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Marshall announces updated baseball stadium project

JUNE 28, 2022



With a clear field of vision and a strong, continued commitment to deliver a state-of-the-art baseball facility to the university and community, the Marshall University administration presented a revised baseball stadium project statement, which was unanimously approved by the Board of Governors during a special called meeting Friday in Huntington.

The decision comes after a board meeting in April where [President Brad D. Smith](#) thanked Herd Nation for its patience and passion as the final details, “dotting the i’s and crossing the t’s,” were being worked out for the stadium.

The new stadium will be built along a parcel of land located at 2nd Avenue and 22nd Street, adjacent to the Marshall University Dot Hicks Field.

Smith said while the project was initially slated for property on 5th Avenue, the newly designated site was selected because it will be developed at a lower cost, with an accelerated time to completion and will leave the 5th Avenue and 24th Street site for future development opportunities for the community.

“Marshall is ready to see this long-anticipated ball field come to fruition,” Smith said. “Our partners, including the City of Huntington, are ready. Our intention to build this ballpark has never wavered and while we encountered a major hurdle in the COVID pandemic, it’s never dampened our enthusiasm to see this project to its completion.”

Marshall Board of Governors Athletics Committee Chair Chris Miller said today’s action is warmly welcomed by many.

“The Board of Governors continues to be supportive and steadfast in its commitment to have a baseball stadium on the campus of Marshall University,” Miller said. “Too many times we have heard, ‘I will believe it when I see it’ and we are all eager to hear the sound of equipment moving dirt to begin construction of our new baseball facility.”

Huntington Mayor Steve Williams said he is confident there will be collegiate baseball played in the city in the coming months.

“I’m pleased that President Smith, Athletic Director (Christian) Spears and the Marshall University Board of Governors have settled on an aggressive plan for the construction of the new baseball stadium,” Williams said. “My conversations with them have reinforced my confidence that I have a determined and trusted partner in Marshall University. Marshall is the heart of our city, and I am enthused that we can take on big projects that will benefit our university, city, state and region. We are demonstrating what ‘We are Marshall’ means.”

In the coming weeks, the university will begin the RFP process to identify a development partner with the goal of making a final selection in October to begin moving dirt. Detailed criteria, including a public-private partnership and a desired construction timeline of 15 months, will be part of the initial request. Initial work on the 2nd Avenue site will include an environmental analysis and other pre-development tasks.

Fundraising for the baseball stadium continues through the Herd Rises campaign and Athletic Director Spears is confident and focused on the future.

“This is why this university and community are so special,” Spears said. “We don’t back down, we don’t quit. We partner, we collaborate, we include, we find a way, we believe...and here WE ARE, ready to move forward with a new location, timeline, budget, and plan. Many have questioned, many have demanded and now we need many to give...I am just so grateful to this community because I know they will.”

Spears said there are multiple ways for donors to give including texting GOHERD to 801801 or by calling the Big Green at 304-696-4661 or going online to herdrises.com.

The goal is for the stadium to be ready for the 2024 season.

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Flight school to hold open house July 2

JUNE 28, 2022



Let your career in aviation take off...
with Marshall University!

Join us Saturday, July 2, for an open house at the flight school, located at West Virginia International Yeager Airport, beginning at 10 a.m. You can get a look at our fleet of planes, meet our flight instructors and learn more about applying to the flight school.

Please contact us at help@marshall.edu to learn more about the event.

The Commercial Pilot (C) and AMT (AAS) programs
are not eligible for VA benefits at this time.



Marshall's Bill Noe Flight School will host an open house for prospective students beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 2, at Yeager Airport in Charleston.

Attendees will be able to take a close-up look at Marshall's training aircraft and see the facilities, while learning more about how they can earn a bachelor's degree and prepare for a career in aviation.

The university's [Executive Aviation Specialist, Bill Noe](#), as well as flight school faculty members, will be on hand to meet students and answer questions. A limited number of attendees will be chosen to take a ride in one of the Marshall planes or on the vintage American Airlines DC-3 that will be on view at the airport that day.

Admissions and student financial aid staff will be on hand to provide information about the application process. Light refreshments will be served.

The flight school opened for the fall 2021 semester. Students will earn a Commercial Pilot: Fixed Wing Bachelor of Science degree, and the ground and flight courses also will lead to a series of FAA certifications, preparing graduates to become commercial pilots of single and multi-engine aircraft.

News media, including CNBC and the website Travel Pulse, have called attention to the current shortage of airline pilots, particularly on regional routes. As a result, several carriers have discontinued service to several of those regional routes, including Toledo, Ohio; Ithaca and Islip, New York; and Dubuque, Iowa. Future graduates of Marshall's flight school will be prepared to fill pilot shortages that are expected to continue for the foreseeable future..

When in full operation, the Bill Noe Flight School is expected to enroll more than 200 students and produce some 50 commercial pilots annually.

Those interested in attending the July 2 event are asked to RSVP in advance by calling 304-696-5038 or e-mailing bnfs@marshall.edu.

For more information about the flight school, visit www.marshall.edu/aviation.

The Commercial Pilot: Fixed Wing program is not eligible for Veterans Affairs benefits at this time.

Message from the Provost: Inaugural Director of the Bill Noe Flight School to step down June 30

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Bryan Branham, the inaugural director and chief instructor for the Bill Noe Flight School, will step down from his position on June 30, 2022, after two years of service.

In his first year at Marshall, Branham developed and implemented Marshall's FAA Part 141 flight training program at the West Virginia Yeager International Airport. He coordinated the construction of a new classroom building and hangar and the acquisition of four aircraft. He hired eight staff, including four flight instructors, a lead mechanic, an assistant chief instructor and

two flight dispatchers.

He delivered and supervised the training of the flight instructors with the school's Cirrus SR-20 aircraft.

Branham directly provided flight instruction while managing and supervising the first year of flight operations at the school, including the first-year class of 24 students. He administered over 2000 contact hours of accident-free flight and ground instruction.

His other accomplishments include supervising the first Marshall University FAA-certified Private Pilot and establishing the first chapter of Women in Aviation in West Virginia.

Before coming to Marshall, Branham worked as chair of the Department of Aviation Sciences at Ohio University. He has over 20 years of military experience including operational, test pilot and flight instruction duties.

President Smith and I thank Bryan for his tireless and diligent efforts for the flight school. He successfully implemented a new FAA Part 141 program under an extremely ambitious timeframe. His efforts were essential for the prompt FAA certification and on-time opening of the flight school in August 2021.

An interim director and chief flight instructor will be announced soon.

Six with Marshall connections named to Generation Next: 40 Under 40 Class of 2022

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Six members of the Marshall community have been named to the State Journal's "Generation Next: 40 Under 40" this year. They are Ray Harrell, general counsel and chief external affairs office for Boone Memorial Health; Taylor Hickman, director of events and the M Club for the Big Green Scholarship Foundation; Matt James, assistant dean of students; Dr. Andrea Lauffer, a physician with Marshall Health; Leland Moore, general manager for Dutch Miller of Barboursville; and Dorian Williams, assistant vice president of support services for WVU medicine Camden Clark Medical Center.

Harrell, who has a bachelor's degree from Marshall, is general counsel and chief external affairs office for Boone Memorial Health. In these positions, he is responsible for legal affairs, the BMH Foundation for Community Health, marketing and public relations, among others. He was student body president and student representative to the Board of Governors while at Marshall.

Hickman is responsible for more than 50 events each year for the Big Green, as well as membership drives and reunions for the M Club, which is for former Marshall athletes. She has bachelor's and master's degrees in sport management from Marshall.

James has served as assistant dean since 2015, and oversees most student affairs functions, including intercultural and international affairs; student activities; community engagement; fraternity and sorority life; student involvement and leadership; military and veterans affairs; and student government. He has a bachelor's in biological sciences and a master's in counseling from Marshall, and served as student body president as an undergraduate.

Lauffer is a physician at Marshall Health and is double-board-certified in internal medicine and pediatrics. She is also an assistant professor in the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine and serves as the chief health officer for the Cabell County Schools. She also is president-elect for the West Virginia Society of Hospital Medicine and serves on the board of the West Virginia American Academy of Pediatrics.

Moore, a Marshall alumnus, is general manager of Dutch Miller Automotive Group. He began his career in auto sales, and moved through other departments, gaining the background and experience needed for his current position.

Williams, a board-certified fellow in health care management, is assistant vice president for support services at WVU Medicine Camden Clark Medical Center. He is responsible for construction management, engineering, security and safety management, among others. He has undergraduate and graduate degrees from Marshall.

Photo: From left, Leland Moore, Dr. Andrea Lauffer, Taylor Hickman, Ray Harrell, Matt James and Dorian Williams at the ceremony celebrating their selection as part of this year's class of "40 Under 40," sponsored by the State Journal.

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Students in M.S. in Forensic Science program achieve highest collective score nationwide on Forensic Science Assessment Test

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The graduating class of Marshall's Master of Science in Forensic Science program has again earned the highest collective score in the nation on the Forensic Science Assessment Test (FSAT). Since the program was accredited in 2005, Marshall's M.S. in Forensic Science students have ranked No. 1 for 11 of the 13 years that they participated.

"This national ranking speaks both to the level of students admitted into the program and the quality of education being delivered at Marshall University," said Jason Chute, lab director of Marshall University's Forensic Science Center Operation Lab. "When we see marks like this, it is no surprise that our graduates are being sought after by agencies across the country."

FSAT is a national exam conducted by the American Board of Criminalists. It tests general forensic science knowledge among undergraduate and graduate students, who are allowed three hours to answer 200 multiple-choice questions. Topics include general sciences, history of forensics, statistics, law, ethics, laboratory operations, DNA, drug identification, toxicology, fingerprints, questioned documents, fire debris, crime scene analysis and more.

“I am very proud of our Forensic Science graduate students, who once again scored collectively as the number one program in the nation,” said Brian Morgan, interim dean of the College of Science. “This is a strong reflection on the faculty and staff of our program, who consistently educate the best of the best and work tirelessly to ensure our graduates are the most sought-after individuals in the country.”

Marshall’s graduate forensic science program is a two-year program accredited by the Forensic Science Education Programs Accreditation Commission (FEPAC). Its five-semester core curriculum offers both thesis and non-thesis options. Four areas of emphasis are offered to graduate students for in-depth education and training: DNA Analysis, Forensic Chemistry, Digital Forensics and Crime Scene Investigation. Though one area of emphasis is required, students may complete all four during their course of study.

The Forensic Science program began in 1995 and has graduated 399 students. Alumni from the program are employed throughout the United States in federal, state, local and private labs. For more information about Marshall’s M.S. in Forensic Science program, visit <https://www.marshall.edu/forensics/>.

Faculty Achievement: Dr. Darshana Shah

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Darshana Shah, Ph.D., professor of pathology and associate dean for faculty advancement at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, has been invited to present a session on “Building Effective Teams through the Science of Team Science” at Harvard Macy’s course on Leading Innovations in Health Care & Education. The course is co-directed by Harvard Medical School and Harvard Business School and is designed to assist health care leaders and educators develop strategies for leading change within a rapidly evolving health care delivery system. National and international scholars from multiple health professional disciplines participate in this course.

Viola to present new novel

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Dr. Anthony J. Viola (pictured) of the Department of English and the College of Liberal Arts will be celebrating the release of his novel *All Lies Begin with Truth*, at 3 p.m. Saturday, July 2. The event will be at Black Sheep Burritos & Brews (in the side room), and there will be copies for purchase. Viola will talk a little about his novel, conduct a short reading, answer questions

and sign copies. Please take some time to stop by, enjoy something to eat or drink, and partake in Black Sheep's first local author reading! Open to the public.

Tyler Hebert awarded SMART scholarship

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Tyler Hebert, a rising junior student, was awarded the Department of Defense Science, Mathematics, and Research for Transformation scholarship.

This award provides students with full tuition for up to five years, mentorship, summer internships, a stipend and full-time employment with the Department of Defense after graduation. This unique opportunity offers students hands-on experience at one of over 200 innovative laboratories across the Army, Navy, Air Force and larger Department of Defense. During summer internships, SMART scholars work directly with an experienced mentor, gaining valuable technical skills. After graduation Hebert will work at the U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC) in Vicksburg, Mississippi.

Hebert is currently studying civil engineering, with an anticipated graduation date of May 2024.

“I am so grateful to be given this opportunity to work with the Department of Defense and strive to advance engineering practices every day,” Hebert said. “Receiving the scholarship helped solidify the hard work and dedication required throughout my educational experience.”

The Department of Defense is committed to developing the Nation's STEM talent and is the largest employer of federal scientists and engineers with nearly 150,000 civilian STEM employees working across the Department. DoD STEM activities support this mission by providing authentic learning experiences through a variety of education and outreach initiatives,

such as the SMART Scholarship-for-Service program. For over a decade, SMART has trained a highly skilled STEM workforce that competes with the evolving trends of industry to support the next generation of science and technology for our nation.

“I was nervous about receiving the scholarship as I was afraid I wouldn’t measure up to other students, but this process has assured me that Marshall University prepares students to compete for all kinds of national opportunities,” Hebert said. “I want to thank Dr. Arka Chattopadhyay and Dr. James Bryce for getting me involved in research as a freshman, pushing me to go above and beyond in all aspects of my work, and supporting me throughout this entire process.”

For more information on the SMART program or to learn how students can apply, please visit www.smartscholarship.org. Applications are open annually from August through December.

The SMART Scholarship-for-Service program is a combined educational and workforce development opportunity for bachelor’s, master’s, and Ph.D. students to gain technical skills in critical STEM fields and support the national security mission of the Department of Defense.

For more information on the Office of National Scholarships at Marshall, e-mail ons@marshall.edu or visit www.marshall.edu/nationalscholarships.

Marshall hosting West Virginia Governor’s School of Entrepreneurship, West Virginia Governor’s School for the Arts in June, July

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The Huntington campus will be home to high school students wanting to take a deep dive into entrepreneurship and the arts in June and July as Marshall hosts both the West Virginia Governor’s School of Entrepreneurship (June 19-July 9) and the West Virginia Governor’s School for the Arts (June 26-July 16). Each of these schools has some special activities that the media are invited to attend and cover.

West Virginia Governor’s School of Entrepreneurship

Students in ninth, 10th and 11th grades will make Marshall University home for three weeks, June 19-July 9, during the West Virginia Governor’s School of Entrepreneurship. The faculty and staff of Marshall’s Lewis College of Business are hosting WVGSE for the second consecutive year, helping high school students engage in creativity, critical thinking, problem-

solving and calculated risk-taking in pursuit of solving a difficult problem. Participants will develop a business model, build prototypes and engage potential customers to test assumptions.

WVGSE 2022 opened Monday at Brad D. Smith Foundation Hall with featured speakers that included Huntington Mayor Steve Williams and young entrepreneur and artist Leah Seaman.

Among the other Marshall University dignitaries that provided words of encouragement were Dr. Jeffrey Archambault, interim dean of the Lewis College of Business, Associate Dean Dr. Nancy Lankton and Provost Dr. Avi Mukherjee, who offered a thoughtful discussion of using education to empower and drive innovation through programs such as WVGSE and entrepreneurial education.

Building on the previous years, the theme for WVGSE 2022 is “IMPACT: Innovating on a meaningful problem using purpose and a positive attitude to impact community through teamwork.” Through the curriculum, hands-on activities, and general best practices directed by faculty and coaches, WVGSE promotes a growth mindset and engagement in experimentation for quick learning opportunities.

Pop-Up Shops take place Saturday-Sunday, July 2-3, at the Huntington Mall’s Center Court.

At the conclusion of the WVGSE experience, students will pitch their new venture concepts on “Demo Day” before a panel of judges, bringing together lessons from inside and outside the classroom. Students will use the best practices of other entrepreneurial ecosystems with particular focus on design thinking for problem identification, customer development, and rapid prototyping and testing for valuable feedback.

“The students are excited and manifest a fun energy that we expect will be channeled into tackling the many difficult challenges that remain,” said WVGSE Dean Olen York. “The world is waiting for important and significant challenges to be solved, and there is no reason to doubt that some of the next generation of innovators is attending GSE for the next three weeks.”

More information about WVGSE 2022 can be found at the website at <https://govschools.wv.gov/gse/Pages/default.aspx>, or contact York by e-mail at olen.york@marshall.edu, or follow on West Virginia Governor’s School of Entrepreneurship on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter: @GovSchools_WV.

West Virginia Governor’s School for the Arts

The West Virginia Governor’s School for the Arts began June 26 and will run through through July 16 on at Marshall. This summer marks the sixth year that Marshall will host GSA, and the theme is “Home: Building Community Through the Arts.” GSA gives students their own community of artists and provides opportunities for personal and artistic growth, along with diverse opportunities for collaboration.

GSA’s mission is “to explore multiple art forms, learn from one another, and experience firsthand the power of the arts,” said Dr. Maribea Barnes-Marsano, a professor of art education

and dean of the Governor's School for the Arts. It places an emphasis on collaborating with regional artists and sharing students' work within the community, and it aims to "develop stronger artists, empower students with collaborative skills, and introduce students to strategies that employ the arts to positively influence communities."

"We will have 85 students attending for one of the following arts areas: dance, studio art, creative writing, acting, instrumental music and vocal music," Barnes-Marsano said. "We do emphasize interdisciplinary studies so all students will have the opportunity to explore each discipline."

Hosting professional guest artists, primarily from West Virginia, is a highlight of the program, with performances and presentations during the evening. GSA students are able to interact with the artists both during evening performances and often within the classroom for a master class session.

In addition to these experiences, students will visit the Huntington Museum of Art twice during their stay, and media are invited on both occasions. On Monday, June 27, students will be at the Huntington Museum of Art for an interdisciplinary tour called *Look, Listen, and Move*. On July 5 and 6, they return to the Huntington Museum of Art to work with artist Nichole Westfall on a collaborative, site-specific mural project.

A day trip to Columbus, Ohio, has also been planned to visit the Columbus Museum of Art and to attend an outdoor Columbus Symphony concert that will feature patriotic favorites along with a tribute to John Williams' 90th birthday.

For more information about GSA, visit <https://govschools.wv.gov/GSA/Pages/default.aspx>, e-mail Barnes-Marsano at barnesm@marshall.edu or follow West Virginia Governor's School for the Arts on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter: @GovSchools_WV.

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Faculty: 1

Staff*: 4

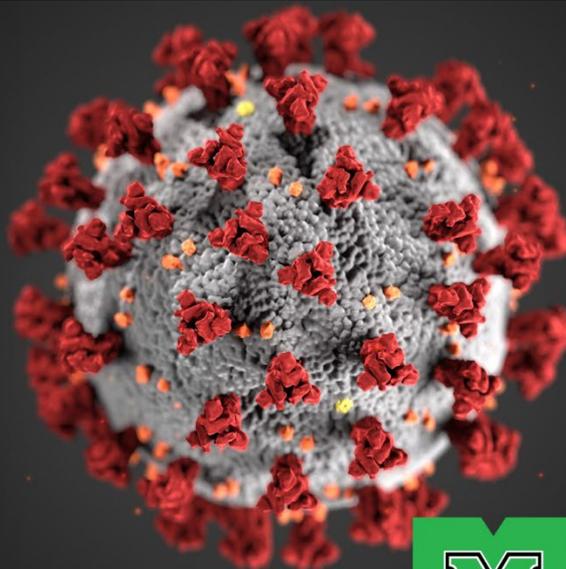
** Includes auxiliary employees (Sodexo, Aetna, Rec Center, etc.)*

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.

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