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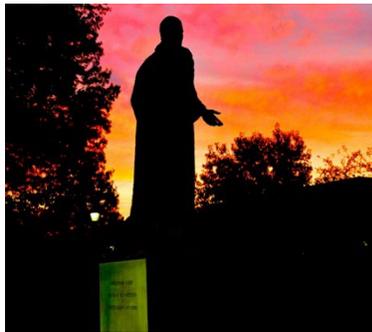
WE ARE... MARSHALL®

The Newsletter for Marshall University
Faculty and Staff

July 20, 2022

HLC Quality Initiative set to begin this fall

JULY 18, 2022



In the fall semester, Marshall will begin a new, three-year quality initiative, as part of the Higher Learning Commission's accreditation process. Included in the initiative is an array of projects, all with the intention of promoting a strong and inclusive institution through the three-year initiative and beyond.

The overall focus of the HLC Quality Initiative is *Building a Stronger and More Inclusive Community*. Each of the three years will have individual themes, which correspond with the initiative.

The first year's theme, "Complexities of Identity," will explore the reality that every person has many intersecting identities. The second year will extend upon the first year's theme with "Building Bridges" across diverse groups and people. By the third year, the goal is to "Embrace and Celebrate our Differences," as well as recognize our commonalities.

Events will be held throughout each academic year, which tie in with that year's theme. Two books will also be selected with input from the campus community each year, which will lead to discussions among students, faculty and staff, as well as other activities that complement the readings. In addition, each college will create a bibliography of discipline-related scholarly readings that will be available for instructors to incorporate into their courses.

A cohort for incoming freshmen will also be included in the quality initiative each year. The Diversity Living Learning Community (DLLC) will host 12 positions, filled by competitive application, to incoming freshmen. Students who receive one of the positions will receive scholarships and engage in diversity programming and leadership opportunities through the 2022-2023 academic year. Applications for the inaugural DLLC cohort closed in spring 2022.

There are three overall goals for the quality initiative. The first is to help students become ready to live in a global or diverse community by offering them opportunities to learn and grow through contact with others who come from cultures, races or backgrounds different from their own. Another goal is to increase access to the university by reducing barriers that

disproportionately disadvantage people from underserved populations. Finally, the initiative will promote student learning through outreach and community engagement.

The HLC Quality Initiative is set to begin during the fall 2022 semester and will continue through the spring 2025 semester.

Steel of West Virginia commits \$25,000 to College of Engineering and Computer Sciences' co-op program

JULY 18, 2022

Steel of West Virginia Inc. has pledged \$25,000 over two years to the College of Engineering and Computer Sciences in support of the college's co-op program.

The co-op program was developed and designed to link students and employers, providing students with paid, full-time work experiences that support the educational process. During co-op, students take a leave of absence from the classroom to focus on gaining real-world experience with an industry partner.

“Steel of West Virginia is a strong supporter of the College of Engineering and Computer Sciences at Marshall University,” said Dr. David Dampier, dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Sciences. “They have been hiring Marshall students as interns and employees for years. This new support that is being provided to support cooperative education in the college is a welcome addition to the support we already enjoy.”

Based in Huntington near the Marshall University campus, Steel of West Virginia Inc. (SWVA) is a wholly owned subsidiary of Steel Dynamics Inc., the parent company of SWVA Inc., SWVA Kentucky LLC, Marshall Steel Inc. and Steel Ventures Inc.

“As a former co-op engineering graduate, I understand the value of a work/study program to the student and to prospective employers,” said Chuck Abbott, vice president and general manager of Steel of West Virginia. “I am excited about the potential for what this can mean for Marshall University and its graduates.”

“Steel of West Virginia provides invaluable experience to our students through co-ops and internships,” said Tanner Drown, coordinator of the co-op program. “Having such a great opportunity right in our backyard allows students to work part time while taking classes during the semesters and switch to full time over summer. This allows students to partially cover costs of housing and tuition with their income as well.”

For more information about the co-op program in the College of Engineering and Computer Sciences, visit <https://www.marshall.edu/cccs/co-op/>.

Three to be inducted into the School of Journalism and Mass Communications Hall of Fame

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The W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications (SOJMC) Hall of Fame is welcoming three new members.

Kathy Cosco, Patricia Proctor and Giles Snyder will be inducted into the hall during a ceremony this fall.

“This year’s inductees are exceptional leaders in the field of journalism and mass communications,” said Sandy York, interim SOJMC director. “It is a privilege to honor them and share their accomplishments.”

The first class was enshrined in 1985, and the latest honorees will bring the number of inductees to 81.

“This year’s class of inductees is another perfect example that proves Marshall has one of the best journalism and mass communications programs in the country,” said Chris Dickerson, president of the SOJMC Alumni Advisory Board, which handles the nomination process. “We’re fortunate to have such a rich pool of candidates that represents successes in varied aspects of the field locally, regionally and nationally.

“We are extremely proud of all of our graduates, and it is an honor to welcome three more very deserving members to our Hall of Fame.”

Cosco, a 1988 SOJMC graduate, is director of strategic marketing for Mountain Health Network. Her varied career has seen her work in public relations, marketing and government service. She has worked for several major companies, and she has served as a spokeswoman for a governor and helped with an election campaign for a U.S. senator. She also helped with the push that saw Huntington named as America’s Best Community in 2017.

Proctor, a 1987 SOJMC graduate, is the founding director of the Simon Perry Center for Constitutional Democracy at Marshall. Following graduation, Proctor went to law school and worked as a law clerk and at various law firms before returning to Marshall in 2011. She has helped the university create a centralized pre-law advisory function. Proctor also has been honored for her legal work by Best Lawyers in America and by Super Lawyers.

Snyder, a 1987 SOJMC graduate, is a widely respected newscaster for NPR. Before taking that job in Washington, D.C., he spent 16 years working for West Virginia Public Broadcasting, the statewide public radio and television network. He also has written a humor column for the Martinsburg paper, and it has been recognized by the West Virginia Press Association and the National Society of Newspaper Columnists.

Inductees need to have a connection to the SOJMC, such as being a graduate or a faculty member, and should meet at least one of two major criteria to be nominated:

- A graduate of Marshall's JMC program who has contributed to Journalism and Mass Communications as a profession. The nominee has made a contribution to the profession of journalism or has made a positive impact upon the profession.
- Contribution(s) to Marshall University's SOJMC. The nominee, either through talent, treasure or activity, has made an outstanding impact upon the school.

The school has an enshrinement dinner and ceremony each fall to honor the inductees. This year's event is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 23, in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center. More details about this fall's ceremony will be announced at a later date.

For more information or questions about the SOJMC Hall of Fame, please contact the school at sojmc@marshall.edu.

Davis receives Exemplary Course Award from Blackboard

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Dr. Elbert Davis, assistant professor of curriculum and instruction, has received a Blackboard Exemplary Course Program (ECP) Award for the course, "Sociology of American Schools."

According to Blackboard's website, ECP winners demonstrate excellence in course design, interaction and collaboration, assessment and learner support.

"It is clear that the efforts made by Elbert Davis improve the quality of online learning for the students at your institution," said Jim Brigadier, president of global markets, in an e-mail making the announcement. "I want to extend my congratulations to you and Marshall University for setting high standards when it comes to course design and delivery, and thank you again for your efforts and partnership in education."

Art sale to feature works by Cornfeld

JULY 12, 2022

The Huntington Museum of Art will host a fine art sale of works by retired Marshall University Professor Michael Cornfeld later this month. The works will include drawings in pastel, charcoal and colored pencils, as well as a selection of prints he created, and they will be available for viewing and for purchase July 22-24 at the museum, located two miles from the Huntington campus at 2033 McCoy Road, Huntington.

The hours of the sale are as follows:

- 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Friday, July 22
- 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday, July 23
- Noon – 5 p.m. Sunday, July 24.

Cornfeld taught at Marshall from 1967-2009, serving as chair of the Department of Art from 1987 to 1999, and as associate dean of the College of Fine Arts from 2004 to 2009. He was president of the Huntington Museum of Art Board of Trustees from 2010 to 2012.

A significant portion of the sale's proceeds will benefit the museum. Shipping will be available at the purchaser's expense. For more information, the museum can be reached at 304-529-2701 or www.hmoa.org. West Virginia residents may obtain a summary of the registration and financial documents from the West Virginia Secretary of State's office. Registration does not imply endorsement.

SAVE THE DATE: Research Day 2022 set for Oct. 28, abstracts due Aug. 22

JULY 12, 2022



The 34th Annual Marshall University Health Sciences Research Day will be held Friday, Oct. 28. Abstracts may be submitted now through Aug. 22. Submit your abstract at jcesom.marshall.edu/researchday.



PLEASE HOLD THE DATE OF
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH
FOR THE INVESTITURE OF
BRAD D. SMITH
38TH PRESIDENT OF MARSHALL UNIVERSITY

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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New Cases Since July 6, 2022

Students: 5

Faculty: 0

Staff*: 1

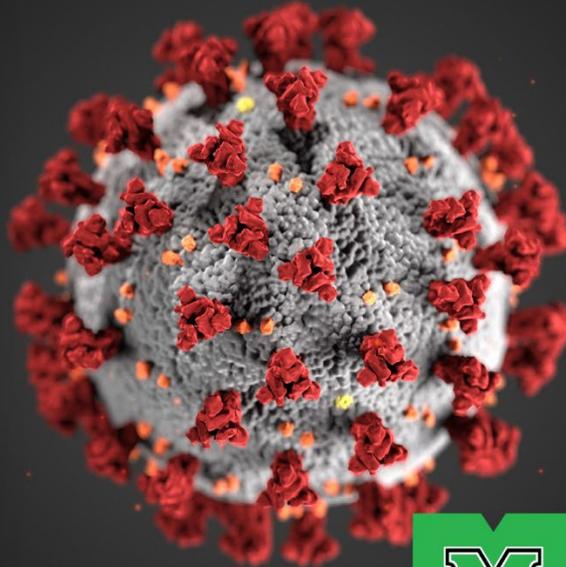
** Includes auxiliary employees (Sodexo, Aetna, Rec Center, etc.)*

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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www.marshall.edu/coronavirus



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www.cdc.gov



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