo, Aetna, Rec Center, etc.)*

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

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