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Welcome from Marshall University President Jerome A. Gilbert

Welcome to Marshall University! As President, let me be among the first to congratulate you on making the decision to become a Son or Daughter of Marshall. We are a family here; our school offers an exciting, diverse environment where you will set a foundation of education and life experiences for your future success.

In your time as a student at Marshall, you will mature intellectually, socially, professionally and ethically. I promise you- it is going to be an amazing journey. Don't be afraid to explore new things, some of life's best experiences are discovered quite unexpectedly. No doubt, your undergraduate years will be exciting ones as you gain understandings and uncover new ideas.

In terms of your education, you must apply yourself—there are no shortcuts to learning. Aside from reading, studying and research, I strongly encourage you to attend class. Class participating is a cornerstone of the college experience. The conversations, lectures and yes, even the occasional debate, are important components of learning. Step up, speak up, and listen for the opportunities.

Finally, as you may know, Marshall University is named for John Marshall, the fourth Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court who had a huge

role in shaping our country's judicial system. We look to his legacy as an example for our entire university family to emulate: I hope, as is noted in our student handbook, you aspire "to

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exemplify the core values of John Marshall's character: independence, initiative, achievement, ethical integrity, and commitment to community through association and service." These ideals serve as an excellent compass for navigating college and beyond.

Again, I welcome you to Marshall University and wish you the best in your education. All of us, faculty, staff and administration are completely dedicated to seeing you succeed!

Best regards,
Jerome A. "Jerry" Gilbert



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A message from Student Body President Stephanie Rogner



PHOTO COURTESY OF BRYAN GROVES

Sending my hellos to the new sons and daughters of Marshall, and congratulations on officially joining the Herd family! My name is Stephanie Rogner, Marshall University's Student Body President.

As you begin this journey, it is a time to open up to new opportunities. Throughout your four years, you will experience a whirlwind of experiences that will better connect you to your fellow peers and the University as a whole. With over 200 clubs and organizations offered, there is something for everyone! When beginning, I knew attending college would allow me to not only expand my interests, but my network of people. I encourage you to talk to Presidents and members of University clubs and organizations to hear more on how you can get involved.

During my time at Marshall, I continuously wanted to get connected. I joined the Thundering Word Speech & Debate team, Communication Studies Club and MU Student Government Association, became a UNI-mentor, and ran on the Women's Cross Country & Track team.

Along with all of my extra-curricular activities, I was also a full-time student like many of you. I was nervous for the transition of attending college. Within the first two weeks, I changed my major, experienced roommate problems, and had a tough transition to

course work. Beginning this journey is not easy, but the support system surrounding this campus makes the process go a little smoother. At Marshall, classmates become lifelong friends, professors become mentors, the University becomes your home.

Though being a student comes first, enjoying your free-time takes an important second. If you're looking for an off-campus activity, Huntington, West Virginia has a lot to offer! Just a mile from campus, Ritter Park is a great location to walk around, grab a few friends for ultimate frisbee, or set-up a picnic. Wanting to experience downtown Huntington? Ride the Green Machine to Pullman Square. Throughout the year, the community and students attend concerts in the Big Sandy, attend annual festivals, and enjoy local restaurants. Be sure to stop by the Market for a scoop of Austin's Homemade Ice-cream. Before you know it, you'll feel like a true local. On campus, the University has ongoing events posted on HerdLink; this will be your best resource!

With that being said, I wish you a memorable and exciting four years at Marshall. Make this experience your own and feel free to reach out when you're on campus. My Vice President, Anna Williams and I are constantly running around and would love to meet you.

Stephanie Rogner, Student Body President

High hopes, academic ambitions ahead for incoming Yeager scholars

By **DOUGLAS HARDING**
NEWS EDITOR

Outstanding academic ambitions and accomplishments are just two of several aspects which separate some college students from their peers, and Marshall University's class of 2023 Yeager scholars is no exception.

Marshall's 33rd class of Yeager scholars, touting an average score of 33 on the ACT, 1470 on the SAT and a 4.38 grade point average, consists of eight distinguished students from diverse backgrounds. Each student has been awarded Marshall's highest merit-based full-ride scholarship, which includes various other attached responsibilities and opportunities for the students, including expected community service, required seminars and two semesters spent studying abroad.

Being a Yeager scholar is not simply about test scores, Cara Bailey, Marshall's Yeager Society program coordinator, said, but rather Yeager scholars must "show they have actually done a lifetime of work," to receive the scholarship.

The scholarship, currently valued at \$143,000, aims to help students become "very well-rounded citizens," by encouraging community service and promoting leadership development, Bailey said, and is actually worth much more than the apparent monetary value.

Another crucial aspect of the scholarship is the students' ability to become connected with a distinguished and diverse group of professionals and scholars, including honors college staff, classmates, upperclassmen and over 32 years of alumni, Bailey said.

"The most valuable aspect of the scholarship is the support students receive at the university level," she said.

One class of 2023 Yeager scholar, Eric Dillon, who grew up in Mingo County and learned about Marshall's Yeager scholarship from his older sister, Megan, said the day he learned about receiving the scholarship was "definitely one



PHOTO COURTESY OF MARSHALL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY OF YEAGER SCHOLARS

Eric Dillon will be attending Marshall University this fall as a first-year computer science major.

of the happiest days of [his] life."

Dillon, who was the valedictorian of his class and first freshman at Mingo Central High School to pass an AP exam, said he remembers "jumping around the house with excitement," eager to explain the news to his family, after his phone call regarding the scholarship with Bailey and university President Jerome Gilbert.

Dillon said he has a passion for Microsoft Office and, in the past, has showcased his proficiency in national championships for several different programs.

"I've gotten second in Word, fourth in Excel, and this summer, I'm hoping to get first in PowerPoint," he said.

Dillon said he plans to major in computer science, and next summer he will complete an internship with Amazon in Seattle for their 'Amazon Future Engineer' program.

"I've had to teach myself everything I know about computers since my county doesn't have enough funding for technology programs or teachers," Dillon said. "I'm hoping that I can show that, despite my weaker background, I am just as capable of learning and, more importantly, that I'm passionate about it."

In addition to his computer science classes, Dillon said he is most looking forward to the opportunities presented to him in the future and is focused on further developing into a better person along the way.

"To me, being a Yeager Scholar validates my achievements and my struggles," Dillon said. "I'm excited to be a part of a community of intelligent, hardworking and passionate people."

Dillon said he hopes his experiences at Marshall and Amazon will prepare him for a future career as a software developer in the fields of education and/or artificial intelligence.

The remaining class of Yeager scholars includes: Sydney Adkins of Cabell Midland High School, Brooke Burns of Scott High School, Isabella Griffiths of St. Joseph Central High School, Calvin Hunter of Milford High School, Morgan Johnson of Hedgesville High School, Kara Joseph of Chartiers Valley High School and Olivia Lewis of Charleston Catholic High School.

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Campus living comes with benefits

By **SARAH INGRAM**
CAMPUS EDITOR

Living on campus is all about building relationships, being involved and having a great time according to one resident advisor at Marshall University.

"We [resident advisors] want students to have the best time while they're here," James Redd, a seventh semester resident advisor said when asked what he wants students to know about living on campus. He continued by saying there are more benefits to living on campus than just not paying bills.

"Even though you may get a roommate and may have to live with someone else whether you know them or not, you get this real sense of adulthood," Redd said.

Apart from feeling like an adult, students who

live on campus receive various benefits. As of fall 2018, students living on campus have access to free laundry facilities. They also can stream television networks such as Philo, HBO GO and MAX GO through their Marshall accounts.

Another important aspect of living on campus, according to Marshall University's Police Department Chief Jim Terry, is safety. Students are encouraged to sign up for programs such as MUAAlert, a system that informs students of trouble on or close to campus. Terry also highlighted how living in the dorms provides extra security because of Housing and Residence Life.

"The residence halls are great. If you think about it, you got a safe environment. You have [resident advisors] there to help, plus you have 24 hour ay

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North Residence Hall and South Residence Hall are neighboring, double occupancy co-ed halls for first-year students.

A SPORTS FAN'S DREAM

How one Marshall student found her home with the Thundering Herd

By **SYDNEY SHELTON**
CONTRIBUTOR

Welcome to orientation here at Marshall University. Two years ago, I stood where you do today. I signed up for classes, I took my picture for my student ID (yikes) and I could not wait for summer to pass by so that I could come back to Huntington.

Two years ago, I was blown away by the support of strangers who helped welcome me into a place that was new to me. After orientation, I had the special privilege to check out the Joan C. Edwards football stadium. I was in awe of the stadium, and as I walked across the turf, I could feel my heart start to race. At the time, I knew two things were certain: Steve Cotton, Voice of the Thundering Herd, was easily my new favorite person (thanks again for the tour), and I could not wait for game day at the Joan.

Fast forward several months, and I was heading to the Joan for my first game day, Marshall vs. Miami of Ohio (we won 31-26). I had this awesome internship that meant I was on the sideline for my first-ever game day. The feeling that came over me seeing the football hype video come over the board, seeing the football team enter the field and the fans cheer on the Herd was amazing.

Yet nothing compares to hearing the fans cheering "We Are...Marshall" chant ring through the stadium.

In that moment I knew that my life had been forever changed. I knew that I was exactly where I was supposed to be.

Game day in Huntington is more than just a normal Saturday college football game. It is a time that we come together as a community to not only remember the past, to remember the 75, but to celebrate what it means to be a part of the Thundering Herd at Marshall University.

Today, my game day maybe different than yours. I now spend mine behind a computer in the press box, interviewing fans or alumni for the Parthenon social media or running around the sideline with a camera. You might spend yours throwing back cold ones with friends and cheering on the Herd with your fellow Marshall Maniacs, however, one thing is for sure: we will remember these days for the rest of our lives.

So welcome to Marshall University. While every game day should start with Thunderstruck blasting from your speakers, just remember that if it ends in a victory or a loss, you will always be a winner. You won because you chose a school and gained an entire family.

We Are... looking forward to having you as a part of Marshall. Go Herd.

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PHOTO COURTESY OF SYDNEY SHELTON

Sydney Shelton came to Marshall University two years ago excited for game day and now works in the press box.

Marshall softball's record-breaking season comes to an end

By **SYDNEY SHELTON**
CONTRIBUTOR

Marshall softball went 42-22 this past year in the most games ever played in one season. This was a jump start to a career at Marshall for head coach Megan Smith.

"Our players are blue collar workers who play with a chip on their shoulder," Smith said. "Our team had to fight for every win."

After the regular season came to an end, Marshall was in fourth place headed into the Conference USA tournament. Despite the Herd's early wins during the tournament vs. UTSA and North Texas, they dropped a game vs Louisiana Tech, but later took North Texas again, sending them to the championship game vs Louisiana Tech. The Herd fell 3-1.

"I am so proud of how our team made the choice to work hard, trust the process and fight for everything that we earned," Smith said. "There were several instances that our team could have taken the easy way out and given up on working to be great, but they dug deep and kept pushing to be successful."

Despite being runner-up in C-USA, the Herd was given a bid to play in the NISC Lynchburg. In the NISC the team

went 3-2. This was the first time the Herd had ever played in the NISC. The team lost the first game of the tournament to George Washington but was able to beat Rutgers, George Washington and Kent State. These wins helped send them to the championship regional game vs. Liberty University.

"The NISC tournament was a great experience," Smith said. "Being able to qualify and having our administration support us participating was huge for our program. We were able to play great competition and our players who

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MEGAN SMITH

didn't play or have never participated in the NCAA tournament got a chance to experience that atmosphere."

Smith (435-287) came to the Herd in July after leaving Kansas (Big 12 Conference) where she led the Jayhawks for the last nine years.

As far as personal goals, Smith said she wanted to see her team improve every single day.

"We played a lot of young players and players who didn't have a lot of successful game experience," Smith said. "I wanted to see them grow and improve throughout the year. Seeing their progression was the most rewarding part of the season for me."

Offensively, the Herd had several members to break individual season records.

Freshman outfielder Mya Stevenson ended the season with five new records.

"She (Stevenson) is a tough competitor," Smith said. "It is amazing what she was able to accomplish as a freshman. I told her before the season started that she has a chance to be one of the best to ever play at Marshall and

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Future is promising for Herd Baseball players Peralta and Shapiro

By **SYDNEY SHELTON**
CONTRIBUTOR

Two of Marshall's baseball players were drafted on the third day of the 2019 MLB Draft: red-shirt-junior shortstop Elvis Peralta, Jr. and senior left-handed starting pitcher Joshua Shapiro.

Peralta, who signed with the Oakland A's, was selected in the 26th round as the 794th pick. Shapiro was selected in the 34th round as the 1,033 pick by the Brewers.

Peralta led the team in 80 hits this season which tied for third most in a single season for program history. He had 42 RBI's, which is the second most for Marshall this season. Peralta was a part of 38 double plays.

He currently sits at 10th for batting average at .357 for a career in program history. In C-USA, he was designated first-team all-conference and was named to the all-tournament team during the conference tournament.

Shapiro had a 3.61 earned run average in a team-leading 84.2 innings pitched this season with 80 strikeouts.

He recorded five wins in his 14 starts this season and had a career-high against Louisiana Tech April 18, striking out 12 batters while only allowing three hits in a no-decision team-win.

He ended his career at Marshall with 233 strikeouts, which is the third most in program history. He pitched in 270 innings, the fourth most in a career in program history.

He started 43 games, which is fifth most in program history, and had 14 wins, making

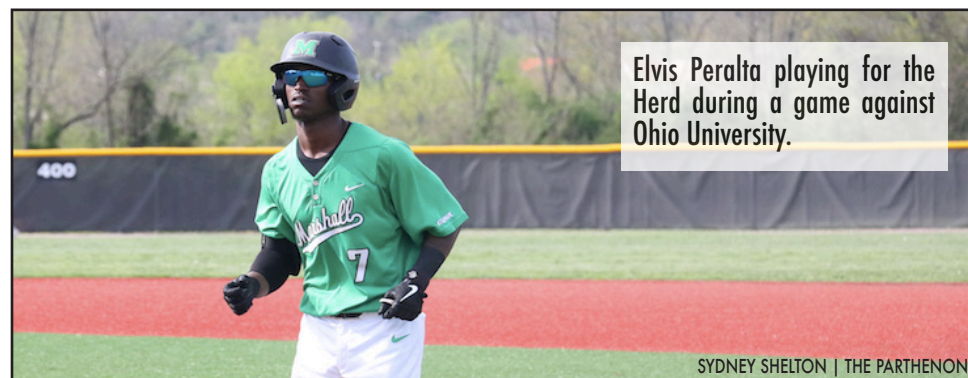
him tied for ninth in program history.

In C-USA he was named second-team all-conference and was a member of the conference's all-academic team.

There were two Marshall signees to be drafted, Zane Zurbrugg and Ryan Leitch.

Leitch is a catcher from Ontario, Canada who played high school baseball at Sinclair Secondary School. Zurbrugg is a junior-college transfer from Shoreline Community College and will be a junior in eligibility next season.

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Elvis Peralta playing for the Herd during a game against Ohio University.

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Unveiling of Huntington's kelly-green Marshall fire engine forthcoming

By **DOUGLAS HARDING**
NEWS EDITOR

After roughly a year in-the-works, the unveiling of an unprecedented kelly-green Marshall University-themed fire engine by the Huntington Fire Department in the coming weeks is imminent.

The engine will become a regularly-functioning part of the department's "Station Number 2," at 534 20th Street, which local firefighters refer to as the "Marshall University Fire Station," Huntington Fire Chief Jan Rader said.

When she and a few fire fighters initially proposed the idea to Marshall President Jerome Gilbert, Rader said, "he was ecstatic. He thought it was an incredible idea."

She and her crew were pleased to learn Huntington Mayor Steve Williams was "very supportive" of the idea as well, Rader said.

After that, the only task was to ensure there were no extra costs associated with the green design as opposed to red, she said, which turned out to be the case, so long as the color is determined before the order is placed.

The engine, though not yet in Huntington, is practically complete, Rader said, and only requires the additions of certain tools, mounts and a hose before it is ready for action.

"Hopefully it will be unveiled by the end of June if no unforeseen circumstances



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Last month, Huntington Fire Department personnel traveled out of town to inspect the engine.

come up," Rader said.

Rader said she has been working with Marshall's graphic design team to ensure the engine will accurately and effectively portray and represent the university.

"We spent a lot of time designing the truck based on what we felt our needs were for this station," she said. "So it became kelly-green with everyone in agreeance that it would be wonderful."

One of the graphics included in the engine's design, she said, will be in remembrance of the 75 victims of the infamous 1970 Marshall football plane crash.

"My fire fighters asked to put a helmet with a '75' on it somewhere," Rader said. "That

is one of their requests, and we plan on doing that."

There is a strong sense of pride in Marshall amongst her crew, Rader said.

"All our fighters at the station are very proud of Marshall University," she said, "and we, as a city, are as well, so we thought this [engine] would be a wonderful addition to Huntington."

The engine, she said, will be replacing an 18-year-old engine, and will be expected to last the department anywhere from 15-20 years. The old engine will likely be refurbished and utilized as a reserve truck.

"We anticipate this [new] truck will last us a long time," Rader said.

The engine and its crew will maintain all the same functions, duties and responsibilities as before and as with a regular engine, she said.

Not only is this collaboration between the Huntington Fire Department and Marshall University seemingly unprecedented, Rader said, but it is also a unique situation for the company constructing the engine, Spartan Motors, and their team were "very excited about it as well."

"We are very supportive of Marshall, and they are supportive of our department as well," Rader said. "I think this will create even more camaraderie between the city and university communities."

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Marshall Police Department remains on duty for summer 2019 break

STAFF REPORT

While some members of the Marshall University community leave campus for the summer break, the Marshall University Police Department continues to provide security on campus and fight crime through the summer.

"Our daily routine does not change much over summer," said MUPD Chief Jim Terry. "Marshall has a lot of events on campus throughout the summer, and we have to be here for that, and the crimes never stop, of course."

Though some students may think that MUPD officers also get a break during the summer, or may associate the break with an empty campus, this is not the case. "Right after graduation, summer classes begin and "the job keeps going," Terry said.

Even during the summer, there are people on Marshall's campus for the MUPD to protect, especially during orientation, which draws in new students and their families.

"There are also international students, and others of course, that live on campus all the time for convenience," Terry said. "So, there's really never a moment when there is not someone on campus between the camps for high school students, summer classes, activities, tours, etc. And it is our job to be prepared if something happens during those events, just like any day here on campus."

Marshall has recently been approved to hire ten more police officers to serve the campus area.



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Huntington needs you, class of 2023



What are your impressions of Huntington? Maybe you've lived here your entire life, or maybe you'd never been to the Jewel City until you visited Marshall University for the first time. Whatever the case may be for you, we here are all too familiar with the negative image that exists within the minds of outsiders, fueled by media frenzies concerning the opioid epidemic and other stereotypes surrounding Huntington.

Some parents may be worried when sending their children to attend Marshall because of those images produced in the media of dirty needles, or they undoubtedly associate the sound of ambulance sirens in Huntington with responding to yet another overdose call. And this is exactly why Huntington needs our help, because the minority should not overshadow the majority.

Yes, Huntington has its problems, as every city, town or community in America does, but ours seem to be projected at a much more alarming rate. Our issues become the forefront of not just state, but also national news, and instead of receiving assistance, we almost always receive backlash. You might think this constant negativity upsets us, but you would be wrong. Because for so long Huntington residents

have been dealing with others' perception of who we are instead of figuring it out for ourselves. But one thing is for sure: we are resilient. We push past the adversity and try every day to make Huntington a better place to live, work, learn, create and simply be.

Huntington is proud of its Open to All campaign, which encourages diversity and acceptance. So many businesses and institutions, including Marshall, happily display their Open to All stickers and the meaning behind them. Huntington is an extremely welcoming city. The My Huntington Movement encourages people to share their positive stories about Huntington, whether they're lifelong residents or just travelers passing through. This movement helps bring together people of all different experiences with the goal of promoting Huntington and all the good it has to offer. Readers, feel free to join the movement.

As far as the opioid epidemic is concerned, Huntington is doing all it can to solve issues and improve peoples' lives. There are numerous recovery centers and shelters for those in need. Marshall's School of Pharmacy has just been awarded funding for a substance use disorder certificate program to better train students. Those recovering

from substance use disorder go on to lead healthy lives and help others who are struggling. Unfortunately, their stories are not shared as often as they could be, but those of us in Huntington know. We know, and we care. We are all doing our part.

We cannot discuss the positives of Huntington without mentioning its staples, such as Jim's Steak and Spaghetti House, a restaurant that has been a staple of diversity long before the Open to All campaign. Pullman Square offers unique places to eat and shop. There are comedy and open mic nights at Black Sheep Burritos and Brews, and Cicada Books & Coffee on the West End also as open mic night, as well as a book club, board game night, Saturday story time and not to mention hundreds of books and an inviting atmosphere. New businesses include the Quicksilver Arcade Bar, a fun and exciting place offering drinks and vintage games. If drinking isn't for you, no worries, because the Marigold is a sober musical and artistic venue, open to all ages. We could go on and on, but part of the Marshall experience is exploring Huntington for yourself; needless

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GINGER'S GUIDE TO: Living on campus

By **AMANDA LARCH**
MANAGING EDITOR

When I first arrived at Marshall University, I was a wide-eyed freshman who didn't have much life experience. And as a journalism major, I barely had any writing experience (my high school newspaper, if you can call it that, was a joke). But as I write this, I just learned that two of my articles for The Parthenon have won awards. I've recently received scholarships from the College of Arts and Media and been recognized for my writing accomplishments by the School of Journalism. For my internship requirement, I'm working at the Herald-Dispatch this summer, and one of my first stories made it onto the front page, above the fold no less. I get paid to work for The Parthenon, and that's been a goal since my first Green and White Day. I'm not saying this to brag but rather to demonstrate the opportunities I've had because of Marshall and especially the College of Arts and Media.

I'm confident that every Marshall student and graduate have their own stories about what amazing things they've done because of, and for, our university. And as part of the class of 2023, you will too.

It's hard to write an advice column because your experiences won't be exactly like mine, and every person's time here is unique. But I can share some things with you that I hope might make your transition here a little easier. I live on campus, though I'm close enough to home to visit just about every weekend. I've had the opportunity to live off campus, but I didn't take it because I love living on campus so much. I know a lot of people don't, but I want to share three pieces of advice if you're living on campus.

For starters, don't discount the dining hall. You guys are lucky because by the time you start in the fall, so many new dining options are available. Steak 'n' Shake, Denny's, La Famiglia...it's going to be a great year. Even if you commute, I'd recommend getting at least some type of meal plan. And don't forget about Campus Express! I barely went here my first year, but since then, it's fueled so many homework-binging nights. Every employee, whether at Harless, Towers or the Student Center, is incredibly nice, helpful and welcoming. Plus, you shouldn't blame them if you're unhappy with what's being



HANNA PENNINGTON | EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Amanda has lived on campus during her duration at Marshall, and she credits that for her success here and for allowing her more opportunities.

served; that is Sodexo's responsibility, but that's a whole different story.

Living with people you know can be tricky. And I know this advice is a little late, as roommate assignments are already out, but if you're living with a best friend from high school, just be aware that your friendship is about to be tested. I lived with a great friend my freshman year, and now...let's just say we hardly talk. But of course, that didn't just have to do with living together; I'm not trying to scare you. I just want everyone to be careful with who you choose to live with. My sophomore and now my senior year, I'm going to be living with three complete strangers (junior year I had the same roommates). I should also mention that I live in Willis Hall, which is part of Commons. I'm preparing myself once more to try to impress my new suitemates and hope they like me, but I'm also reminded that this is a great opportunity. I made some wonderful friends as a sophomore because of who my roommates were, and though we aren't living together anymore, we'll

still keep in touch. I now hope to make three new friends. So going back to living with someone you know—don't let it hold you back from making new friends. Don't just stick with your high school buddies. Branch out.

Finally, I just want to talk about how many opportunities exist on campus. If you log into HerdLink, you'll find a list of more than 200 student organizations. I promise there is something for everyone, and even if there isn't, you have the power to create a club or group. Students here can work flexible hours at the dining halls, library or the Rec Center. Campus Activity Board has so many amazing and fun (and free!) programs each week, to help students destress or just explore their creativity. If you're really excelling in a certain class or subject, I encourage you to apply to be a tutor. If you like writing, then reach out to me about contributing to The Parthenon. Or if you have any questions about anything, related to living on campus or not, please don't hesitate to ask me.

The possibilities at Marshall are endless.

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Parthe-Pet

This is Nica, fur baby of Jeff Wolfe (jazz studies faculty in the School of Music) and Beth Wolfe (Director of Continuing Education). She had a great time at Topsail Island, North Carolina, last week. She's a 10-year-old Golden Retriever who still acts like she's two, and she had a blast meeting other dogs and people on the beach.

Interested in featuring your summer lovin' vacationing pet in the paper? Use #ParthePet on social media or contact larch15@marshall.edu with vacay photos and a short bio.



Artisans Express tugboats showcased downtown

The New Tri-State Artisans Express public project was unveiled in downtown Huntington. It includes 38 painted tugboats created by local artists and is sponsored by the Cabell Huntington Hospital Foundation. The boats will be on display through October between 5th and 3rd Avenues, 8th Street and 10th Street.



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she certainly started off her career showing she can do that."

Sophomore first baseman Aly Harrell ended the season with eight new records compared to the she broke three the previous year.

"At the beginning of the season, most teams wouldn't give Aly pitches to hit," Smith said. "Instead of getting frustrated or anxious and getting herself out, she was poised and disciplined and ended up breaking our season walk record."

Junior third baseman Blakely Burch broke several records and is tied for tenth for runs scored.

Freshman outfielder Rachel Pennington added her name to the stolen base percentage record book with .917 putting her tied for 10th place.

Sophomore infielder Armani Brown is now tied for sixth place with 191 at bats during a single season.

Senior, pitcher Abigail Tolbert ended her Marshall softball career in fourth place for most

wins in a single season leading her team to 28 wins.

"She (Tolbert) went from never pitching two years ago, to leading our team to record-breaking season," Smith said. "She put in the work in the fall and pre-season and she was determined to be successful this season. She was a fighter in the circle and always gave her all for her team in any situation."

Harrell and Stevenson both made C-USA First Team along with Tolbert and Ellis who made C-USA Second Team. Stevenson was also on the C-USA Freshman Team. Tolbert, Harrell and Stevenson were a part of the All-Tournament Team for Conference USA. Kailee Williamson was named to the Academic All-Conference team. Tolbert, Harrell, and Huerta were all three named to the NISC Regional All-Tournament Team.

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security," Terry said. "You have a desk worker or a night watchman working the desk. You have to have a key card to get in and have to have a key card to get upstairs. It's more secure than residential living."

Walterene Lawrence, a desk coordinator who joined Marshall's HRL staff in August 2005, has worked in multiple residence halls and talked about how she thinks students benefit from living on campus because they get connected to what is happening on campus.

"I think the best thing about campus living is being around everybody," Lawrence said. "I like the little events and programs I see going on, and students get to be a part of that if they want to." Brandi Stroup, a senior civil engineering major and former resident advisor, explained that programs offered in the residence halls are to help students while they are in college and after they graduate.

"Programs in the residence halls are for building community as well as providing the residents with new information," Stroup said. "The idea behind teaching residents

new things is for them to become more prepared as they will be going out on their own." Redd agreed by stating that living on campus allows students to be where events happen.

"Living on campus means being centralized in the university, being where all the big stuff happens," Redd said. "Don't think a [resident advisor] is forcing you to go to programs to make us look good. The programs are there for them."

Stroup said she realized that living on campus benefits students in an academic aspect.

"By living on campus you are able to be on-campus at all time which benefits you academically as a student when going to class or visiting professors during their office hours. You're able to do these things without worry of being late," Stroup said.

Students enrolling in the fall 2019 semester can also look forward to renovations in Towers Marketplace and the Memorial Student Center, where they will have the option to get food from restaurants such as Chic-Fil-A, Steak n' Shake and more.

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to say, Huntington has something for everyone. And these are the things that desperately need to make it into the mass media.

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Volunteers keeping MU food pantry operational for the summer

By **PIPER WHITE**
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The Marshall University food pantry, opened in fall 2018, continues to feed the Huntington community over summer with the help of students and community member volunteers.

Marshall's food pantry in the Tri-State MRI building at 1802 6th Avenue is open to the community during the summer months on Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

"Right now, I think that we are able to serve everyone who has a need within the timeframe that we're open, but if we were to have more people with a need, and more volunteers, we could definitely expand our hours of operation," Dr. Kelli Williams, chair of the dietetics program at Marshall, said.

The food pantry has volunteers that are students, as well as volunteers from the community, Williams said. She said the pantry welcomes more volunteers and encourages volunteers to help during its operation hours, as well as volunteers for logging food, putting

items away and even organizing food drives.

"We usually have one or two volunteers for days that the pantry is open," Sydney Mangialetti, a dietetics student at Marshall and

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manager of the food pantry, said. "Usually, the volunteers are dietetics students or dietetics interns."

Mangialetti said the food pantry staff prefers

donations be brought during operational hours.

She said most of the food, except for milk, is provided simply by people who donate.

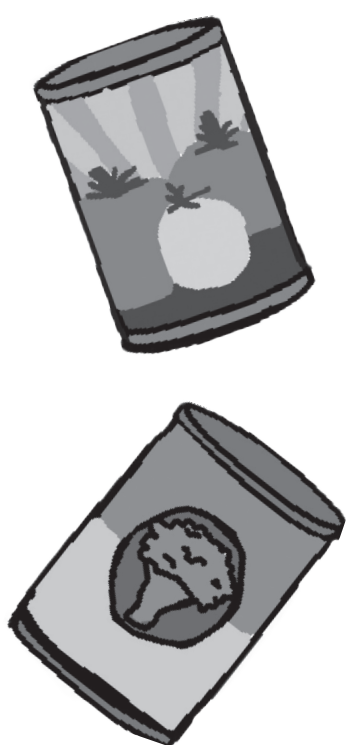
Campus organizations are often involved, and the Marshall Thundering Herd women's basketball team has donated by holding a food drive during one of their games and bringing all the donations to the pantry during operational hours, Mangialetti said.

"We are always accepting donations, as well as taking on volunteers," Mangialetti said.

Williams said there's always someone there during the hours of operation that will gladly take donations, but if an individual is unable to come during those hours, the food pantry's staff would be happy to schedule a time to meet with them.

Any individuals who would like to become a volunteer for Marshall's food pantry can contact Mangialetti at mangialetti@live.marshall.edu or Williams at williamsk@marshall.edu.

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Ohio small businesses expand to downtown Huntington

By **HANNA PENNINGTON**
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Three new businesses officially opened their doors inside the open space of the Progress Building in downtown Huntington.

The Potted Edge, River City Leather and Lucky Cat Design Company have expanded from their original stores in Gallipolis, Ohio to join the Jewel City community.

Although the stores are new to the area, they aren't new to each other.

"They're already our neighbors," Erin Buckley, owner of River City Leather, said. "They're two doors down from us in Gallipolis."

Buckley said when the owners of The Potted Edge, Wendy Canaday and Lori Clary, mentioned the open space in the Progress Building, she and her husband, Aaron Buckley, knew it was a perfect fit.

The brick-and-mortar store specializes in custom handmade leather products. "This is a river city, too, so that works out," Erin Buckley said. "We had a lot of people drive from Huntington to the shop in Gallipolis, so we thought it was a perfect match."

River City Leather formed its roots after Aaron Buckley was injured in a motorcycle accident when the couple was living in Pennsylvania.

"We moved to Ohio, where she is from, while I was recovering," Aaron Buckley said. "We had a local shoe repair shop and I did custom leatherwork."

Aaron Buckley said he began working for free in the shoe shop as a way to occupy himself during his recovery.

Putting his newfound skills to the test, Aaron Buckley made his wife a custom leather tote bag for her birthday.

"We posted pictures of it, and people started saying they wanted one," Aaron Buckley said. "We started making bags in our shed and selling them online. In 2015, we bought the shoe shop in Gallipolis."

River City Leather's business was not alone in its humble beginnings.

"Lori and myself started doing this out of our home," Canaday said of The Potted Edge, which specializes in plants and handcrafted pottery. "We just had a love for succulents and cacti and started doing cute arrangements and people started to want to buy them."

Canaday said she and Clary had their first pop-up shop in October 2017 and were blown away by the support.

"A storefront was available in downtown Gallipolis, but we were apprehensive to take the space," Canaday said.

Elisha Meadows-Biland, who at the time was selling t-shirts out of her own pop-up shop in a local Gallipolis movie theater, said she was also looking to acquire a storefront for Lucky Cat Design Company.

"As it grew, I started thinking I needed my own storefront," Meadows-Biland said. "But they were all a little too big for what I wanted."

Canaday and Meadows-Biland agreed that both businesses could share a combined space in Gallipolis.

"We figured we could pull off the same thing here," Canaday said.

All three stores are looking forward to becoming a part of the Huntington community and Meadows-Biland said they hope to contribute to the fresh narrative of the area.

"We got into this rut where we weren't proud of where we came from and people wanted to leave," Meadows-Biland said. "But now we are bright spots and people want to come to these smaller towns because they get the feel that people care here; it's community based, and they feel welcome."

Meadows-Biland said she is excited to see what's to come for the new shops on 8th Street.

"I hope that we can be a part of the pride that people take in Huntington," Meadows-Biland said. "If our store can be a bright spot in Huntington, then I feel like we've done our job."

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Wendy Canaday (right) and Lori Clary (left) working the register for their small business, The Potted Edge, in the Progress Building in downtown Huntington, June 8.

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